



Colorfull Andes



Colombia is always a great destination for bird watchers, a big country with too much to see and sometimes not enough time to cover it completely, plus the endemic species around it.

The idea of this tour is to immerse you in the central part of the country from west to east and to discover its wonders, not only the breathtaking landscape, the friendly people but we are going to take you to boasting areas with enough bird species to stay for life.

Then read the itinerary

We know this tour is unique and appealing for people who want to bird extensively the areas described above and to travel this regions very well finding hundreds of species of birds.

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Colofull Andes Colombia Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival Bogotá (2600mts)
Transfer airport / hotel

Day 2

Tabacal (1100-1300mts) – Jardin Encantado(1500mts)
Am: 4:30/5:00
B/L on route. D/ Hotel

After 1hr 30-minute bus ride (traffic depending) from Bogotá we will arrive to Tabacal crater-lake, a small eastern Andean forest managed by the municipality and state government, this park protects a small portion of forest towards the Magdalena valley where we can find an interesting mix of Magdalena and cloudforest birds.

Here we will be after some interesting birds like: rusty breasted antpitta, the near endemic grey throated warbler, striped, white bearded manakin, near endemic speckle breasted wren, black bellied wren, interesting site for some antbirds like near endemic bar crested antshrike, also white bellied antbird, jet antbird, dusky antbird, white fringed antwren, Andean immaculate antbird, dull colored grassquit, some reports of endemic apical flycatcher and velvet fronted euphonia.

After the activity has decreased, and lunch has been served we will head towards one of the most amazing hummingbird private gardens in south America with 23 species recorded, obviously depending on seasons and food supply.

Here at Jardin Encantado we will try for the endemic indigo capped hummingbird and others like the amazing gorgeted woodstar, ruby topaz, black throated mango, green hermit, rufous tailed hummingbird, white



bellied woodstar, white vented plumeleteer and other birds that come to seeds.

Day #3

Chingaza (3000-3800mts) – Observatory(3000mts)

Am: 430/500

B/L -on route-/D/ Hotel

Departure to chingaza national park north entrance 1hr bus ride, here we have some highland targets such as an important endemic green bearded helmetcrest, golden fronted restart , plus another chance of the endemic silvery throated spintail, important near endemics like Bronze-tailed Thornbill, pale breasted tapaculo, , sedge wren, coppery bellied puffleg, rufous browed conebill, an undescribed rufous antpitta, and other nice species like amethyst throated sunangel, paramo seedeater, black chested buzzard eagle, great sapphirewing, white chinned thistletail, white browed spintail, stripe backed canastero and Black-headed Hemispingus and more

After lunch departure to the hummingbird observatory, this is a private house open to public less than 2 years ago.

A little paradise in the mountains, a place where we can have stunning views of the near endemics blue throated starfrontlet, coppery bellied puffleg, plus green/black trainbearers, tyrian metaltail, sparkling/green violetears, sword billed hummingbird, mountain velvetbreast, purple backed thornbill, glowing puffleg, long tailed sylph etc...

Day #4 Chicaque (2600mts)

Am: 430/500

B/L -on route-/D/ Hotel

Other nice cloudforest is chicaque reserve this private reserve starts at 2600 where birding is very productive, the restaurant has some feeders that attract some hummers including the near endemic golden bellied starfrontlet, after using toilet and paying the fee we will start a steep concrete/stone road which goes down and we will walk down slowly



towards our lunch spot where our jeeps will be waiting for us to bring us back. Guests who don't want to go down can stay up birding and having lunch at the other nice restaurant.

On the walk we will be looking for the near endemic Golden-bellied Starfrontlet, the endemic Black Inca, Moustached Brush-Finch, gray browed brushfinch, brown billed scythebill, rufous breasted flycatcher, andean guan, rufous spinetail, Andean solitaire, lined quail dove, Ash-browed Spinetail, black and white warbler, Canada warbler, russet crowned warbler, striped treehunter, acorn woodpecker, smoky brown woodpecker, golden crowned flycatcher, capped conebill, black capped and eared hemmispingus, and more, a site to expect amazing on-going flocks.

4-5 pm back to the hotel in Bogotá.

Day #5 Pedro Palo (1300msnm) – Flight to Pereira

Depending on our flight today we can visit another reserve 25 km from Bogotá at the western slope of the eastern Andes, where find the last place to be explored around de capital city; Pedro Palo.

This pretty little patch of forest belongs to the municipality of Tena, a very interesting forest, offering a very interesting mixture of birds.

We will walk around an easy backroad in the search for some flocks and some endemics occur, black inca (e), turquoise dacnis (e), sometimes indigo capped hummingbird (e), and silvery throated spinetail (e), others like near endemic bar crested antshrike, spectacled parrotlet, speckle breasted wren, we have seen saffron crowned tanager, flame faced tanager, ash browed spinetail, plain antvireo, black chested jay, red headed barbet, moustached brushfinch etc.

