

PRE & POST SYMPOSIUM FIELD TRIP
Meet the spectacular *Sabinaria magnifica*

Join this extraordinary once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel with Dr. Rodrigo Bernal, Colombia's premier palm expert, and botanist Saúl Hoyos, to the habitat of the newly-discovered *Sabinaria magnifica*. Available to only a small, select group of adventurous travelers, this five day expedition is limited to a maximum of eight participants (with a minimum of four). Registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Participants will depart from and return to Medellin. Please note that this trip involves rigorous hiking and rough accommodation

Day 1

Morning: Flight Medellín-Acandí (1 hour)

13:00 Travel by boat Acandí-Capurganá

Stay at Hotel Playas de Capurganá (www.playasdecapurgana.com)

Day 2

Capurganá-El Brillante

A scenic 7-hr walk through the rain forest, up and down several hills.

Mules available for backpacks and for those who prefer to ride.

Observation of many palm species along the way.

Day 3

Exploration at El Brillante

Day 4

Exploration at El Brillante

Day 5

Return to Capurganá

Flight – Acandí-Medellín

Cost per person:

USD 1500

Included: Air tickets Medellín-Capurganá-Medellín, transportation to and from the airport in Capurganá, boats, mules, guides, hotel in Capurganá, field accommodation, meals.

Not included: Insurance, extra accommodation and/or meals caused by flight or boat delays, contingency.

Accommodation at El Brillante is basic, with shared rooms and shared bathrooms and showers.

The following species can be observed during the trip

Aiphanes buenaventurae
Asterogyne martiana
Astrocaryum standleyanum
Attalea allenii
Attalea iguadummat
Bactris charnleyae
Bactris coloradonis
Bactris hondurensis
Bactris manriquei
Bactris maraja
Bactris pilosa
Calypstrogyne costatifrons
Chamaedorea allenii
Chamaedorea subjectifolia
Desmoncus myriacanthos
Elaeis oleifera
Euterpe precaroria

Geonoma cuneata
Geonoma deversa
Geonoma interrupta
Hyospathe elegans
Iriartea deltoidea
Oenocarpus bataua
Oenocarpus minor
Pholidostachys dactyloides
Pholidostachys panamensis
Phytelephas macrocarpa
Prestoea decurrens
Sabinaria magnifica
Socratea exorrhiza
Synechantus warscewiczianus
Wettinia aequalis
Wettinia quinaria

Recommended gear

Binoculars, rubber boots, light trousers (avoid jeans and shorts), head torch, field notebook, Swiss army knife, insect repellent, rain poncho.



Camp at El Brillante, near the Colombia-Panama border.



Sabinaria magnifica in forest near El Brillante.