

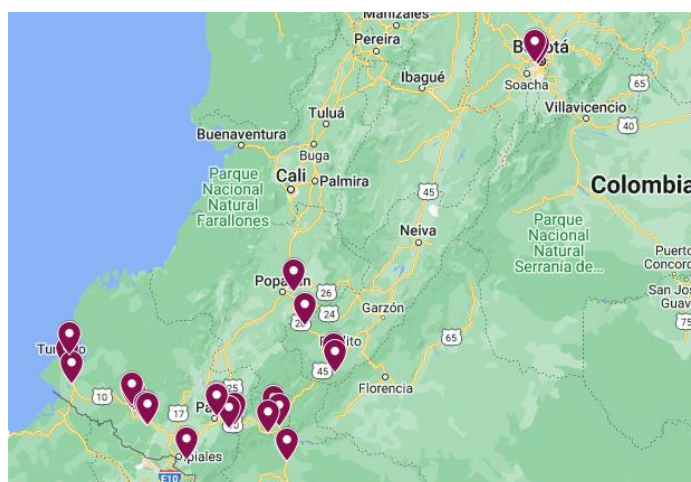


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MACIZO, AMAZON AND PACIFIC FOOTHILLS

The Ultimate in Birding Routes in Colombia, a Rediscovered Paradise

Colombia has a complex and unique topography, geography and geology and this is reflected in a wide range of different ecosystems and due to this variety, the speciation of birds has occurred throughout the territory. In the south of Colombia, the Andes are an orographic complex and constitute a single mountainous massif (Colombian massif), which further divides and gives rise to the three Andean chains (western, central and eastern). The landscapes to the South of the Colombian Andes are dominated by the amazing Chiles, Cumbal and Azufral volcanoes, the La Cocha lagoon and the high Sibundoy valley, these being Andean high mountain ecosystems. To the east of the Sibundoy valley, through the "El Trampolin" route, a path full of biodiversity ecosystems of the Amazonian foot in its lower rainforest. Towards the west of the valley, through the Andean and humid tropical jungle of the western coast. During our visit we will cross virgin forests with a view to the Andean-Amazonian transition, contemplate biodiversity 3000 meters above sea level in the Colombian mountains, the country on the ocean in the Pacific and the incredible biodiversity here is due to the almost total confluence of ecosystems. And the best thing is, there are many colorful and beautiful birds!



ecosystems. To the east of the Sibundoy valley, the Andes descend abruptly towards the Amazon following the "El Trampolin" route, a path full of biodiversity that zigzags in the high Andean Forest to find the ecosystems of the Amazonian foot in its lower part, this being in effect the entrance to the Amazon rainforest. Towards the west of the valley, the route descends meandering among Andean forests, high Andean and humid tropical jungle of the western chain of the Andes, finally giving way to the Pacific coast. During our visit we will cross virgin forests with a rugged topography, explore the Amazonian foothills and the Andean-Amazonian transition, contemplate beautiful landscapes in the Andean valleys at more than 3000 meters above sea level in the Colombian massif, and observe birds in the southwestern corner of the country on the ocean in the Pacific and the tropical rainforests of the biogeographical Chocó. The incredible biodiversity here is due to the almost intact forests, the combination of landscapes and the confluence of ecosystems. And the best thing is, that in all the sites we will have the opportunity to see many colorful and beautiful birds!

Type of Trip: Birding Tour

Itinerary

March 5: Day 1. Arrival to Bogota / Night in Hilton Garden Inn Hotel

March 6: Day 2. Flight to Popayan, Reserva Partesip / Night in Monasterio Hotel

March 7: Day 3. Cóndores de Puracé, and PNN Puracé, transfer Pitalito / Night in El Encanto or Grand Premium Plaza

March 8: Day 4. El Encanto Reserve and Drymophila / Night in El Encanto or Grand Premium Plaza
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March 14: Day 10. Lomas de Tescual, Ipiales Dry Forest, transfer Junín / Night in Torre Eiffel Junín
March 15: Day 11. La Planada Natural Reserve & Reserva El Bosque / Night Torre Eiffel Junín
March 16: Day 12. Rio Nambi Natural Reserve / Night in Torre Eiffel Junín
March 17: Day 13. Bangsias Trail & Ranita Diablo, transfer Tumaco / Night in Los Corales Hotel
March 18: Day 14. Mar Agricola, Agrosavia and km 42 / Night in Los Corales Hotel
March 19: Day 15. Mangroves of El morro, flight to Bogota / Night in Hilton Garden Inn Hotel
March 20: Day 16. Flight to home



Tour Map: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/edit?mid=1oi9p3Yoz-7Nwpg6V7K-UQ7EdHB3gU-0&usp=sharing>

DETAILED ITINERARY

March 5/ Day 1. Arrival to Bogota / Night in Hilton Garden Inn Hotel

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 take a flight to the city Popayan

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



March 6 / Day 2. Flight to Popayan, Reserva Partesip / Night in Dann Monasterio Hotel

Partesip Reserve / Cauca

The Partesip Reserve located just a 20-minute drive from the city of Popayan, features a scenic 2-kilometer trail that winds through a rich tapestry of crops, grasslands, and native forests. With its two thoughtfully designed trails, including a shorter 200-meter path, Partesip offers an extraordinary birdwatching experience right on the doorstep of the urban area. Here, tranquility meets biodiversity, creating the perfect environment for spotting elusive species. Partesip Reserve is renowned for its incredible birdlife, providing easy views of species that are challenging to find elsewhere such as the Blue-headed Sapphire and the striking Green Jay.

