



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.

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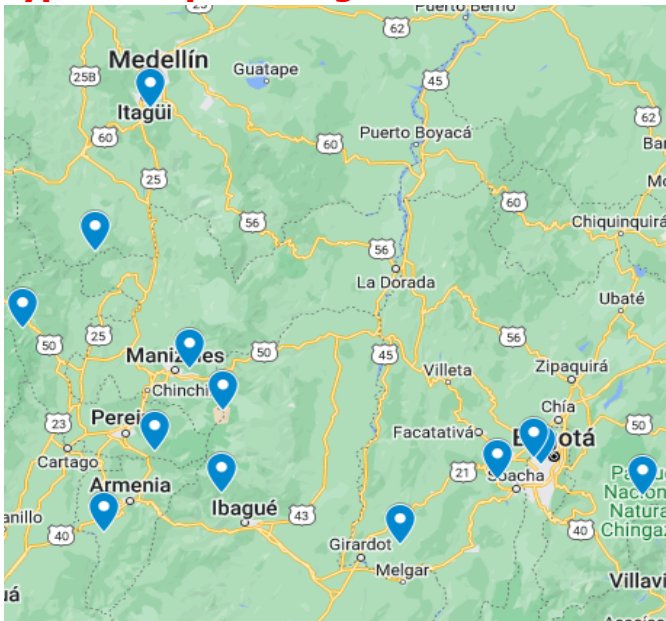
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Type of Trip: Birding Tour



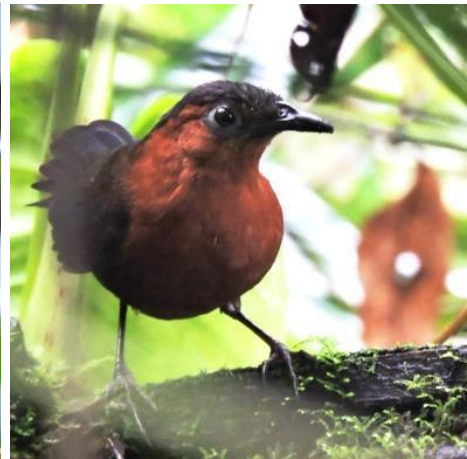
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DETAILED ITINERARY

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

Our protocol staff will be waiting for you at the Dorado Airport to take you to a hotel near the airport. You will be meeting the guide at dinner and receive instructions for the following day. 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/bogatqi-hilton-garden-inn-bogota-airport/>

December 9: Day 2. Andes Bird Observatory and El Zoque Reserve / Night at Hilton Garden Inn Hotel

Andes Bird Observatory / Cundinamarca

At 2,700 meters above sea level in the enchanting Guasca, Cundinamarca, the Los Andes Observatory offers an immersion into the high-Andean forest ecosystem. This destination is celebrated for its exclusive

Muisca Antpitta and hummingbird observatories, revealing a vibrant mosaic of biodiversity. The reserve is a sanctuary for around thirty captivating bird species, each adding to the rich tapestry of life that graces this magical place. Whether you're a dedicated nature enthusiast or an avid birdwatcher, the Los Andes Observatory promises an unforgettable journey into one of the world's most breathtaking natural realms.

Elevation: 9842.5 ft.asl / **Mobility:** easy-medium, rural unpaved roads and hikes on pastures / **Temperature:** 57° - 68° F / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L28055635/bird-list>

Key species: Gorgeted Woodstar, Red-crested Cotinga, Andean teal, Scarlet-bellied mountain tanager, Pale-naped Brush-Finch, Hooded mountain tanager, Masked Flowerpiercer, Coppery-bellied Puffleg, Glowing Puffleg.



El Zoque Nature Reserve/ Guasca

Located in the páramo of Guasca, just one hour from Bogotá, El Zoque Nature Reserve is an ideal destination for nature lovers. This ecological sanctuary offers excellent opportunities for birdwatching, wildlife and flora observation, nature photography, and participation in conservation activities such as planting native species. Its trails traverse a fascinating altitudinal transition from the high Andean forest to the páramo ecosystem, allowing visitors to observe a great diversity of species typical of these habitats. The reserve combines conservation, environmental education, and community-based ecotourism in a unique natural setting of high ecological value.

