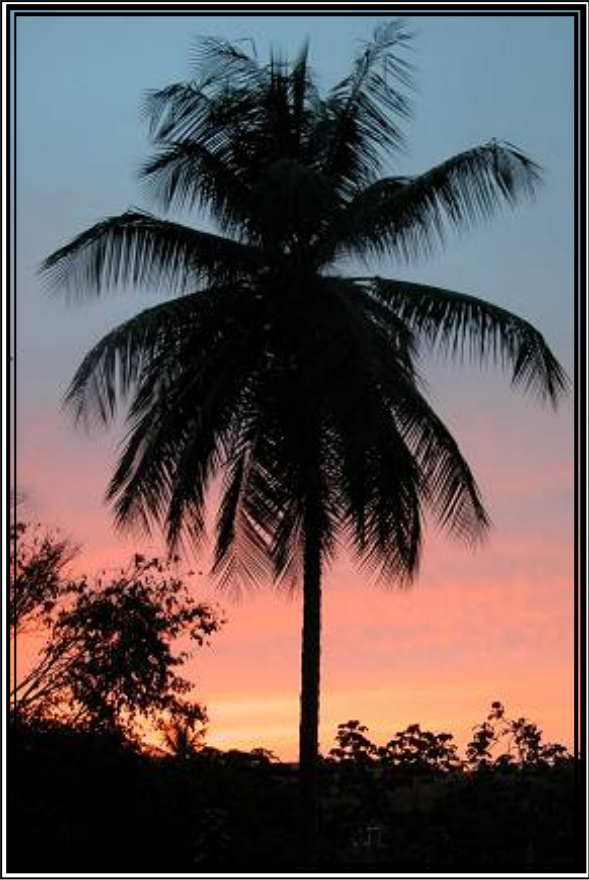


Bees for Development *Beekeepers' Safaris*



Beekeepers and non-beekeepers have been enjoying our Safaris since 1996. A combination of beekeeping with adventure, travel, new friends and new cultures

In addition, you can expect the very best in accommodation and cuisine



All in all a most memorable journey

Programme for Beekeepers' Safari to Tobago and Trinidad

March 2004

- Monday 8 March
(Day 1) Airport welcome with **Bees for Development** partner Mr Gladstone Solomon, President of Tobago Apicultural Society, who will accompany you throughout the Safari. Transfer to Crown Point Beach Hotel, your home for the next 7 days.
- Tuesday 9 March
(Day 2) Your first morning on the Island!
Gladstone will take you to lunch, introduce you to the environs and make you feel truly at home with a **Bees for Development** complementary drink (or two). Enjoy a leisurely drive to the village of Plymouth on the Caribbean coast, visit the Waterwheel Restaurant, built around the relics of an old sugar mill, then it's a stop off at the Grafton Bird Sanctuary where you are guaranteed to see your first Mot-Mot and other bird species.
- Wednesday 10 March
(Day 3) Beekeeping begins!
After breakfast (and maybe an early morning dip in the ocean?), depart for Mesopotamia, a land between two rivers, on the Atlantic coast, to Solomon Apiaries. Here you can see and are welcome to join Gladstone in beekeeping. In addition to Langstroth hives, you will also be able to see the top-bar hives that form part of a research project run by Tobago Apicultural Society and **Bees for Development**.
After a snack lunch at the informative First Historic Café, visit Tobago Museum and Fort King George for more exposure to Tobago's history. Look across the 22-mile channel and see Trinidad in the distance.
- Thursday 11 March
(Day 4) Honeybees and indigenous stingless bees today!
Visit the apiary of Edson George, not too far from your island home, one of two fulltime beekeepers on the island. Travel east past Mesopotamia to the lush Goldsborough/Lure valley to see stingless bee colonies, part of a collaborative project between Tobago Apicultural Society and Utrecht University. Snack lunch at the Cocoa Tray Restaurant, built with a sliding roof to protect the drying cocoa from the rain. Enjoy yourself in the afternoon with a nature walk to the Rainbow Waterfall, take a river bathe, and see birds or simply relax. See a range of tropical crops including cashew, citrus, cocoa, coffee, and mango.
Have a late afternoon leisurely drive along the Atlantic coast back to Crown Point.
- Friday 12 March
(Day 5) A big day out. No bees today!
We will explore several beautiful villages, breathtakin' vistas and bathing beaches along the Island's Caribbean and Atlantic coasts (dip in the ocean at as many beaches as you visit, including Englishman's Bay, voted the sixth best beach in the world). Hike, as we cross from one coast to the other, through the Main Ridge Forest Reserve – the oldest forest reserve in the western hemisphere, declared a reserve for conservation purposes in 1765, and voted the best eco-tourism destination in the world in October 2003.

