

Birding the Brazilian Atlantic Forest

A tour designed for those coming through Sao Paulo.

Tour duration - 5 days / 4 nights

Starting: August 13th Ending: August 17th



Red-necked Tanager © Pablo Petracci – Trogon Tours

The Atlantic Forest, often referred to as the 'Mata Atlântica', stretches across a distance of more than 3,000 kilometres along the mountain ranges which run more or less parallel to the Brazilian coast. This unique ecosystem has one of the highest biodiversities in the world, and at the same time is one of the most threatened. It is where the ancient Araucarias and the legendary "Pau Brasil" grow and the bizarre Tamarin Monkeys are to be found, as well as the largest number of endemic species of birds in the whole of South America. This spectacular ecosystem was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1993 and so a large percentage of the remaining habitats are protected in nature reserves

Intervalles State Park is situated on a 3,300 ft high escarpment, the Serra de Paranapiacaba, southwest of Sao Paulo and north of Curitiba. The park consists of 4 adjacent reserves covering some 450 sq. miles and contains pristine Atlantic forest over an altitudinal gradient from nearly sea level to 3,000 ft. elevation and it is widely known for its fantastic birding, and many birders consider the park the highlight of their tour of southeast Brazil.

Our tour itinerary in a glimpse

Day	Itinerary
1	Arrival to Guarulhos Airport - Transfer to Intervales State Park.
2	Full day Intervales State Park
3	Full day Intervales State Park
4	Full day Intervales State Park
5	Intervales State Park to Sao Paulo

Our detailed tour itinerary

Day 1 – Sao Paulo to Intervales State Park. We will start our tour meeting your Trogon Tour Leader at Guarulhos Airport and drive to Intervales State Park. We will start our birding session along the entrance road of the park and after arriving to our lodge, we will meet our local guide. Time permitting we will bird the lodge grounds and enjoy the bird feeders.

Day 2, 3 & 4 – Intervales State Park.

The park has many trails and birding spots. The central area around the lodge is in a clearing surrounded by forest. A short trail into secondary forest is easy walking and good for birding. Some of the birds regularly found there are Rusty-barred Owl, Buff-fronted Owl, White-breasted Tapaculo, Giant Antshrike, Large-tailed Antshrike, Orange-eyed Thornbird, Swallow-tailed Cotinga, Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Azure-shouldered Tanager, Golden-chevroned Tanager and Olive-green Tanager.

The Carmo Road is considered by many to offer the best birding in the park. The road is 20 km long and goes through good forest habitat throughout its length. About 9 km along the road is the Carmo Research Station. The road is passable up to the research station without 4-wheel-drive vehicle. Barra Grande is accessed by driving 10 km along a good dirt road outside the park. About 3 km along the good dirt road from the center of the park is a stakeout location for Long-tailed Nightjar. A couple trails off the Carmo Road near the research station is a fairly reliable site for the endemic White-bearded Antshrike.



Crowned Solitary Eagle © Pablo Petracci – Trogon Tours

Notable birds found along the Carmo Road and Barra Grande include Mantled Hawk, Blue-bellied Parrot, Silky-tailed Nightjar, Crescent-chested Puffbird, Rusty-breasted Nunlet, Saffron Toucanet, Slaty Bristlefront, White-bearded Antshrike, Star-throated Antwren, Scaled Antbird, Squamate Antbird, Such's Antthrush, Speckle-breasted Antpitta, White-collared Foliage-Gleaner, Pale-browed Treehunter, Bare-throated Bellbird, Gray-capped Tyrannulet, Oustalet's Tyrannulet, Brown-breasted Bamboo-Tyrant, Atlantic Royal

Flycatcher, Pin-tailed Manakin, Hooded Berryeater, Cinnamon-vented Piha, Brown Tanager, Buffy-fronted Seedeater, Temminck's Seedeater, Black-legged Dacnis, and Golden-winged Cacique.

Day 5 – Intervalles State Park to Sao Paulo. We will spent the first hours of the day binding to then start our return to Sao Paulo

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Included services:

- Full time **Trogon Tours'** English-speaking birding/naturalist **local leader** starting and ending at Sao Paulo airport.
- **Private transportation** for all transfers and excursions, starting at Sao Paulo airport on **day 1 at 08:30 hs** and ending at same airport on **day 5 at noon**.
- **Accommodations** on a twin/double room basis **with breakfast included**. All rooms **en-suite**. Please bear in mind that breakfast in Brazil is **NOT American style**, and it normally includes only a hot beverage, toast, croissants, butter and jam.
- All **lunches, boxed-lunches and dinners** from lunch on day 1 until breakfast on day 5 of the tour. **No drinks included**.
- **Admission fees** to all national parks and nature reserves.
- **Local guides** where required by law.
- **Drinkable water** on board the vehicles **while on tour**.

Not included:

- International and domestic airfares and airport taxes.
- Personal travel and medical insurance.
- Beverages
- Tips of any kind
- Anything not stated on "Included services".

Prices per paying tour participant expressed in **US Dollars** and **based on a minimum of 05 clients**, with all services **in private: US\$ 1,135.00**

Single room supplements available: **US\$ 120.00**.

If you are interested in extending this tour, please do not hesitate contacting us.

Payments and refunds: A 30% deposit is required on tour services request to secure your bookings. The 70% balance due is to be paid 60 days before tour departure date. It is Trogon Tours' commitment to try and get back as much money as possible in concept of cancellation refunds. Regardless, Trogon Tours deals with a number of service providers, all with different cancellation policies. Therefore, full refunds for cancellations can only be guaranteed 60 days prior to tour departure date, **less all bank fees and commissions**. Between 60 days and tour departure date, all refunds are subject to service providers' policies.

Tipping Policy: We do not include tips on our quotations since it is our belief that this is a very private issue. Regardless, tips are always welcome in Brazil and locals do expect to get tipped. General tipping guidelines can be provided on request.

Travel and Medical Insurance: Trogon Tours highly recommends that clients **purchase a travel and medical insurance** to cover for unexpected cancellations at short notice, and for possible medical emergencies while on tour.



Magpie Tanager at the feeders in Intervalles © Pablo Petracci – Trogon Tours

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