

## Itinerary

### **Saturday, November 13**

We will meet at the hotel in St Augustine in time for dinner and a discussion of our plans for the next few days. If you get to the area in time, there is some excellent birding in the local area. Gull and tern flocks are found on the beach and wading birds can be common.

***Night in St. Augustine***

### **Sunday, November 14**

Our main birding spot today will be the Guana River Wildlife Management Area. This beautiful area is a maze of varied habitats. We will look for any newly-arrived waterfowl, as well as wading birds, such as Roseate Spoonbill, Wood Stork, White Ibis and many herons and egrets. We will have a picnic lunch in the area before heading inland to explore some of the pine forest, where we should get some of the typical pineland species like Brown-headed Nuthatch, Pine Warbler as well as any lingering warblers. Tonight we will get the chance to enjoy some fine local seafood - always a special treat. ***Night in St. Augustine***

### **Monday, November 15**

Fort Matanzas National Monument is a spectacular place to explore and bird. The monument protects the fortified coquina watchtower, completed in 1742, which defended the southern approach to the Spanish military settlement of St Augustine. It also protects about 300 acres of dunes, marsh, and maritime forest, so birds will be evident wherever we look. This afternoon we will slow down and take a walk along St George St, the older part of town; seeing some of the older buildings and maybe wandering down to Mission Nombre de Dios. This park is surrounded by towering live oaks and believed to be the landing site of Menendez. ***Night in St. Augustine***

### **Tuesday, November 16**

With more than 1,600 acres of unspoiled beaches, tidal marshes, maritime hammocks, and ancient sand dunes, Anastasia State Park is a great birding location. Birds of prey abound, such as Osprey, Bald Eagle, and Red-shouldered Hawk and maybe a Merlin or Peregrine Falcon will speed over as it hunts over the marshes. The woodlands may hold wintering warblers, such as Orange-crowned and Yellow-rumped and if we are lucky we may find Yellow-throated or Black-and-white Warblers. ***Night in St. Augustine***

### **Wednesday, November 16**

After breakfast we will have a couple of hours to explore a few more birding spots in the area before we begin our journey home.

*This itinerary may change due to weather and any good reported bird sightings*