

Travel Birdinwatching of Colombia

Bogotá – Eje Cafetero – Isla Salamanca – Sierra Nevada

Program # 03 description:

Day 01. Bogotá: Arrival at Bogotá, the capital of Colombia. Welcoming reception at the airport and transportation to the hotel.

Day 02. Bogotá: Breakfast in the hotel and transportation to P.N.N Chingaza, in the region of the Central Andean Mountain range just 70 minutes away from the Colombian capital. We will travel through the pathway Bogotá- La Calera – Piedras Gordas. We will spend the afternoon bird watching in the region which has more than 183 species. **Lunch** included. Return to Bogotá and transportation to the hotel.

Day 03. Bogotá: Breakfast in the hotel and we will go to the most important wetlands in the outskirts of Bogotá such as *La Florida, Torca – Guarmaral, La conejera*. We will spend the day observing birds in the region such as the noble snipe (*Gallinago nobilis*), the king bird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*), the rufous-collared sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*), the American coot (*Fulica americana*), the yellow oriole (*Icterus nigrogularis*). **Lunch** included. Return to Bogotá and transportation to the hotel.

Day 04. Bogotá - Tolima:

Breakfast in the hotel and transportation to the Canyon of Combeima in the department of Tolima. During the road trip we will visit the Hacienda La Coloma, where the coffee that is exported is produced. There we will learn all the different processes of how the seeds are selected and how to differentiate quality coffee. **Lunch** and accommodation in the city of Ibagué, the capital of Tolima. We will go to P.N.N of Combeima where we will spend the afternoon observing birds in the region such as: Azufrán Finch, Rusty Margined (Papamoscas or Pecho Amarillo), Pico Grueso Euphonia, Vermilion Flycatcher Petirojo. This region has many species of birds and 115 types of orchids registered.

Day 05. Tolima – Eje Cafetero: Breakfast in the hotel and transportation to Armenia, the capital of Quindío commonly known as *El Eje Cafetero* of Colombia. Arrival and visit to the Botanical Garden which shelters more than 500 species including the most representative creatures of the region. **Lunch** and arrival at our coffee farm and accommodation. At night, **dinner**.

In this region we will stay for the days 05, 06, 07, due to the fact that this region shelters 10% of the species in the world, among them are: the yellow-eared parrot, Colombian chango, parakeets and hummingbird, Amazilia tzacatl (Amazilia Coirrufo), tile Palmero (Thraupis Palmarum) trapamoscas Pechirojo (Pyrocephalus rubinus) Barranquero Coronado (Momotus Momota) Bichofue Griton (Pitangus sulphuratus), Batara Mayor (Major Batara).

Day 06. Eje Cafetero – Bogotá: Breakfast in the hotel and flight that to Bogotá (included). Arrival and transportation to the hotel.

Day 07. Bogotá: Breakfast in the hotel and day free for those who wish to visit places of interest such as: Mt. Monserrate, the Cathedral of Salt in Zipaquirá, Guatavita Lagoon and City tours of the city. Accommodation.

Day 08. Bogotá - Barranquilla Breakfast in the hotel and we will take our flight to Barranquilla, the capital of the department of Atlántico, in the region of the Colombian Caribbean. Arrival and visit to Isla Salamanca. **Lunch** and day of sightseeing. At sundown, we will transport to the hotel and accommodate in Barranquilla.

Day 09. Barranquilla - Isla Salamanca – P.N.N Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta: Breakfast in the hotel and we will spend six hours in the Salamanca Isle sight-seeing and enjoying their beautiful beaches. **Lunch** and we will be transporting to the P.N.N Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta. Arrival and accommodation with **dinner**.

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Day 10, 11 y 12. P.N.N Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta:

Four days- three nights of accommodation in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta. Every day will include: *breakfast, lunch* and *dinner*. We will tour in different ecological reserves and wildlife refuges where we will be able to observe the highest concentration of birds in Colombia.

635 of the species of birds that have been recorded in the Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta which is about 35% of the birds in Colombia are located in just 1.48% of the its territory. The Sierra is the most important center of endemism in the world with 36 species (and 55 subspecies) of birds located in those mountains. In addition, 18 of these species have been labeled as in danger of extinction, 22 at a national level and 132 migratory birds have been registered.

In this region we will surely be able to observe some of the most desired species: el periquito Santa Marta Parakeet (*Pyrrhura viridicata*), coppery emerald hummingbird (*Chlorostilbon russatus*), Streak-capped Spinetail (*Cranioleuca hellmayri*), la gralaria Santa Marta Antpitta (*Grallaria bangsi*), Brown-rumped Tapaculo (*Scytalopus latebricola*), Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant (*Myiotheretes pernix*), Yellow-crowned Whitestart (*Myioborus flavivertex*), White-lored Warbler (*Basileuterus conspicillatus*), Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus melanogenys*) and the Santa Marta Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes melanocephalus*)

Day 13: P.N.N Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta – Ciudad Perdida: *Breakfast* and will go to the most beautiful and full of diversity places in Colombia, Tairona. Fieldtrip the entire day until we arrive at Cape San Juan del Guía. We will pass through the virgin forests on the slopes of P.N.N Tairona and Sierra Nevada. Arrival in Cape San Juan. *Lunch* and rest day in the paradisiac and nudists beaches of the sector.

