

St. Vincent - "a land of fire and wonder"



Island Summary:

St. Vincent, the gateway to the Grenadines and the southern isles of the Lesser Antilles, is renowned for its outstanding natural beauty, black volcanic sands and lush mountainous terrain - the forests of which harbour the last remaining populations of some of the rarest species found in the region.



A stunning St. Vincent Amazon ready to leave its roost as the dawn breaks (photo © Faraaz Abdool - Birding the Islands); as with a number of the other islands in the region, St. Vincent's endemic subspecies of Antillean House Wren is likely to be promoted to full-species status in the near future (photo © Steve Borgwald - Birding the Islands client)

Highlights:

Stand atop a fern-lined ridgeway at dawn and gaze in awe as dozens of majestic **St. Vincent Parrots** abandon their roosts dotted throughout a verdant forested hillside and make for favoured fruiting trees. With their calls echoing all around you; sit back, relax and watch as these spectacularly plumaged birds go about their daily lives - feeding on figs, drinking from dangling magnolia flowers and even engaging in courtship behaviour. Witnessing the beginnings of the next generation of an endangered endemic is a poignant and memorable experience. Our exclusive access to this privately-owned land ensures you have the entire morning in the company of this magnificent species.

Stroll the trails that wind their way along the slopes of majestic La Soufriere, all the while listening for the tell-tale call of the aptly named **Whistling Warbler** - among the rarest warblers in the world and endemic to this tiny island nation. Settle down on a dry river bed that scythes its way through lush primary forest and scan the surrounding vegetation for the **Lesser Antillean (St. Vincent) Tanager** near-endemic **Grenada Flycatcher**, **Brown Trembler**, **Spectacled Thrush** and endemic subspecies of **Antillean House Wren**, along with the skies above, for the powerful **Common Black Hawk**.



A plucky little Whistling Warbler proving that even the most elusive of species sometimes enjoys posing for a photo (photo courtesy of Ministry of Tourism of St.Vincent and the Grenadines); one of the accommodation options on St. Vincent is on the coast, where you should have daily views of Brown Booby (photo © Yves-Jacques Rey-Millet - Birding the Islands client)

Snorkel in the turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea while staying at a local family-run beachside hotel and later dine at sunset to a backdrop of swaying masts of yachts moored off of Young Island. Take your morning coffee on the restaurant balcony whilst enjoying flybys of **Brown Pelican, Magnificent Frigatebird, Brown Noddy, Little Blue Heron and Brown Booby.**

Other things to do in St. Vincent:

- Hike the lush nature trails that criss-cross through the island.
- Take a day trip aboard a chartered or private yacht to explore the stunning archipelago and marine park of the Tobago Cays or snorkel the pristine coral reefs of Bequia.