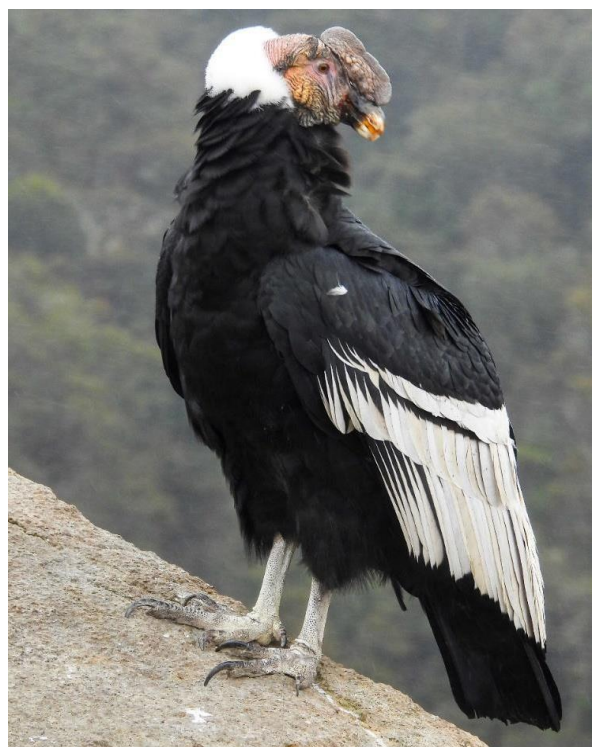
Elevation: 1950-2100 masl / **Mobility:** Long/short comfortable trails, feeders and feeders / **Feeders:** YES / **Temperature:** 16°C / **E-bird Spot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L23965148/bird-list>

Key species: Blue headed Sapphire, Green Jay, Sickie winged Guan, Scrub Tanager, Torrent Duck, White tipped Dove, Tropical Screech owl, Common Pauraque, Bronzy Inca, western emerald, Rufous tailed Hummingbird, Steely vented Hummingbird, buff necked Ibis, Collared Trogon, Andean Motmot, Crimson-rumped Toucaned, Emerald Toucanet, Grayish Piculet, Red crowned woodpecker, Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, Bronze winged Parrot, Chestnut crowned Antpitta, Montane woodcreeper, Streaked Xenops, Azara's spinetail, Andean solitaire, Glossy black Thrush, Cocoa Thrush, Chestnut capped Brushfinch, Black winged Saltator, Streaked Saltator, Black and white Seedeater, Flame rumped Tanager, Rusty flowerpiercer, Blue winged Mountain Tanager, Scrub Tanager, Black capped Tanager, Metallic green Tanager, Golden Tanager, Blue capped Tanager, Blue gray Tanager.

Night in Dann Monasterio Hotel: <http://www.hotelesdann.com/dann-popayan/>

March 7 / Day 3. Condores de Purace and PNN Puracé, transfer Pitalito / Night in El Encanto or Grand Premium Plaza

Cóndores de Puracé, Piedra del Cóndor / Cauca



In the Andean Condor "La Piedra del Cóndor" in Purace National Natural Park, the visitors can witness three or more individuals of this majestic species feeding on carrion just a few meters away, creating an unforgettable experience for photography and birdwatching enthusiasts. In addition to the condors, this area showcases a high Andean Forest and paramo, home to a diverse range of species. Accessible by car, though via a dusty unpaved road during the dry season, this destination is surrounded by scattered trees

that provide excellent opportunities to spot colorful parrots, toucans, and mixed flocks of tanagers. Immerse in the beauty of nature at this site, where adventure and wildlife await.

Elevation: 2800-3200 masl / **Track:** unpaved rural road/ **Temperature:** 15 – 13 °C / **E-bird**

Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4762772/bird-list>

Key Species: Andean Condor, Carunculated Caracara, Grey-breasted Mountain-Toucan, Green tailed Trainbearer, Black-thighed Puffleg, Shinning Sunbeam, Golden-crowned Tanager, Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Golden-plumed Parakeet, Crescent-faced Antpitta, Golden-breasted Puffleg, Red-crested Cotinga, Agile Tit-Tyrant, Purple-backed Thornbill, Barred Fruiteater, Paramo Tapaculo, Powerful Woodpecker, Bicolored Antpitta.

Puracé Natural National Park / Popayan

Just two hours from Popayán, Puracé National Park is a jewel in Colombia's central Andean region, showcasing the breathtaking beauty of the Colombian massif. This park, set amidst volcanic cliffs and active volcanoes, offers a picturesque landscape unlike any other. Puracé is the source of Colombia's most important rivers the Cauca, Magdalena, and Patía transforming it into a vital hydro gem and a haven of biodiversity. The park's varied ecosystems, including high-Andean forests, sub-paramo, and paramo landscapes, create a rich tapestry of life. Birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts will be captivated by the park's diverse avian residents, including several species with restricted distributions that hold significant importance for Colombia.

Elevation: 2800 - 3500 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, rural unpaved road / **Temperature:** 12 -22°C / **E-bird**

Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L8167749/bird-list>

Key species: Crescent-faced Antpitta, Black-thighed Puffleg, Purple-backed Thornbill, Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan, Carunculated Caracara, Golden-plumed Parakeet, Bicolored Antpitta, Black-crested Warbler, Azara's Spinetail, Glossy Flowerpiercer, Masked Flowerpiercer, Golden-fronted Redstart, Ocellated Tapaculo, Chestnut-naped Antpitta, Rainbow-bearded Thornbill, Golden-crowned Tanager.



