

3rd Annual Emerald Valley Butterfly Festival

January 1-13, 2022 Lake Yojoa, Honduras

Detailed Information

This years' event has a new, extended schedule and guidelines. Please read the following information carefully as well as the document "Butterfly Photography Contest Rules."

Schedule

Optional Pre-tour-Copan Ruins

Saturday-January 1st –Arrival-Travel to Copan Ruins

Sunday-January 2nd –Copan Ruins

Monday-January 3rd –Copan Ruins

Tuesday-January 4th –Travel to SPS-Travel to PANACAM Lodge

Main Event-Butterfly Festival

Tuesday-January 4th -Arrival of int'l participants. Transfer to PANACAM Lodge.

Wednesday-January 5th – 6:30 to 9:00 am. Bird watching and breakfast.

9:00 to 4:00-butterfly photography. PANACAM

Thursday-January 6th – 6:30 to 7:30 am. Bird watching and breakfast. PANACAM

8:00-Transfer to Bio Parque Paradise-butterfly photography

Friday-January 7th- 6:30 to 7:30 am. Bird watching and breakfast. PANACAM

8:00-Transfer to Emerald Valley-butterfly photography

Saturday-January 8th- 6:30 to 7:30 am. Bird watching and breakfast. PANACAM

8:00-Transfer to Emerald Valley-butterfly photography

Sunday-January 9th- 6:30 to 7:30 am. Bird watching and breakfast. PANACAM

8:00-Transfer to Emerald Valley-butterfly photography

12:00-lunch and announce photography contest winners

Optional Post-tour-Emerald Valley

Monday-January 10th-Emerald Valley

Tuesday-January 11th-Emerald Valley

Wednesday-January 12th-Emerald Valley

Thursday-January 13th- Transfer to airport-SPS

Entry Fees:

Honduran Nationals and Foreigners with Residency-Lps. 2,500 (\$105.00)-Includes: participation in photography contest, all transfers to-from La Union Suyapa and Emerald Valley (Jan. 7-9th), 3 lunches, 3 coffee breaks. Participation in butterfly photography at PANACAM and Bio Parque Paradise (Jan. 5 & 6th). Does not include: Lodging during the entire event, any applicable entry fees to PANACAM or Bio Parque, transportation or food on Jan. 5 & 6.

Regional (Mexico to Panama)-\$210.00-Includes: participation in photography contest, all transfers to-from La Union Suyapa and Emerald Valley (Jan. 7-9th), 3 lunches, 3 coffee breaks. Participation in butterfly photography at PANACAM and Bio Parque Paradise (Jan. 5 & 6th). Does not include: Lodging during the entire event, any applicable entry fees to PANACAM or Bio Parque, transportation or food on Jan. 5 & 6.

International-All-inclusive packages are being offered by:

Fauna Ventures (www.faunaventures.com)

Naturalist Journeys (www.naturalistjourneys.com)

Holbrook Travel (www.holbrooktravel.com).

Payments

Deadline to Register is December 20th

Payments received *before* November 1st will receive a 10% discount.

Upon receiving your completed registration form you will be sent details on how to make payments.

Note-Each person will need to present a photo of their identification upon registering in order to assign their corresponding fee.

Cancellation Policy. Refunds can be given in full less any bank transfer fees. *No refunds will be given after December 29th.*

Getting There on Your Own

Participants are welcome to travel to Emerald Valley in their own vehicles. However, at this moment ***only vehicles with high clearance and 4WD capacity*** are recommended.

Meals

Upon making your registration payment you will need to pre-order two lunches from the provided selections. If you have any dietary requirements please let us know well in advance.

Friday: Options: Chicken or lasagna

Saturday: Options: Pork chops or chicken

Sunday: A variety of sandwiches will be served

Recommended Clothing-Tennis shoes or light weight hiking boots, a wide rim hat, long sleeved shirt and long pants. Sunblock and bug repellent.

Camping Area

Emerald Valley has a camping area. There is a bathroom and shower near the camping area as well as an area for campfires. Each visitor is responsible for bringing their own tent and equipment and bathing needs. Cost: Lps. 150/person/night. Additional food service is available (breakfasts and dinners).

Rest Areas. There will be ample rest areas in the shade around Robert and Olivia's house and the nearby gardens. Purified water will be available at all times. Be sure to bring your own refillable water bottle.

Note: PLEASE be courteous and aware of other people around you when photographing butterflies. If you bring a portable chair/stool and wish to "park" next to a flowering shrub, etc. be sure that you leave ample room so others can pass by. PLEASE do not try and touch any of the butterflies. If something very rare is seen Robert is the only person allowed to collect it if necessary. Stepping off of cement trails *is* permitted and all we ask is that you tread as light as possible so not to damage other plants.

Any Covid bio-security regulations set by the government at the time of the event will be adhered to.

Disclaimer

Proprietors of Emerald Valley are not responsible for any injuries, reactions to insect stings, etc. sustained by participants during the event. Venomous snakes are extremely rare at Emerald Valley. However, transportation will be provided in case any emergency arises. Any person

sustaining an injury will incur all related transportation and personal medical costs. Proprietors of Emerald Valley are not responsible for anyone trying to get their on their own and will not incur any costs if someone's vehicle malfunctions while entering or exiting Emerald Valley.

Notes-Emerald Valley is a wildlife sanctuary and we ask that you please DO NOT bring any pets with you. Any additional transfers apart from the stipulated times to/from Emerald Valley to La Union Suyapa will incur a cost of Lps. 100.