The altitude range is between 3,087 and 3,136 meters above sea level, characterized by average annual temperatures between 6 and 12°C.

Ebird: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L7932203/bird-list>

December 10: Day 3. El Fute Reserve - Flight to Medellín/ Night at La Extremadura Hotel

Early in the morning, you will depart for El Fute Reserve, where you will carry out birdwatching activities throughout the morning. Depending on your flight schedule, you will then head with your guide to El Dorado International Airport to take your flight to the city of Medellín.

El Fute Reserve / Cundinamarca

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 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, Mountain Velvetbreast, White-booted Racket-tail, Lazuline Sabrewing

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

December 11: Day 4. La Romera Reserve - Transfer to Jardín - Cock of the Rock / Night at Balandú Hotel

Early in the morning, you will depart for La Romera Reserve, where you will begin your birdwatching activities. Afterwards, you will be transferred to Jardín, Antioquia, where you will have the opportunity to observe the Andean cock-of-the-rock.

La Romera Natural Reserve / Sabaneta



Located 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 an 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 birdwatching place offers both tranquility and a front-row seat to nature's wonders.

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, Black-capped Tanager, Greyish Piculet, Green Jay, Slate-throated Whitestar, Black-capped Tanager, Golden Tanager.

Jardín de Rocas (Cock of the rock), Nature Reserve / Antioquia

Jardín de Rocas Natural Reserve is a hidden gem located in the picturesque municipality of Jardín, Antioquia. This charming reserve, nestled in a rural area, is renowned for its permanent lek of the stunning Cock-of-the-Rock. As a premier birdwatching destination, it attracts enthusiasts from around the world eager to witness this vibrant bird up close. Here, you can observe the Cock-of-the-Rock just centimeters away from specially designed viewpoints, offering unparalleled opportunities for photography. In addition to this remarkable species, the reserve features bird feeders that attract an array of regional favorites, including colorful tanagers and lively chachalacas. While the path to the lekking area is slightly steep, a leisurely hike makes it accessible without difficulty. Jardín de Rocas is not only a haven for birdwatchers but also a vital private conservation initiative. This lek is one of the best and most accessible in the Cock-of-the-Rock's distribution range, making it a must-visit for nature lovers and conservation supporters alike.

Elevation: 5741.4 ft.asl / **Mobility:** rural unpaved road, steep terrain but easy to hike on / **Temperature:** 62,6° - 71,6° F / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L20269613>

Key species: Andean Cock of the Rock, Crested Ant-Tanager, Colombian Chachalaca, Black-chested Jay, Flame-rumped Tanager, Andean Motmot, Chestnut-naped Brush-Finch, Andean Guan, Moustached Puffbird, Barred Antshrike.



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

December 12: Day 5. Yellow-eared Parrot- Mirador El Roble Reserve: Hummingbird House and Feeders (Central Andes)/ Night at 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 peacefulness.

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: Yellow-eared Parrot, Chami Antpitta, Tawny-breasted Tinamou, Chestnut-crested Cotinga, Chestnut-naped Antpitta, Citrine Warbler, Streak-capped Threehunter, Mountain Cacique, Striped Treehunter, Rufous Spinetail, Flammulated Threehunter.



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

December 13: Day 6. Manantial del Turpial , Bolombolo Dry Forest, transfer to Manizales / Night at Quo Hotel

Early in the morning, you will depart for Manantial del Turpial, where you will have the opportunity to observe Oilbirds and other species. You will also carry out birdwatching activities in the Bolombolo Dry Forest. After completing the day's activities, you will be transferred to your hotel in the city of Manizales.

