



## THE CLASSIC ANDES AND "TRES CORDILLERAS"



A magical birding adventure in the Colombian mountains of the Eastern, Central and Western Andes that includes the incredible geographic region of Choco in the middle and lower lands of the Montezuma Reserve. Enjoying incredible bird groups such as hummingbirds, Antpittas, Tapaculos, Tanagers and Fruiteaters and more than 450 species that can be seen on this route, we will visit unbelievable hummingbird feeders.

### ITINERARY

**April 8: Day 1.** Arrival in Bogotá / Night at Hilton Garden Inn Hotel

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**April 11: Day 4.** La Romera Reserve - Transfer to Jardín (Central Andes) / Balandú Hotel

**April 12: Day 5.** Yellow-eared Parrot- Mirador El Roble Reserve: Hummingbird House and Feeders (Central Andes)/ Balandú Hotel

**April 13: Day 6.** Bambusa Farmhouse, Bolombolo Dry Forest, transfer to Manizales / Quo Hotel

**April 14: Day 7.** Owl's Watch /Termales del Ruiz Hotel

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**April 16: Day 9.** Otún-Quimbaya Flora & Fauna Sanctuary - (Central Andes) / Hotel Mandalay 1941

**April 17: Day 10.** Transfer from Otún to the Montezuma Reserve / Montezuma Lodge

**April 18: Day 11.** Montezuma Reserve (Western Andes) / Montezuma Lodge

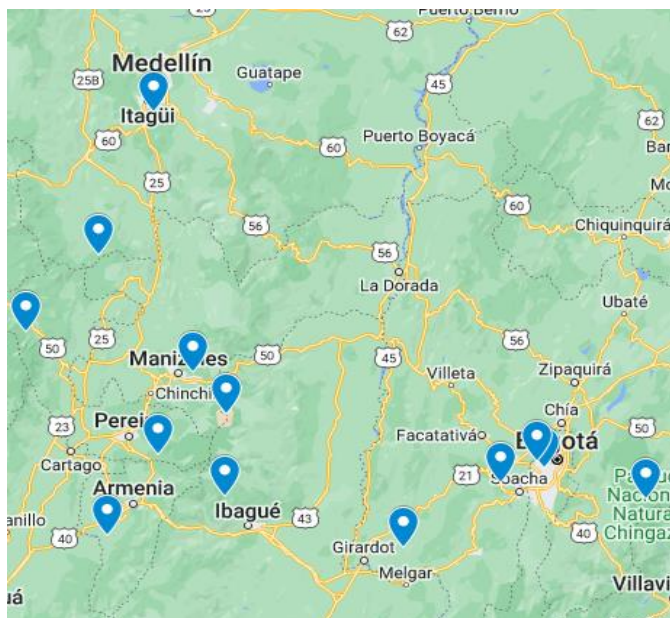
**April 19: Day 12.** Montezuma Reserve (Western Andes) / Montezuma Lodge

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**April 21: Day 14.** Ukuku Reserve, Jardin Botanico san jorge (Central Andes) / Sonesta Hotel

**April 22: Day 15.** Mana Dulce Reserve (Magdalena), Bogotá / Hilton Garden Inn Hotel

**April 23: Day 16.** International Flight home from Bogotá.



### Tour Map:

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## DETAILED ITINERARY

### April 8 / Day 1. Arrival in Bogotá / Night at Hilton Garden Inn

Our protocol staff will be waiting for you to later take you to a hotel near the airport, the next day you must be ready to leave early in the morning to go bird watching around Bogotá.



**Night in Hilton Garden Inn Hotel:** <https://www.hilton.com/es/hotels/bogatgi-hilton-garden-inn-bogota-airport/>

### April 9/ Day 2. Fute Reserve and Campo Tangara / Night at Hilton Garden Inn

#### El Fute Reserve / Cundinamarca

Nestled at an elevation of 2,600 meters above sea level, this natural reserve boasts a stunning cloud forest, situated on the edge of the Tequendama fault. Located between the municipalities of Bojaca and San Antonio del Tequendama, the reserve is enveloped by pristine, rugged forests that remain largely untouched due to their steep terrain. This location is seamlessly connected to Chicaque Natural Park, enhancing its rich biodiversity and supporting an impressive array of bird species, as well as diverse flora and fauna. With 33 years of dedicated conservation and restoration efforts, the reserve, in collaboration with the Bogotá Association of Ornithology, has recently opened its doors to birdwatchers. This emerging birdwatching destination offers a unique opportunity to explore its vibrant ecosystems. Access is conveniently located via the Mosquera-La Mesa Road, at kilometer 16.

**Elevation:** 8530.1 ft.asl / **Mobility.** Easy, walk on footprint plate / **Temperature:** 57° - 68° F / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L9784272/bird-list>

**Key Species:** Golden-bellied Starfrontlet, Longuemare's Sunangel, White-bellied Woodstart, Southern Emerald-Toucanet, Crimson-mantlet Woodpecker, Sparkling Violetear, Lesser Violetear, Tourmaline Sunangel, Speckled Hummingbird, Long-tailed Sylph, Black-tailed Trainbearer, Tyrian Metaltail, Greenish Puffleg, Collared Inca, Golden-bellied Starfrontlet, Mountain Velvetbreast, White-booted Racket-tail, Lazuline Sabrewing

### **Campo Tangara / Cundinamarca**

Situated in the Vereda Cascajal of Soacha, Cundinamarca, Campo Tangara Birding & Coffee offers a distinctive blend of natural beauty and cultural charm. This unique destination is a haven for bird enthusiasts, featuring exceptional birdwatching opportunities where visitors can observe a rich array of avian species, including the mesmerizing hummingbirds that are perfect for photography enthusiasts. Campo Tangara invites guests to immerse themselves in nature with a range of outdoor activities. The site boasts excellent camping facilities, hiking trails offer scenic adventures through lush terrains, providing breathtaking views and a deeper connection with the natural world. Whether exploring the diverse birdlife, capturing stunning photographs, embarking on outdoor adventures, or savoring the rich flavors of Colombian coffee, Campo Tangara promises a memorable and enriching experience in harmony with nature.

