

WESTERN ECUADOR

Birding Tour

ARRIVAL DAY:

Quito: This day you'll be picked up at the Mariscal International Airport and then transfer to the Hotel in Quito.

DAY 1: Yanacocha Reserve - Zuroloma Reserve- Bellavista Lodge: Early we will pick you up from your hotel in Quito and we will drive to Zuroloma in the highlands on the Pichincha volcano at 3200 m., the main targets here will be Ocellated Tapaculo, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Rufous Antpitta, Chestnut-naped Antpitta, Sapphire-vented Puffleg, Masked Flowerpiercer, Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant and Tyrian Metaltail, after birding we will drive to Yanacocha where we'll search for Scarlet-bellied, Hooded and Black-chested Mountain-Tanagers, Spectacled Redstart, Gray-browed Brush-Finch, Great Sapphirewing and White-throated Screech-Owl. Night at Bellavista Lodge.

-Breakfast at Quito Hotel

-Lunch at Zuroloma Reserva

-Dinner at Bellavista Lodge.

DAY 2: Bellavista Lodge- Pacha Quindi: Today we will spend half day at Bellavista searching for Tanager Finch, Turquoise Jay, Strong-billed Woodcreeper, White-faced Nunbird, Cinnamon Flycatcher, Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan, Plushcap, Beautiful Jay, Ocellated Tapaculo, White-throated Quail-Dove, Russet-crowned Warbler, Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant, Buff-tailed Coronet, Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant and many other birds.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Bellavista Lodge.

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DAY 3: Belavista Lodge-Refugio Paz de Las Aves and Valle del Tandayapa Valley: 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 and Rufous-breasted Antthrush.

After lunch we will 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 Septimo Paraiso.

-Breakfast at Refugio Paz de Las Aves

-Lunch at Mirador Guaycapi

-Dinner at Septimo Paraiso.

DAY 4: Septimo Paraiso -Río Silanche Bird Sanctuary- Milpe Bird Sanctuary: Today we will have a full day birding 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. Night Septimo Paraiso.

-Breakfast, box lunch and dinner at Septimo Paraiso.

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DAY 5: Amagusa Reserve and Oilbird Cave: 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 Buffy 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 Septimo Paraiso.

-Breakfast and dinner at Septimo Paraiso.

- Lunch Amagusa Reserve.

DAY 6: Septimo Paraiso -Guayabillas Road: Guayabillas road making some stops looking for Scarlet-and-white Tanager, Yellow- green Tanager, Pacific Flatbill, Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo, Russet Atshrike, Striped Woodhaunter, Black-tipped Cotinga, Emerald Tanager, Gray and gold Tanager, Brown- billed Scythebill, Baudo Guan and more species. Night Septimo Paraiso.

-Breakfast and dinner at Septimo Paraiso.

-Lunch at Sacha Guatusa.

DAY 7: 23 de junio - Quito: 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. 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, Spotted Nightingale-Thrush, Slaty- capped Flycatcher and others. Then we will go to Quito to Zaysant Ecolodge.

-Breakfast at Septimo Paraiso.

-Lunch Mirador Rio Blanco

-Dinner at Zaysant Ecolodge Quito.

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