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## **SAN BLAS EXCURSION**



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## **San Blas Diamond Tour**





### **Private Pickup**

Private pickup at your Vallarta hotel or an appointed nearby location, followed by participant introductions and a description of your tour's logistics, replete with a display map so you can get your bearings. Please see details in the San Blas option of your choice.

6:30-7:00 a.m.

### **Driving between Vallarta and Today's Birding in Mexico Hotspot—San Blas**

7:00-10:00 a.m. (160 kms / 99 miles, or approximately 3 hours)

### **Arrival at Today's Birding in Mexico Hotspot**

Please see the specific outings for detailed timings.

\*Timing is approximate and may vary due to traffic and weather conditions; for your benefit we also reserve the right to alter the stated program for the better in the event we learn of a special "can't miss" birding opportunity en route or near any of our pre-planned destinations.

### **Comfort Stop, Lunch and Bonus Birding Opportunities:**

Comfort stops will be available at reasonable intervals, as will all meals, snacks and refreshments, outside of alcoholic beverages. Restrooms are available at select locations—such as at the boat ramp and Eco-tourism consortium at Matanchén.

At times when no restroom is available, you may be required to answer the call of nature in nature! We appreciated your flexibility, good nature and spirit of adventure in these instances.

Here at Birding in Mexico, we are always on the track of new and exciting birding locations, while also keeping in the loop where reports of rarities are concerned. If we receive news of a bonus birding opportunity, we will certainly take advantage of it for you, our valued client's benefit, time allowing.

## **Repatriation to your Hotel, Pickup Point or Home:**

Upon completion of this grand Birding in Mexico adventure, each participant will be cordially returned to their original pickup point, with pleasure, and it is our sincere hope that you'll return to that point very pleased and richer for your Birding in Mexico experiences at San Blas.

### **D. Bird List:**

**- To better prepare for the adventure that awaits you, please study the following lists of popular birds, with specialties highlighted in bold print:**

San Blas' star birds, stratified according to habitat, include the following, in season:

**A. On the nearby Offshore Islands: Heermann's Gull, Brown Noddy, Bridled Tern, Elegant Tern, Brown Pelican, Red-billed Tropicbird, Magnificent Frigatebird, Blue-footed and Brown boobies, etc.**

**B. Extensive Mangrove Swamps: Northern Potoo; Ridgeway's, Aztec and Rufous-necked Wood-rails; Bare-throated Tiger- and Boat-billed herons; Osprey and Common Black Hawk; Ringed and Green kingfishers; Mangrove Swallow; Northern Waterthrush and the chestnut-headed "Mangrove Warbler" form of Yellow Warbler, etc.**

**C. Fresh and Brackish Water Rivers and Lagoons: Black-bellied Whistling- and Muscovy ducks; Spotted Rail and Purple Gallinule; Limpkin; Black-necked Stilt, American Oystercatcher, Northern Jacana, and Stilt Sandpiper; Gull-billed Tern and Black Skimmer; Wood Stork; Anhinga; Least Bittern, Black-crowned and Yellow-crowned night-herons; Roseate Spoonbill, White and White-faced ibis; Snail Kite and Crane Hawk and Louisiana Waterthrush, etc.**

**D. Sinaloan Thorn Forest, Palm Forest and Tropical forest: Rufous-bellied Chachalaca and Crested Guan; Elegant**

**Quail; Red-billed Pigeon; Groove-billed Ani, Lesser Ground-Cuckoo and Squirrel Cuckoo; Buff-collared Nightjar; Mexican Hermit, Plain-capped Starthroat, Golden-crowned Emerald, Mexican Woodnymph, Broad-billed, Cinnamon and Violet-crowned hummingbirds; Hook-billed Kite, Black-and-White and Black hawk-eagles, Great Black-Hawk, Harris', White-tailed, Gray, and Short-tailed hawks; Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl and Mottled Owl; Citreoline & Elegant trogons; Russet-crowned Motmot; Golden-cheeked, Gila, Pale-billed and Lineated woodpeckers; Collared Forest-Falcon, Crested Caracara and Bat Falcon; Lilac-crowned and White-fronted parrots, Mexican Parrotlet and Orange-fronted Parakeet; Ivory-billed Woodcreeper; Masked Tityra, Gray-collared and Rose-throated Becards, Northern Beardless Tyrannulet, Greenish Elaenia, Pacific-slope, Vermilion, Dusky-capped, Nutting's, Brown-crested, Social, Boat-billed, Sulphur-bellied flycatchers, Bright-rumped Attila, Great Kiskadee, Tropical and Thick-billed kingbirds; Golden, Black-capped, Bell's, Warbling (the last three winter) and Yellow-green vireos; Sinaloa Crow, Black-throated Magpie-Jay, Green, San Blas and Purplish-backed jays; Black-capped Gnatcatcher; Happy and Sinaloa wrens; Blue Mockingbird; Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush, Rufous-backed Robin; Scrub (Goldman's) Euphonia; Rosy Thrush-Tanager; Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow, Stripe-headed and Olive sparrows; Yellow-winged Cacique, Black-vented, Hooded and Streak-backed orioles; Golden-browed and Golden-crowned, Lucy's, MacGillivray's, Black-throated Gray, Fantailed and Rufous-capped warblers; Red-crowned Ant-Tanager, Yellow Grosbeak, Red-breasted Chat, Blue, Varied and Painted buntings; Blue-black Grassquit; Ruddy-breasted and Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater, and Grayish Saltator, etc.**