Night in El Encanto Eco-reserve: <https://es-la.facebook.com/ElEncantoReservaEcotur/> or **Night in Gran Premium Plaza Hotel:** <http://www.hotelgrandpremiumplaza.com>

March 8/ Day 4. El Encanto Reserve, Drymophila / Night in El Encanto or Grand Premium Plaza

El Encanto Natural Reserve / Palestina

El Encanto Natural Reserve is located in Palestina, just 3 km from downtown, and is accessible via a well-maintained unpaved road. This agro-touristic reserve covers 12 acres and includes organic coffee

plantations and forest along the Guarapas River basin. The forest forms part of the region's biological corridor, providing habitat for a variety of bird species. Visitors can explore the reserve's trails and observe a good diversity of birdlife, including some endemic and threatened species. El Encanto offers simple lodging and a restaurant with regional cuisine. Its feeders attract several bird species, making it a worthwhile stop for birdwatchers. The reserve is also located on the route to Cueva de los Guácharos National Park, offering the possibility to extend birdwatching efforts and see species not found at El Encanto.

Elevation: 1350 masl / **Mobility:** Easy – Medium, trails inside the forest and rural unpaved road / **Temperature:** 18 a 24 °C / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5654916/bird-list>

Key species: Dusky-headed Brush-Finch, Tolima Blossomcrown, Tolima Dove, Red-bellied Grackle, Colombian Chachalaca, Long-tailed Antbird, Flame-faced Tanager, Barred Becard, White-crowned Manakin, Golden Eared Tanager, Indigo capped Hummingbird, Shining green hummingbird, Gorgeted woodstar, Apical flycatcher, Velvet fronted euphonia, Short tailed emeral, Fulvous breasted flatbill



La Drymophila Nature Reserve

Located in the municipality of Palestina, Huila, La Drymophila Nature Reserve is dedicated to conservation, wildlife observation, and nature photography. Covering 60 hectares of oak forest, the reserve provides important habitat for several of Colombia's less commonly seen species. Visitors can explore a network of well-maintained trails that pass through the forest and offer opportunities to observe a variety of birds and other wildlife. The reserve also has strategically placed feeders that attract numerous bird species, making it a suitable destination for both photographers and nature enthusiasts.

Elevation: 2000 masl / **Mobility:** Easy – Medium, trails inside the forest and rural unpaved road / **Temperature:** 15 to 24 °C / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L27775283/bird-list>

Key species: Red bellied grackled, Tolima blossomcrown, Chestnut woodquail, Hooded antpitta, White bellied antpitta, Schwarts antthrush, Black chested fruiteater, East andean antbird, Yellow throated spadebill, Long tailed tapaculo, Violet fronted brilliant, Rufous tailed tairant.

Night in El Encanto Eco-reserve: <https://es-la.facebook.com/ElEncantoReservaEcotur/> or **Night in Gran Premium Plaza Hotel:** <http://www.hotelgrandpremiumplaza.com>

March 9/ Day 5. El Encanto Reserve and Discosura Farm, Transfer Mocoa / Night in Dantayaco Hotel or Mocoa Samay Hotel



Discosura Farm / Mocoa – Pitalito

Located in a privileged environment, Finca Discosura is a natural sanctuary where birdwatching becomes an unforgettable experience. Its observation point is home to the majestic Wire-crested Thorntail, the finca's emblematic bird, whose presence, during certain times of the year, is a true privilege for visitors. Its garden is a living treasure, hosting a great diversity of hummingbirds, including the Long-billed Star throat, the Gray-chinned Hermit, the White-bellied Woodstar, and the White-necked Jacobin, among many other species. Finca Discosura offers guided tours designed to maximize the birdwatching experience, with strategically located observation points at different altitudinal zones within a 30 km area. This variety of habitats allows visitors to enjoy a wide range of landscapes and species while strengthening the connection with the community and promoting responsible tourism.

Elevation: 800 – 1000 masl / **Temperature:** 18 – 25° C

E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L27467428/bird-list>

Key Species: Wire-crested Thorntail, Long-billed Starthroat, Gray-chinned Hermit, White-bellied Woodstar, the White-necked Jacobin, Speckled Chachalaca, Plumbeous Pigeon, White-bearded Hermit, Black-throated Mango, Wire-crested Thorntail, Blue-headed Hummingbird, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Golden-tailed Sapphire, Rufous-throated Sapphire, Bare-faced Ibis, Roadside Hawk, Blue-crowned Trogon.

Night in Dantayaco Hotel:

https://www.instagram.com/posada_dantayaco_mocoa?igsh=MWI4c2hicTkWMWJwbG==

Or Night in Mocoa Samay Hotel: <https://hotelmocoasamay.com/>

March 10 / Day 6. Finca El Escondite all day / Night in Dantayaco Hotel or Mocoa Samay Hotel

El Escondite Natural Reserve / Villagarzon

Discover the enchanting El Escondite Natural Reserve, just 1.5 hours from Mocoa, along the route to Villagarzón. Spanning 124 acres, this private sanctuary is a testament to conservation, with 70% of its land undergoing natural regeneration to preserve its ecosystems. Immerse in the magic of El Escondite, where the verdant expanse of Amazonian tropical rainforest and secondary forests provide a haven for a stunning array of birds and mammals. Here, you'll find well-maintained trails and feeding stations that attract captivating species, including the elusive Black-mantled Tamarin. Recent discoveries, like the rare Rufous-headed Woodpecker, a newly recorded species in Colombia, make this reserve an extraordinary destination for birdwatchers and wildlife enthusiasts alike.

