



Sabrewing Nature Tours

Specialties, Sips, and Spa in

Southeast Arizona

A Ladies Only Adventure with Jamie Cunningham

April 25 – May 2, 2020



Join Jamie on "Specialties, Sips, and Spa", a relaxing ladies only retreat full of some of Southwest Arizona's best birding spots at an easy pace. Our target list includes lots of incredible species like Elegant Trogon, Elf Owl, Montezuma Quail, tons of desert/riparian species, and warblers like Red-faced, Grace's and Olive Warbler. Along with great birding, we will get to enjoy a winery, some great art galleries, take in a champagne brunch, spend a morning field sketching, and even get a massage. Unlike other tours, some wine and brews will be included in this all-inclusive itinerary. Participants will also enjoy a complimentary welcome basket full of goodies by fellow women artists, authors, and more!

Itinerary Overview:

April 25: Arrival and transfer to Hotel in Tucson
April 26: Transfer to Sierra Vista and Birding in the Huachuca Mountains
April 27: Full day birding in the Huachuca Mountains
April 28: Morning birding near Patagonia – Transfer to Tubac
April 29: Full day birding in the Madera Canyon Area
April 30: Morning birding around Box Canyon – Transfer to Tucson
May 1: Full day birding around Tucson
May 2: Depart for Home

Detailed Itinerary:

April 25: Arrival and transfer to Hotel in Tucson

Please plan to arrive at Tucson International Airport no later than 2:00pm. You can transfer to our hotel via shuttle where the group will be picked up to do a little late afternoon birding at Sweetwater Wetlands. Look for Vermillion Flycatcher, Greater Roadrunner, Gambel's Quail, Verdin, Gila Woodpecker, Pyrrhuloxia and more! There an abundance of waterfowl at this location including Cinnamon Teal, Mexican Duck, and Neotropic Cormorant. We'll conclude our first evening with a nice dinner and views of the famous Saguaro Cactus and Mountains.

Overnight: Tucson, AZ – Hampton Inn or similar

April 26: Transfer to Sierra Vista and Birding in the Huachuca Mountains

After a quick breakfast we will head south towards the Sierra Vista area. There are many wonderful feeder set ups in the area and we will hit several today. We should be able to tally at least a half dozen hummingbird species including the beautiful Rivoli's (formerly Magnificent) Hummingbird. If we are lucky, we'll catch views of Lucifer Hummingbirds, as this area is one of the only places in the US to find these stunners. Expect see 3 Oriole species, multiple woodpecker species including Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Acorn Woodpecker and Arizona Woodpecker, the noisy Mexican Jay, Lazuli Bunting, Black-headed Grosbeak, and several warbler species. We might catch a glimpse of the hard to find Montezuma Quail. We will enjoy a pleasant dinner, then head out at night to look for Elf Owl and Western and Whiskered Screech-Owls while listening for Common Poorwill.



Grace's Warbler

Overnight: Sierra Vista – Sierra Suites or similar

April 27: Full day birding in the Huachuca Mountains

In the morning we will head to some of famous B&B feeders in the area. Once finished at the feeders, we'll spend time exploring the beautiful Carr Canyon. By lunch time we will make our way towards Bisbee. On the drive we will scan for raptor species like Short-tailed Hawk, Zone-tailed Hawk, and Swainson's Hawk. We will take the afternoon to visit a winery and wine tasting while enjoying the onsite art gallery. Afterwards we will visit the historic town of Bisbee where we can enjoy many galleries and do some window shopping before a delicious dinner.