Day 14: P.N.N Tairona - Ciudad Perdida: *Breakfast* and day to go to the Lost City or Teyuna. Of its incredibly scenic beauty and rich biodiversity, this hiking trek through the jungles of Tairona will take us to past of the indigenous communities in Colombia, forests that cover more than 50 meters high, rivers and streams. *Lunch* and *dinner* included.

Day 15: P.N.N Tairona - Ciudad Perdida: *Breakfast* and morning off, in order to enjoy the last day on the beaches of Colombia. After *lunch*, we will return to the city of Santa Marta and connect flights to your country of origin. End of our services.

Net rate per person: \$8'200.000.

A person who will accommodate individually will have an extra fee of 700 USD

To calculate the value in US dollars divide the value in Colombian pesos (\$ 7'700.000.) Between 2420 = 3180 USD. Remember that the representative market rate is variable, this is the current (updated) on December 18, 2014

Confirmed departures 2015 - 2016:

2015: April 05, June 01, September 01, and December 01

2016: February 01, March 01, May 01, July 01, Sept. 01 and Nov. 01

The net rates published above, the services described and the departures in general will take effect with a group of at least four (4) and maximum twelve (12) participants. For groups less than four (4) people who wish to take upon this expedition in Colombia, please consult the extra fees or additional payment.

These same services can be arranged on different dates than the ones mentioned above depending on the amount of individuals interested or participants and as long as there is an agreement on the fees.

NOTE: When you make this journey with us, part of your payment goes to projects of biological and environmental education, community development plans, reforestation, fragile and rich in its diversity of flora and fauna ecosystems.

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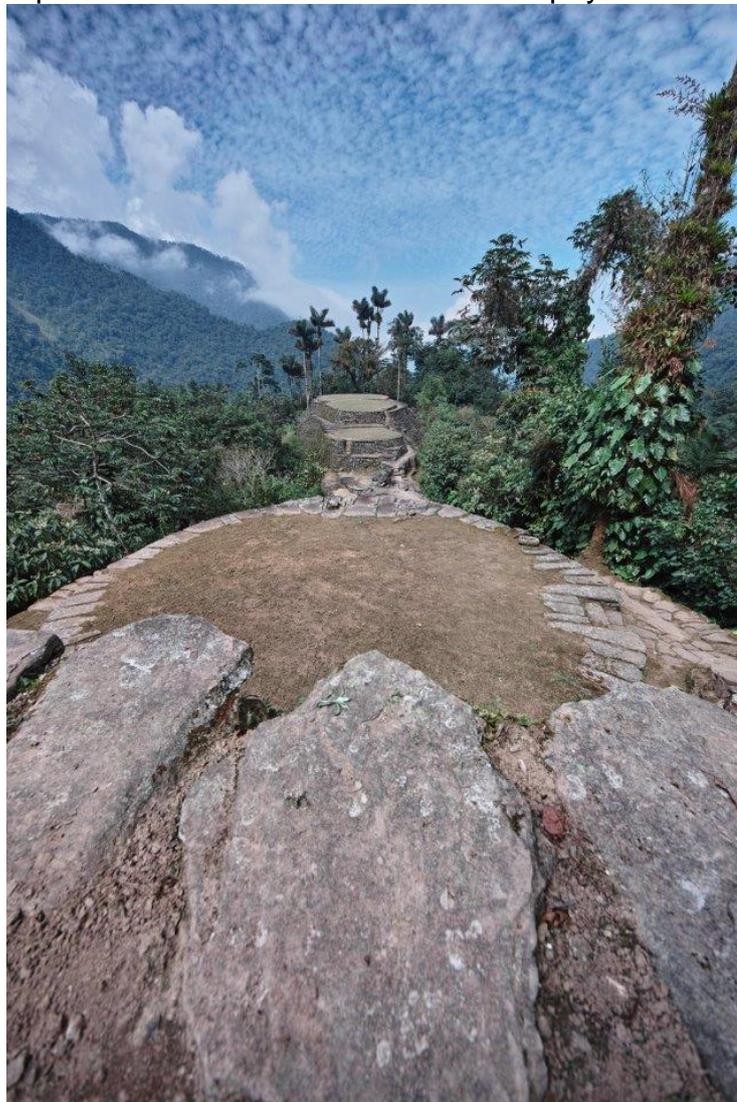
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Porphyrio Martinica



The Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta is one of the most biodiverse places of bird on the planet, with over 600 resident and migratory species. Exotic birds like the Caribbean Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*), the crested orioles (*Psarocolius decumanus*), different species of woodpeckers, and other more elusive and difficult to observe like the owl of Santa Marta and several species of hummingbirds birds. Besides birds there are many species of animals of interest such as butterflies, spiders, snakes, lizards, amphibians and mammals.

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