



**SOUTHEAST BRAZIL: ATLANTIC FOREST ENDEMICS
PARADISE**

08 - 22 OCTOBER 2023



Green-headed Tanager is one of the many tanagers we will target on this tour (photo Riccardo Boschetti).

This classic southeast Brazil tour offers numerous highlights for those who are fond of spectacular birding sites and a great diversity of birds. Of the 1,868 bird species recorded in Brazil, 1113 have been recorded in southeast Brazil, and a total of 147 endemics (61 percent of all endemic birds of Brazil) are known to occur in southeast Brazil. Despite being quite heavily populated with 75 million people, a multitude of great birding sites can be found both in the vicinity of metropolitan areas as well as in remote areas of this fascinating part of the country. Join Birding Ecotours on this new 15-day tour to explore three main birding sites in this part of Brazil.

First we will visit Intervalles State Park, one of the finest places in south-eastern Brazil, where many amazing-looking birds can be found, such as **Swallow-tailed Cotinga**, **Crescent-chested Puffbird**, **Large-tailed Antshrike**, **White-bearded Antshrike**, and **Hooded Berryeater** among many other specialties.

We then will continue to the well-known Ubatuba area, where we will be delighted by species like **Blond-crested Woodpecker**, **Bare-throated Bellbird**, **Spotted Bamboowren**, **Fork-tailed Tody-Tyrant**, and **Festive Coquette**.

Finally we will spend a few days exploring Itatiaia National Park, one of the most famous birding sites in southeast Brazil. With a list of 357 species and comfortable accommodation it is an excellent place to look for some sought-after species such as **Green-crowned Plovercrest**, **Brazilian Ruby**, **Saffron Toucanet**, **Black-and-gold Cotinga**, **Slaty Bristlefront**, **Surucua Trogon**, **Green-billed Toucan**, and a nice selection of colorful tanagers like **Green-headed**, **Gilt-edged**, **Brassy-breasted**, and **Red-necked Tanagers**.

After 15 days of great birding in Brazil you will be transferred to São Paulo to connect with your homebound flight.



*A number of toucans and toucanets can be seen on this tour, including **Saffron Toucanet**.*

This tour can be combined with our preceding **Birding Tour Brazil: The Best of Brazil – Cerrado, Pantanal and Atlantic Forest**, which in turn is preceded by our **Birding Tour Brazil: The Amazon** pre-tour, and/or with our following **Birding Tour Brazil: Cerrado Endemics, Brazilian Merganser and Maned Wolf**.

Itinerary (15 days/14 nights)

Day 1. Arrival at São Paulo

At your arrival at the São Paulo airport (GRU) in the afternoon you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight: Matiz Aeroporto Guarulhos Hotel, São Paulo



Red-necked Tanager — one of the many tanager species we should see on this tour (photo Riccardo Boschetti).

Day 2. Transfer to Intervales State Park and birding around the lodge

We will have an early start for a long drive to Intervales State Park. Our lodge is located inside the park. During our stay at Intervales State Park we will have the opportunity to see **Black-fronted Piping Guan, Purple-crowned Plovercrest, Sao Paulo Tyrannulet, Giant Antshrike, White-bearded Antshrike, Squamate Antbird, Ochre-rumped Antbird, Hooded**

Berryeater, Oustalet's Tyrannulet, Pavonine Cuckoo, Helmeted Woodpecker, Pallid Spinetail, Cinnamon-vented Piha, Chestnut-backed Tanager, and Red-ruffed Fruitcrow. At night we have chances for **Long-trained Nightjar, East Brazilian Pygmy Owl, and Rusty-barred Owl.**

Overnight: Intervales State Park

Days 3-4. Two full days birding at Intervales State Park

We will spend two full days birding the Intervales State Park, looking for **Bertoni's Antbird, Rufous-breasted Leaftosser, Rufous-capped Spinetail, Grey-hooded Flycatcher, Scalloped Woodcreeper, Half-collared Sparrow, Eared Pygmy Tyrant, Blue-bellied Parrot, Black Hawk-Eagle, White-collared Foliage-gleaner, Star-throated Antwren, Cinnamon-vented Piha, Red-necked Tanager, Tufted Antshrike, Slaty-breasted Wood Rail, Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin,** and many more.

