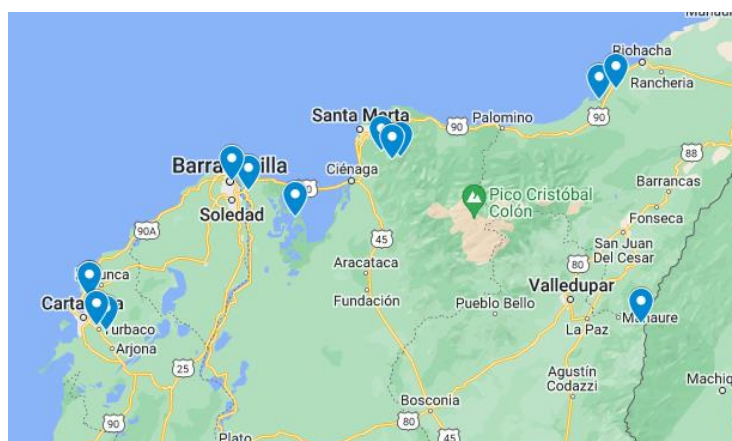




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This plan involves a very special birding journey to see endemic and near-endemic birds in the north of Colombia where you can enjoy two of the most important mountain ranges in the country; Perijá and Santa Marta, with the addition of the dry forest of the state of Guajira where many special birds are ready to be spotted and photographed. You can delight from a list of around 300 species in a few days and experience one of the most surprising places to see birds in Colombia while obviously your checklist skyrockets!

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Tour map:

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DETAILED ITINERARY

May 5 / Day 1. Arrival to Cartagena / At the Park

Our protocol staff will be waiting for you to later take you to a hotel, the next day you must be ready to leave early in the morning to start this adventure.

Night in At the park boutique hotel: <https://www.hotelatthepark.co/#>

May 6 / Day 2. Agrícola Las Camelias, Cartagena City Tour / At the park

Agrícola Camelias / Bolívar



Discover the enchanting world of Agrícola Camelias, just outside the vibrant city of Cartagena. This 40-hectare private reserve is a sanctuary for over 200 bird species, offering a rich tapestry of habitats including lush citrus groves, serene artificial ponds, scattered patches of tropical dry forest, and captivating hummingbird feeders. The diverse environments create the perfect setting for observing an impressive array of birdlife. Its convenient location, just a short drive from Cartagena, combined with its exceptional birding opportunities and easy access, has made it a favored destination for bird enthusiasts!

Elevation: 0 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, Trails along the interior of the reserve / **Temperature:** 28-36°C

E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L15083845/bird-list>

Key species: Red-billed Emerald, Chestnut-winged Chachalaca, White-bellied Antbird, Jet Antbird, Turquoise-winged Parrotlet, Lance-tailed Manakin, Hooded Tanager, White-eared Tanager, Rufous Nightjar, Chestnut Piculet, Black-bellied Wren, Trinidad Euphonia, Russet-throated Puffbird.

Cartagena City Tours: A Journey Through History and Culture!

Embark on a captivating city tour through Cartagena, Colombia. This culturally enriching adventure invites you to immerse yourself in the city's rich history and stunning colonial architecture. As you explore, you'll step back in time, discovering Cartagena's significance as a strategic port during the Spanish colonial era. Guided visits to iconic landmarks such as the Plaza de la Aduana, the Plaza de Bolívar, and the Palace of the Inquisition, Cartagena Cathedral and the Convento de la Popa, each showcasing the exquisite design and cultural heritage of Cartagena's past.. The city is renowned for its vibrant colonial buildings, with their colorful facades, flower-adorned balconies, and charming cobblestone streets. The tour also provides an opportunity to interact with friendly locals, explore bustling squares and markets, and experience Cartagena's dynamic art, music, and gastronomy. Adding a touch of mystique, local guides will share intriguing legends and cherished traditions that bring Cartagena's folklore to life. These captivating stories enrich the tour, making your exploration even more immersive and memorable. This journey through one

of Colombia's most enchanting destinations will leave you with a deeper appreciation for its rich heritage and vibrant spirit!