Overnight: Sierra Vista – Sierra Suites or similar

April 28: Morning birding near Patagonia – Transfer to Tubac

We depart the Sierra Vista area this morning and go to Tucson Audubon's Paton Center for Hummingbirds. Each participant will have received a field sketching kit at the beginning of the trip that we will put to good use on this day. We will take advantage of the many feeders and shaded sitting areas to really take in the up-close views of many bird species. We have a chance to see 8-

10 hummingbird species here including Anna's, Rufous, Black-chinned, and Violet-crowned Hummingbird. There are many other birds onsite such as Inca Doves, Lesser Goldfinch, Rufous-winged Sparrows, Bewick's Wren. After lunch we will make our way to the Patagonia area, searching for grassland species on the way. We should get views of Vesper Sparrow, Say's Phoebe, Western Bluebird, Western Meadowlark, and Prairie Falcon on the drive. Pronghorn are often seen in the area as well. Patagonia hosts a wealth of species and we will look for the annually occurring Green Kingfisher. We will end up in artsy Tubac this evening and may have time for a stroll around downtown. Our lodging will be the luxurious Tubac Golf Resort and Spa

Overnight: Tubac Golf Resort & Spa



Elegant Trogon

April 29: Full day birding in the Madera Canyon Area

We will begin our morning in the famous Madera Canyon. Great feeders offer a ton a species viewed from under a covered seating area. We will look for Madera's most famous species, the Elegant Trogon all while enjoying views of Painted Redstart, Cassin's Finch, Hepatic Tanager, and Yellow-eyed Junco. We will have a picnic lunch and hopefully spot Montezuma Quail, as they hang out in the picnic area. Coati and occasionally black bear are in the area. We will return in the evening to look for the many species of owl that frequent the canyon like Flammulated Owl and Northern Pygmy-Owl. We will be listening for Mexican Whip-poor-will as well.

Overnight: Tubac Golf Resort & Spa

April 30: Morning birding around Box Canyon – Transfer to Tucson

Box Canyon will be our first stop of the day looking for rarities like Five-striped Sparrow and Rufous-capped Warbler. We will head north around lunch and stop in Green Valley for some pampering. A visit to a day spa will offer a much-needed bit of relaxation after several days of looking up in to trees all day long. Each participant will receive a 30-minute Classic Swedish or deep tissue massage. Massage not your thing? You can also choose a pedicure, or for those not interested we can visit a local bakery for coffee and snacks. We will plan on doing some evening birding in Tucson while enjoying the sunset in the desert. Landscape photography or sketching opportunities will be offered this evening.

Overnight: Tucson, AZ – Hampton Inn or similar

May 1: Full day birding around Tucson

A visit to Tohono Chul Botanical Garden will offer a peaceful start to our morning. The gardens have many photo or sketching opportunities. We'll head to a mimosa brunch and relive all the great memories from the week. In the afternoon we will hit more of Tucson's birding hotspots and enjoy a final relaxing dinner together as a group. We will overnight near Tucson International Airport so you may depart the following day at your leisure.

Overnight: Tucson, AZ – Hampton Inn or similar

May 2: Depart for Home

Trip Details:

Cost:

Price per person (double occupancy), from Tucson, Arizona: \$3,499
Single Supplement: \$525

Price Includes:

Expert Guide
Ground Transportation
All Lodging
All Meals
Park Entrance Fees
Lunch and dinner will include (1) alcoholic beverage of choice (\$15 per drink max)
Basic field sketching kit and supplies

Price Does Not Include:

Airfare to and from Tucson, Arizona
Passport and Visa Fees
Alcoholic Beverages (Beyond those included)
Personal Items
Travel Insurance
Tips

Deposit:

Payment is due in full upon booking of this tour.

If you have any questions about this tour or would like to sign up for it, please contact Rob at info@sabrewingnaturetours.com or by phone at 317-324-8505.



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REGISTRATION

SE Arizona April 2020

Participant 1:

Name (As it appears on Passport)

Address

City, State, Zip

Email

Phone

Passport Number – Expiration - Country of Origin

List current health and physical limitations: _____

List any allergies: _____

List any medications: _____

List any dietary restrictions or preferences: _____

In Case of Emergency Please Notify:

Name: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

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Sabrewing Nature Tours

Terms, Conditions, and Waiver

TERMS: To register for a tour or workshop please complete the above registration form and sign below to acknowledge the terms. Send this form along with you Tour/Workshop Registration Form and your deposit or full tour amount to Sabrewing Nature Tours (SNT) at the below address. Registrations will be processed on a first come first served basis. We will place your name on the waiting list if your tour is full.