Elevation: 300 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, unpaved road inside the natural reserve / **Temperature:** 26-34°C / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L17054356/bird-list>

Key Species: White-bearded Hermit, Gould's Jewelfront, Azure Gallinule, Rufous-sided Crake, Gray-breasted Crake, Blue-crowned Trogon, White-necked Puffbird, Yellow-billed Nunbird, White-eared Jacamar, Great Jacamar, Scarlet-crowned Barbet, Golden-collared Toucanet, Rufous-headed Woodpecker, Yellow-throated Woodpecker, Peruvian Warbling-Antbird, Yellow-browed Antbird, Riparian Antbird, Silvered Antbird, White-shouldered Antbird, Black-tailed Leaf-tosser, Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper, Point-tailed Palmcreeper, Chestnut-winged Hookbill, Orange-fronted Plushcrown, Dark-breasted Spinetail, Orange-eyed Flycatcher, Large-headed Flatbill, Rufous-tailed Flatbill, Bare-necked Fruitcrow, Opal-rumped Tanager, Opal-crowned Tanager, Green-and-gold Tanager

Night in Dantayaco Hotel:

https://www.instagram.com/posada_dantayaco_mocoa?igsh=MWI4c2hicTkWMWJwbG==

Or Night in Mocoa Samay Hotel: <https://hotelmocoasamay.com/>



March 11/ Day 7. Biodiversity "Trampoline" (low and medium lying lands) transfer Dantayaco/ Night in Dantayaco

March 12 / Day 8. Biodiversity "Trampoline" to San Francisco (Highlands) / Night in Chalet Guamuez

Trampoline of Birds and Biodiversity / Mocoa

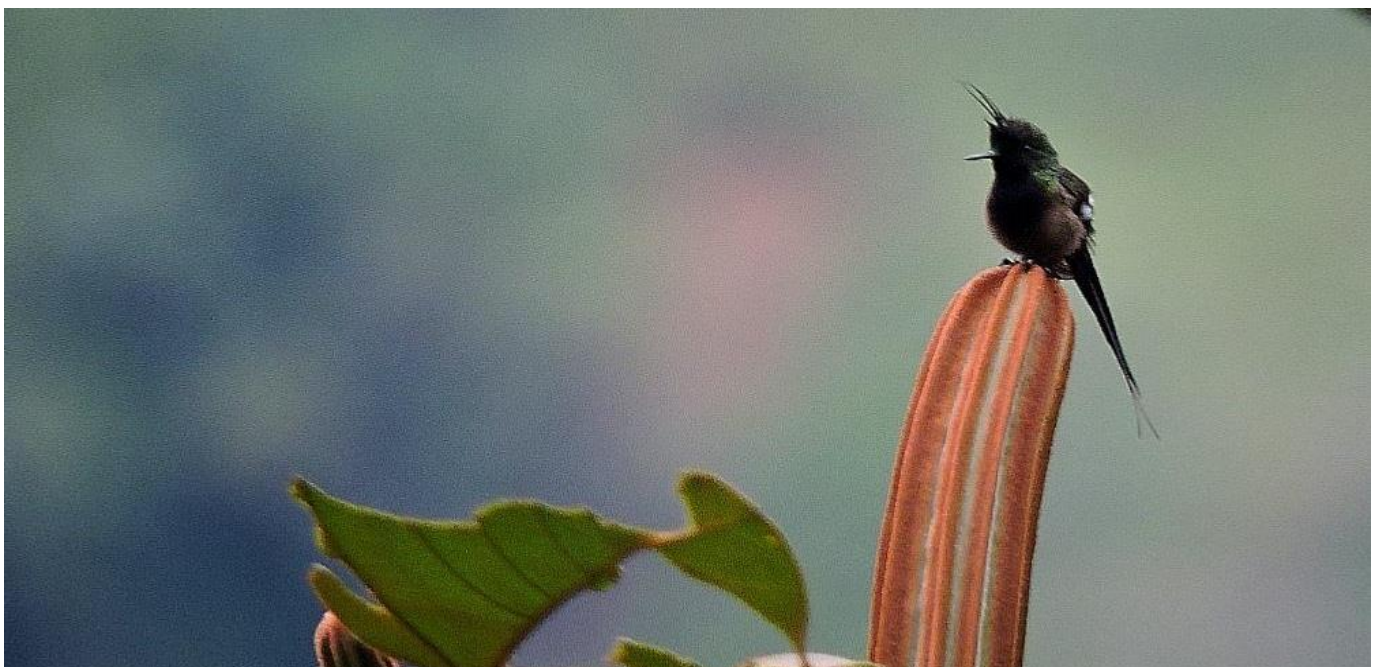
Trampoline of Birds and Biodiversity stands as one of Colombia's most important birdwatching destinations, boasting an impressive list of over 300 registered bird species. Its change in altitude ranging from the base of the Amazon rainforest up to the edge of the Andes in the Colombian massif offers a change in the composition of ecosystems and unique species in the country. This incredible road "El Trampolín" connects the city of Pasto with the city of Mocoa and descends on the eastern slope of the eastern Andes, crossing a pristine forest with a complicated topography but immensely rich in biodiversity. Many interesting birds occur in this humid tropical forest and fog, in addition to many species of orchids and unsurpassable landscapes. The observation of birds by the trampoline has an interesting dynamic, where in a first part the birds are observed from Mocoa to the point called El Filo de Hambre (Amazonian species) and in a second part from El Filo del Hambre to the municipality of San Francisco to observe birds from the pacific slope of the massif at heights above 2000 meters, a truly strategic route for birds.

Elevation: 1000 – 3000 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, rural unpaved road / **Temperature:** 13 – 25°C

E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L6310214/bird-list>

Key species: White-rimmed Brush-finch, Deep Blue Flowerpiercer, Yellow-throated Tanager, Golden-crowned Tanager, Ocellated Tapaculo, Short-billed Bush-finch, Orange-eared Tanager, Saffron crowned Tanager, White-capped Dipper, Chestnut-bellied Trush, Long-tailed Sylph, Red-headed Barbet, Handsome Flycatcher, Rufous-crested Tanager, Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager, Mountain Cacique, Maroon-tailed Parakeet, Chestnut-breasted Coronet, Wire-crested Thrornbill, Grey-mantlet Wren, Black Tinamu, White-throated Wedgebill, Rufous-gaped Hillstar, Violet-fronted Brilliant, Golden-tailed Sapphire, Golden-headed Quetzal, Crested Quetzal, Black-streaked Puffbird, Military Macaw, Rufous-rumped Antwren, Short-tailed

Antthrush, Andean Cock of the Rock, Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia, Bronze-green Euphonia, Red-bellied Grackle, Hooded Mountain-Tanager.



