

LESSER ANTILLES

ISLANDS of the CARIBBEAN

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January 28 - February 6, 2026



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WORLDWIDE NATURE TOURS

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Greetings, Fellow Explorer!

Travel from the chill of winter into the warmth of the tropics as you embark on a remarkable tour of some of the least-visited islands in the Caribbean, the **Lesser Antilles**. We will visit no less than four of the islands that make up this archipelago, experiencing the unique nature and culture of each along the way.

Volcanic in origin, the Lesser Antilles is a chain of largely submerged mountains running north to south in a double arc. The outer arc, from Anguilla to Barbados, comprises low, flat islands with limestone surfaces, while the inner arc is made up of a series of volcanic cones. This trip takes you to the lush, heavily forested islands of **St. Vincent, Dominica, St. Lucia**, and to the culturally-distinct French territory of **Guadeloupe**. With their mix of black-sand beaches, glistening white sandy shores, and vast sprawling forest & wilderness, each island is unique unto itself, and are home to a wonderful array of endemic birdlife and a diverse array of terrestrial and aquatic wildlife... These island gems, nestled in the glittering Caribbean Sea, are simply a nature-lovers paradise.

This tour has been designed for both birders and general nature enthusiasts alike, inviting all to explore these geographically close, yet remarkably distinct islands of the Eastern Caribbean. Join us on a one-of-a-kind, multi-island tour to discover the very best that this fascinating archipelago has to offer.

TRIP DETAILS

Start Date: Jan 28, 2026

Duration of Main Tour: 10 days

Number of participants: Max of 12

Price of Tour: \$6,495 per person

Deposit: \$3,200

Single Supplement: \$1,195

Trip Leader: Steve Robertson

Activity Level: Moderate

Included:

- Double-occupancy lodging
- All inter-island flights and boat trips
- Ground transportation
- Breakfasts and lunches
- Excursions and park fees
- Guiding services

Not Included:

- International Flights
- Dinners
- Alcoholic beverages
- Personal items
- Optional gratuities for guides



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ITINERARY

Tentative and subject to change depending on weather, road, or other conditions.

Day 1 - Jan 28 - Arrival in St. Lucia – “The Island of Inspiration”

Upon arrival, you are greeted at the airport and escorted to our accommodation on a historic 60-acre estate, boasting elegantly decorated cottages and villas nestled on a secluded natural history site. Time permitting, we'll do a little evening birding on the grounds, and you may wish to visit the site's private beach and slip into the warm waters of the Caribbean before dinner. After our meal we'll meet to go over the tour and add any birds we've seen to our checklist..

Lodging: [Balenbouche Estate](#)

Day 2 - Jan 29 - Tour 18th Century Plantation; Explore the Des Cartiers Rainforest

We'll offer an optional pre-breakfast birding amid a dawn chorus of birdsong dominated by **Lesser Antillean Saltators**, **Tropical Mockingbirds** and **St. Lucia House Wrens**, after which we'll have breakfast on the large open-air veranda surrounded by lush tropical gardens, home to **Antillean Crested Hummingbirds**, **Bananaquits** and **Mangrove**

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Cuckoos. After breakfast, we'll take a guided stroll of this remarkably preserved 18th Century plantation house and its expansive grounds, all steeped in history with many features and machinery of the working plantation of the 1700s still in-situ.

Next on the agenda is a visit to the island's showpiece natural attraction: the sprawling **Des Cartiers Rainforest**. This vast, primary forest is dominated by towering trees, including the majestic and aromatic Lansan, the impressive Caribbean Royal Palms, and gargantuan Tree Ferns, as well as tiny bromeliads and an array of orchids, many being indigenous to the region. We'll spend a wonderful morning here, walking the well-maintained trails and learning about the wondrous diversity of flora all around us, birding as we go.

Our forest walk culminates at an observation area overlooking a cavernous valley. Here we are afforded stunning views of the island's national bird (and most colorful of all *Amazonas*) – the magnificent **St. Lucia Parrot**. At this site, we are also in the presence of myriad other deep-forest dwellers - from the minuscule but bedazzling **Lesser Antillean Euphonia** and **Green-throated Carib**, to the bemusing **Grey Trembler**, secretive **St. Lucia Black Finch** and the inquisitive **Scaly-breasted Thrasher**.



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We finish our first full day by driving to the top of one of the island's highest peaks, where we are treated to the spectacular aerial acrobatics of a small colony of **Red-billed Tropicbirds**, often in the company of **Short-tailed Swifts**. Once back at the hotel, we'll have time to refresh, then meet for our bird list over happy hour before we enjoy a sumptuous buffet dinner.