The deposit for this trip is \$1,000 per participant. Deposits and all signed forms are required to secure registration of your spot on the tour. Deposits are refundable less a 20% processing fee ONLY if the spot can be filled with another participant at the full tour price. Deposits received after a tour has filled will be returned and your name will be placed on a waiting list. Payment in full is due at least 90 days prior to the start of the tour. Registrants who have not paid their remaining balance will forfeit their deposit and their place on the tour. Payment by personal check is strongly preferred. If you would like to pay with a credit card, additional fees will apply. We strongly suggest you consider trip insurance to cover you in the event of a medical or other emergency that would prohibit you from joining the tour.

The activity level required for each tour will be described on the tour page. If in doubt, please contact SNT to determine if a tour is right for you. Any physical or medical concerns including allergies and/or dietary restrictions should be communicated to SNT. All tours will be non-smoking during group activities including but not limited to meals, slide programs, vehicle travel, and when birding/photographing in close proximity to other participants. Tour groups will be kept small for the enjoyment of all participants. Target group sizes are listed in each tour description on our web site. SNT reserves the right to exceed the target group size by no more than one participant.

Tours will be held regardless of weather conditions. Severe weather may dictate informal discussion and/or a slide program while we wait for the weather to break. Tours will begin at the scheduled time. Tardiness may result in missing the boat, or van so to speak. There are no guarantees in nature. Tours are designed to coincide with excellent nature viewing opportunities. Decisions will be made daily to determine where the group should be to maximize opportunities. Deviation from the scheduled itinerary may be necessary.

It is imperative that all participants follow rules and suggestions set forth by the leaders and/or local guides. Failure to comply could pose a safety risk to you or other tour participants. For the safety of all clients we reserve the right to restrict access to tour functions at any time.

Airfare is NOT included in the price of the tour unless otherwise noted on the tour page. Registered participants will receive more specific details of what to bring as well as a more detailed outline of what can be expected on the tour upon payment in full and no later than 60 days prior to the start of the tour.

Photo tour participants wishing to get the most from their tour will have a working knowledge of their camera equipment prior to the tour. Suggestions on exposure modes, camera settings and a variety of techniques will be verbalized throughout the tour. Do bring your camera's manual. Every camera is unique in its operation thus it is impossible to know every feature of every camera model. Participants will be put in the best locations to take advantage of the light, wind, and habitat. We will work to improve compositions and make suggestions to vary your perspective that will improve your resulting images. Participants will also learn techniques to successfully capture action and behavior images.

Waiver: I am aware that certain risks and dangers are inherent to nature travel and photography and may occur during a Sabrewing Nature Tours event and that such risk and dangers cannot be eliminated without diminishing the quality of the workshop/tour for which I have registered. Risks include but are not limited to theft or other loss of equipment or personal belongings; illness, injury, accident or death; travel hazards by air, boat, automobile or other vehicle; exposure to elements and other forces of nature and acts of God; both native and non-native wildlife, insects and flora as well as political, civil or military disturbance, strike, quarantine, government restriction and terrorist threat. I understand on or off trail hiking can present risk of falls that may result in damage to camera equipment, or significant personal injury or death. I understand Sabrewing Nature Tours is not responsible for inclement weather and cannot and does not guarantee subject matter will be available for photography on any given date or location. I further understand I am solely responsible for additional expenses incurred by me due to medical emergency or other travel delays, including but not limited to the expense of extra nights lodging or flight itinerary changes. I voluntarily assume all risks and will hold Sabrewing Nature Tours, its partners and cooperating agents, the workshop leader(s), any and all co-leaders, assistants and other participants harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, claims, debts, and demands which arise in connection with the tour. The terms hereof shall serve as a release and assumption of risk for my heirs, administrators, and executors, and for all members of my family, including any minors accompanying me. In the event a lawsuit is filed, the enrolling participant agrees to do so solely in Hamilton County in the State of Indiana.

I have read and agree with the above terms and conditions.

Participant 1: Signature

Date

Participant 2: Signature

Date

Please complete forms, sign the second form, and send them with your deposit or full tour amount.