

WESTERN AND EASTERN ECUADOR
Birding Tour

DAY 1: Yanacocha Reserve and Zuroloma Reserve - Sachatamia Lodge: Early pick up from your hotel in Quito and drive to Zuroloma in the highlands on the Pichincha volcano at 3200 m. The main targets here will be Ocellated Tapaculo, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Aquatorial Antpitta, Chestnut-naped Antpitta, Sapphire-vented Puffleg, Masked Flowerpiercer, Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant and Tyrian Metaltail. After birding we will continue to Sachatamia Lodge. Night at Sachatamia.

-Lunch at Zuroloma

-Dinner at Sachatamia Lodge.

DAY 2: Sachatamia Lodge – Angel Paz: Refugio Paz de las Aves is a famous place for Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, Giant, Moustached, Yellow-breasted, Ochre-breasted, and Chestnut-crowned Antpittas other birds in this area are Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl, Golden-headed Quetzal, Powerfull Woodpecker, Dark-backed Wood-Quail, Rufous-breasted Antthrush and White – Faced Nunbird. Night at Sachatamia Lodge.

-Breakfast at Angel Paz

-Lunch at Guaycapi

-Dinner at Sachatamia Lodge.

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DAY 3: Sachatamia - Río Silanche Bird Sanctuary and Milpe:

Today we have a full birding day in the lowlands looking for Blue-tailed and White-tailed Trogons, Olivaceous Piculet, Red-rumped, Cinnamon and Black-checked Woodpeckers, Tawny-crested, Scarlet-and-white, Rufous-winged and Blue-whiskered Tanagers, Scarlet-thighed and Scarlet-breasted Dacnis, Squirrel and Little Cuckoos, Plumbeous Hawk, Guayaquil Woodpecker, Checker-throated Antwren, White-bearded Manakin, Masked Tityra, Slate-throated Gnatcatcher, Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Barred Puffbird and many other lowland species.

In the afternoon we will visit to Milpe Bird Sanctuary where we will search for Dusky-faced Tanager, Rufous-throated Tanager, Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner, Club-winged Manakin, Brown-billed Scythebill, Choco Warbler, Speckled Nightingale-Thrush, Slaty-capped Flycatcher and others. Night at Sachatamia Lodge.

-Breakfast, box Lunch and dinner at Sachatamia Lodge.

DAY 4: Amagusa Reserve – Sachatamia Lodge: After breakfast we will go an easy dirt road passes through verdant Cloudforest loaded with some superb Chocó endemics not easily see elsewhere, including Orange-breasted Fruiteater, Indigo Flowerpiercer, Moss-backed Tanager, Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager, Glistening-green Tanager, and Streaked Tuftedcheek. Other species we will be looking are Uniform Treehunter, Black Solitaire, Esmeraldas Antbird, Ochre-breasted and Rufous-throated Tanagers, Red-faced Spinetail, Scaly-throated, Buff-fronted and Lineated Foliage-gleaners, Choco Vireo, Slaty Antwren, Tawny-breasted Flycatcher, and Cinnamon Becard. Night at Sachatamia Lodge.

-Breakfast Sachatamia Lodge.

-Lunch at Amagusa Reserva.

-Dinner at Sachatamia Lodge.

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DAY 5: 23 de junio - Bellavista Lodge: Today we will drive to the small village of 23 de Junio where we'll be searching for Long-wattled Umbrellabird at the lek. Other species we can expect here are Bronze-winged Parrot, Ornate Hawk-Eagle and Olive-crowned Yellowthroat. Night at Bellavista Lodge.

-Breakfast and box lunch at Sachatamia Lodge.

-Dinner at Bellavista Lodge.

DAY 6: Bellavista area: Today we spend half day at Bellavista searching for Tanager Finch, Turquoise Jay, Strong-billed Woodcreeper, White-faced Nunbird, Cinnamon Flycatcher, Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan, Plushcap, White-throated Quail-Dove, Russet-crowned Warbler, Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant, Buff-tailed Coronet, Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant and many other birds.

After lunch we drive to Tandayapa making some stops on the way searching for Beautiful Jay, Black Phoebe, Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant, White-throated Quail-Dove, Russet-crowned Warbler, Zeledon's Antbird, Streak-capped Treehunter, Strong-billed Woodcreeper, and sometimes even Scaled Antpitta, White-winged and Tricolored Brush Finches, Masked Trogon, Gray-breasted Wood-Wren, Golden-crowned Flycatcher, Slate-throated Whitestart, Toucan Barbets, Golden and Golden-naped Tanagers, Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager, Red-headed Barbet, Crimson-rumped Toucanet, and other birds from this beautiful valley. Night at Bellavista Lodge.

-Breakfast, lunch and dinner Bellavista Lodge.

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DAY 7: Bellavista Lodge –Tambo Condor: After breakfast at Bellavista we will go to Tambo Condor, here we will see Giant Hummingbird, Andean Condor Shining Sunbeam and Sparkling Violet-ear coming to the feeders. Night at Tambo Condor.

-Breakfast at Bellavista.

-Lunch and Dinner at Tambo Condor.

DAY 8: Tambo Condor –Antisana Reserve- Papallacta -Guango Lodge: After breakfast at Tambo Condor around 6:30 am, then we will drive to the Antisana National Park where we'll search for Andean Ibis, Silvery Grebe, Andean Duck, Grass Wren, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Plain-capped Ground-Tyrant and others.

