



## TRANQUILO BAY ECO ADVENTURE LODGE'S PHOTO SAFARI

*Tranquilo Bay Eco Adventure Lodge has teamed up with award-winning naturalist photographer, Franklin Viola for a photo safari throughout Bocas del Toro, Panama. Naturalist guides will work in concert with the photographer to help guests photograph interesting wildlife.*

Many guests travel with their camera to Tranquilo Bay, but very few have the opportunity to learn from a professional photographer. Award-winning nature photographer, [Franklin Viola](#), has led group trips throughout the world. Franklin Viola has been influenced by water in every step of his life. He started out young swimming in it, surfing in it, diving under it and sailing over it. He formally studied water at Texas A&M University at Galveston, graduated in 1982 with a BS in Marine Science and Marine Transportation and then set out as an US Merchant Marine officer. When he returned to the beach in 1986 he focused on painting pictures of water with a camera.

Literally, Franklin's focus on painting pictures of water through the optics of a camera has taken him all over the world. He has completed photography assignments for Audubon, National Geographic, Travel Holiday, Islands, Discovery Channel Online, Sport Diver, The Nature Conservancy, American Express, Turner Broadcasting, and Delta Airlines among others. He has led photography safaris and seminars above and below the water. He is an excellent teacher - happy to share his knowledge of photography and the water with us all.

This photo safari was put together to highlight different aspects throughout the archipelago that appeal to photographers. This particular trip has been developed in conjunction with [Bergen County Camera](#), but is available on a first-come basis to the public. The safari runs \$2995 per person double occupancy for the seven nights and eight days in Panama. Travel dates for the safari are September 14 - 21, 2013, March 1 - 8, 2014 and September 20 - 27, 2014. Package runs Saturday to Saturday with either an arrival the day before or morning of the package start in Panama City and a departure the afternoon of or day after in Panama City.

**Day One** Arrive Tranquilo Bay. Unpack, have dinner and relax.

**Day Two** [Snorkel & Beach trip to Zapatilla Cayes](#)  
Photographic focus: Landscapes, birds, flora and fauna, underwater life

- Day Three** Salt Creek Village - Indian Village Visit & Jungle Hike  
Photographic focus: Portrait photography, macro photography of insects, flowers and frogs
- Day Four** [Bird Tranquilo Bay Trails](#)  
Photographic focus: Landscapes, animals, macro photography of insects and plants
- Day Five** Cacao Plantation Tour  
Photographic focus: Landscapes, animals, macro photography of insects and plants
- Day Six** Cave Nivida Exploration  
Photographic focus: Landscapes, animals, macro photography of insects and plants
- Day Seven** Explore Tranquilo Bay & its surrounds.  
Photographic focus: Underwater life, animals, birds, macro photography of insects and plants
- Day Eight** Depart Tranquilo Bay. Fly to Panama City. City Tour in Panama. Depart Panama.

**Package Includes:**

Ground transfers in Panama City

Round-trip domestic airfare

Transfers between Bocas Town and Tranquilo Bay

Meals and Beverages at Tranquilo Bay

Breakfast

Lunch

Appetizers

Dinner - 3-5 course meal

Snacks available all the time

Beverages - Non alcoholic, Panamanian beer, House South American Wine, Panamanian Rum

Deluxe Air Conditioned Cabanas

Access to water and land activities directly from Tranquilo Bay

Activities daily as designated in the itinerary

Award winning photographer on site participating in excursions and offering pointers on photography

For more information on how to book a [photo safari](#) at Tranquilo Bay, please contact Tranquilo Bay.

About [Tranquilo Bay](#):

Tranquilo Bay is an owner-operated eco adventure lodge located on Isla Bastimentos, Bocas del Toro, Panama adjacent to Bastimentos National Marine Park. The lodge has over a kilometer of Caribbean coastline covered in coral gardens teeming with tropical fish. Facilities encompass over 200 acres, a canopy tower, and over two miles of hiking trails full of wildlife.

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