**Elevation:** 6607.6 - 9048.5 ft.asl / **Mobility:** Moderate / **Temperature:** 53,6° - 75°F

**E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L34139615/bird-list>

**Key Species:** Glossy Hummingbird, Eared Hummingbird, Tourmaline Hummingbird, Shiny Booted-tailed, White-breasted Booted-tailed, Bronzed Inca, Collared Inca, Velvety Hummingbird, Havana-tailed Hummingbird, Black-bellied Scops Owl, Dusky-faced Owl, Brown Woodpecker, Barred Parakeet, Blackish Churrin, Little Beetle, Crow-tailed Woodpecker, Scarlet-bellied Tanager, White-flanked Flowerpiercer.

**Night in Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Bogotá:** <https://www.hilton.com/es/hotels/bogatgi-hilton-garden-inn-bogota-airport/>

### **April 10/ Day 3. Chingaza National Park - Hummingbird Observatory, La Calera - Flight to Medellín / La Extremadura Hotel**

#### **Chingaza National Park / Bogotá**

Located just 1.5 hours from the bustling city of Bogotá, Chingaza National Park is a breathtaking sanctuary that protects the unique Páramo ecosystem, stretching from the foothills of the Andes to the majestic peaks of the mountains. This pristine park offers easy access points from the city, featuring diverse sub-páramo and páramo landscapes where shrubs and low-growing vegetation thrive. For birdwatching enthusiasts, Chingaza is a must-visit destination. The best viewing spots are along the unpaved roads, surrounded by the park's distinctive natural habitat. Here, you can immerse yourself in the rich biodiversity of the Páramo, particularly famous for its incredible mixed flocks of birds that call this area home. Offering a dynamic experience where you can witness everything from heavy rains to dazzling sunshine throughout the day. Each moment in this extraordinary environment presents an opportunity to discover and appreciate a wide array of bird species and other wildlife. Whether you're an avid birdwatcher or simply seeking an escape into nature, Chingaza National Park promises an unforgettable adventure.

**Elevation:** 9842.5 - 12139 ft.asl/ **Mobility:** Easy, rural unpaved roads / **Temperature:** 42,8° - 57,2° F

**E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L6200630/bird-list>

**Key species:** Coopery-bellied Puffleg, Rufous-browed Conebill, Purple-backed Thornbill, Paramo Seedeater, Plush-capped Finch, Pale-naped Brush-Finch, Smoky Bush-Tyrant, Black-billed Mountain Toucan, Black-headed Hemispingus, Silvery-throated Spinetail, Blue-throated Starfrontlet, Matorral Tapaculo, Golden-fronted Whitestart, Superciliared Hemispingus, Brown-throated Parakeet, Sedge Wren, Grey-browed Brush-Finch, Chestnut-capped Brush Finch, Masked Trogon, Grass-green Tanager, Blue-black tanager, Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager, Pearled Treerunner, Montane Woodcreeper, Strong-billed Woodcreeper, Glowing Puffleg, Great Sapphirewing.



### Hummingbird Observatory / La Calera

Just 45 minutes from Bogotá, the Hummingbird Observatory is situated on a charming farmhouse adjacent to the buffer zone of Chingaza National Park. Although direct access to the forest is not available, the specially installed feeders attract a dazzling array of hummingbird species. In addition to the hummingbirds, the gardens occasionally host other birds typical of secondary growth in high-Andean forests. This makes the observatory an excellent spot for capturing stunning photographs and easily spotting species that are otherwise elusive in the wild. With its serene setting and abundant birdlife, the Hummingbird Observatory offers a delightful and relaxed environment for both birdwatching enthusiasts and photographers.

**Elevation:** 9842.5 ft.asl / **Mobility:** Easy, rural / **Temperature:** 42,8° - 60,8° F

**E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3892139/bird-list>

**Key species:** Coppery-bellied Puffleg, Blue-throated Starfrontlet, Glowing Puffleg, Great Sapphirewing, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Black-tailed trainbearer, Gren-tailed Trainbearer, Shinning Sunbeam, Sparkling Violetear, White-bellied Woodstar



**Night in Hacienda La Extremadura Hotel:** <https://laextremadura.com/>

### April 11/ Day 4. La Romera Natural Reserve - Transfer to Jardín (Central Andes) / Balandú Hotel

#### La Romera Natural Reserve / Sabaneta

Discover a hidden gem just on the edge of Medellín in Sabaneta, Antioquia, nestled on the western slopes of the Central Cordillera. This charming local reserve serves as a serene sanctuary for birds, providing a lush escape close to the bustling Colombian metropolis. Here, the Andean and high-Andean forests come alive with vibrant mixed flocks, where colorful tanagers and melodious warblers flit among the trees. The reserve is a haven for rare and endemic species, including the striking Red-bellied Grackle, the elusive Stiles Tapaculo, the unique Colombian Chachalaca, and the seldom-seen Yellow-headed Manakin. With its easy-to-navigate trails and breathtaking views of Medellín, this enchanting birdwatching paradise offers both tranquility and a front-row seat to nature's wonders. Experience the magic of birdwatching in a setting where the natural world meets the city's skyline.