Night in Dantayaco Hotel:

https://www.instagram.com/posada_dantayaco_mocoa?igsh=MWI4c2hicTkWMWJwbG==

March 13 / Day 9. Bordoncillo Moorlands & Laguna de la Cocha / Night in V1501 Hotel or Villaviciosa

Páramo of Bordoncillo / Sibundoy

The Páramo of Bordoncillo is a unique highland ecosystem located on the border between the Putumayo and Nariño departments in southern Colombia. Set within the Andean region of the Colombian massif, it rises above the Sibundoy Valley, offering a natural transition between the Andean highlands, the Amazon basin, and the Pacific slope. Although the area has historically been used for agriculture and grazing, it still conserves important patches of native páramo vegetation. These habitats support a variety of specialized bird species, some of which are local or difficult to observe elsewhere, making it an appealing destination for birdwatchers. The landscape offers sweeping views, especially from vantage points near La Cocha Lagoon, where visitors can also appreciate the area's botanical diversity. Sturdy rubber boots and warm layers are recommended, as the terrain is rugged and the climate is often cold and damp.

Elevation: 2800-3500 masl / **Mobility:** Easy – medium, dirt and mud trails, in ascents / **Temperature:** 8-16°C

E-bird **Hotspot:**
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3662791/bird-list>

Key species: Chestnut-bellied Cotinga, Masked Mountain-Tanager, Spectacled Redstar, Sierran Elaenia, Rufous Antpitta, Golden-crowned Tanager, Rainbow-bearded Thornbill, Purple-backed Thornbill, Bar-bellied Woodpecker, Chestnut-naped Antpitta, Ocellated Tapaculo, Blue-black Conebill, Black-backed Bush-Tanager.



La Cocha Lake / La Cocha

La Cocha Lake is a peaceful natural retreat located just an hour from the city of Pasto, offering a refreshing escape into the Andean highlands. As Colombia's second-largest natural lake and a designated RAMSAR site, it plays an important ecological role in supporting bird species associated with high-altitude wetlands. Situated within the Colombian massif, La Cocha provides valuable habitat for a variety of Andean birds, including several endemic and range-restricted species. Its calm waters and surrounding landscapes make it a rewarding destination for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts, especially those interested in highland ecosystems. From the nearby village of El Encanto, visitors can enjoy scenic views of the lake, stroll across wooden bridges, and observe traditional boats that reflect the local culture. Whether for birding, photography, or a quiet moment in nature, La Cocha offers an experience that combines ecological richness with local charm.

Elevation: 2700 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, boat ride, trails around the hotel / **Temperature:** 9-22°C
E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1770863/bird-list>

Key species: Yellow-billed Pinttail, Subtropical Doradito, Andean Gull, Slate-colored Coot, Black-tailed Trainbearer, Andean Pygmy-Owl, Sierran Elaenia, Azara's Spinetail, Carunculated Caracara, Emerald-bellied Puffleg, Sedge Wren, Grey-breasted Mountain-Toucan, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Spectacled Whitestar, Cinereous Conebill, White-chinned Thistletail, Golden-crowned Tanager, Golden-breasted Puffleg, Lachrymose Mountain-Tanager, Slate-throated Whitestar, Collared Inca, Noble Snipe, Hooded Siskin, Spectacled Redstar, Grassland Yellow-Finch.



Night in V1501 Hotel: <https://hotelv1501.com/> or

Night in Villaviciosa Hotel: <https://www.instagram.com/villaviciosahotelboutique?igsh=czJlcm1yYmozOGdw>

March 14 / Day 10. Lomas de Tescual, Ipiales Dry Forest, transfer Junín / Night in Torre Eiffel Junín

Tescual Hills / Pasto

Tescual Hills is a captivating gem just on the edge of the vibrant city of Pasto, offering a unique blend of pastoral landscapes and lush secondary forests. This enchanting destination in southern Colombia is a haven for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts alike. Easily accessible and just minutes from your hotel, Tescual Hills boasts an impressive array of bird species against a stunning backdrop of rolling hills and picturesque views of the city. Here, you'll be immersed in a diverse array of avian wonders, from the vibrant plumage of exotic birds to the serene beauty of the surrounding forest. In just a couple of hours, you'll have the chance to discover a variety of new species, enriching your birdwatching journey with fresh and exciting additions to your list.

Elevation: 2500 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, unpaved road and pastures / **Temperature:** 9-14°C

E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L8090177/bird-list>

Key species: Tufted Tit-Tyrant, Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant, Hooded Siskin, Rufous-chested Tanager, Cinereous Conebill, Rusty Flowerpiercer, Golden-rumped Euphonia



Ipiales Road - Potosi / Ipiales

In the high mountains of southern Colombia, this premier birding destination is a treasure trove for spotting range-restricted species, including the elusive Giant Hummingbird. Known for its rarity and intrigue, this spectacular bird is a highlight of the region's avian diversity. Just a short distance from the breathtaking Las Lajas Sanctuary in Nariño, a stunning religious site perched above the Guaitara River Canyon, this birdwatching spot offers an unparalleled blend of natural beauty and cultural richness. Immerse yourself in a landscape that not only provides exceptional birding opportunities but also boasts magnificent scenery perfect for photography. The vibrant, traditional colors and cultural essence of the area add a unique touch to your visit, making it a truly unforgettable experience!