Flight to Pereira, transfer to Otun Quimbaya reserve.

Night in Otun-Quimbaya National Park



HW: Available / Wifi: Not-Available / AC: Not-Available

Day #6 Otun Quimbaya (1600-1800 masl) – Manizales

(15-18 °C / 59 – 64.4 °F)

We will be all morning be in this 400hec Andean, Fauna and Flora / Nature Reserve, looking for our target birds, and other interesting species.

We will start close to the lodge birding on an old dirt road and around the trails.

Some of the Birds we will be after are: Plumbeous Crowned Tyrannulet, Rusty winged Barbtail, Metallic green Tanager, Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Pale Eyed Thrush, green fronted lancebill, Grey seedeater, Torrent Duck, Oleagineous Hemispingus, Chestnut-breasted Wren, Golden-plumed Parakeet, Cauca Guan (e), Chestnut Wood-Quail (e), Multicolored Tanager(e), Stile's Tapaculo(e), Greyish Piculet (e) sometimes, Hooded Antpitta, Moustached Antpitta, , Rufous-breasted Flycatcher, Flame-rumped Tanager, Scrub Tanager, Wattled Guan, Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant, Andean Solitaire, , Golden-headed Quetzal, White-winged Becard, Western Emerald, Crimson-rumped Toucanet, Emerald Toucanet, Spotted Barbtail, Speckle faced Parrot, Colombian Screech-Owl, Mottled Owl etc.

Night in Manizales city.

HW: Available / Wifi: Not-Available / AC: Not-Available

Santa Rosa de Cabal (located between Manizales and Pereira) indigo winged parrot fuertessi,
<https://birdsofpassage.wordpress.com/2015/09/18/colombias-central-andes>

Day 7 Nevados National Park

BB/BL/DH



Parque Nacional Natural Los Nevados is a national park located in the Central Cordillera of the Colombian Andes.

This park is known for its 5,300-metre-high (17,400 ft) volcano Nevado del Ruiz.

Just one hour and a half from Manizales. This is one of the 55 protected areas in Colombia, and holds a variety of ecosystems, the idea is to go high up the mountain to get targets such as the (endemic) buffy helmetcrest, and more incredible birds like: black chested mountain tanager, black headed hemispingus, grey breasted mountain toucan, chance for the (endemic) rufous fronted parakeet, mountain avocetbill, golden breasted pufflegs, rainbow bearded thornbill, great sapphirewing, white browed spinetail, paramo tapaculo, black backed tanagers and more.

(rufous f parakeet Exact GPS coordinates for this spot are 4.96262, -75.36646.)

Day # 8, 9 Manizales (2160mts) – Río Blanco

5 / 5:30am

B-BL D/Hotel

Today we will explore the reserve, and we will witness something impossible to see in the past, An antpitta feeding station, here we have a chance to see, brown banded, bicolored, chestnut crowned, slate crowned and sometimes we even get a green and black fruiteater at the feeders. After the show we start birding along a road close to the lodge, here we are going to have open views and chances to see other species like: Masked saltator, collared inca, flammulated treehunter, hooded antpitta, long tailed sylph, speckled hummingbird, collared inca, bronzy inca, rufous banded owl, plushcap, rusty faced parrot, scaly naped amazon, bar bellied woodpecker, red hooded tanager, rufous headed pigmy tyrant, barred becard, tyrannine woodcreeper, white capped dipper, ash colored



tapaculo, golden fronted whistler (endemic), dusky piha, yellow billed cacique and many more including, warblers, tanagers etc

We will spend all day at the reserve, and then head to town for dinner and overnight.

Day #10 Manizales – Finca Romelia – Montezuma

B hotel/ L Romelia/ D Montezuma

In the morning we head towards a cute small finca, 30 min from Manizales, where we will spend some time looking for species like: Ultramarine Grosbeak, Speckle-breasted Wren, Striped-throated Hermit, Black-chested Mango, Green hermit, Andean Motmot, Slate-coloured Seedeater, Colombian Chachalaca, Bar-crested Antshrike, Moustached Puffbird, Jet Antbird Large-billed Seed Finch.

Even though humans affected this area in the past, now a day, this piece of land has become famous for their conservation efforts, their citrus and avocado trees, but mainly by the diversity of orchids and birds they have.

After a nice home made lunch at the finca we head towards the west to our next amazing destination. Montezuma.

Day #11-12 Montezuma (1300-2600 msnm)

Montezuma hill is among the Tatamá National park in colombias western cordillera. The Lodge is located close to a famous military outpost from where we are going to explore the higher and lower parts of the area. This legendary bird destination has brought avid birders around the world.