**Elevation:** 5577.4 - 6561.6 ft.asl / **Mobility:** easy, rural unpaved road, light inclination / **Temperature:** 64,4° - 75° F

**E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2328561/bird-list>

**Key species:** Red-bellied Grackle, Andean Motmot, Yellow-headed Manakin, Colombian Chachala, Common Chlorospingus, Three-striped warbler, Russet-crowned Warbler, Pale-eyed Thrush, Green Jay, Slate-throated Whitestar, Black-billed Peppershirke, Golden-naped Tanager, Black-capped Tanager



**Night in Balandú Hotel:** <https://www.comfenalcoantioquia.com.co/personas/sedes/hotel-hacienda-balandu>

**April 12/ Day 5. Yellow-eared Parrot - Mirador El Roble Reserve: Hummingbird House and Feeders (Central Andes) / Balandú Hotel**

**Reserva Mirador El Roble: Hummingbird House and Feeders / Riosucio**

Situated in the lush landscapes of Río Sucio, Mirador El Roble Reserve is renowned for its focus on hummingbird conservation and birdwatching. This reserve features the Hummingbird House, a dedicated space designed to attract and support a variety of hummingbird species through specially placed feeders. The reserve's strategic setup allows visitors to observe these fascinating birds up close, providing excellent opportunities for photography and study. The reserve is nestled in a region of rich biodiversity, making it a prime location for observing other bird species and enjoying the natural beauty of the area. The Mirador El Roble Reserve is also known for its commitment to conservation and environmental education, working to preserve the habitat and promote awareness about the importance of these delicate ecosystems. Visitors to Mirador El Roble can expect a serene environment where they can connect with nature, appreciate the intricate details of hummingbird behavior, and enjoy the peaceful.

**Elevation:** 7841.2 - 8031.4 ft.asl / **Mobility:** Medium / **Temperature:** 57° - 82,4° F / **Feeders:** YES

**E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L17942998/bird-list>

**Key species:** Sparkling Violetear, Speckled Hummingbird, Purple-throated Woodstar, Tourmaline Sunangel, Acorn Woodpecker, Yellow-eared Parrot, Tourmaline Sunangel, Long-tailed Sylph, Collared Inca, Masked Flowerpiercer, Black-capped Tyrannulet, Gray-browed Brushfinch.

**Night in Balandú Hotel:** <https://www.comfenalcoantioquia.com.co/personas/sedes/hotel-hacienda-balandu>

**April 13/ Day 6. Bambusa Farmhouse, Bolombolo Dry Forest, transfer to Manizales / Quo Hotel Bambusa Farmhouse/ Antioquia**

Discover the charm of the Castaño family's delightful farmhouse, nestled in the heart of Colombia's coffee region. This quaint property serves as both a nursery for local ornamental plants and a producer of traditional crops like coffee and plantain! Mrs. Piedad, a warm and welcoming host, began feeding the birds in her garden, quickly turning it into a vibrant haven for an array of colorful species. Soon, her garden was



frequented by tanagers, woodpeckers, chachalacas, hummingbirds, and many more, prompting her to open her doors to birdwatchers. Spend a few hours at this enchanting farm where you can marvel at the diverse birdlife of the Colombian coffee region. Enjoy a delicious lunch, savor a freshly brewed cup of coffee, and capture stunning photographs of the local avian residents. It's a perfect spot for both relaxation and birdwatching.

**Elevation:** 5741.4 ft.asl / **Mobility:** stationary, garden in a farmhouse / **Temperature:** 62,6° - 71,6° F  
**E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3629879/bird-list>

**Key species:** Red-bellied Grackle, Red-headed Barbet, Colombian Chachalaca, Flame-rumped Tanager, Acorn Woodpecker, Blue-necked Tanager, Scrub Tanager, Black-capped Tanager, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, Blue-headed Parrot, Green Hermit.



### **Bolombolo Dry Forests / Bolombolo, Antioquia**

Discover the enchantment of Bolombolo, a hidden gem in the heart of Antioquia. Nestled at the base of the Cauca River valley, this charming municipality basks in a warm climate where temperatures gracefully exceed 30°C. Despite the challenges posed by deforestation, remnants of dry forest and vibrant secondary growth offer a magical sanctuary for avian wonders. Venture along the serene, unpaved roads that wind through Bolombolo's picturesque landscapes. Here, rural fields and pastoral lands create an idyllic setting for birdwatching. The area's rich biodiversity is truly spellbinding, featuring a dazzling array of species, including three rare endemics—one of which has only recently been unveiled to the world. Bolombolo invites you to immerse yourself in its spellbinding beauty, where every birdwatching moment unfolds like a chapter in a magical tale, and the warmth of its climate is matched only by the warmth of its welcome!

**Elevation:** 1640.4 ft.asl / **Mobility:** Easy / **Temperature:** 77° - 89,6° F  
**E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L10125643/bird-list>

**Key species:** Antioquia Wren, Apical Flycatcher, Greyish Piculet, Black-crowned Antshrike, Speckle-breasted Wren, Black-striped Sparrow, Colombian Chachalaca, Striped Cuckoo, Squirrel Cuckoo, Moustached Puffbird, Orange-chinned Parakeet, Spectacled Parrotlet, Bar-crested Antshrike, Bright-rumped Attila, Cinnamon Becard, Cinereous Becard, Speckle-breasted Wren, Black-striped Sparrow, Scrub Tanager, Guira Tanager, Black-winged Saltator.

**Night in Quo Hotel:** <https://quo.com.co/>

**April 14 / Day 7. Owl's Watch /Termales del Ruiz Hotel**

**Owl's Watch at Rio Blanco / Manizales**



Owls Watch is a conservation and sustainability project. Located just 3 kilometers from Manizales, in the foothills of the Central Andes of Colombia, it offers the opportunity for hiking and birdwatching across more than 80 hectares of cloud forest, home to exceptional biodiversity. It is one of the best places in the world to spot owls and other nocturnal species. Additionally, the reserve hosts over 250 bird species, many of them endemic and near-endemic. The reserve features trails immersed in the cloud forest, where every corner presents a new opportunity to discover unique species. More than just a paradise for birdwatchers, Owls Watch is also a key space for conservation and scientific research.