Night in At the park boutique hotel: <https://www.hotelatthepark.co/#>

May 7 / Day 3. Jardín Botánico de Cartagena transfer to Barranquilla / Movich Buro 51
Jardín Botánico de Cartagena (Botanical Garden) "Guillermo Piñeres"/ Cartagena



Discover the Guillermo Piñeres Botanical Garden in Cartagena, a tropical rainforest that serves as a sanctuary for an impressive array of bird species. This garden, nestled amid the region's typical dry forest, offers a refreshing and sheltered haven for birds, creating a cooler and more inviting environment away from the city's hustle and bustle. Immerse yourself in the tranquility of this botanical paradise, where birdwatching is not only safe and enjoyable but also an opportunity to explore diverse Colombian ecosystems. With over 300 bird species recorded, the garden provides an enchanting backdrop for observing avian wonders while deepening your understanding of Colombia's rich natural heritage.

Elevation: 50 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, Trails along the interior of the park / **Temperature:** 28-36°C
E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L782416/bird-list>

Key Species: Marble Wood-Quail, Chestnut-winged Chachalaca, Red-legged Tinamu, Scaly-breasted Hummingbird, Sapphire-throated Hummingbird, Violet-bellied Hummingbird, Chestnut Piculet, Crimson-crested Woodpecker, Turquoise-winged Parrotlet, Jet Antbird, White-bellied Antbird, Lance-tailed Manakin, Band-backed Wren, Orange-crowned Oriole, Bicolored Conebill.

Night in Movich Buro 51 Hotel: <https://www.movichhotels.com/es/hotel-buro51-en-barranquilla/>

May 8 / Day 4. Km 4 and Salamanca National Park, transfer Ciénaga / Cienaguas Hotel
Km 4 Path Highway to Barranquilla / Barranquilla

Km 4, situated on the scenic outskirts of Barranquilla, invites you to explore a chill, rural paradise that runs parallel to the majestic Magdalena River. This charming, unpaved road meanders through a diverse landscape of secondary growth, vibrant shrubs, and lush plantations, offering a glimpse into the region's natural splendor. Designated as a crucial water regulation zone, Km 4 is an ecological gem where water reservoirs and local crop fields converge, creating a haven for birdlife. Here, you'll discover a rich tapestry of habitats supporting both aquatic species and those from nearby dry forests. The area's warm, humid climate, characteristic of the Caribbean lowlands, enhances the vibrant birdwatching experience. Whether you're a dedicated bird enthusiast or simply seeking a serene escape, Km 4 promises a delightful journey into the heart of nature's bounty, where every turn reveals new wonders in this avian-rich landscape.

Elevation: 0-30 masl / **Mobility:** Easy / **Temperature:** 27-38°C / **E-Bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2141044/bird-list>



Key species: Russet-throated Puffbird, Pied Puffbird, Stripe-backed Wren, Bicolored Wren, Caribbean Hornero, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Northern Screamer, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Limpkin, Cattle Tyrant, Savanna Hawk, Snail Kite, Large-billed Tern.

Salamanca National Park / Ciénaga

Welcome to the Island of Salamanca National Park, a breathtaking sanctuary of mangrove forests, serene swamps, and idyllic beaches, all visible from the picturesque road connecting Barranquilla to Santa Marta. This island, designated an Important Bird Area (IBA), is nestled alongside the Ciénaga Grande Fauna & Flora Sanctuary of Santa Marta. In 1998, both were honored as RAMSAR Sites of global importance, and in November 2000, they were recognized as UNESCO Biosphere Reserves. The Island of Salamanca is a captivating cluster of small islands, sculpted by sediment from the Magdalena River delta. These islands are connected by meandering canals, forming a natural barrier that gracefully separates the Ciénaga Grande from the Caribbean Sea. This unique landscape is vital for thousands of migratory birds and is home to remarkable and rare species, including the critically endangered Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird.

Elevation: 0 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, Trails along the interior of the park / **Temperature:** 28-36°C
E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1051521/bird-list>

Key species: Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird, Sapphire-throated Hummingbird, Bicoloured Conebill, Pied Puffbird, Golden-green Woodpecker, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Stripe-backed Wren, Russet-throated Puffbird, Caribbean Hornero, Green, Bare-faced- Glossy and White Ibis, Limpkin, Blue-winged Parrotlet, Cattle Tyrant, Savanna Hawk, Snail Kite, Large-billed Tern.