Overnight: Intervales State Park



The cute Eared Pygmy Tyrant.

Day 5. Transfer to Tapiraí and birding Toucan's Trail

Toucan's Trail is a private reserve of about 70 hectares, and the lodge offers great experiences in terms of observation and photography of the most beautiful birds of the Atlantic Forest. A great

attraction is the large number of feeders that attract a good selection of species. Perhaps the main attraction here is the most wanted **Atlantic Royal Flycatcher**, an endemic species, found only in places with clear water and preserved forest.

We will look for species such as **Variegated Antpitta**, **Brazilian Ruby**, **Spot-billed Toucanet**, **Green-billed Toucan**, **Maroon-bellied Parakeet**, **Yellow-fronted Woodpecker**, **Surucua Trogon**, **Black-throated Grosbeak**, **Olive-green Tanager**, **Magpie Tanager**, and **Azure-shouldered Tanager**, and at night we will try for **Black-capped Screech Owl** and **Tawny-browed Owl**.

Overnight: Toucan's Trail Lodge, Toucan's Trail

Day 6. Birding Toucan's Trail

We'll have a full day birding the lodge grounds.

Overnight: Toucan's Trail Lodge, Toucan's Trail

Day 7. Transfer to Peruíbe

After breakfast we will transfer to Guaraú in Peruíbe, located in the Juréia-Itatins Ecological Station, a paradise composed of a mosaic of different ecosystems. About 320 species are found in Guaraú, including 30 species endemic to Brazil and 11 species that are globally threatened.

Pousada Waldhaus has a rustic infrastructure with panoramic views of the ocean and the Serra dos Itatins, and forests with trails and lot of birds surround it. The beach can be reached by walking only five minutes. The most wanted bird here is the endemic **Red-tailed Amazon**.

Overnight: Pousada Waldhaus, Guaraú

Day 8. Birding Peruíbe

We will spend the full day looking for **Red-tailed Amazon**, **Black-backed Tanager**, **White-breasted Tapaculo**, **Black-legged Dacnis**, **White-banded Mockingbird**, **Yellow-throated Woodpecker**, **Robust Woodpecker**, **Buff-bellied Puffbird**, **Bicolored Conebill**, and many more.

Overnight: Pousada Waldhaus, Guaraú

Day 9. Transfer to Ubatuba

After breakfast we will leave Peruíbe and drive to the Itamambuca Eco Resort in Ubatuba, located in a private reserve of 100,000 square meters/25 acres within the Atlantic Forest at a river junction with the sea. The reserve holds a very rich flora and fauna; more than 250 bird species have been listed, and wildlife such as **Capybara**, armadillos, and opossums are present in the reserve. The mangroves of the reserve are home to about 15 species of crabs, among them the beautiful **Blue Land Crab** (*Cardisoma guanhumi*) with its enormous blue shell. There is also a great marine diversity of fish, turtles, crustaceans, and dolphins.

We will spend three nights at Ubatuba to maximize our chances to see all the specialties such as **Festive Coquette**, **Saw-billed Hermit**, **Reddish Hermit**, **Brown-backed Parrotlet**, **Blond-crested Woodpecker**, **Crescent-chested Puffbird**, **Dusky Leaf-tosser**, **Scaled Antbird**, **Salvadori's Antwren**, **Unicolored Antwren**, **Spot-breasted Antwren**, **Slaty Bristlefront**, **Black-cheeked Gnatcatcher**, **Fork-tailed Tody-Tyrant**, **Spotted Bamboowren**, **Sao Paulo Tyrannulet**, **Buff-throated Purple-tuft**, **Long-billed Wren**, **Red-necked Tanager**, **Brazilian Tanager**, and **Green Honeycreeper**, and at night with luck we could find **Black-capped Screech Owl**, **Striped Owl**, and **Mottled Owl**.

