

Best way to travel

When you hire me as your bird guide of course you expect a certain level of expertise and professionalism on my part regarding the execution of the birding and the logistics. But you probably also expect to have a good time on a personal level. The trip should be fun and pleasant. I expect the same!

Offering my service as a bird guide, the money is not the only important part. Especially on longer trips it is equally important that the atmosphere among us is good, and that we all feel comfortable.

I've had a few clients that I would have asked to find another guide solution, had I known about their attitudes and behavior beforehand.

I know our personalities are different, and sometimes the chemistry simply isn't there. However, this doesn't mean that a birding trip can't be successful on a personal level if so. But it does mean that everyone involved should make an effort to make it so.

Therefore:

Please, no non-birding persons in the group. Even the most patient and understanding non-birding spouse will eventually end up as a party killer. It's unavoidable that the rest of the group will have to show consideration toward that person's needs, because we are all decent people, and especially when the birding gets difficult, frustrating situations can occur based on this.

Please, don't come to Mexico expecting that everything will be as it is back home. Be open, patient and adaptable. Food and eating habits are different, noise levels, traffic and pace of life are different. But you'll only be here a short while, so if you relax and show appreciation I'm sure we'll all have a wonderful trip.

Please be normally generous. It is a custom to pay at least a 10 % tip in restaurants here in Mexico. It's fine to pay less or nothing if you're not satisfied, but asking me to handle all payment issues and then at the same time tell me not to pay a 10 % tip, that is cheap, and will not happen in the future..!

And lastly: Please be friendly and positive. Everything simply runs more smoothly with a positive attitude, and there's probably nothing I won't do for you if you ask politely. And if you are a person who shows practical initiative on your own behalf, then you're guaranteed to be ranked as one of my all time favorite birding clients!

Birding is supposed to be Fun. Have Fun!