Night in Cienaguas Hotel: <https://www.instagram.com/cienaguashotel/>

May 9- 10 / Day 5 & 6. Pueblos Palafitos, Ciénaga Grande Santa Marta / Cienaguas Hotel and Taroa Hotel

Palafitic towns in Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta

Explore the enchanting towns of Nueva Venecia and Buenavista, nestled within the stunning Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta. These remarkable communities embody survival, resistance, and resilience, where water, fishing, wetlands, and mangroves sustain the lives of approximately 5,000 residents. The captivating charm of this region, combined with its vibrant social dynamics and rich biodiversity, makes it an extraordinary destination for birdwatching and a deep dive into the local amphibian culture. You'll discover iconic landmarks and hear inspiring life stories from the locals. Immerse yourself in the vibrant cultural heritage, including the captivating rhythms of "son de negros," and learn about pivotal historical events like the Massacre of the Swamp, an event that, while tragic, fueled the development and resilience of its people. This breathtaking area boasts incredible biodiversity, with wetland ecosystems and mangrove forests serving as a haven for an array of bird species. Keep your eyes peeled for the striking Northern Screamer, the colorful Bicolored Conebill, the graceful American Flamingo, and the tiny American Pygmy Kingfisher, along with a remarkable colony of over 50,000 Neotropical Cormorants.



Elevation: 0 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, Trails along the interior of the park / **Temperature:** 28-36°C

E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5839880/bird-list>

Key species: Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird, Sapphire-throated Hummingbird, Bicoloured Conebill, Pied Puffbird, Golden-green Woodpecker, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Stripe-backed Wren, Russet-throated Puffbird, Caribbean Hornero, Green, Bare-faced- Glossy and White Ibis, Limpkin, Blue-winged Parrotlet, Cattle Tyrant, Savanna Hawk, Snail Kite, Lage-billed Tern

Day 5: Night in Cienaguas Hotel: <https://www.instagram.com/cienaguashotel/>

Day 6: Night in Taroa hotel: <http://www.taroahotel.com>

May 11 / Day 7. Flamencos National Park / Taroa Hotel

Los Flamencos National Park / Riohacha

Just a scenic 25-minute drive from Riohacha, discover a breathtaking flora and fauna sanctuary dedicated to protecting the vibrant flamingo population that graces its pristine beaches. Encompassed by arid forests and shimmering coastal wetlands, this sanctuary is a designated Important Bird Area (IBA), boasting over 400 bird species, many of which are coastal migrants from the northern continent. Birdwatching here is a breeze spot unique species that are found nowhere else in Colombia. The sanctuary's distinctive environment offers a refreshing respite, with cooling breezes tempering the high temperatures.

Elevation: 0-5 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, rural unpaved road / **Temperature:** 25-35°C /
E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2080823/bird-list>



Key species: Chestnut Piculet, White-whiskered Spinetail, Slender-billed Tyrannulet, Tocuyo sparrow, Vermilion Cardinal, Harris's Hawk, Common Black-Hawk, Pearl Kite, Aplomado Falcon, American Kestrel, Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, Bare-eyed Pigeon, Common and Ruddy ground-dove, Brown-throated and Blue-crowned parakeet, Green-rumped Parrotlet, Burrowing Owl, Red-billed Emerald, Buffy Hummingbird, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Blue-crowned Motmot, Russet-throated Puffbird, Red-crowned Woodpecker, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Caribbean Hornero, Pale-breasted Spinetail, Black-crested and Black-backed antshrike, White-fringed Antwren, Northern Scrub-Flycatcher, Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet, Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant, Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant, Vermilion Flycatcher, Brown-crested and Venezuelan flycatcher, Streaked Flycatcher, Social Flycatcher, Bicolored Wren, Black-chested Jay, Tropical Gnatcatcher, Tropical Mockingbird, Scrub Greenlet, Blue-gray and Glaucous tanager, Black-faced Grassquit, Pileated Finch, Grayish, Buff-throated and Orinocan Saltator, Saffron Finch, Yellow Oriole.