Lodging: [Balenbouche Estate](#)



St. Lucia Warbler

Day 3 - Jan 30 - Bird St. Lucia's dry forest & Evening flight to Guadeloupe

This morning we venture into one of the most threatened habitats remaining in the entire Caribbean - the Dry Atlantic Forest. Yet small pockets still remain on Guadeloupe, and are home to an array of birdlife not seen on the rest of the island. The near-endemic **White-breasted Thrasher** is at home here amongst the thorny trunks of these unconventional forests - and is our primary target. We will spend the morning walking the well-established trails and watching as small family groups of this peculiar species forage close by, regularly echoing their hoarse contact calls. Other inhabitants like the **Caribbean Elaenia**, **Black-whiskered Vireo**, **Black-faced Grassquit** and **Carib Grackle** all add to the experience.

We'll enjoy lunch at a beach-side restaurant offering unparalleled views of St. Lucia's two small island neighbors - Maria Major and Maria Minor - home to one of the rarest lizards on the planet, and with less than 20 remaining, the rarest species of snake in the world, the **St. Lucia Racer**. Draped in the colors of the St. Lucia flag, the entire global population of the **St. Lucia Whiptail Lizard** is restricted to these two tiny fragments of rock, and after a delicious seafood lunch, we take a short 20-minute boat ride across for an opportunity to step forth onto the very front lines of conservation and a privileged, and humbling encounter with two reptilian species clinging to existence.

After an exciting day in the field, we'll catch an early-evening flight to the French territory of **Guadeloupe**, travel to our hotel for a well-earned rest.

Lodging: [La Maison Creole](#)

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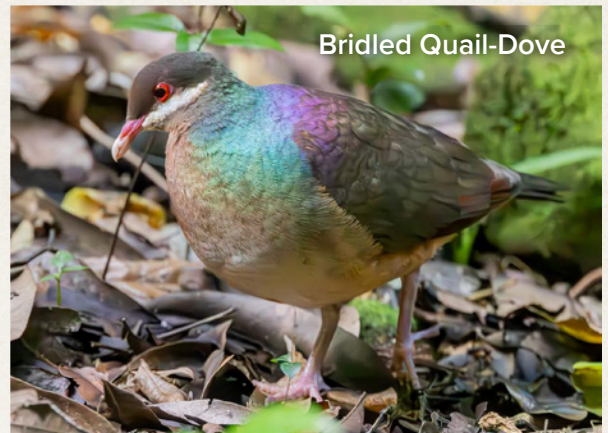
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St. Vincent



Red-billed Tropicbird



Bridled Quail-Dove



Guadeloupe

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Day 4 - Jan 31 - Birding the Parc National de Guadeloupe

Waking to the smell of scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, we enjoy a French-inspired breakfast that also will include croissants and pain au chocolat! We then board our vans and head to the most productive birding site on the island: the Basse-Terre region of Guadeloupe. This forest is known to provide remarkable views of some of the more secretive species in the Caribbean, birds that are rarely seen on other islands. At this little known site, birds are known to envelop participants in a wave of color and activity. **Brown Tremblers** flit constantly in and out of a stand of mature heliconias - each seemingly intent on out-performing the other in their frenzied trembling displays. Also in the vicinity of these frenetic birds are **Bridled Quail-Doves**,

a species that resembles the well-known Rock Pigeon, but is actually a highly sought after near-endemic to the Lesser Antilles. Strolling along well paved paths, we should encounter another secretive Lesser Antillean endemic, the **Forest Thrush**, as it hops on the ground and peers out from beneath massive philodendrons, occasionally popping up onto small rocks for photo ops, showing off its wonderfully chevronned breast and splendid yellow eye ring.



Guadeloupe Woodpecker

Our Commitment to Conservation

On every Wild Latitudes tour, we aim to make a positive conservation impact wherever we travel. We utilize the services of local guides and, when possible, stay in environmentally-sensitive, locally-owned lodges. Through our partnership with the Rainforest Trust, a portion of all international tour fees goes to purchasing rainforest acreage, for its protection in perpetuity. On every trip, we also make a contribution to a local conservation effort that works to protect a native species or ecosystem.