**Elevation:** 2.550 masl **Mobility:** Easy, unpaved road  
**Temperature:** 12 -19 °C

**E-bird**

**Hotspot:**

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L11918683?yr=all&m&rank=hc>

**Key Species:** Stygian Owl, Brown-banded Antpitta, Bicolored Antpitta, Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, Slate-Crowned Antpitta, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, Powerful Woodpecker, Long-tailed Sylph, Wedge-billed Hummingbird, White-capped Tanager, White-capped Dipper, Dusky Piha.

**Night in Termales del Ruiz Hotel:** <https://termalesdelruiz.com/>

**April 15 / Day 8. Nevado del Ruiz National Park (Central Andes) / Hotel Mandalay 1941**

**Los Nevados National Park and Ruiz Hot Springs (Nevado del Ruiz) / Manizales**

Just an hour from Manizales, this natural area boasts stunning landscapes framed by three majestic snow-capped volcanoes: El Ruiz, Santa Isabel, and Tolima. Despite some transformation in neighboring regions, the reserve still preserves pristine patches of sub-paramo and páramo, which serve as vital habitats for a diverse array of bird species unique to these ecosystems. The park stands out as one of Colombia's most breathtaking destinations, offering dramatic scenery and an exceptional variety of birds, making it a must-visit for birdwatchers of all levels. In addition to its avian wonders, the region is renowned for its rare and distinctive plant species, thriving amidst the striking volcanic terrain. Nearby, the Hotel Termales del Ruiz provides a perfect base for birdwatchers. Guests can relax in the hotel's renowned hot springs and enjoy exclusive access to some of Colombia's most important bird feeders, situated at an elevation of over 3,600 meters. Here, visitors can witness unique hummingbird species that are endemic to the country, enhancing the overall bird watching experience in this spectacular natural setting.

**Elevation:** 11154.8 - 12139 ft.asl / **Mobility:** Easy, rural unpaved roads, paved roads / **Temperature:** 42,8° - 57° F

**E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1252508/bird-list>

**Key species:** Buffy Helmetcrest, Many-striped Canastero, White-chinned Thistletail, Tawny Antpitta, Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, Stout-billed Cinclodes, Glossy Flowerpiercer, Andean Lapwing, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Rainbow-bearded Thrornbill. Greater Sapphirewing, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Black-thighed Puffleg

**Night in Hotel Mandalay 1941:** <https://hotelmandalay1941.com/>





**April 16/ Day 9. Otún-Quimbaya Flora & Fauna Sanctuary - (Central Andes) / Hotel Mandalay 19 41**

#### **Otún-Quimbaya Flora & Fauna Sanctuary / Pereira**

Located just an hour from Pereira on the western slope of the Central Cordillera, the Otún-Quimbaya Fauna and Flora Sanctuary is a vital refuge dedicated to preserving the watershed of the Otún River, as well as its Andean and high-Andean forests. Established to safeguard these critical ecosystems, the sanctuary has been undergoing a dedicated reforestation process for over 40 years. This ongoing effort has created a crucial biological corridor linking to the well-preserved forests of the upper Los Nevados National Park, enhancing connectivity in the Central Andes. Visitors to Otún-Quimbaya often encounter a diverse range of wildlife, including impressive mammals such as the Mountain Tapir, Crab-eating Fox, and Red Howler Monkeys. The sanctuary, managed by the local community, features a comprehensive community-based program focused on environmental education and conservation. This remarkable initiative has positioned Otún-Quimbaya as one of the country's premier wildlife and flora sanctuaries, with over 400 bird species recorded within its boundaries.

**Elevation:** 5249.3 - 7217.8 ft.asl / **Mobility:** Easy, rural unpaved roads, low inclination / **Temperature:** 60,8° - 78,8° F

**E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1433708/bird-list>

**Key species:** Cauca Guan, Chestnut Wood-Quail, Torrent Duck, Colombian Screech-Owl, Emerald Toucanet, Hooded Antpitta, Rufous-breasted Flycatcher, Flame-rumped Tanager, Scrub Tanager, Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Multicolored Tanager, Crested Ant-Tanager, White-capped Tanager.





**Night in Hotel Mandalay 1941:** <https://hotelmandalay1941.com/>

#### **April 17 / Day 10: Transfer from Otún to the Montezuma Reserve / Montezuma Lodge**

During the early hours of the morning, birds will be searched on the banks of the Otún River and in the gardens around the lodge, then there will be a trip to the Montezuma nature reserve in the municipality of Pueblo Rico - Risaralda.

**Night in Montezuma Lodge** / <https://montezumarainforest.com/>

#### **April 18- 19 / Day 11 - 12 : Montezuma Reserve (Western Andes) / Montezuma Lodge**

##### **Cerro Montezuma Rainforest Natural Reserve / Pueblo Rico**

Montezuma Natural Reserve, nestled along the western flank of the Western Cordillera, is a stunning part of the Tatama National Park buffer zone. This pristine reserve features a 14-kilometer road that ascends from the reserve's lodge to the summit of Cerro Tatama, where a military base is situated. The reserve's unique blend of Andean and Chocoan ecosystems creates an exceptionally rich environment for birdwatching and biodiversity. Montezuma is renowned for its impressive bird diversity, with over 520 species recorded, including many restricted and endemic varieties native to this lush, tropical rainforest. Managed by the Tapasco family, led by Leopoldina and her five daughters, the reserve offers an unparalleled birdwatching experience. In addition to its avian wonders, Montezuma is a haven for observing orchids, bromeliads, butterflies, amphibians, and reptiles. This biodiverse paradise provides an extraordinary opportunity to explore the Chocoan biogeographic region, one of the most ecologically rich areas in the world.