Night in Taroa hotel: <http://www.taroahotel.com>

May 12 / Day 8. Guajira Dry Forest transfer Minca / Colores de la Sierra
La Guajira Dry Forests / Riohacha



Adventure to the northern reaches of Colombia and explore the captivating La Guajira Peninsula, one of the driest regions in the country. Here, the landscape is shaped by its arid climate, where sparse rainfall creates a unique environment dominated by resilient low-growth shrubs and spiny trees. This remarkable ecosystem fosters a distinctive diversity of species that thrive in these exceptional conditions. The dry forests of La Guajira unfold across the lands of the Wayuu, an indigenous community with whom we have built strong and respectful partnerships, granting you access to this extraordinary region. Wander along sandy trails that weave through dense shrubs, sturdy forests, and occasional swamps and creeks that remain dry for most of the year. A land of rugged beauty and rare biodiversity, where every step reveals the wonders of a unique environment!

Elevation: sea level / **Track:** rural unpaved road / **Temperature:** 28-36°C

E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L6492602/bird-list>

Key species: Vermilion Cardinal, Tocuyo Sparrow, Orinocan Saltator, Blue-crowned Parakeet, Buffy Hummingbird, Chesnut Piculet, Bare-eyed Pigeon, White-whiskered Spinetail, Glaucous Tanager, Pileated Finch, Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant.

Night in Colores de la Sierra Eco Hotel: <https://coloresdelasierra.com/>

**May 13/ Day 9. La Cabaña Forest and Minca, transfer Santa Marta/ Mountain House
Minca / Santa Marta**

At the foothills of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, the charming village of Minca is a gateway to nature's wonders in the northwestern corner of the region. This village, set at lower elevations, is surrounded by a dry forest ecosystem that blankets the ridges, while just above, the pre-mountain forest merges seamlessly with coffee plantations. This creates a lush, green paradise that serves as a sanctuary for both resident and migratory bird species. Minca is a bustling hub of activity, offering an array of experiences for visitors and birdwatchers alike. Its verdant landscapes are home to rare and elusive species, including the stunning Golden-winged Sparrow and the striking Black-backed Antshrike, both of which are challenging to spot elsewhere in the country.

Elevation: 700-1100 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, rural unpaved road / **Temperature:** 24-30°C

E-bird

Hotspot:

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1161669/bird-list>

Key species: Santa Marta Blossomcrown, Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner, Santa Marta Tapaculo, Santa Marta Antbird, Santa Marta Sabrewing, Santa Marta Wood-Wren, Santa Marta Brush-Finch, Coppery Emerald, Streak-capped Spinetail, Black Hawk-Eagle, Crested Bobwhite, Military Macaw, Scarlet-fronted and Orange-chinned Parakeet, Red-billed Parrot, White-tipped Dove, Lined Quail-Dove (voice), White-collared and Chestnut-collared swift, Blue-fronted Lancebill, Green Violetear, Brown Violetear, White-vented Plumeteer, Steely-vented Hummingbird, Collared Aracari, Keel-billed Toucan, Golden-olive, Lineated and Crimson-crested Woodpecker, Black-backed Antshrike, Greenish and Forest Elaenia, Yellow-olive and Ochre-faced (Yellow-breasted) flycatcher, Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher, Social and Piratic flycatcher, Cinereous, Cinnamon and White-winged becard, Masked Tityra, Rufous-breasted and Rufous-and-white wren, Yellow-legged, Black-hooded, Pale-breasted, and Black-billed thrush, Black-chested Jay, Golden-fronted Greenlet, Brown-capped Vireo, Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush, Rusty Flowerpiercer, Bay-headed, Black-headed, Black-capped, Blue-gray, Palm, White-lined and Crimson-backed Tanager, Streaked and Grayish saltator, Golden-winged Sparrow, Yellow-bellied Seedeater, Yellow-backed Oriole, Crested Oropendola and Thick-billed Euphonia. During the northern winter months these foothills harbor a good number of North American breeding migrants including Swainson's Thrush, Yellow-throated Vireo, Tennessee, Golden-winged, Cerulean, Blackburnian, and Black-throated Green Warblers, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Summer Tanager.