As the sun rises higher in the sky, **Lesser Antillean Swifts** become more active and wheel & cavort in their pursuit of insects, while **Scaly-breasted Thrashers**, **Pearly-eyed Thrashers** and **Plumbeous Warblers** feed in the trees that line the nearby river. We hope to get good looks at all these species and more... We have one more key target before we leave the Parc: the **Guadeloupe Woodpecker**. Our search should not be too difficult, as a family of these subtle yet stunning

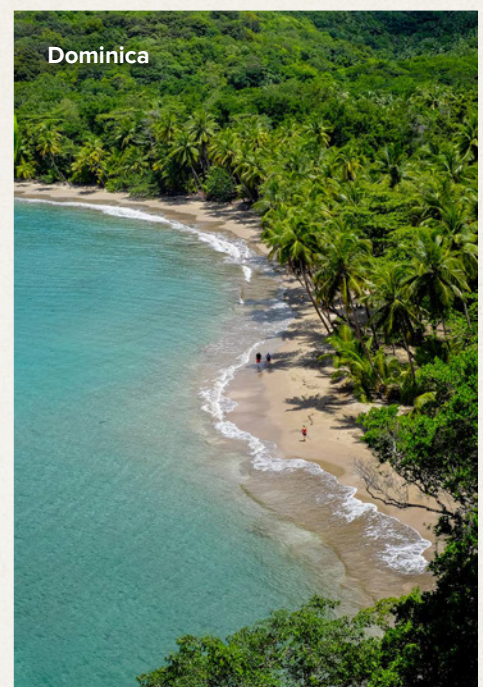
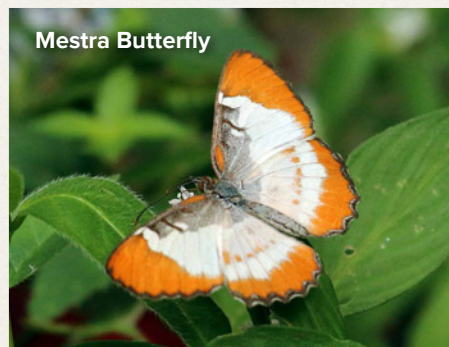
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woodpeckers is known to live in the area. We should get good enough views to observe this oddly-plumaged endemic as it flits between trees, and the timing of our tour is ideal as the birds will be in nesting season and actively feeding their young.

After a full morning of birding, we'll enjoy a late lunch picnic-style in the field, at a site located on an elevated knoll with sweeping views of a river snaking beneath. We'll have a meal of French-inspired items such as charcuterie, fromage and pâté, accompanied by freshly-baked crusty French baguettes served with a local "Ti' Punch", Guadeloupe's version of the Caipirinha. After lunch we head back to the hotel for a relaxing afternoon around the pool, or for those who prefer, an adventurous jaunt to a nearby mangrove for some snorkeling in the Caribbean. As is our custom, we'll gather in the evening to go over our bird list before we dine.

Lodging: [La Maison Creole](#)



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Purple-throated Carib

Day 5 - Feb 1 - Arrival on Dominica, the “Nature Island” of the Caribbean; birding the Northern Forest Reserve

After Breakfast, we catch a flight to the Island of Dominica. Teeming with waterfalls and boasting a river for every day of the year, untamed and rugged, Dominica is a naturalist's dream. Upon arrival, we shuttle to our accommodation that overlooks the tranquil waters of beautiful Salisbury Bay. After check-in, we'll have lunch at our hotel's clifftop restaurant, then depart for the nearby Northern Forest Reserve. We will not have far to go in the reserve before the mellifluous calls of an array of regional species give us cause to pull off the track to investigate. Specialties, including the island's numerous, but still highly threatened species are here, including the endemic **Red-necked Parrot**, the **Dominican House Wren**, and the **Lesser Antillean Saltator**. **Plumbeous Warblers** can also be found here, as can fifty-five species of butterfly including regional endemics such as **Dominican Hairstreak**, **Godman's Hairstreak**, **Godman's Leaf** and **St. Lucia Mestra**. With a knowledgeable forestry officer leading the way, we'll also be introduced to many fascinating species of flora that inhabit this lush forest.

We'll review our bird list back at our hotel and have dinner, as the sun sets over the sea.

