



Wings Over Willcox & Borderland Tours *present*

San Blas, Jungle & Barranca

led by Rick Taylor & Homer Hansen, WOW Tour Leaders



Morning mist is rising over the tranquil river waters as the boat glides between living walls of red, white, and black mangroves. Fishing along the banks are Wood Stork, White Ibis, and Bare-throated Tiger-Heron. Boat-billed Herons, with huge, scoop-shaped bills, roost quietly in buttonwood trees that arch over the boatway. Perched on top the mangroves are Common and Great Black-Hawks, Osprey, and—potentially—Crane Hawks with scarlet red legs. Emerald Green Kingfishers flash across the canals; skulking in the shadows are Rufous-necked Wood-Rails and Mangrove Cuckoos. Small birds include Tropical Parula and the red-headed “Mangrove” subspecies of Yellow Warbler. The most common bird of all, perhaps, is the Anhinga. Loafing on limbs overhanging the channel, five-foot-long Green Iguanas stare with beady eyes as the boat passes by. This outing is only one of many gifts awaiting you during our week-long stay at San Blas.

- Located approximately 1,000 miles down the west coast of Mexico, **San Blas** is surrounded by jungles, rivers, beaches, and mountains. It is here that the Sierra Madre Occidental plunges into the Pacific Ocean. A leisurely walk under 150-foot-tall Silk Cotton Kapok and Gumbo Limbo trees may yield Citreoline and Elegant Trogons, Mexican Woodnymph and Cinnamon Hummingbird, both of the large, flame-crested tropical woodpeckers—the Lineated and the Pale-billed, as well as the endemic Gray-crowned Woodpecker, parrots, parakeets, and parrotlets.
- The **Barranca** country between Puerto Vallarta and San Blas is famous for its flights of turquoise-winged, scarlet-tailed Military Macaws. In a single ravine on Cerro San Juan we may find Bumblebee Hummingbird, Russet-crowned Motmot, Green Jay, and Blue Mockingbird. There is no better place in the lowlands to see long-toed Northern Jaçanas walking on lily pads and Roseate Spoonbills in the lagoons, or wintering Black-capped Vireos and U.S. warblers in the highlands.
- There will also be time to visit the old church and ruins of Fort San Bacilio overlooking the harbor, and for swimming or just relaxing at our beautiful hotel. The grounds of the family-run hotel feature lush, tropical plantings and a restaurant chef trained in Europe.



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