Night in Mountain House Hotel:

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May 14 / Day 10. San Lorenzo Ridge / Mountain House

San Lorenzo Ridge / Santa Marta

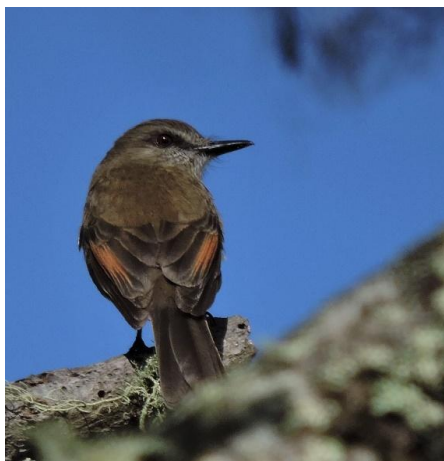
Discover the enchanting Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta, a true haven for bird enthusiasts and nature lovers alike. Nestled in the heart of the neo-tropics, this mountain range is a spectacular blend of isolation and historical evolution, creating a unique natural treasure that's brimming with avian wonders. Rising majestically to over 5,800 meters above sea level, just 40 kilometers from the sparkling Caribbean coastline, it proudly claims the title of the highest coastal mountain range on Earth. The San Lorenzo Ridge, perched on the northern slopes, offers an unparalleled vantage point for spotting the region's rarest

and most elusive bird species. Revered as Colombia's Holy Grail of birdwatching, this pristine locale is a sanctuary for endemic species. Here, you can observe parrots, tanagers, antpittas, tapaculos, hummingbirds, and many more, each showcasing the Sierra Nevada's extraordinary biodiversity. Birdwatching in this mesmerizing landscape is a breeze, with a tranquil, traffic-free road guiding you through its breathtaking views.

Elevation: 2800 masl / **Mobility:** Easy – Medium, rural unpaved road / **Temperature:** 12-22°C

E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2146871/bird-list>

Key species: Santa Marta Parakeet, Santa Marta Screech-Owl, White-tailed Starfrontlet, Santa Marta Woodstar, Rusty-headed Spinetail, Santa Marta Antpitta, Brown-rumped Tapaculo, Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant, Yellow-crowned Whitestar, White-lored Warbler, Santa Marta Warbler, Santa Marta (Black-cheeked) Mountain-Tanager, Black-backed Thornbill, Colombian Nevada Brush-Finch, Bang's Wood-Wren, Black-fronted Wood-Quail, White-tipped Quetzal, White-rumped Hawk, Band-tailed Guan, Sickle-winged Guan, Band-tailed Pigeon, Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, Red-billed Parrot, Masked Trogon, Golden-olive Woodpecker, Yellow-billed (Groove-billed) Toucanet, Emerald Toucanet, Montane Foliage-gleaner, Spotted Barbtail, Streaked Xenops, Gray-throated Leafhopper, Strong-billed Woodcreeper, Rusty-breasted Antpitta, Rufous Antpitta, Mountain Elaenia, Black-capped Tyrannulet, Venezuelan and White-throated Tyrannulet, Olive-striped Flycatcher, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, Cinnamon Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant, Golden-breasted Fruiteater, Orange-billed and Slaty-backed Nightingale-thrush, Great Thrush, Black-hooded Thrush, Slate-throated Redstart, Three-striped Warbler, White-sided Flowerpiercer, Blue-naped Chlorophonia.



Night in Mountain House Hotel:

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May 15 / Day 11. Birding on the road to El Dorado Reserve, Santa Marta Mountains/ Mountain House

Perched majestically on the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, the road to El Dorado Natural Reserve is a haven of cloud forests and natural splendor. This enchanting sanctuary offers the perfect blend of adventure and tranquility. Hike through this secluded mountain range in search of elusive endemic species, all while gazing out over the breathtaking Caribbean Sea from the mountain's foothills. At a mid-altitude within the highlands, El Dorado serves as a fascinating ecotone, where the lush lower mountain forests meet the mystical higher cloud forests. This unique location creates a magical confluence of species from both environments, enriching every visit with an array of remarkable wildlife.



Elevation: 1800 masl / **Mobility:** Easy – Medium, rural unpaved road, hiking trails/ **Temperature:** 16 – 24° C / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L652746/bird-list>