Los Guacharos Reserve - Cabaña Manantial el Turpial / Jardín

Immerse yourself in a unique experience by discovering the oilbirds (*Steatornis caripensis*) in their natural habitat. Also known as cave birds or oilbirds, these fascinating nocturnal creatures inhabit the caves of the reserve. In addition, you can enjoy birdwatching with over 50 species, explore private ecological trails, and access the river. Los Guácharos Nature Reserve is the perfect place to connect with biodiversity and the tranquility of this magical environment.

Elevation: 5741.4 ft.asl / **Temperature:** 62,6° - 71,6° F/ **Ebird:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L41970387/bird-list>

Key species: Oilbirds, Colombian Chachalaca, Green-fronted Lancebill, Western Emerald, White-capped Tanager, Red-bellied Grackle, Crested Oropendola, Black-chested Jay



Bolombolo Dry Forests / Bolombolo, Antioquia

Discover Bolombolo in Antioquia. Nestled at the base of the Cauca River valley, this 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 unpaved roads that wind through Bolombolo's picturesque landscapes. Here, rural fields and pastoral lands create a setting for birdwatching. The area's rich biodiversity is spellbinding, featuring an array of species, including three rare endemics. Bolombolo invites you to immerse yourself in its beauty.

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, Speckle-breasted Wren, Colombian Chachalaca, Spectacled Parrotlet, Bar-crested Antshrike, Scrub Tanager, Black-winged Saltator.

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

December 14: Day 7. Río Blanco Reserve / Night at Termales del Ruiz Hotel

Río Blanco Natural Reserve / Manzales

The Rio Blanco Natural Reserve, an Important Bird Area (IBA), is a vital sanctuary located on the cloud forests that surround the city of Manzales. This protected reserve plays a crucial role in conserving the city's water resources while preserving its Andean and high-Andean ecosystems. Home to an important array of bird species, including many endemics with restricted ranges, Rio Blanco is renowned for its

remarkable birdwatching opportunities. The reserve's standout attractions include its Antpitta and Hummingbird feeders, making it one of the world's premier locations to observe Antpittas. Additionally, the reserve offers high-quality lodging that is perfectly suited for owl watching. As one of the most popular birdwatching destinations in Colombia, Rio Blanco is also one of the most extensively studied areas by bird enthusiasts!

Elevation: 7217.8 - 7874 ft.asl / **Mobility:** Easy, unpaved road / **Temperature:** 53,6° - 66,2° F / **Ebird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L19141373>

Key species: 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-throated Daggerbill, Dusky Piha.

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

December 15: Day 8. Nevado del Ruiz National Park (Central Andes) / Night at Hotel Mandalay 1941 or Kumanday

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/L5069164>

Key species: Buffy Helmetcrest, Stout-billed Cinclodes, Rainbow-bearded Thornbill, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Rufous-fronted Parakeet, Golden-fronted Redstart, Many-striped Canastero, White-chinned Thistletail, Tawny Antpitta, Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, Stout-billed Cinclodes, Glossy Flowerpiercer, Andean Lapwing, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle.

Night in Hotel Mandalay 1941: <https://hotelmandalay1941.com/> or **Kumanday Hotel:** <https://www.instagram.com/casahotelkumanday/?hl=es>

December 16: Day 9. Otún-Quimbaya Flora & Fauna Sanctuary - (Central Andes) / Night at Hotel Mandalay 1941 or Kumanday

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, Scrub Tanager, Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Multicolored Tanager, Crested Ant-Tanager, White-capped Tanager.

Night in Hotel Mandalay 1941: <https://hotelmandalay1941.com/> or Kumanday Hotel: <https://www.instagram.com/casahotelkumanday/?hl=es>

December 17: Day 10. Transfer from Otún to the Montezuma Reserve / Night at Montezuma Lodge

In the morning, you will continue your birdwatching activities at Otún-Quimbaya Fauna and Flora Sanctuary. After completing the observations, you will transfer to Montezuma Reserve on a journey of a little over three hours, where you will spend the next two nights and prepare for several days of full birdwatching in search of key species.