Lodging: [Tamarind Tree Hotel](#)

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Day 6 - Feb 2 - Birding Dominica's cloud forest and verdant rainforest

This morning, we have an early breakfast, then set off before dawn in order to have the best opportunity of seeing one of the planet's largest and rarest parrot species – the majestic **Imperial Amazon**. From our lofty vantage point in the heart of the island's vast tracts of cloud forest, we'll survey the towering tree canopy for this critically-endangered bird, thought to number less than 80 individuals. The primary purpose of spending the day in the forest is to set aside as much time as possible to observe this rare and iconic species; However, the mighty Imperial shares the cloud forest with many other amazing species, such as the near-endemic **Blue-headed Hummingbird**, a dazzling little gem of a bird, known only to Dominica and neighboring Martinique. As we venture along the trails of this protected site, we'll search for regional specialties like the gargantuan **Purple-throated Carib**, the **Lesser Antillean Bullfinch**, and the **Rufous-throated Solitaire**, singer of the most haunting song in the Caribbean.

After a day of amazing birding, we'll get back to the hotel with time to freshen up before we gather to go over our bird list before we dine.

Lodging: [Tamarind Tree Hotel](#)



Sperm Whales

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Day 7 - Feb 3 - Whale watch and birding Dominica's rugged West coast

After breakfast, we head out for an unforgettable morning. The waters off Dominica support an impressive number of cetaceans, and this morning we take to the seas on a quest to see some of these ocean giants. **Short-finned Pilot Whales** are the most commonly seen species, while larger species such as **Humpbacks** and **False Killers** are also commonly reported. Our true goal however is the island's resident population of magnificent **Sperm Whales**, and our chances are good, as Dominica is one of only two countries in the world whose waters are home to resident pods year-round. In addition to these behemoths, a number of dolphins are also possible, including **Fraser's**, **Spotted** and **Spinner**. We'll be birding too of course, and we'll take advantage of our time out on the water to scan the seas for pelagics such as **Cory's**, **Manx** and **Great Shearwaters**, & **Leach's** and **Wilson's Storm Petrels**.

We'll have lunch back at the hotel, then after a little time to relax, head to a reliable nearby site for the **Lesser Antillean Pewee**, **Red-legged Thrush**, **Smooth-billed Ani**, **Grey Kingbird**, **Tropical Mockingbird**, among others. We'll then make for the coastal town of Portsmouth (or Dominica's Second City, as locals call it) where we have a very good chance of seeing a bird that is almost certain to be elevated to full-species status in the near future, the **Lesser Antillean Barn Owl**.

We return to our accommodation with a little time to relax by the pool or to indulge in a bit of evening birding on the grounds. Bird list followed by Dinner.

Lodging: [Tamarind Tree Hotel](#)

Day 8 - Feb 4 - Morning birding; Afternoon flight to St. Vincent

After another delicious breakfast, we'll offer another session of birding, this time along the quiet riverbanks opposite our accommodation. Sightings may include **Ringed Kingfisher**, **Belted Kingfisher**, **American Kestrel** (subspecies *caribaerum*), and the near-endemic subspecies of **Yellow Warbler** (AKA Golden Warbler), among others. We then depart the hotel to catch an early afternoon flight to stunning and largely unspoiled island of St. Vincent. Here, we transfer to our local family-owned hotel on the south-western shore, aside the one and only white-sand beach of St. Vincent on the island. You'll have time to snorkel in the calm, clear waters of the Caribbean or enjoy a bit of peaceful lounge time by the pool before meeting to review our bird list and dining in the hotel's elegant open-air restaurant that overlooks the sea, with a lovely view of yachts moored off Young Island.

Lodging: [Beachcombers Hotel](#)

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Day 9 - Feb 5 - St. Vincent Parrots leaving their roosts & exploring St. Vincent's elfin forest

This morning, we have the privilege of being one of the few birding groups to visit a site where we are able to observe flocks of **St. Vincent Parrots**. This site is known only to a few select local forestry officers, and it is so remote that it requires us (in our vehicle) to cross the same river seven times at different locations, until we are deep in the heart of the densely-forested north. After strategically selecting our spot atop a spectacular ridge line, we should have only a short wait before the raucous parrots leave their roosts and fly into view. This is a species that was long on the verge of extinction (and is still listed on the IUCN most threatened species on the planet), and the opportunity to have such incredibly close views of these spectacularly colored birds in their natural habitat will undoubtedly be one of the highlights of the trip.



After this incredible experience, we head into the lush rainforests of towering Mt. Soufriere. Here we make our way along forest paths lined with wild Begonia, Cecropia and Ficus, to the best site to see the critically-endangered and little-known **Whistling Warbler**, along with a wonderful selection of other indigenous regional species, such as **Grenada Flycatcher**, **Lesser Antillean Tanager**, **Lesser Antillean Bullfinch**, **Caribbean Tree Runners**,

and the all-black morph of **Bananaquit**. We end our walk at a dry riverbed above which regularly circle **Common Black** as well as **Broad-winged Hawks**.