Key species: Bearded Guan, Band-tailed Pigeon, White-tipped Dove, Lined Quail-Dove, Sparkling Violetear, Brown Violetear, Lesser Violetear, Tyrian Metaltail, White-tailed, Starfrontlet Lazuline Sabrewing, Crowned Woodnymph, White-tipped Quetzal, Masked Trogon, Southern Emerald-Toucanet, Keel-billed Toucan, Golden-olive Woodpecker, Scaly-naped Parrot, Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, Santa Marta Antpitta, Gray-throated Leaf-tosser, Strong-billed Woodcreeper, Montane Woodcreeper, Streak-capped Treehunter, Santa Marta Spinetail, Rusty-headed Spinetail, Golden-breasted Fruiteater, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, Cinnamon Flycatcher, Mountain Elaenia, Golden-bellied Flycatcher, Brown-capped Vireo, Black-chested Jay, Gray-breasted Wood-Wren, Santa Marta Wood-Wren, Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush, Black-headed Tanager, Great Thrush, Blue-naped Chlorophonia, Sierra Nevada Brushfinch, Rufous-collared Sparrow, Santa Marta Brushfinch, Blackburnian Warbler, Black-crested Warbler, Slate-throated Redstart, Yellow-crowned Redstart, Blue-capped Tanager, Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager, Black-capped Tanager, Bay-headed Tanager, White-sided Flowerpiercer.

Night in Mountain House Hotel:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Mountain-House/100082953951545/>

May 16 / Day 12. Santa Marta Mountains, transfer to Valledupar / Sonesta Valledupar Mountain House Forest Birding Around / Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Discover the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, a birdwatching paradise where unparalleled biodiversity meets breathtaking landscapes. This place offers an extraordinary vantage point to experience this natural wonder. Here, lush mountain vegetation intertwines with thriving coffee plantations, creating a dynamic habitat that draws an array of endemic and You'll find feeders frequented by iconic species such as the Santa Marta Woodstar and Santa Marta Blossomcrown, alongside a kaleidoscope of other vibrant and rare birds. As you meander through the plantations, you'll be serenaded by the melodious calls of birds that have made this tranquil haven their home. This enchanting blend of rich avian diversity and Colombian coffee culture offers an immersive experience for birdwatchers. Not only will you witness birds in their pristine habitat, but you'll also gain insight into the harmonious relationship between sustainable agriculture and wildlife conservation. Exploring this unique region lets you savor the beauty of its feathered inhabitants while delving into the storied tradition of Colombian coffee, creating a birdwatching adventure that is as culturally enriching as it is visually stunning.

Elevation: 1.640 masl/ **Temperature:** 4 -16°C / **Feeders:** Yes / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L21092721/bird-list>

Key species: Brown Violetear, Barred Parakeet, Brown Violetear, Black-headed Tanager, Blue-naped Chlorophonia, Rusty Flowerpiercer, Lesser Violetear, Bay-headed Tanager, Rufous-collared Sparrow.

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

May 17 / Day 13. Perijá Mountains /Reserve Chamicero del Perijá

Serranía del Perijá National Park - Sabana Rubia / Manaure Balcón del Cesar

The Serranía del Perijá, extending northward as a majestic arm of the eastern Andes, serves as a vital ecological bridge between Colombia and Venezuela. This isolated mountain range is a treasure trove of biodiversity, fostering a unique evolutionary hotspot where both flora and fauna have flourished in splendid isolation. Here, in the pre-mountain forests, Andean woodlands, and high-altitude páramos above 3,000 meters, a fascinating array of perija species has adapted to these diverse environments. The Serranía del Perijá is renowned for its endemic and unique wildlife, with several species, including the elusive Perijá Tapaculo and the enigmatic Perijá Antpitta, found nowhere else on Earth. The park's páramo ecosystems, with their stark beauty and high elevation, are particularly noteworthy. They cradle a wealth of rare and endemic species, creating a landscape of extraordinary natural wonder. Ongoing research continues to uncover the intricate taxonomic relationships among these species, adding to the park's reputation as a living laboratory of evolutionary science.

Elevation: 1800 - 3300 masl / **Mobility:** Easy – Medium, rural unpaved road / **Temperature:** 10-22°C
E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L18509811/bird-list>

Key species: Perija Metaltail, Perija Thistletail, Perija Brush-finch, Perija Tapaculo, Phelp's Bush-Finch, Golden-bellied Starfrontlet, Andean Condor, Black-chested Buzzard-eagle, Klage's Antbird, Crested Quetzal, Venezuelan Tyrannulet, Rufous-headed Tanager, Maroon-chested Ground Dove, Rufescent Screech-Owl.