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- Saturday 13 March
(Day 6) Let's go offshore!
The Safari takes to the water to see the world renowned Buccoo Reef, Nylon Pool (an offshore sandbar with fantastic water) and underwater gardens. See, from a distance, where Princess Margaret spent her honeymoon.
This evening we goin' *liming*. Experience some informal Tobago social life.
- Sunday 14 March
(Day 7) Need a break?
Today's your day off. However if you would like to see/do more beekeeping or alternatively if you prefer bird watching (coast or rainforest), snorkeling, diving, visiting other parts of the island, or some other activity, Gladstone will help with the arrangements (there may be extra costs for you to cover, depending on your choice).
The Safari moves to Trinidad with an early evening departure from Crown Point, and check in at Pax Guest House, Mount St Benedict.
- Monday 15 March
(Day 8) We're talking Africanised bees, now!
Visit to the Government Apiary at Curepe, the National Herbarium at the University of the West Indies. Snack lunch at a Mall, before a late afternoon boat trip to Caroni Bird Sanctuary, to see many birds but most especially the Scarlet Ibis.
- Tuesday 16 March
(Day 9) Beekeeping in the East!
Travel east to San Raphael, and Horace Nurse's apiary, then to brothers Ricardo and Emmanuel D'Andrade's apiary at Sangre Grande, followed by an afternoon browsin' in the town of Sangre Grande (browsin' = liming but with a purpose).
- Wednesday 17 March
(Day 10) Valley hopping today!
Travel west via the three lush valleys at the foothills of Trinidad's Northern Mountain Range. First to Santa Cruz valley then cross via 'the saddle' to Maraval to visit Lief Johnson's family home, apiary and estate. Cross via another saddle to Diego Martin/Petite Valley to see Bede Rajahram's Apiary.
Efforts will be made to arrange a visit to a steel band *panyard*, but such a visit is conditional on many factors and cannot be guaranteed. Alternatives will be available.
- Thursday 18 March
(Day 11) Morning free for last minute shopping or even beekeeping if you would like to see more.
Return flights to London, or your destination.

Dates are subject to flight availabilities

Included in the price

The 'early bird' per person price of £1,660* (until 30 November 2003) includes return scheduled flights from the UK, local travel, first class accommodation, breakfast, picnic lunch and à la carte dinner every day, soft drinks, welcome punch and social activities. There is no single person supplement.

** If you would like to make your own flight arrangements please ask and we will happily provide you with the price adjustment and discuss the options available. Because of the likelihood of increases in flight costs (sadly beyond our control!) from 1 December 2003 our price may have to change accordingly.*

All organisers and beekeepers in the programme in Tobago and Trinidad receive remuneration for their work. Our Safaris also provide income to support our important work of promoting beekeeping as a worthwhile and sustainable activity for improving livelihoods.

Not included in the price

Personal and travel insurance, passport and visa costs (where applicable), departure tax (about £10), alcoholic drinks and tips.



Your accommodation in Tobago*

Crown Point Beach Hotel
All rooms are air conditioned with sea view, balcony, self-contained kitchen (restaurant services available at hotel)



Your accommodation in Trinidad*

Pax Guest House
Mount St Benedict

**Alternative accommodation of equal value will be substituted if circumstances change*

For further details of this or future safaris, please fill out the form below and send to:-

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