This evening, beneath a star-filled sky, and with the gentle ocean breeze wafting over us, we go over the bird list one last time, then enjoy another delicious local dinner and reminisce on our travels through these magical islands.

Lodging: [Beachcombers Hotel](#)

Day 10 - Feb 6 - Homeward journey

Following breakfast and an opportunity for a final swim in the sea, we transfer to the nearby international airport to say our farewells before our homeward journey.

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YOUR GUIDE

STEVE ROBERTSON

A true lover of the natural world, Steve Robertson has been a student of nature his entire life. First, as a little boy, who caught every creature he could for the mini zoo he kept in the garage, then later as an adult, leading scientific research expeditions into some of the most remote regions of the world, searching for rare species in such places as Tasmania, Madagascar, and the upper Amazon Basin.

He is the Co-owner of Wild Latitudes. With degrees in Wildlife Biology, advanced biology & education, Steve has worked in the field of Environmental Education for over 30 years. From 1998 to 2017, he served as the Education Director for the Audubon Society of Portland, creating a number of innovative programs including International Ecotours, a program that has won hundreds of accolades from around the country. During his time with Audubon, Steve personally designed and led ecotours to over 20 countries, spanning six continents.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE PACE AND STYLE OF OUR TOURS

The primary goal of our trips is to experience and learn about the natural world, especially the region's birds and other wildlife, and of course, to have fun! As birding is often a primary focus of our tours, and birds are active in the morning, we will sometimes have early morning outings before breakfast. That said, our style of birding may not be ideal for hard-core "listers." We prefer to spend time observing the species we encounter, and learn a bit about their natural history, rather than rushing through the field to add the maximum number of species to our bird list. We also make diversions for interesting, non-avian wildlife, plants, geological wonders, and cultural activities. The pace of most of our trips is moderate, and we encourage anyone in good health to attend and enjoy the experience. Please contact us about if you need specific information on the types of physical activities on a tour and their physical requirements.

We strive to immerse participants in the local culture and to that end, wherever possible, we stay in locally owned and operated hotels that are designed and run in an environmentally sustainable way. Though some accommodations may be more basic than others, all are safe, clean and comfortable. We also utilize the services of local guides, visit local markets, and other culturally significant sites.

TOUR DATE AND TRIP LEADER CHANGES

Leaders and schedules are determined up to a year in advance of our tours. In the event that we have a change in a tour's dates or leaders, we reserve the right to do so, and will strive to inform participants as early in the process as possible. Additional leaders may be added to tours according to the group size, and will be specified in the tour itinerary. We also reserve the right to cancel any trip for which there are insufficient reservations.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE TOUR

When you're ready to sign up for the tour, please let us know by doing one of the following:

- Send us an email at info@wildlatitudes.com
- Call us at 503-714-3504

Then we'll send you the link to our online registration form. You can choose to pay your deposit by credit card or check. See 'Deposit Policy' below.

DEPOSIT POLICY

A deposit is due at the time of registration. ***A deposit is the only thing that guarantees your place on the trip.*** Registration can be made over the phone with a credit card: 503-714-3504. *Note:* there is an additional 3.0% fee for credit card payments. This is only what we are charged by the credit card company.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Checks are happily accepted and should be made out to *Wild Latitudes LLC*. Include the tour name on the memo line of the check and send to:

Wild Latitudes, PO Box 25115, Portland, OR 97298.

PAYMENT POLICY

Full payment is required **90 days** prior to the tour departure date for international tours or any tour involving flights; and **30 days** prior to the tour departure date for local (i.e. in the Portland, Oregon area), van-based tours.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event a participant needs to cancel a reservation for any tour, the following policies will apply:

- **90 days** or more prior to tour departure date, the deposit will be refunded, minus an administrative fee of \$100.
- **Less than 90 days but more than 60 days** prior to tour departure date, all payments refunded, minus 50% of deposit.
- **Less than 60 days** prior to tour departure date, no refunds will be given.

We *strongly* recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance to protect yourself from unforeseen circumstances.

If for any reason Wild Latitudes cancels a tour prior to the start of the tour, full refunds—minus the cost of any internal/in-country airline tickets purchased and/or any non-refundable deposits or expenses already made by Wild Latitudes—will be given to all participants. In the event that the tour is canceled while underway due to unforeseeable events such as but not limited to natural disaster, military activities, social uprising, or other extremely dangerous conditions not within the control of Wild Latitudes, no refund will be issued.