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

December 18 & 19 / Day 11 - 12 : Montezuma Reserve (Western Andes) / Night at 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, Toucan Barbet, Fulvous-dotted Treerunner, Yellow-breasted Antpitta, Choco Tapaculo, Nariño Tapaculo, Black Solitaire, Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager, Rufous-throated Tanager, Tanager Finch,, Orange breasted Fruiteater, Yellow-collared Chlorophonia.Greyish Piculet.

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

December 20: Day 13. Montezuma Reserve - Transfer to Ibagué (Central Andes) / Night at Sonesta Hotel

In the morning, you will enjoy birdwatching at the feeders of Montezuma Reserve. Before midday, you will be transferred to the city of Ibagué, where you will rest in preparation for the next day's activities.

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

December 21: Day 14. Ukuku & Jardín Botánico San Jorge / Night at 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 conservation land. It 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 / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L20898520/bird-list>

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

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

December 22: Day 15. Mana Dulce Reserve (Magdalena), Bogotá / Night at Hilton Garden Inn Hotel

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.

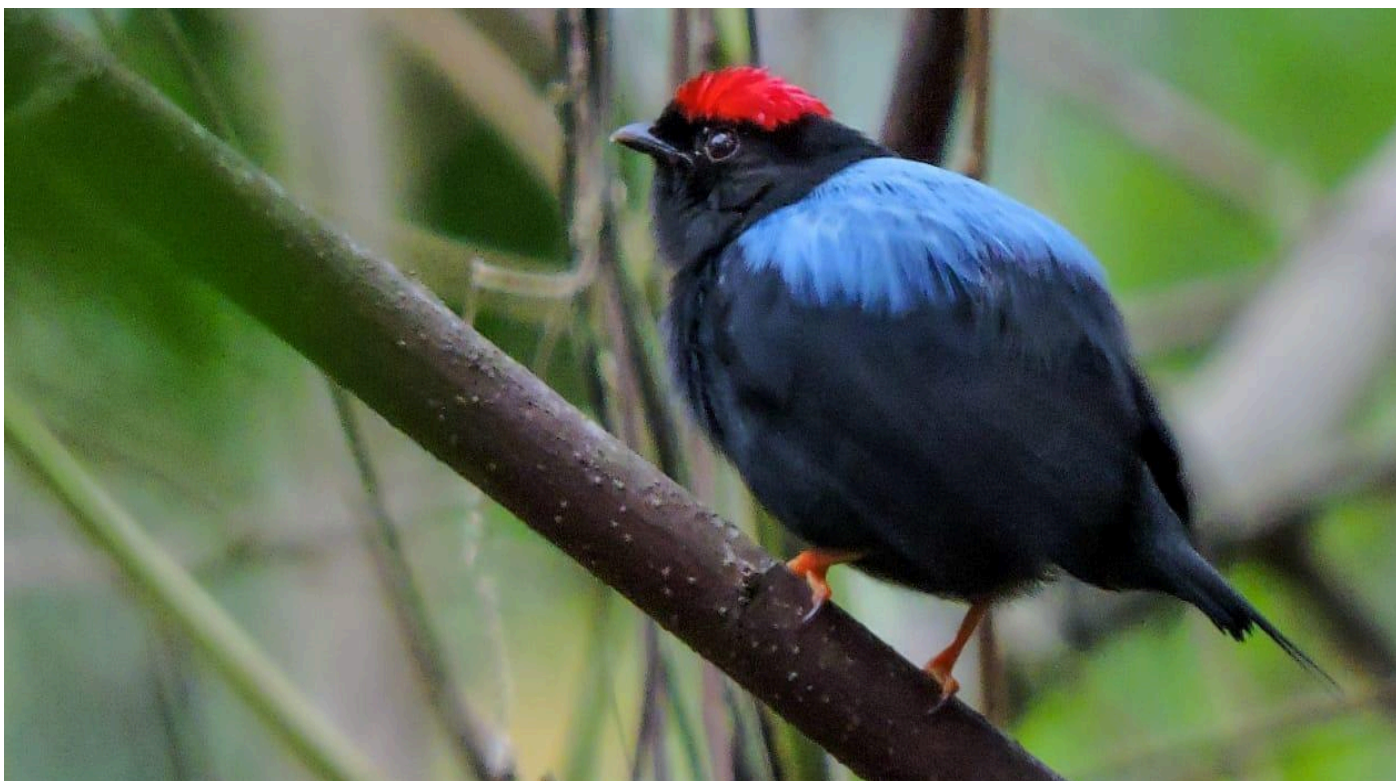
Elevation: 656 - 1640.42 ft.asl / **Mobility:** Easy – Medium, unpaved road, trails inside the reserve / **Temperature:** 82,4° - 95° F / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3169340/bird-list>