It holds very high bird diversity due to its steep hills, weather, and the honor to be in one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world, The Chocó rainforest.



Some of the the targets here are choco warbler, ruddy foliage gleaner, choco vireo, rufous browed tyrannulet, semicollared hawk, black solitarie, cloudforest pygmy owl, black and gold tanager(e), yellow green bush tanagerYellow collared and chestnut bellied chlorophonias, olive finch, scaly throated foliage gleaner, uniform treehunter, yellow green chlorospingus, rufous spinetail, chestnut bellied flowerpiercer(e), munchique woodwren(e), yellow breasted antpitta, club winged manakin, Gold Ringed Tanager(e), purplish mantled tanager, black chinned mountain tanager, orange breasted falcon, glistening green tanager, Nariño, spillmans tapaculo, Alto Pisones Tapaculo(e), Purple-bibbet Whitetip, Velvet-purple Coronet, Choco tyrannulet, bronze olive pygmy tyrant, black throated tody, Violet-tailed Sylph, Empress Brilliant, Green- crowbed Brilliant, White-tailed Hillstar, Blue-tailed Emerald, Fulvous-dotted Treerunner, Orange-breasted Fruiteater, Beautiful Jay.

Buff-tailed Coronet, White-necked Jacobin and others.

Day #13 Buga-Sonso

B/box L/box D/hotel

We will drive towards buga to visit Laguna del Sonso and do some more birding for targets as: greyish piculet(e), horned screamer, comb duck, northern shoveler, least, pinnated bittern, dwarf cuckoo, , ruby topaz, apical flycatcher, bar-crested antshrike, jet antbird, ultramarine grosbeak, common nighthawk, grey headed dove, etc.

In the afternoon we head towards Buga city fro 130min, where we will spend the night.

Day #14 Km 18 (Finca Alejandría) – Queremal.

B/box L/finca D/Campanario

In the morning after one-hour drive we will arrive to finca Alejandría where we will spend our morning trying for the jewel of the region in feeders Multicolored Tanager (e), other possible birds: Cock of the Rock, endemic Grayish Piculet, endendemic Colombian Chachalaca different especies of



Tanagers (golden tanager, endemic multicolored tanager, near endemic scrub tanager, near endemic Purplish mantled Tanager, Flame rumped tanager, lots of Hummingbirds like (near endemic purple throated Woodstar, long tailed sylph, brown violetear, booted raquet tail, and many other species such as Red headed Barbet, Emerald Toucanet, Collared trogon etc.

After lunch we head out to Queremal where we are going to spend the night.

Day #15-16 Queremal – Higher Anchicaya valley (1500msnm)

B/box L/box D/hotel

This two following days we are going to do some birding in the Anchicaya valley.

We are going to be at an old road which used to be the only access to the mayor city in the Choco region, Buenaventura.

Practically not used at all, anymore, and it has become a great and very productive birding area, with good forest in both sides of the track.

Birds we have found here before: tanagers like, Ochre Breasted, Flame faced, rufous throated, glistening green, multicolored(e) etc. Barred hawk, crested ant tanager(e), torrent ducks, chestnut breasted wren, alto pisones tapaculo(e), white faced nunbird, sooty headed wren, tooth billed hummingbird, esmeraldas antbird, scarlet browed, scarlet and white, gray and gold, moss backed, rufous winged, emerald tanagers. Rufous mourner, lanceolated monklet, crested eagle, black tipped and blue cotinga, sapayoa etc.

Day #17 Lower Anchicaya valley (60msnm)

B/box L/box D/hotel



Just few hundred meters below in altitude, we are going after targets like: scarlet and white, purplish mantled, golden hooded tanagers, scarlet thighed dacnis, yellow collared chlorophonia, lyre tailed nightjar, plain backed antpitta, indigo flowerpiercer, moss backed tanager, spot crowned barbet, pacific flatbill etc.

Day# 18 Transfer to Cali Airport, flight to Bogotá.

All bird activity depends on external factors like behavior, weather, time of the year.

After our day we will take you to your hotel, then one more night in Bogotá and end of services.

TOUR LIMIT: This tour is limited to 2 participants.

Included

- Airport transfers
- Double, Twin or single accommodation
- Meals as listed on the Itinerary as (B, L, D)
- Snacks and water daily
- Internal flights in Bogotá-Pereira and Cali - Bogota
- Driver and transportation Toyota 4 x 4
- Activities as described on the itinerary
- Local guide
- Access all national parks and reserves

Not Included

- Items of a personal nature
- Alcoholic drinks
- Gratuities
- Departure tax per person
- International flights
- Emergency evacuation insurance



- Excess weight on the internal scheduled flight. (There is a 20LBS limit per person)

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