We'll come back to Tambo Condor for having lunch.

From Tambo Condor we will head to Papallacta Pass area where we will search for White-chinned Thistletail, Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe, Purple-backed Thornbill, Red-crested Cotinga, Giant Conebill, Variable Hawk and others.

In this area we will search for Spectacled Bear which is reliable because this ecosystem is above the tree line and much easier to spot them than in the dense cloud forest.

Papallacta area, we will search for Andean Pygmy-Owl, Crowned Chat-Tyrant, Crescent-faced Antpitta, Purple-backed Thornbill and Yellow-billed Pintails at the Papallacta Lagoon. Night at Guango Lodge.

-Breakfast and Lunch at Tambo Condor.

-Dinner at Guango Lunch Lodge.

DAY 9: Guango Lodge: Today we spend the whole day exploring the Guango Lodge trails and feeders looking for Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan, Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager, Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant, Mountain Cacique, Grass-green Tanager, Barred Fruiteater, Mountain Avocetbill, Plain-tailed Wren, Cinnamon Flycatcher, White-banded Tyrannulet, Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager, Capped Conebill, Hooded Mountain-Tanager, Speckled Hummingbird, White-capped Dipper, Powerful and Crimson-mantled Woodpeckers, Flammulated Treehunter, Montane Woodcreeper, Turquoise Jay, Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant, Pale-naped and Slaty Brush-Finches, Dusky Piha, Black-crested Warbler, Black-capped Hemispingus and others. Night at Guango Lodge.

-Breakfast, lunch and dinner Guango Lodge

DAY 10: Guango Lodge - San Isidro Lodge: Guango Lodge offers great opportunities for hummingbird photography, here we have chances of taking pictures of Sword-billed Hummingbird, Buff-tailed Coronet, White-Throated Screech-Owl, Chestnut-breasted Coronet, White-bellied Woodstar, Speckled Hummingbird, Tourmaline Sunangel and others.

After lunch we will go to San Isidro and do some birding stops en route to San Isidro.

After dinner we'll look for the famous San Isidro Owl and Rufous-banded Owl around the lodge. Also, we have good chances to see Night Monkeys and Kinkajous. Nights San Isidro Lodge.

-Breakfast and lunch at Guango Lodge

-Dinner San Isidro Lodge.

DAY 11: San Isidro area: The Cabañas San Isidro protects a huge area of primary forest of the buffer zone of the Antisana Ecological Reserve, here we'll be birding on one of the trails and the main road looking for Long-tailed Sylph, Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher, Streak-headed Antbird, Russet-crowned Warbler, Black-eared Hemispingus, Common Bush-Tyrant, Scarlet-rumped Cacique, White-tailed Tyrannulet, White-rumped Hawk, Black-and-chestnut Eagle, Black-chested Fruiteater, Spotted Barbtail, Golden-crowned Flycatcher and many other species. Night at San Isidro.

-Breakfast, lunch and dinner San Isidro Lodge.

DAY 12: San Isidro Lodge - Guacamayos Ridge - Wildsumaco Lodge: After an early breakfast we leave San Isidro, a short 20 minutes' drive leads us to the famous Guacamayos ridge where we will walk a very old trail that was used to connect Quito with the Amazon. Along this trail some great species can be seen. The main targets will be Greater Scythebill, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, Peruvian and Slate-crowned Antpittas, Ocellated Tapaculo, Long-tailed Tapaculo, Plushcap, White-faced Nunbird, Greenish Puffleg, Chestnut-breasted Wren, Streaked Tuffedcheek and White-streaked Antvireo.

After having our box lunch, we will drive to Wildsumaco with stops along the way looking for Cliff Flycatcher and Orange-breasted Falcon.

-Breakfast and lunch at San Isidro Lodge.

-Dinner at Wildsumaco Lodge

Day 13-14: Wildsumaco Lodge: The forest at Wildsumaco is loaded with east slope foothill specialties not easily seen elsewhere. Here will be looking for Copper-chested Jacamar, Yellow-Throated Spadebill, White-Chested Puffbird, White-Streaked Antwren, Military Macaw, Fiery-Throated Fruiteater, Scarlet-Breasted Fruiteater, Lined Antshrike, Chestnut-fronted Macaw, Golden-collared Toucanet, Blue-rumped Manakin, Rufous-naped and Olivaceous Greenlets, Spotted and Paradise Tanagers, Yellow-breasted Antwren, Lafresnaye's Piculet.

At night we will look for Band-bellied Owl, Foothill Screech-Owl, Tropical Screech-Owl and Rufescent Screech-Owl.

-Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Wildsumaco Lodge.

Day 15: Wildsumaco Lodge- Quito airport: After breakfast we will leave from Wildsumaco to Quito airport or hotel.

Note: If you wish to continue the tour to the Amazon area, we would like to suggest the following lodges:

Sani Lodge: <http://www.sanilodge.com/>

Napo Wildlife Center: <http://www.napowildlifecenter.com/>

Sacha Lodge: <http://www.sachalodge.com/>

La Selva Lodge: <http://www.laselvajunglelodge.com/>

We can arrange some program for you, the price will be the same if you book directly or through us. They have programs since two nights until seven nights.

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