Elevation: 3000 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, paved road and country roads / **Temperature:** 9-14°C

E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1312110/bird-list>

Key species: Giant Hummingbird, Torrent Duck, Tufted Tit-Tyrant, White-crested Elaenia, Sierran Elaenia, Yellow-breasted Brush-Finch, Cinereous Conebill, Black-chested Mountain Tanager, Plain-colored Seedeater

Night in Torre Eiffel : No web site

March 15 / Day 11. La Planada Natural Reserve & Reserva El Bosque / Night Torre Eiffel Junín
La Planada Natural Reserve / Ricaurte



La Planada Nature Reserve is a good example of the efforts of local indigenous groups toward conserving Colombia's rich natural heritage and avian diversity. Located in the municipality of Ricaurte, the reserve is about a 30-minute drive along an unpaved road, offering access to well-preserved high Andean forests. The landscape features a mix of mature forest, secondary growth, and open areas influenced by traditional agriculture, creating a varied habitat ideal for birdwatching. Over 300 bird species have been recorded here, making it a rewarding destination for both amateur and experienced birders. Well-maintained trails guide visitors through different ecosystems, while viewpoints offer expansive views of surrounding volcanoes and the Andean landscape. La Planada also provides a cultural dimension to the experience, it also offers a small restaurant, operated by members of the Awa Indigenous community, who actively participate in local ecotourism. As one of Colombia's first civil society-led nature reserves, La Planada remains an important site for both biodiversity conservation and community involvement.

Elevation: 1800-2000 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, rural unpaved road, trails inside the reserve / **Temperature:** 14-24°C

E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L465390/bird-list>

Key species: Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail, Chestnut Wood-Quail, Dark-backed Wood-Quail, Green-fronted Lancebill, Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan, Hoary Puffleg, Rusty-winged Barbtail, Club-winged Manakin, Glistening-green Tanager, Brown Inca, Golden-crowned Yellowthroat, Violet-tailed Sylph, Dusky Chlorospingus, Purple-bibbed Whitetip, Empress Brilliant, Purple-throated Woodstar, Ornate Hawk-Eagle, White-rumped Hawk, Rufescent Screech-Owl, Golden-headed Quetzal, Crested Quetzal, Collared Trogon, Masked Trogon, White-faced Nunbird, Toucan Barbet, Powerful Woodpecker, Barred Forest-Falcon, Bicolored Antvireo, Choco Tapaculo, Nariño Tapaculo, Brown-billed Scytebill, Red-faced Spinetail, Rufous-browed Tyrannulet, Pacific Flatbill, White-throated Spadebill, Flavescent Flycatcher, Rufous-tailed Tyrant, Orange-breasted Fruiteater, Scaled Fruiteater, Olivaceous Piha, Beautiful Jay, Sooty-headed Wren, Yellow-collared Chlorophonia, Golden-collared Honeycreeper, Indigo Flowerpiercer, Purplish-mantlet Tanager.

Night in Torre Eiffel : No web site

March 16/ Day 12. Río Nambí Natural Reserve / Night in Torre Eiffel Junin

Río Nambí Natural Reserve / Junin

Local communities have passionately dedicated themselves to the conservation of birds, resulting in the creation of the remarkable Río Nambí Natural Reserve. Just 1.5 hours from Tumaco or a quick 10–15-minute drive from Junín (12 km), this protected area showcases the biodiversity of the humid Andean forests influenced by the Pacific Ocean and the Chocó biogeographic region. The Río Nambí Natural Reserve spans over 2500 acres and features 2.5 kilometers of well-maintained trails leading to a historic cabin, nestled within expansive, lush forests. This reserve is renowned for its remarkable biodiversity, including the elusive Spectacled Bear, the majestic Jaguar, and 31 species of hummingbirds, representing

one of the most diverse hummingbird communities on the planet. With 60 endangered bird species calling it home, Río Nambi stands as a beacon of conservation excellence in Nariño and southern Colombia, offering an unparalleled experience for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts alike.

Elevation: 1100 - 1700 masl / **Mobility:** easy – medium, rural unpaved road, single track. / **Temperature:** 16-26°C / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L465389/bird-list>

Key species: Black Solitaire, Brown Inca, Rufous-breasted Antthrush, Half-collared Gnatwren, Ornate Flycatcher, Broad-billed Motmot, Golden-headed Quetzal, Baudo Guan, Chestnut Wood-quail, Dark-backed Wood-quail, Dusky Pigeon, Choco Poorwill, White-whiskered Hermit, Violet-tailed Sylph, Hoary Puffleg, Brown Inca, Velvet-purple Coronet, Purple-bibbed Whitetip, Empress Brilliant, Purple-chested Hummingbird, Little Woodstar, Purple-throated Woodstar, Banded Ground-cuckoo, Cloud forest Pygmy-owl, Colombian Screech-owl, Choco Trogon, Choco Toucan, Crimson-rumped Toucanet, Orange-fronted Barbet, Toucan Barbet, Lita Woodpecker, Plumbeous Forest-falcon, Rose-faced Parrot, Bronze-winged Parrot, Bicolored Antvireo, Yellow-breasted Antpitta, Narino Tapaculo, Uniform Treehunter, Streak-capped Treehunter, Club-winged Manakin, Orange-breasted Fruiteater, Long-wattled Umbrellabird, Black-tipped Cotinga, Pacific Flatbill, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Black-billed Peppershrike, Choco Vireo, Beautiful Jay, Black Solitaire, Yellow-collared Chlorophonia, Dusky Bush-tanager, Ochre-breasted Tanager, Scarlet-and-white Tanager, Scarlet-breasted Dacnis, Black-winged Saltator, Great-billed Seed-finch, Indigo Flowerpiercer, Purplish-mantled Tanager, Black-chinned Mountain-tanager, Glistening-green Tanager, Yellow-green Tanager, Moss-backed Tanager, Golden-chested Tanager, Rufous-throated Tanager, Black-capped Tanager, Blue-whiskered Tanager



