

# COLOMBIA Western & Central Andes Birding

Include a 7-day **Santa Marta Extension** and save **\$1,000**

Buffy Helmetcrest, and (E) Rufous-fronted Parakeet



**Target:** +400 bird species including +30 endemics

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**12 days / 11 nights**

**\$4,200**

Per person in double occupancy  
Single room is \$500 more

## Epic Andes Birding Tour

This tour has been carefully crafted for you to see some 400 bird species in 12 days. We will explore sections of the Western and Central Andes Cordillera including the incredible Montezuma Peak in the Choco Bioregion, the Cauca Valley, home to over 900 bird species, and the Coffee area of Colombia with its fantastic birds, landscapes and sure, the best coffee in the world.

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### BIRDS OF INTEREST

(E) Multicolored Tanager, (E) Chestnut Wood-quail, (NE) Golden-chested Tanager, (NE) Choco Toucan, (E) Tatamá Tapaculo, (E) Grayish Piculet, (E) Gold-ringed Tanager, (E) Munchique Wood-Wren, (E) Black-and-gold Tanager, (E) Cauca Guan, (E)

### Best times to travel in 2021-2022

Jan - March, June - August OR Nov - March

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### INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- Accommodation in beautiful hotels and lodges
- Private land transportation - Van and 4x4
- All meals included
- Internal flights if needed
- 1 beer or a glass of wine with meals
- The Convenience of paying with a Credit Card or PayPal at no extra cost
- Basic travel insurance
- \$100 donation to a local conservation initiative

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### NOT INCLUDED

- International flight
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance
- Personal expenses (International phone calls, tips, laundry)

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- Other expenses no specify

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - Arrival to Cali International Airport

Upon arrival to Cali, your guide and the driver will greet you at the airport and you will go to spend the night at **La Minga Ecolodge**

### DAY 2 - La Minga and Km 18

Waking up to the sight of up to 17 species of hummingbirds is the way we like to start the tour at **La Minga**. Surrounded by well preserve Cloud Forest, you will have 3 km of trails to discover up to 300 bird species. Just after lunch, we'll leave for the world-famous **Finca Alejandria** in Km 18, the best site in Colombia to find the Multicolored Tanager and Blue-headed Sapphire.

### DAY 3 and 4 - Anchicaya Valley

Classified as a tropical forest in the foothills of the Chocó bioregion (one of the wettest areas on earth). The Anchicaya Valley also known as the Old road to Buenaventura can produce up to 100 bird species in a single day. **Birds of Interest:** (NE) Baudo Guan, (NE) Choco Toucan, (NE) Rose-Faced Parrot, (NE) Choco Trogon, Lita Woodpecker, Lanceolated Monklet, Club-winged Manakin, (NE) Tooth-billed Hummingbird, (NE) Choco Woodpecker (rare), (E) Tatamá Tapaculo, (E) Parker's Antbird, (NE) Toucan Barbet

### DAY 5 - Sonso Lagoon

A Wetland that will produce a number of interesting birds such as (E) Apical Flycatcher, Bar-crested Antshrike, Cinereous Becard, Dwarf and Dark-billed Cuckoo, Ruby Topaz Hummingbird, Comb, Fulvous, White-faced & Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, Grey-headed dove, Jet Antbird, Ultramarine Grosbeak, Blackish Rail, Spectacled Parrotlet, Blue-winged teal, Buff-necked Ibis.

### DAY 6-8 - Montezuma at Tatama National Park

Recognized as one of the best birding sites in the world with over 600 bird species identified, and with the most endemics in the Americas, Montezuma promises to be a feast for all birders.

Birding the **higher elevations** we will have good chances to see (E) Gold-ringed Tanager, (NE) Tanager Finch, and (E) Munchique Wood-Wren, to mention just a few. **Lower elevations** can produce (E) Black-and-gold Tanager, (E) Crested Ant-Tanager, (NE) Bicolored Antvireo, (E) Tatamá Tapaculo (recently described), (NE) Chocó Vireo, (E) Parker's Antbird.

### DAY 9-10 - Otun Quimbaya and Río Blanco

Fully embracing Colombia's Coffee Land we will spend a full day birding the beautiful **Otun Quimbaya** reserve, home to 2 coveted specialties: (E) endangered Cauca Guan and Red-ruffed Fruitcrow. **Río Blanco Reserve** is the go-to spot for three very attractive species: Masked Saltator, Bicolored Antpitta (NE), and (E) Brown-banded Antpitta. The two Antpittas are commonly heard and both are seen readily at feeding stations.

### DAY 11-12 - Termales del Ruiz and Paramo

The last 2 days of the tour are reserved for birds of high elevation including the spectacular (E) Buffy Helmetcrest at almost 14,000 ft. Other specialties include Stout-billed Cinclodes, Chestnut-naped Antpitta, Black-chested Mountain-tanager, Gray-breasted Mountain-toucan, (NE) Black-thighed Puffleg, (NE) Golden-breasted Puffleg, Sword-billed Hummingbird and Rainbow-bearded Thornbill.

**On day 12 afternoon, we will drive you to Pereira's airport for your connecting flight to either Cali or Bogota.**

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