**Elevation:** 5249.3 - 9186.3 ft.as/ **Track:** rural unpaved road, modest inclination / **Temperature:** 53,6° - 77° F / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3856029/bird-list>

**Key species:** Black-and-gold Tanager, Gold-ringed Tanager, Munchique Wood-Wren, Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer, Tatamá Tapaculo, Velvet-purple Coronet, Empress Brilliant, Western Emerald, White-tailed Hillstar, Barred Hawk, Toucan Barbet, White-faced Nunbird, Lanceolated Monklet, Golden-headed Quetzal, Fulvous-dotted Treerunner, Yellow-breasted Antpitta, Ochre-breasted Antpitta, Choco Tapaculo, Nariño Tapaculo, Black Solitaire, Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager, Rufous-throated Tanager, Tanager Finch, Barred fruit-eater, Scaled Fruit-eater, Orange breasted Fruit-eater, Olivaceous Piha, Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia.

**Night in Montezuma Lodge** / <https://montezumarainforest.com/>



#### **April 20 / Day 13: Montezuma Reserve - Transfer to Ibagué (Central Andes) / Sonesta Hotel**

In the morning, birds will be observed in the bird feeders of the Montezuma reserve, before midday a trip will be made to the city of Ibagué where you will rest.

**Night in Sonesta Hotel:** <http://www.sonestaibague.com/>

#### **April 21/ Day 14: Ukuku Reserve, Jardín Botánico San Jorge (Central Andes) / Sonesta Hotel Ukuku Reserve & Lodge / Ibagué**

Above the breathtaking Combeima River Canyon, Ukuku Lodge is located just an hour from Ibagué. Access to the lodge involves a scenic 1.5 km (1 mile) hike along the Combeima River, where birdwatchers can spot a variety of impressive species. Upon arrival at Ukuku Lodge, guests are greeted with stunning views and a traditional mountain setting. The lodge features well-placed hummingbird and tanager feeders, making it an ideal spot for observing these vibrant birds. The surrounding patches of forest, secondary growth, and beautifully maintained gardens serve as a sanctuary for important endemic species, easily visible at the lodge's feeders. Managed by a dedicated couple of biologists, Ukuku Lodge offers excellent service and delicious cuisine, ensuring a memorable stay for all nature enthusiasts!

**Elevation:** 5249.3 ft.asl / **Mobility:** Easy - Medium, 1.5km of hiking distance, ending the path on a steep pebble stone road / **Temperature:** 60,8° - 75° F

**E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3607803/bird-list>



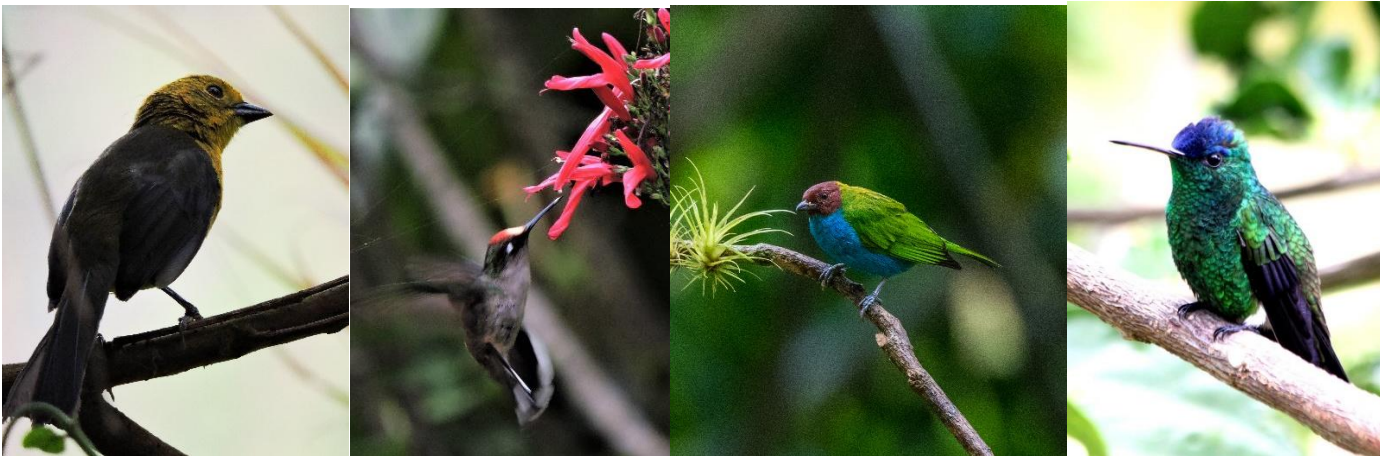
**Key species:** Tolima Dove, Tolima Blossomcrown, Yellow-headed Brush-Finch, Indigo-capped Hummingbird, Fawn-breasted Brilliant, Red-billed Emerald.

### San Jorge Botanical Garden / Ibagué

San Jorge Botanical Garden, gracefully perched on the northwestern hills of Ibagué, spans 60 acres of pristine conservation land. This verdant haven includes 48 acres of protected sub-Andean forest, showcasing the region's unique flora and fauna, while the remaining area features a curated collection of living plants and scenic open spaces. The garden's extensive network of well-maintained ecological trails makes it a premier destination for birdwatching. With over 290 bird species calling this sanctuary home, it offers unparalleled opportunities for bird enthusiasts. At its highest vantage points, visitors are treated to stunning panoramic views of Ibagué from two thoughtfully positioned viewpoints, enhancing the experience of exploring the garden's rich biodiversity. Just 5 minutes from downtown Ibagué, San Jorge Botanical Garden is a treasured green space for the Tolima department.

