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Birding Travel with Golden Gate Audubon Society 2018

Get up-close views of grey whales and nesting seabirds off the coast of Baja California. Experience the wildlife and grandeur of Alaska's national parks. Or boost your life list with some of Peru's 1,800 bird species, while exploring its Amazon rainforest, Andean peaks, and ancient civilization of Machu Picchu. And more...

Golden Gate Audubon Society's travel program offers world-class birding destinations, expert guides, comfortable lodging, and great companionship. We have trips for every kind of birder and every level of budget. See the birds of the world with us!

For more information, see goldengateaudubon.org/travel. For full itineraries or questions, contact our Travel Coordinators Pat Kirkpatrick at patkirkpatrick14@gmail.com or Rubi Abrams at rabrams2@pacbell.net.

Machu Picchu
by Martin St-Amant



Verdin
by Juan-Carlos Solis

BAJA, MEXICO: BIRDS AND WHALES

February 17 – 24, 2018

Mexico's southern Baja peninsula is a major wintering area for birds from western North America, and its near-shore waters are rich and diverse. Bird the foothills, desert, estuaries, and coastlines, and board a small boat in Magdalena

Bay to get extremely close to grey whales. Juan-Carlos Solis of Quetzal Adventures will help you find Xantus's Hummingbird, Belding's Yellowthroat, Vermilion Flycatcher, Crested Caracara, Lark Bunting, Blue-footed Booby, Magnificent Frigatebird, and more.

Cost: \$2,684 per person, double occupancy.

Limited to 10 people.



Fiery-throated Hummingbird
by Elizabeth Lauer

COSTA RICA

March 9 – 20, 2018

Costa Rica is blessed with remarkable biodiversity due to its tropical latitude, tremendous topographic diversity and strong conservation ethic. Mark Pretti of Mark Pretti Nature Tours will lead you through Pacific rainforest, Chiriqui High-

lands cloud forest, and the Caribbean slope. Hike one of the country's premier birding spots at Rancho Naturalista, known for its hummingbirds. Over 320 species are found along your route, including Chestnut-mandibled Toucan, Scarlet Macaws, Long-tailed Silky Flycatcher, and the famous Resplendent Quetzal.

Cost: Approximately \$3,300, double occupancy.

Limited to 9 people.



Painted Bunting
by Eddie Bartley

SOUTH TEXAS IN SPRING MIGRATION

April 15 – 24, 2018

Our last three trips to South Texas for spring migration were such a hit that we're offering this destination again! Join Eddie Bartley and Noreen Weeden of Nature Trip to visit the famous spring avian migrant traps during

the peak of Gulf of Mexico spring migration.

Explore Mustang, Padre Islands, Corpus Christi, Laguna Atascosa, Sabal Palms and surrounding areas. Experience the distinctive sub-tropical habitats of the Rio Grande Valley in wonderful parks and refuges. Enjoy a full-day nature tour of the world-famous King Ranch.

Cost: \$2,850 per person, double occupancy.

Limited to 8 people.



Great Grey Owl
by Harry Fuller

SOUTHERN OREGON

May 25 – 28, 2018

Harry Fuller will lead this ever-popular Memorial Day weekend trip for the seventh consecutive year. Folks rave about this trip and you will too, hitting some of the best birding spots of Southern Oregon – Mt. Ashland, the Siskiyou Mountains, and Klamath Basin.

Harry, a former GGAS field trip leader who is now based in Southern Oregon, will help you spot Sandhill Cranes, nesting Ospreys and Bald Eagles, Great Gray Owls, Vaux's Swifts, White-headed Woodpeckers, Green-tailed Towhees, Dusky and Hammond's Flycatchers, and many more!

Cost: \$325, not including lodging.

Limited to 10 people.



Willow Ptarmigan
by George C. Wood

ALASKA: GLACIER BAY AND DENALI

May 27 – June 3, 2018

Experience two of America's most stunning national parks on this exciting trip to the wild, vast state of Alaska. You'll bird temperate rainforests and tidewater glaciers in Glacier Bay National Park, followed by boreal forests, wetlands,

and mountains in Denali National Park. Enjoy a half-day ferry voyage through the famous Inside Passage. View nesting seabird colonies and tidewater glaciers on a private boat trip through Glacier Bay. Bird the Denali Highway, one of the premier scenic drives of the world.

Your guides from Wild Latitudes will introduce you to Alaska's geology, plants, and wildlife while helping you spot great birds including Willow Ptarmigan, Harlequin Duck, Tufted and Horned Puffins, Gyrfalcon, Boreal Chickadee, and Northern Hawk-Owl.

Cost: \$3,095, double occupancy.

Limited to 10 people.



Hoatzin
by Holbrook Travel

PERU: AMAZON TO ANDES

October 18 – 27, 2018

Peru has one of the greatest concentrations of biodiversity on Earth, with more than 1,800 bird species, including over 100 endemics. Expert guides from Holbrook Travel will introduce you to the full spectrum of Peru's geographical,

biological, and cultural riches, from Amazon rainforest and rivers to Andean mountains, cloud forests, and coastal deserts. Of course you'll visit Machu Picchu, as well as the ancient city of Cuzco and the dusty, windswept fortress of Ollantaytambo.

Some of the many birds include Festive Coquette hummingbirds, Blue-crowned Trogon, Horned Screamer, Hoatzin, Collared Forest-Falcon, and dozens of Red-and-Green Macaws at a clay lick.

Cost: \$3,125, double occupancy.

Limited to 12 people.



Orange-breasted Bunting
by Ed Eder

OAXACA, MEXICO

December 4 – 14, 2018

The state of Oaxaca is wonderfully diverse in flora and fauna, history, culture, cuisine, and scenery. Led by the fabulous Mark Pretti of Mark Pretti Nature Tours, you'll explore Teotitlan, a Zapotec town well known for its weavings and impressive ruins of Monte Alban

as well as its birds. Enjoy the giant agaves and endemic bird species of the Sierra Juarez. Hummingbirds and orioles galore! Traverse a spectacular transect from the high mountains to the Pacific coast with stops in the evergreen forests of the coffee-growing areas. Visit the Puerto Escondido area at the mouth of the Rio Colotepec, rich in shorebirds. And enjoy a day of culture, cuisine and ethnobotany with the staff of Seasons of My Heart Cooking School.

Cost: Approximately \$3,200, double occupancy.

Limited to 9 people.



Scarlet Macaws in Peru
by Pelin Karaca



Meeting a grey whale calf in Baja, Mexico
by Juan-Carlos Solis

Every Golden Gate Audubon trip helps fund GGAS's conservation and environmental education programs. Another reason to do your birding travel with us!

Spaces are limited. Make your travel plans early before these great trips fill up. See goldengateaudubon.org/travel.