

Travel Birdwatching Birds of Colombia

Bogotá - Tolima - Eje Cafetero - Amazonas

Program # 04 description:

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

Day 02. Bogotá: *Breakfast* in the hotel and transportation to Swamp Martos of Guatavita, 2600 – 3150 m above sea level. This area offers more than 2000 ha of forest mists, wetlands and upland moors, where we can see more than 100 species that live there between the endemic, endangered and migratory: Brown-breasted Parakeet; Bogota Rail; Black-billed Mountain Toucan; Torrent Duck; White capped Tanager; Rufous-brwed Conebill.

Day 03. Bogotá: *Breakfast* in the hotel of Bogotá and fieldtrip for two days to the Natural Park Chicaque. This park is located 40 minutes away from the capital of Colombia between 2100 and 270 m. above sea level. There are 300 ha of oak forests (*Quercus humboldtii*). Here we will be able to see more than 210 species of birds of different colors and incomparable beauty, among these are: Rufous-browed Conebill; Flame-faced Tanager; Saffron-crowned Tanager; Esmerald Toucan; Capped Conebill; Black Inca Endemic; Turquoise Dacnis (endemic).

Day 04. Chicaque - 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 Quindio 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, 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*), and Batara Mayor (Major Batara).

Day 06. Eje Cafetero – Amazon: *Breakfast* in the hotel and flight (included) to Bogotá in connection with Leticia, the capital of the Colombian department, Amazonas. Arrival and transportation to the hotel. Accommodation. At sunset, we will visit the park where thousands of parakeets, parrots and macaws of various species. Cultural night in Tabatinga, town bordering Colombian but that belongs to Brazil, there we will see typical dances of the indigenous communities and their famous “garotas”. *Dinner* and return to the hotel in Leticia.

With over 750 species of birds in the Colombian Amazon, the options of bird sighting are endless. Logistically, Leticia and its surroundings are the most affordable and productive options. In the islands of the Amazon River are, among many other species, the ant Castelnau's Antshrike (*Thamnophilus cryptoleucus*) and nuthatch Zimmer's Woodcreeper (*Dendroplex kienerii*) which live only near the river.

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Another excellent birding area is the PNN Amacayacú and Puerto Nariño where it is no surprise to see a group of about 15 individual trumpeter Gray-winged Trumpeter (*Psophia crepitans*). Overall, bird sighting is easy and the scenery is breathtaking with the majestic Amazon River as a highway to move between different areas. Overall, this is a paradise to observe toucans, chatters and anteaters, among many other birds. Chiribiquete Emerald Hummingbird (*Chlorostilbon olivaresi*), is endemic to this part of the Amazon in Colombia.

Day 07 and Day 08. Amazon: Breakfast in the hotel and transportation to the ecological reserve Tanimboca, where we will sleep two nights on the treetops for bird watching. We will tour the jungle accompanied by Tikunas and Yaguas guides of the region. Other activities included: visiting indigenous reservations, intergration activities, storytelling, myths, legends, and typical dances. **Lunch** and **dinner**.

Day 09. Amazon: Breakfast in Tanimboca and fluvial transportation to the Isla de los Micos where we will spend the entire day, **lunch** included. In the afternoon we will continue our trip to the municipality of Puerto Nariño. Arrival and accommodation. **Dinner**.

Day 10. Amazon: Breakfast in the hotel and tour of the jungle in order to sight birds of the region. **Lunch** and fluvial trip to Lake Tarapoto, where we will walk an hour into the jungle to increase the possibilities of even more bird watching. In the fluvial trip we will enjoy the company of pink dolphins.

Day 11. Amazon: Breakfast and we will be transporting to P.N.N Amacayacú where we will have another day of bird watching. We will make our way to Leticia, arrival and accommodation. **Dinner**.

Day 12. Amazon - Bogotá: Breakfast and transportation to the airport to take our flight back to Bogotá. This flight will arrival at the capital of Colombia at 4:00 PM. End of our services.

Net rate per person: \$8'400.000.

A person who will accommodate individually will have an extra fee of \$1'200.000.

Confirmed departures 2015 - 2016:

May 19, June 15, July 01, October 07 and November 15 2015
2016: Julio 20, August 20 and November 19

To calculate the value in US dollars divide the value in Colombian pesos (\$ 7'700.000.) Between 2055 = 2482 USD. Remember that the representative market rate is variable, this is the current (updated) on October 29, 2014

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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