**Elevation:** 3937 - 4265.09 ft.asl / **Track:** trails in stone and dirt / **Temperature:** 75°-84° F

**Key species:** Black-faced Dacnis, Bay-headed Tanager, Scrub Tanager, Red-rumped Woodpecker, Blue-black Grosebeak, Apical Flycatcher, Black striped Sapsucker, Moustached Puffbird, Velvet-fronted Euphonia, Blue-lored Antbird, Dwarf Cuckoo, Steely-vented Hummingbird, Russet-crowned Craze, Pearl Kite, Barred Puffbird, Red-rumped Woodpecker, Bar-crested Antshrike, White-bellied Antbird.



**Night in Sonesta Hotel:** <http://www.sonestaibague.com/>

### April 22 / Day 15: Mana Dulce Reserve (Magdalena), Bogotá / Hilton Garden Inn

#### Mana Dulce Natural Reserve / Cundinamarca

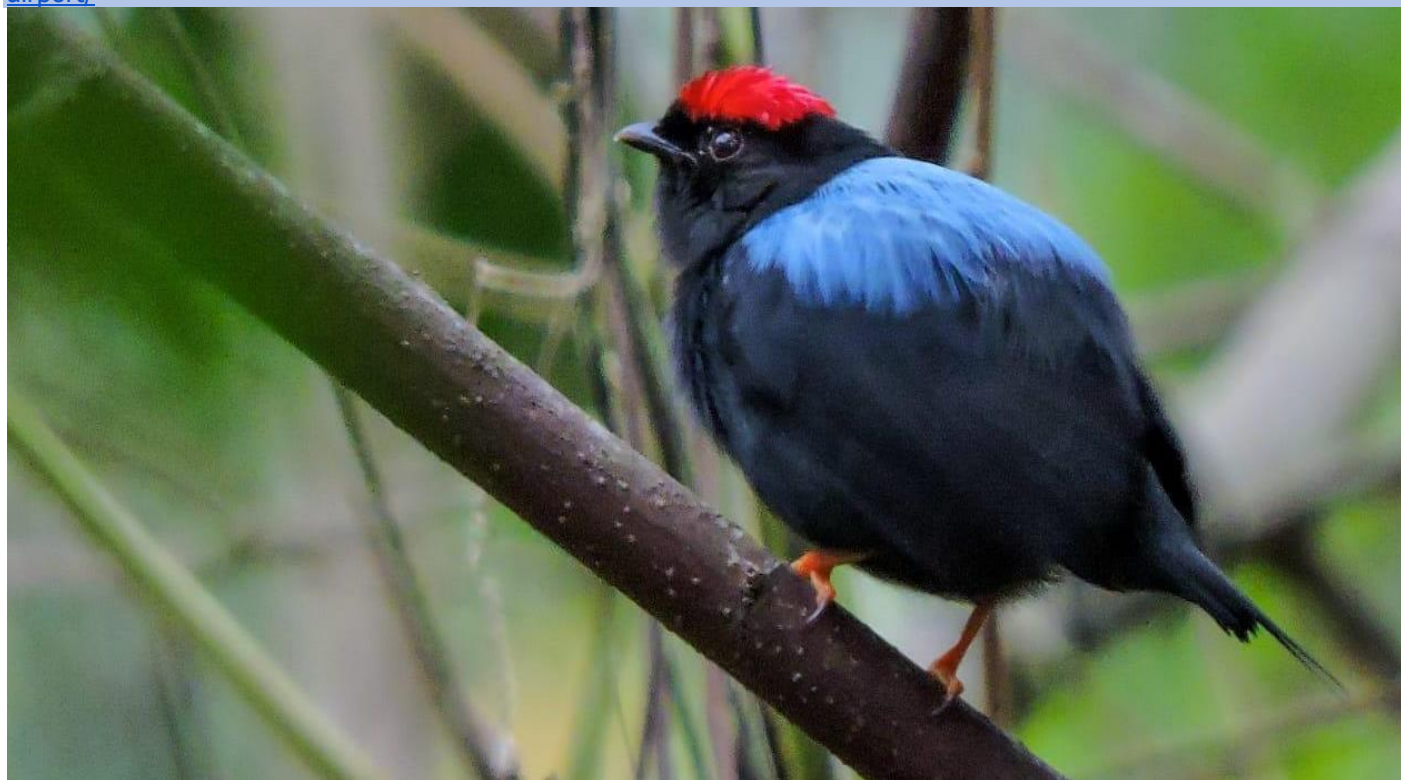
Discover the enchanting Mana Dulce Ecological Reserve, a hidden gem nestled in the department of Cundinamarca, just two hours from Bogotá between the charming municipalities of Agua de Dios and Nilo. This pristine sanctuary boasts stunning ecological trails that weave through diverse native forests, offering an immersive hiking experience. Explore the captivating Canyon of Mana Dulce, where majestic Ceiba trees guide you to the awe-inspiring Chimbilacera Cave, home to thousands of bats. Marvel at the Puente de Piedra, Colombia's third natural stone bridge, a remarkable testament to nature's artistry. End your journey at the breathtaking Indio Malachí Viewpoint, where panoramic views await. Mana Dulce is a haven for birdwatchers, with over 250 species to observe, many of which are unique to the inter-Andean valleys of Colombia. The reserve also features a butterfly zoo, where you can witness the mesmerizing metamorphosis of local butterflies, adding a touch of magic to your visit. Embrace the beauty and wonder of Mana Dulce, where nature's splendor and conservation come together in perfect harmony.