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 Scythebill, 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/



December 23: Day 16. International Flight home from Bogotá.

Depending on your flight schedule, a driver will be waiting for you outside the hotel to transfer you to the El Dorado airport for your international departure.

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.

Departure and Arrival	Duration and Distance	Route Map
Bogota —> Andes Observatory	2h 30 min, 87,1 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZY98HTngUWAejWPk6
Bogotá-----> Medellín	Flight 50 min	https://maps.app.goo.gl/QrrwAaE4fSps8oWS8
Sabaneta-----> Jardín	2 h 50 min, 119 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/AXGDFefoWdHb6Xuo9

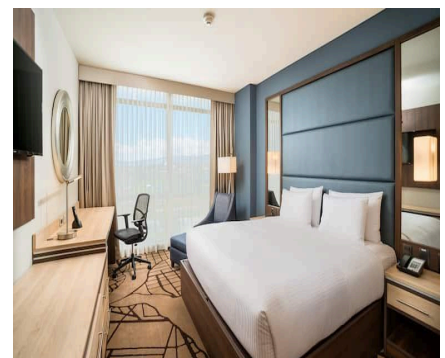
Bolombolo -----> Manizales	2h 40 min, 165 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/TUAZrSjXwjT2Agfj7
Manizales -----> Rio Blanco	48 min, 18,3 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/U8oUyBwhoKc3qVec8
Terrmales del Ruiz ----> Otún Quimbaya	3h 40 min, 120 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/U6nJmyCPMG3ADwFW6
Otún -----> Montezuma	3 h 10 min, 117 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/nn8G5ngxnScmA5Q16
Montezuma -----> Ibagué	4 h 50 min, 205 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/FD6s1aPFY6V3deSL9
Ibagué ---> Bogotá	4h 10 min, 96 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/4SGvJ1Urqi1Feeky8

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/bogatqi-hilton-garden-inn-bogota-airport/>

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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/>

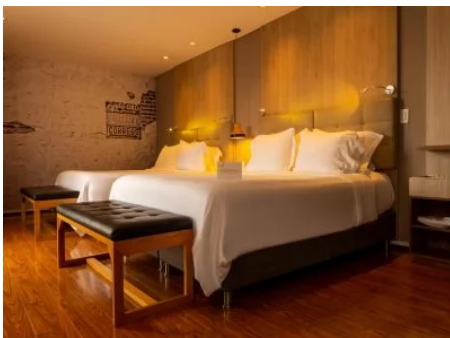
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QUO Quality Hotel / Manizales

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/>

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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. <https://www.comfenalcoantioquia.com.co/personas/sedes/hotel-hacienda-balandu>

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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 Terales 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/>

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Casa Hotel Kumanday / Pereira

Casa Hotel Kumanday is a beautiful accommodation option located in Pereira, Colombia. It is known for its welcoming atmosphere, friendly staff, and convenient location, making it a popular choice for both business and leisure travelers. The hotel offers comfortable accommodation, services such as free Wi-Fi and different breakfast options. It is a rest hotel and starting point to the Otún Quimbaya flora and fauna sanctuary. <https://www.instagram.com/casahotelkumanday/?hl=es>

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Ecolodge Montezuma Rain Forest Reserve / Pueblo Rico