Night in Chamicero del Perijá Natural Reserve:

<https://conservation.co/reserva-natural-chamicero-de-perija/>

May 18 / Day 14. Perija Mountains, transfer to Barranquilla / Movich Buro 51

Chamicero del Perijá Natural Reserve / Manaure Balcón del Cesa

Discover the Enchanting Chamicero del Perijá Natural Reserve! Nestled in the highlands of Perijá at the northern tip of the Eastern Cordillera, the Chamicero del Perijá Natural Reserve offers an unforgettable adventure just a scenic 3-hour drive from Valledupar along a charming rural road. As you journey through this pristine landscape, keep your eyes peeled for unique bird species endemic to this majestic mountain range, frequent stops along the way reveal an ever-changing tapestry of avian wonders. The reserve's feeders attract remarkable species, including the elusive Perijá Brush-Finch, while the surrounding forests boast an astonishing array of flora and fauna, some yet to be discovered by science. From the lodge's panoramic viewpoint, you might catch sight of magnificent raptors soaring overhead, such as the Black and Chestnut Eagle, or even the iconic Andean Condor. While the reserve's elevation brings cool, invigorating breezes, our cozy lodge provides a warm and welcoming retreat.



Elevation: 2800 masl / **Mobility:** Easy – Medium, rural unpaved road / **Temperature:** 5-12 ° C

E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3054544/bird-list>

Key species: Perija Metaltail, Perija Thistletail, Perija Brush-finch, Perija Tapaculo, Phelp's Bush-Finch, Golden-bellied Starfrontlet, Andean Condor, Black-chested Buzzard-eagle, Klage's Antbird, Crested Quetzal, Venezuelan Tyrannulet, Rufous-headed Tanager, Maroon-chested Ground Dove, Rufescent Screech-Owl.

Night in Movich Buro 51:

<https://www.movichhotels.com/es/hotel-buro51-en-barranquilla/>

May 19 / Day 15. International flight home

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
Cartagena-----> Barranquilla	2 h 21 min, 114 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/JXu95ZcuzRcuSTVY6
Barranquilla -----> Ciénaga	1 h 35 min, 72.6 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/diUUp3QVjhsbbod59
Ciénaga -----> Riohacha	3 h 24 min, 166 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/RuFHjN5my15dip299
Riohacha-----> Minca	3 h 17 min, 180 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/aWgx2vkF7RJvPacC7
Minca -----> Santa Marta	39 min, 21.4 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/DrbUVSsyca54jvZV8
Santa Marta -----> Valledupar	5 h 52 min, 323 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/24LMZoKtA3h6NpNXA

Option A Perijá----- ---> Barranquilla	7 h 16 min, 352 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/JQFQzv7hScQuWL9T8
Option B Perijá-----> Valledupar	2 h 50 min, 109 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/4eTNKyJMoMmRCfzY9
Valledupar ----- > Bogotá	Flight 1 h 20 min	https://maps.app.goo.gl/LeLpaBnDNCcDga3TA

Some Hotels Descriptions

Hotel Boutique At The Park / Cartagena

This hotel is located in the historic center of the walled city of Cartagena de Indias. It is a charming house dating back to the 16th century, surrounded by gardens that symbolize life in all its forms, which is why you will find vines, flowers and even a water fountain. <https://www.hotelatthepark.co/#>

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



Hotel Movich Buró 51 / Barranquilla

Designed with the elegance of the traditional elements of Barranquilla culture, the Hotel Movich Buró 51 in Barranquilla alludes to the Barranquilla Carnival festival, Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. With event rooms, gym, spa and wet areas, Wi-Fi at no additional cost, concierge, terrace with pool, delicious cuisine and other outstanding services, our hotel in Buenavista is ideal for all your trips.

<https://www.movichhotels.com/es/hotel-buro51-en-barranquilla/>

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



Hotel Taroa / Riohachá

The Hotel Taroa is located in Riohacha, on the Caribbean Sea. Its modern rooms have air conditioning, cable TV, a small wardrobe and a private bathroom with a shower and toilet. Some of the rooms offer excellent sea views. Hotel Taroa's restaurant serves a wide variety of international dishes. It also has a terrace and a bar that offers live musical performances on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The property features free Wi-Fi and free daily American breakfast. <http://www.taroahotel.com>