**Elevation:** 656 - 1640.42 ft.asl / **Mobility:** Easy – Medium, unpaved road, trails inside the reserve / **Temperature:** 82,4° - 95° F / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3169340/bird-list>

**Key species:** Lance-tailed Manakin, Crested Bobwhite, Pheasant Cuckoo, Blue-ground Dove, Dwarf Cuckoo, Striped Cuckoo, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Pearl Kite, Whooping Motmot, Barred Puffbird, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Olivaceous Piculet, Collared Forest Falcon, Yellow-crowned and Orange-winged Parrot, Spectacled Parrotlet, Great Antshrike, Barred Antshrike, White-bellied Antbird, Jet Antbird, Blue-lored Antbird, Red-billed

Scytebill, White-bearded Manakin, Golden-headed Manakin, Black-headed Tody Flycatcher, Forest Elaenia, Greenish Elaenia, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, band-backed Wren, Velvet-fronted Euphonia, Apical Flycatcher, Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch, Orange-crowned Oriole, White-eared Conebill, Pileated Finch

**Night in Hilton Garden Inn Hotel:** [https://www.hiltonhotels.com/es\\_XM/colombia/hilton-garden-inn-bogota-airport/](https://www.hiltonhotels.com/es_XM/colombia/hilton-garden-inn-bogota-airport/)



**April 23/ Day 16: International Flight home from Bogotá.**

### **Distances between points of interest**

Understanding distances allows you to estimate the time needed to travel between points of interest, and it also allows you to prepare adequately and have realistic expectations about the route.

<b>Departure and Arrival</b>	<b>Duration and Distance</b>	<b>Route Map</b>
Bogotá-----> Medellín	<b>Flight 50 min</b>	<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/QrrwAaE4fSps8oWS8">https://maps.app.goo.gl/QrrwAaE4fSps8oWS8</a>
Sabaneta-----> Jardín	2 h 50 min, 119 km	<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/AXGDFefoWdHb6Xuo9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/AXGDFefoWdHb6Xuo9</a>
Riosucio-----> Manizales	1 h 48 min, 93 km	<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/Y1AP4vgL2nQC6DVV8">https://maps.app.goo.gl/Y1AP4vgL2nQC6DVV8</a>
Otún -----> Montezuma	3 h 2 min, 117 km	<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/nn8G5ngxnScmA5Q16">https://maps.app.goo.gl/nn8G5ngxnScmA5Q16</a>



Montezuma ----->  
Ibagué

4 h 37 min, 205 km

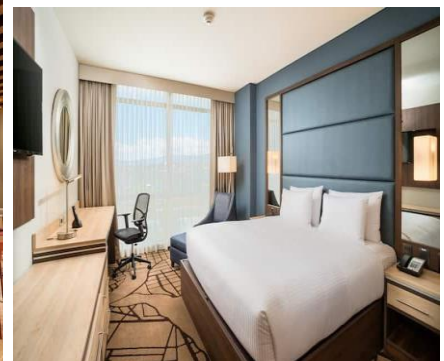
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## **Some Hotels Descriptions**

### **Hilton Garden Inn Bogotá Airport**

Located in the Ciudad Salitre neighborhood, 4 km from El Dorado International Airport. The hotel has modern and comfortable rooms, designed to provide a relaxing and functional environment. They are equipped with comfortable beds, ergonomic desks, flat-screen TVs, minibars and high-speed Wi-Fi. It also offers a variety of facilities and services to enhance the guest experience. These include: Restaurant with local and international dining options, as well as buffet breakfast, business center, fitness center, event spaces, evening room service and 24-hour convenience store. <https://www.hilton.com/es/hotels/bogatgi-hilton-garden-inn-bogota-airport/>

Wi- Fi: ☒ / Hot Water: ☒ / Air conditioning: ☒ / TV: ☒ / Laundry Service: ☒ / Hairdryer: ☒



### **Hotel Hacienda La Extremadura / Sabaneta**

This colonial hacienda was restored with great detail to preserve its original architecture and turn it into a unique and charming lodging destination. It offers an authentic experience of life on a Colombian hacienda, with rooms and suites decorated in a rustic and elegant style that reflects the history and character of the region. The rooms are equipped with modern amenities to ensure a comfortable and relaxing stay. Hacienda La Extremadura has beautiful gardens and green areas, where guests can walk and enjoy the tranquility of the natural environment. It also offers an outdoor swimming pool and has a restaurant offering delicious local and international cuisine. <https://laextremadura.com/>

Wi- Fi: ☒ / Hot Water: ☒ / Air conditioning: ☒ / TV: ☒ / Laundry Service: ☒ / Hairdryer: ☒



### **QUO Quality Hotel / Manizales**

A hotel in Manizales, located in an exclusive area of the city, 10 minutes from the airport and 10 minutes from downtown, offers 36 comfortable rooms including Standard Double, Twin, Junior Suite, and Deluxe Suite. Equipped with the latest technology, specially designed spaces, and exquisite fragrances that will allow you to enjoy moments of rest and tranquility. <https://quo.com.co/>

Wi- Fi: ☒ / Hot Water: ☒ / Air conditioning: ☐ / TV: ☒ / Laundry Service: ☒ / Hairdryer: ☒



### Hotel Hacienda Balandú Comfenalco / Jardín

In the municipality of Jardín, a heritage town in Colombia, is our Hotel Hacienda Balandú, an ideal place to enjoy unforgettable moments. It has 24 rooms, a restaurant and bar, an auditorium for all types of meetings and events, a board game room, a wet area with a heated pool for children and adults, a jacuzzi, a sauna and a Turkish bath, a volleyball and micro-soccer court, and a lake with fish. ornamental, garden and farm.

