Costa Rica– January 2024

January 6, 2024 – Saturday

Booked Willy Tour from airport to Hotel Bougainvillea (see email confirmation) – paid $38

(booked – pay later) Hotel Bougainvillea -
Contiguo a la Escuela, C. Santo Tomás, Heredia, Santo Domingo
100 meters west of Esculea Santo Tomas
(2 nights) (Cost per person for 2 nights is $214.40)

January 7, 2024 – Sunday

Birdwatching and exploring gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea (Lesson’s Motmot!)

January 8, 2024

(booked – pay later) Rancho Naturalista
(4 nights) (Cost per person is $820) (all meals included)

(booked) 8:30am Picked up for ride to Rancho Naturalista (driver booked through RN),
Need to pay cash, approx. $140
Should arrive in time to check in and have lunch, and check out all the birds!
Arrange tours with guides (best to do it once you arriver per RN, but already told them we want tours)

January 9, 2024
Birdwatching & tours – Rancho Naturalista – Toured the grounds with Stephen & offsite

January 10, 2024
Birdwatching & tours – Rancho Naturalista – Tour with Mercedes

January 11, 2024
Birdwatching & tours – Rancho Naturalista – Tour with Mercedes

January 12, 2024

(booked) 11am Check out and be driven to Lauraceas Lodge in San Gerardo de Dota
Driver booked through Rancho Naturalista, need to pay them cash, approx.. $180
(booked – Pay later) Lauraceas Lodge - Calle San Gerardo 1.2 km west of Escuela La Lidia
(506) 2740-1006 – Booked through Booking.com
Breakfast included (lunch & dinner also available, food was very good, veg options)
(2 nights) (Cost per person for 2 nights is $164.76 - $288.23 was final total, including meals and bird watching tours)

January 13, 2024

Quetzal tour: $70 para 2 personas, starts at 5:10 am
Quetzal tour was great, we saw several males and one female
Bird tour: $84 para 2 personas, starts at 8:20 am
Bird tour wasn’t quite as good, I don’t think he was as knowledgeable as he could have been, at least compared to the amazing Rancho Naturalista guides, but we still saw a fair amount of birds.

January 14, 2024

Car to airport: $180 para 2 personas (confirmation from Lauraceas, see email)