Night in Torre Eiffel : No web site

March 17 / Day 13. Bangsias Trail and Ranita Diablo, transfer Tumaco / Night in Los Corales

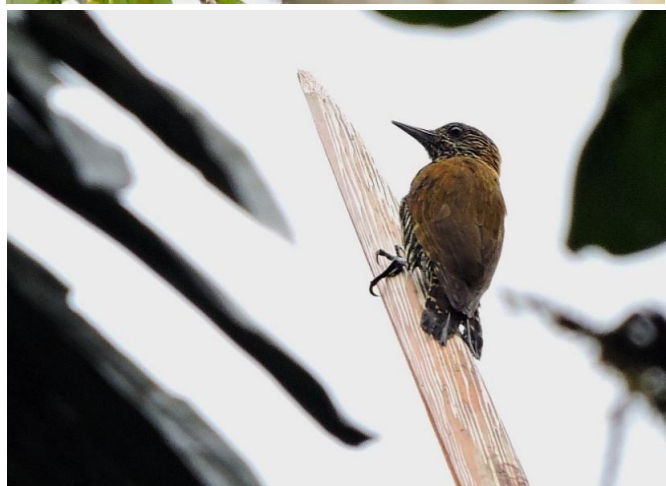
Las Bangsias Trail

Like Río Nambi, local communities have passionately dedicated themselves to the conservation of birds, resulting in the creation of the Las Bangsias Trail; just 1.5 hours from Tumaco or a quick 10-15 minute drive from Junín (8 km), this protected area is an intimate 1000-meter path, may be short but offers an

exceptional opportunity to observe high-quality bird species in their natural habitat. is known for its incredible biodiversity and is a popular spot for birdwatching enthusiasts.

Elevation: 1350 - 3000 masl / **Mobility:** easy – medium / **Temperature:** 14 - 24 °C / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L7260634/bird-list>

Key species: Green Thorntail, Scarlet-and-white Tanager, Purplish-mantled Tanager, Orange-breasted Fruiteater, Golden-collared Honeycreeper, Purple-bibbed Whitetip, Glistening-green Tanager, Indigo Flowerpiercer, Lesser Tinamou, Rufous-bellied Añapero, Greater Spear-billed Hummingbird, Brown Hummingbird, Bronzed Inca, Serrano Momoto, White-tailed Hawk, Walking Hawk, Neotropical Cormorant.



The Road to Barbacoas - Ranita Diablo / Junín

The Road to barbacoas in Junin and El Diviso Forests, are located 70 km from the city of Tumaco in the department of Nariño, these are part of the protected areas of the indigenous community AWA who have started tourism activities as an economic alternative for the development of their territory. The Guayacana forests present a flat, secondary growth landscape dotted with scattered trees, ideal for spotting vibrant Cotingas and capturing stunning images of the dazzling "Little Devil Poison Frog. This location rooted in indigenous heritage and local guides will enhance the birdwatching experience with their profound knowledge and connection to the land!

Elevation: 200 - 400 masl / **Track:** swampy path to the interior of the nature reserve / **Temperature:** 24-30 °C / **E-bird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L7159531/bird-list>

Key Species: Black-tipped Cotinga, Blue Cotinga, Choco woodpecker, Golden-chested Tanager, Yellow-collared Chlorophonia, Northern Schiffornis, Lanceolated Monklet, Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail, Purple Quail-Dove, Tooth-billed Hummingbird, Green Throntail, Choco Toucan, Lita Woodpecker, Checker-throated Antwren, Esmeraldas Antbird, Zeledon's Antbird, Black-headed Antthrush, Slaty-capped Shrike-vireo, Tawny-faced Gnatwren, Ochre-breasted Tanager, Grey and Gold Tanager, Blue-whiskered Tanager, Scarlet-browed Tanager, Slate-colored Grosbeak

March 18 / Day 14. Mar Agricola, Agrosavia and km 42 / Night in Los Corales Hotel

Maragricola Farmhouse / Tumaco

Just 23 kilometers from Tumaco, the Maragricola Farmhouse offers a birdwatching experience in a setting that blends natural beauty with intriguing history. Once a hub of agricultural research for Nariño University, this private enclave is now a tranquil sanctuary, where abandoned fields have transformed into rich habitats. Venture along a serene, solitary road that meanders through a patch of tropical rainforest, preserved for conservation. Explore diverse landscapes, including secondary growth areas with stubble and secondary forest. At the journey's end, discover a fish farm with artificial lakes that attract an array of aquatic migratory birds, including ducks and herons, creating a picturesque tableau ideal for photography. Maragricola stands out as an important birdwatching destination near Tumaco, boasting an impressive roster of over 270 bird species, many of which are unique to this region.

Elevation: 50 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, rural unpaved road / **Temperature:** 28 – 35 °C /

E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3940729/bird-list>

Key species: Guayaquil Woodpecker, Masked Water-Tyrant, Chestnut-throated Seedeater, Brown Rail, Ochraceous Attila, Snowy-throated Kingbird, Pacific Parrotlet, White-cheeked Pintail, Rufous-necked Wood-Rail, Berlepsch's Tinamou, Horned Screamer, White-cheeked Pinetail, Mangrove rail, Uniform Crake, White-throated Crake, Killdeer, Red Knot, White-necked Puffbird, Barred Puffbird, Ochraceous Attila, Purple-throated Fruitcrow, Peruvian Meadowlark, Golden-bellied Warbler.