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### Hotel Termales del Ruíz / Manizales

This hotel is immersed in a stunning natural environment, surrounded by mountains and lush landscapes. It offers a variety of services and amenities designed to ensure a pleasant stay. In addition to its spa and lodging facilities, Hotel Termales del Ruíz offers outdoor activities such as hiking, bird watching and horseback riding, allowing guests to explore and enjoy the natural beauty of the surrounding area.

<https://termalesdelruiz.com/>

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## Mandalay 1941 / La Florida-Pereira

Located in the heart of the lush La Florida Nature Reserve in Risaralda, Hotel Mandalay 1941 is a perfect retreat for nature lovers and those seeking tranquility. This charming hotel offers a unique experience, blending modern comfort with the wild beauty of the region. Its rooms are named after birds native to the Coffee Region, inviting guests to discover the beauty of the area's endemic species without ever leaving the lodge. <https://hotelmandalay1941.com/>

**Wi- Fi:** ☒ / **Hot Water:** ☒ / **Air conditioning:** ☐ / **TV:** ☐ / **Laundry Service:** ☐ / **Hairdryer:** ☐



## Ec lodge Montezuma Rain Forest Reserve / Pueblo Rico

Montezuma Ec lodge is operated by the Tapasco family. The lodge offers 12 rooms with comfortable beds (3 triples, 6 doubles, 3 king beds only), bathrooms, hot showers and electricity. The kitchen at the main lodge offers up delicious home-cooked meals based on typical Colombian cuisine, and can accommodate dietary preferences (vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.) upon request with advance notice. The lodge is situated on the Tabasco's 400-hectare property, a mix of farmland and forest. Bird feeders, flowers and fruit trees surround the lodge, attracting a beautiful array of hummingbirds, tanagers, honeycreepers, euphonias and many others daily. <https://montezumarainforest.com/>

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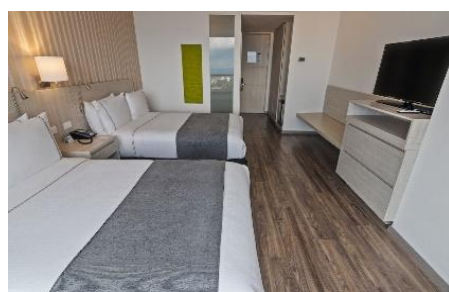


## Hotel Sonesta / Ibagué

Sonesta Hotel Ibagué has a privileged location, within the Acqua Commercial Complex, on one of the most important roads called "The Golden Mile". It has modern and comfortable rooms, large rooms for corporate and social events, swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, Turkish, gym (Spinning center), Spa (Zivia), indoor parking in the commercial complex, free Wi-Fi. The services and facilities of the Sonesta Hotel Ibagué open a world of possibilities to all our guests. With personalized attention and 4-star quality standards, the hotel offers a restaurant (CUCUANA), terrace-bar (FLOOR 13), rooms for social and corporate events, and airport transfers.

<http://www.sonestaibague.com/>

**Wi- Fi:** ☒ / **Hot Water:** ☒ / **Air conditioning:** ☒ / **TV:** ☒ / **Laundry Service:** ☒ / **Hairdryer:** ☒



## Prices 2026

**\$ 5.700 USD – Net Price Per Person / All Inclusive**

**Single Room Supplement: \$780**

***Tour confirmed from 6 People, maximum number of participants 10***

**Included:** Accommodation in double rooms, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast of last morning with open menu in restaurants and places in where is available, 2 snacks daily that include bottled water, fruit, etc., Water available all the time on the bus – big bottle to recharge the portable bottles, soda, bottled water or juice included with meals, private transfer airport – hotel – airport, all ground transportation including 4x4 vehicles where is necessary, domestic flights in economy class, entrances to reserves and national parks, Colombian event insurance and bilingual professional birding and wildlife guide.

**Not Included:** International flights and taxes, toiletries, laundry service, room service, tips or gratuity, medical expenses (not covered for event insurance), alcoholic drinks, international phone calls, activities not included in the itinerary, extensions of a trip due to circumstances beyond our control

**Accommodation:** Our hotels and lodges vary in quality but all are within close proximity to many of areas we wish to go birding or to see wildlife; MANAKIN NATURE TOURS, just operate high quality tours, in this case you can be sure that hotels and lodges will be from good to high quality, safe and clean. For more details about hotels that we use in this tour, please write to us or call us.

**Tour Code:** This is a fairly standard birding or wildlife tour with early morning starts and evening finishes to each day. Some days we may take picnic lunches in order to not waste time during the middle of the day or having to leave the site. The weather can be unpredictable with rain and sunshine both likely. At higher altitudes it can be chilly. We have an amazing photo opportunity for many species of hummingbirds and other species coming to feeders, we will also be looking for a good number of species that are very rare and seldom seen, but we will be going to areas that hold these sought-after species.

**All Picture by Manakin Nature Tours:** Andean Cock of the Rock, Blue-winged Tanager, Beryl-spangled Tanager, Black-chested Buzzard Eagle, Masked Trogon, Flame-winged Parakeet, Green Jay, Fawn-breasted Tanager, Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager, Yellow-eared Parrot, Red-headed Barbet (female and male), Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, Brown-banded Antpitta, Buffy Helmetcrest, Torrent Duck, Toucan Barbet, Golden-ringed Tanager, Black and Gold Tanager, Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia, Chestnut bellied Flowerpiercer, Yellow-headed Brush-Finch, Tolima Blossomcrown, Bay-headed Tanager, Indigo-capped Hummingbird, Lance-tailed Manakin, Tatama National Park from Montezuma Reserve.