Overnight: Itamambuca Eco Resort, Ubatuba



Brazilian Tanager, another outrageously colored tanager we'll target on this tour (photo Riccardo Boschetti).

Days 10-11. Two full days birding at Ubatuba

We will spend two full days birding Ubatuba, looking, in addition to the species listed above, for **Buff-bellied Puffbird**, **Pale-browed Treehunter**, **Black-capped Foliage-gleaner**, **Bare-throated Bellbird**, **Blue Manakin**, **Planalto Tyrannulet**, **Green-headed Tanager**, **Olive-green Tanager**, **Brazilian Tanager**, **Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant**, **Greenish Schiffornis**, **White-throated Spadebill**, **Grey-hooded Attila**, **Spot-billed Toucanet**, **Ochre-collared Piculet**, **Green-billed Toucan**, and if we are lucky **Sharpbill** and the secretive **Solitary Tinamou**.

Overnight: Itamambuca Eco Resort, Ubatuba

Day 12. Transfer to Itatiaia National Park

Today we will transfer from Ubatuba to Itatiaia National Park. The vegetation of the park is exuberant, as is the avifauna. Itatiaia provides many of Brazil's endemic species. Specialties in the park include **Saffron Toucanet**, **Green-billed Toucan**, **Green-crowned Plovercrest**, **Surucua Trogon**, **Blond-crested Woodpecker**, **Itatiaia Spinetail**, **Slaty Bristlefront**, **Brazilian Laniisoma**, and **Black-and-gold Cotinga**.

Overnight: Hotel Do Ypê, Itatiaia



Blond-crested Woodpecker can be seen in Itatiaia National Park.

Days 13-14. Two full days birding at Itatiaia National Park

We will spend two days looking for **Green-crowned Plovercrest**, **Frilled Coquette**, **Brazilian Ruby**, **Saffron Toucanet**, **Pileated Parrot**, **Yellow-fronted Woodpecker**, **Rufous-tailed Antbird**, **Itatiaia Spinetail**, **Serra do Mar Tyrannulet**, **Black-and-gold Cotinga**, **White-bibbed Antbird**, **Grey-capped Tyrannulet**, **Velvety Black Tyrant**, **Pin-tailed Manakin**, **Brown Tanager**, **Brassy-breasted Tanager**, **Gilt-edged Tanager**, and **Speckle-breasted Antpitta**, and at night we'll try again for **Long-trained Nightjar**, **Tawny-browed Owl**, and **Black-capped Screech Owl**.

Overnight: Hotel Ypê, Itatiaia

Day 15. Departure

Today we will have an early transfer back to São Paulo to connect with your international flight.

Please note that the itinerary cannot be guaranteed as it is only a rough guide and can be changed (usually slightly) due to factors such as availability of accommodation, updated information on the state of accommodation, roads, or birding sites, the discretion of the guides and other factors. In addition, we sometimes have to use a different international guide from the one advertised due to tour scheduling.

Duration: 15 days
Limit (Group size): 6 - 8
Dates: 08 - 22 October 2023
Start: São Paulo
Ends: São Paulo
Prices: US\$6,550 per person sharing (2023)

Single Supplements: US\$675 (2023)

In the event of fewer than six participants signing up to the tour there will be the option of a surcharge to guarantee departure. The amount of the surcharge will depend on how many participants are signed up to the tour and will occur if all participants agree.

Price includes:

All accommodation
Private transportation
Private tour leader
Local guides
Admission fees
Bottled water during the trip
Airport transfers

Price excludes:

All flights
Items of a personal nature, e.g. gifts
Alcoholic drinks
Personal insurance
Gratuities (please see our [tipping guidelines blog](#))