

COLOMBIA Caribbean Coast Birding

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Almighty Santa Marta Endemics Tour

The Santa Marta Mountains in the Caribbean Coast are an isolated coastal range detached from The Andes Cordillera. This isolation makes it one of the world's top birding destinations to find endemic species. In just a very good day, it is possible to see up to 19 endemic species!

BIRDS OF INTEREST

Over 20 endemic birds can be found in a relatively short timeframe including (E) Sierra Nevada Brush-finch, (E) Santa Marta Tapaculo, (E) Santa Marta Woodstar, (E) Santa Marta Blossomcrown (E) Santa Marta Antbird, (E) Santa Marta Screech-owl, (E) Santa Marta Foliage Gleaner, (E) Santa Marta Antpitta, (E) Santa Marta Warbler, (E) Santa Marta

Parakeet, (E) White-tailed Starfrontlet, (E) Santa Marta Mountain-tanager, (NE) White-tipped Quetzal

Birding goal: +20 endemics, a number of range-restricted bird species, and a total tally of about 300 bird species!

7 days / 6 nights

\$3,000

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

Best time to travel

November - March, and June - August

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- Accommodation in beautiful hotels and lodges
- Private land transportation - Van and 4x4
- All meals included
- 1 beer or a glass of wine with meals
- The convenience of paying with a Credit Card or PayPal
- \$100 donation to a sustainable initiative

NOT INCLUDED

- International flight
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance
- Personal expenses (International phone calls, tips, laundry)
- Other expenses no specify

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DAY 1 - Arrival to Barranquilla International Airport

Upon arrival at Barranquilla, your guide and the driver will greet you at the airport and will drive you to your hotel

DAY 2 - Km 4 and Salamanca

Km 4 via Palomino is a collection of ponds and lagoons at sea level home to an array of shorebirds and specialties such as Brown-throated Parakeet, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, and Yellow-chinned Spinetail. This is a great place to find the always special Northern Screamer.

Salamanca is a spectacular mangrove forest with freshwater ecosystem vegetation. This is the go-to spot for the endemic Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird as well as (E) Turquoise-winged Parrotlet and (E) Chestnut-winged Chachalaca.

DAY 3 - Los Flamencos Flora & Fauna Sanctuary

Los Flamencos is an important coastal wetland and dry forest reserve created to protect a large population of the American Flamingo. This is home to +185 other bird species (80% are migrants). Specialties from the dry forest include Rufous-vented Chachalaca, Bare-eyed Pigeon, Buffy Hummingbird, Russet-throated Puffbird, (NE) Chestnut Piculet, (NE) White-whiskered Spinetail, (NE) Orinocan Saltator, (NE) Red-billed Emerald, (NE) Tocuyo Sparrow and the splendid Vermilion Cardinal

DAY 4 - Las Gaviotas and Minca

Las Gaviotas is a low vegetation trail that may look unremarkable to the distracted eye but is home to avian treasures like Lance-tailed Manakin, White-bellied Antbird, Buff-breasted Wren, Barred Antshrike,

Golden-fronted Greenlet, Cocoa Woodcreeper, and Crimson-crested Woodpecker

Minca municipality is located in the foothills of the mythical **Sierra Nevada mountains** of Colombia, a hipster town surrounded by shade-grown coffee plantations home to some caveated species including Military Macaw, King Vulture, Gray-headed Kite, Short-tailed Hawk, Black-and-white Owl,, Sooty-capped Hermit, Long-billed Starthroat, Whooping Motmot.

DAY 5 - Minca road towards El Dorado Lodge

Birding in the morning the dirt road connecting **Minca to el Dorado Reserve**, we will make several stops along the way for a number of Santa Marta specialties including the all endemics Sierra Nevada Brushfinch, Santa Marta Tapaculo, Santa Marta Woodstar, White-lored Warbler, Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner, Santa Marta Antbird, and Santa Marta Blossomcrown

DAY 6 - 7 - Mythical El Dorado Lodge and San Lorenzo Ridge

The **El Dorado Reserve** is a really nice and comfortable lodge perched in a cloud forest with a view of the Caribbean Sea far below. This Proaves reserve, created with the support from **American Bird Conservancy** supports the habitats of the highest concentration of continental range-restricted bird species on earth.

Early in the morning of day 6, we will take a 4WD vehicle to go all the way up the top of the **San Lorenzo Ridge** for breathtaking views and to go after the most endemic specialties including (E) Santa Marta Antpitta, (E) Santa Marta Warbler, (E) Santa Marta Parakeet, (E) Rusty-headed Spinetail, (E) Santa Marta Bush-tyrant, (E) Brown-rumped Tapaculo, (E) Bangs Wood-wren, (E) Santa Marta Wood-Wren, (E) Yellow-crowned Redstart and more.

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On day 7 at some point, we will leave El Dorado and will drive to Barranquilla for your flights back home

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