Montezuma Ecolodge 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/>

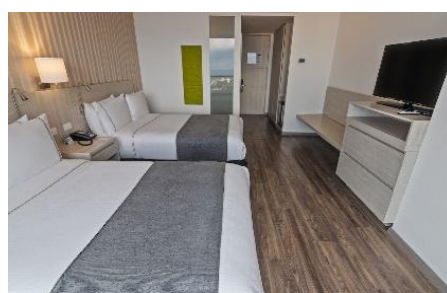
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Hotel Sonesta / Ibagué

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/>

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

Single Room Supplement: \$780

Tour confirmed from 6 People, maximum number of participants 10

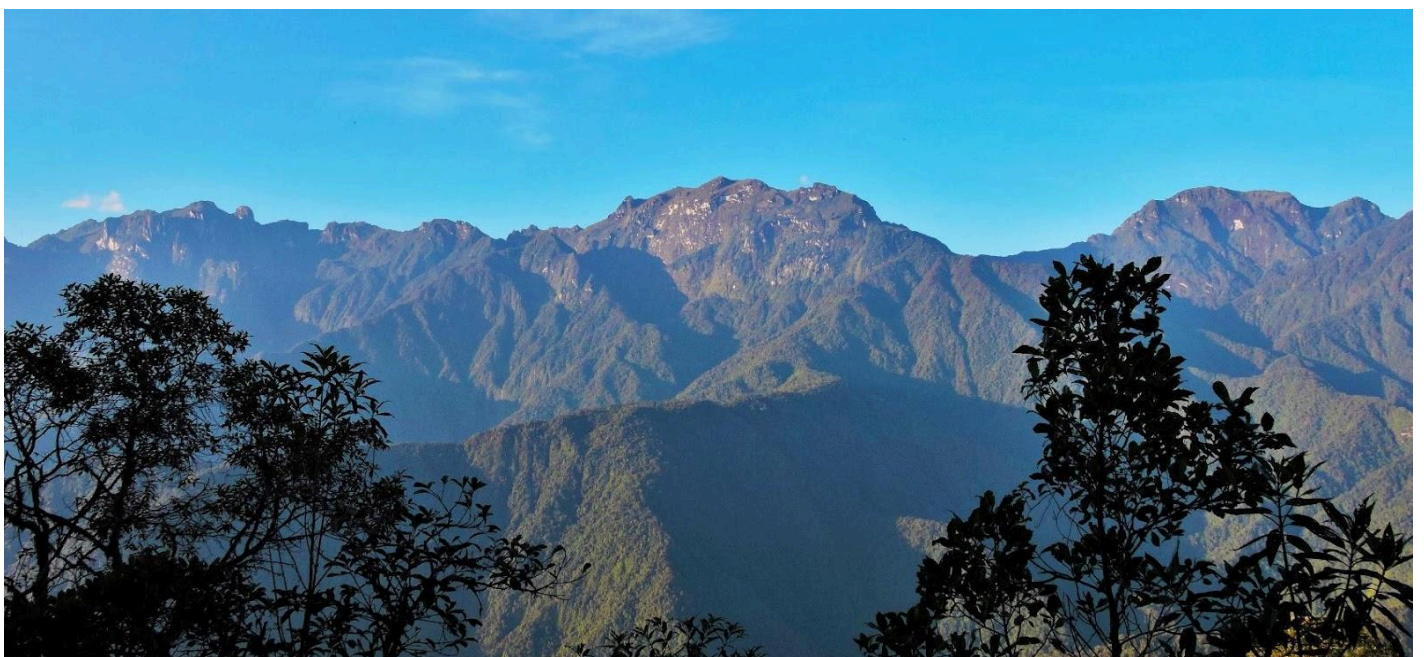
Included: Accommodation in double rooms, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast of last morning with open menu in restaurants and places in where is available, 2 snacks daily that include bottled water, fruit, etc., Water available all the time on the bus – big bottle to recharge the portable 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.





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