**E. Encinal or High Altitude Pine-Oak-Juniper Woodland: Long-tailed Wood-Partridge and Singing Quail; Ruddy Quail-**





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Dove; Eared Poorwill and Mexican Whip-Poor-Will; Chestnut-collared, White-naped and Greater Swallow-tailed swifts; Blue-throated Mountain-gem, Rivoli's, Bumblebee, Broad-tailed, Calliope, Berylline, and White-eared hummingbirds; Zone-tailed and Red-tailed hawks; Flammulated Owl, Whiskered Screech-Owl, Northern (Mountain) and Colima pygmy-owls, Barred (Cinereous), Stygian and Northern Saw-whet owls; Northern Flicker, Acorn, Hairy, Arizona and Gray-crowned woodpeckers; Military Macaw; White-striped Woodcreeper; Greater Pewee, Tufted, Pine, Cordilleran and Buff-breasted flycatchers; Bridled Titmouse; Bushtit (black-eared form); Spotted Wren; Eastern Bluebird, Brown-backed Solitaire, Russet Nightingale-Thrush and Aztec Thrush; Gray Silky-flycatcher; Olive Warbler; Elegant Euphonia; Black-headed Siskin; Green-striped and Rufous-capped brushfinches, Yellow-eyed Junco, and Rusty Sparrow; Audubon's (Dickey's) Ori-

ole; Crescent-chested, Tropical Parula, Grace's, Townsend's, Hermit and Red-faced warblers, Painted and Slate-throated redstarts; Hepatic, Flame-colored and Red-headed tanagers, etc.

*See full eBird list of each site we will be visiting by clicking each specific bird list link, below.*

All or most of following eBird Hotspots may be visited on this incredibly exciting Birding in Mexico overnight excursion, depending on whether you **choose our one, two or three night San Blas options**. Please inquire for pricing then give us your preference, and we'll gladly make it happen for you.

\*A **week-long option** is also available for the ultimate San Blas experience.

\*Space is limited, so please inquire for availability.

**a. Estanque de Aguas Residuales de San Blas (263 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L583588&yr=all&m=>

**b. Camino al Cocodrilario (247 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L3576420&yr=all&m=>

**c. Cocodrilario de San Blas (244 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L512360&yr=all&m=>

**d. Camino Real--La Bajada a Jalcocotán (243 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L5539383&yr=all&m=>

**e. Granja de Camarón San Blas (284 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L620587&yr=all&m=>

**f. Isla del Rey (251 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L454901&yr=all&m=>

**g. Laguna de Zoquipan (163 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L1039953&yr=all&m=>

**h. Mirador del Aguila (pueblo) (161 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L507807&yr=all&m=>

**i. Playa del Borrego (193 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L1854981&yr=all&m=>

**j. Playa Las Islitas (127 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L1248607&yr=all&m=>

**k. Playa Matanchén (172 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L1262821&yr=all&m=>

**l. Reserva Ecológica Sierra de San Juan--Cerro de San Juan (271 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L689255&yr=all&m=>

**m. Reserva Ecológica Sierra de San Juan--La Noria (369 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L502887&yr=all&m=>

**n. Rio La Tovar (297 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L293450&yr=all&m=>

**o. Rio San Cristobal (247 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L503034&yr=all&m=>

**p. Roca Elefante (63 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L5085099&yr=all&m=>

**q. Ruta Piedra Blanca/Bahia Matachen (61 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L3182614&yr=all&m=>

**r. Tecuitata pueblo (271 species):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L689255&yr=all&m=>

**s. Terracería La Palma-Tecuitata (184):** <https://ebird.org/printableList?regionCode=L2798902&yr=all&m=>



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in Mexico. We sincerely hope you enjoyed  
your chosen excursion and hope to see you  
again on another exciting adventure to visit  
one of Mexico's most biodiverse destinations!  
Have a happy and safe trip home!

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