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



Cienaguas Hotel / Ciénaga

Cienaguas Hotel, located in Ciénaga Magdalena, offers a perfect blend of elegance, comfort, and exceptional service. Just 30 km from the Rodadero Sea Aquarium and Museum, this 3-star hotel features an outdoor swimming pool, free private parking, a garden, and a restaurant. Guests can enjoy the convenience of room service, a 24-hour front desk, and complimentary WiFi. Each room is thoughtfully designed with air conditioning, a desk, a flat-screen TV, a private bathroom, and a balcony offering stunning mountain views with the access to a 360° terrace, making it an ideal retreat for relaxation and enjoyment. <https://www.instagram.com/cienaguashotel/>

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



Colores De La Sierra / Santa Marta

Colores de la Sierra Eco hotel is located in a unique point in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, 5.1 kilometers after Minca. With almost 7 years of hosting guests in comfortable rooms with private bathrooms, it offers a Bed and Breakfast type service and within a natural environment surrounded by trees. It has trails, a swimming pool, a viewpoint with hammocks and the opportunity to carry out activities such as bird watching, Thru-hiking, biking. Colores de la Sierra is a great choice for travelers going to Minca. The rooms include a kitchenette, refrigerator and seating area, so you can enjoy your rest in comfort.

<https://coloresdelasierra.com/>

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



Hotel Mountain House / Santa Marta

This lodge is beautifully situated in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. The simple yet idyllic guest house sits at 1,640 metres above sea level and is well located to explore the birding meccas of Minca and the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta National Park. It is offering its guests a unique combination of comfort and adventure. The facilities are designed in a rustic and cozy style that reflects the mountainous and tropical environment of the region. Rooms offer panoramic views of the mountains or sea, giving guests a quiet place to rest after a day of exploring. The lodge comprises one building set across two floors, with a large veranda overlooking a flower-filled garden with hummingbird and fruit feeders, and beautiful panoramic views towards the Caribbean. The sunsets can be stunning! From the lower veranda a series of hummingbird feeders provide a spectacular display and it is easy to spend hours here honing hummingbird photography skills!

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Mountain-House/100082953951545/>

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



Hotel Sonesta Valledupar

The Sonesta Hotel Valledupar, is located in one of the main cities of Colombia known for its musical, folkloric and cultural traditions of the Colombian Caribbean region, a Colombian musical genre declared intangible cultural heritage of humanity by UNESCO. It offers views of the majestic Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. It has 108 rooms and has been designed with attention to detail, with an elegant and cozy decoration tailored to your needs, first-class facilities and exclusive services that guarantee an unforgettable stay. As a guest, you will enjoy exceptional personalized attention and can relax in a calm and welcoming atmosphere. <http://www.sonestavalledupar.com/>

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



Reserva Natural de las Aves Chamicero del Perijá/ Manaure

The rural accommodation in the Chamicero del Perijá Bird Reserve, located in Manaure, is a charming retreat for nature lovers and birdwatchers looking to immerse themselves in a pristine and unique natural environment. It offers a unique experience, providing a tranquil and authentic refuge amidst one of Colombia's most biodiverse and beautiful landscapes. The Natural Reserve offers accommodation for 10 people in comfortable rooms with electricity, private bathrooms, and hot water.

<https://conservation.co/reserva-natural-chamicero-de-perija/>

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



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\$ 5.500 USD – Net Price Per Person / All Inclusive
Single Room Supplement: \$690 – not available in Perija Mountains
Tour confirmed from 6 People, maximum number of participants 8

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 bottle water, fruit, etc., Water available all the time on the bus – big bottle to recharge the portable bottles, soda, bottle 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: Black-backed Thronbill, Crowned Woodnymph, Perija metaltail, Prothonotary Warbler, Orinocan Saltator, Northern Screamer, Spectacled Parrotlet, Chestnut-winged Chachalaca, Chestnut Piculet, Russet-throated Puffbird, Pied Puffbird, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Landscape Palafitic Towns, Tricolored Heron, Great Egret, Whimbrel, Tocuyo Sparrow, Pileated Finch, Orinocan Saltator, American Flamingo, Vermillion Cardinal, Rosy-thrush Tanager, Black-backed Antshrike, Keel-billed Toucan, Scaled Piculet, Black and White Owl, Santa Marta Screech-Owl, Santa Marta Mountain Tanager, Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant, Streak-headed Spinetail, Yellow-crowned Whitestart, Perija Thistletail, Perija Antpitta, Streak-backed Canastero, Black and Chestnut Eagle, Santa Marta mountains from Perija Mountains.