Agrosavia, Candelillas & Km 42 / Tumaco

Km 42 and the lands of the Colombian agribusiness research corporation (Agrosavia) are located on the outskirts of the city of Tumaco, in different areas of crops used for agricultural research in the region; In both places, bird watching is done by a flat and unpaved road that crosses secondary growth forests in what were abandoned African palm plantations and other crops where now this secondary growth has been gradually populated by birds, where some of the bird specialties of the south-western corner of the country are registered. Both places are easy for bird watching and the diversity that is found there is very large, recently species of birds have been found of which there was no recent record for the country, as is the case of the beautiful, Crimson-breasted

Elevation: 50 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, rural unpaved, flat road / **Temperature:** 24-34°C /

E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L10465537/bird-list>

Key species: Crimson-breasted Finch, Orange-fronted Barbet, Grey-headed Chachalaca, Rufous-headed Chachalaca, Black-cheeked Woodpecker, Hook-billed Kite, Yellow-tufted Dacnis, Ochraceous Attila, Guayaquil Woodpecker, Ecuadorian Groun-Dove, Pacific Antwren, Thick-billed Seed-Finch, Dusky-faced Tanager, Violet-bellied Hummingbird.

Night in Los Corales Hotel: <http://www.hotelloscorales.com/>

March 19 / Day 15. Mangroves of el morro, flight to Bogota / Hilton Garden Inn Hotel

Morro Beach and Mangroves / Tumaco

El Morro Beaches is one of the most popular spots in the city of Tumaco, where visitors can enjoy the beautiful waters and the scent of the Colombian Pacific jungle. This site is particularly known for an arch-shaped cavity formed in a rock near the mangroves, where amazing bird species can occasionally be spotted. While it is not a place for continuous birdwatching throughout the day, if enough time is spent, it is possible to observe some interesting species typical of Colombia's Pacific coast. It's also worth noting that pelagic birds can sometimes be seen from the shore, along with shorebirds and a variety of migratory species during the right season.

Elevation: 0 masl / **Mobility:** Easy, beach trails and inside the mangrove ecosystem / **Temperature:** 28 – 35 °C

E-bird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3940738/bird-list>



Key species: Ecuadorian Ground-Dove, Croaking Ground-Dove, Pallid Dove, Band-tailed Barbthroat, Brown Wood-Rail, Rufous-necked Wood-Rail, Blue-footed Booby, Peruvian Booby, Pale-legged Hornero, Scrub Blackbird, Red-rumped Woodpecker, American Pygmy Kingfisher

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

March 20 / Day 16. Flight to 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
Bogotá -----> Popayán	Flight 1 h 10 min	https://maps.app.goo.gl/wtL3ceifBnryooQw9
Popayán-----> Pitalito	3 h 49 min, 157 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/1KZhirHCc6fg6CLt5
Palestina -----> Mocoa	2 h 48 min, 115 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/pUmRmiYAupSqnvwVA
Ipiales-----> Junín	2 h 50 min, 115 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/AD1GPYPzZ8fBfAnj8

Junín -----> Tumaco	1 h 48 min, 107 km	https://maps.app.goo.gl/KQwvx7oEteha1Y2H8
Tumaco-----> Bogotá	Flight 1 h 15 min	https://maps.app.goo.gl/VmUN9yij6EQ1WsML6

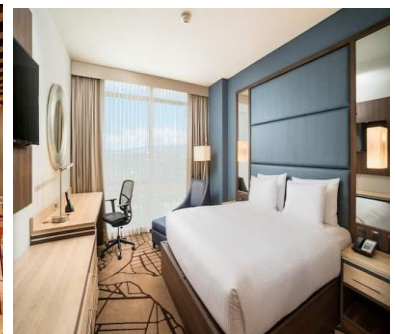
Some Hotels Descriptions

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 Dann Monasterio / Popayán

This 5-star hotel offers a strategic location in the middle of the Historic Center of Popayán and just 5 minutes from the airport. It combines the charm of the colonial era in its 47 rooms and 8 event rooms with modern hotel services. Its charming spaces such as the Spanish galleries, the outdoor pool and the fountain located in the central courtyard are part of the architectural heritage of the "White City" of Colombia, which guarantees enjoying the charm of the period and excellent service, with the quality of the Dann Hotels chain. <http://www.hotelesdann.com/dann-popayan>

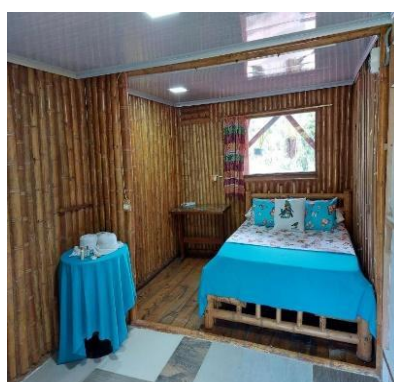
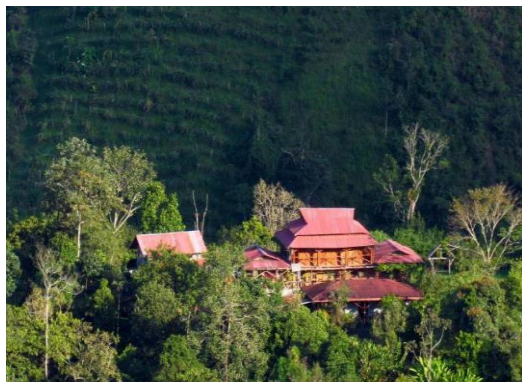
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El Encanto Reserva Ecológica / Palestina

It is a rural accommodation located in Palestine Huila, an area surrounded by nature, water, coffee, birds and gardens. It is also within the Colombian massif, 22km from Pitalito (city) 42 km from the archaeological zone of San Agustin, you can also go hiking, watch birds and local flora, hike in the Guarapas River and of course enjoy the peasant culture. Featuring a garden, terrace and restaurant, Encanto Nature Reserve offers accommodation in Palestine with free WiFi and garden views. At the accommodation you can enjoy an American, vegetarian or vegan breakfast. <https://elencantonaturereserve.com/lodge-and-restaurant/>

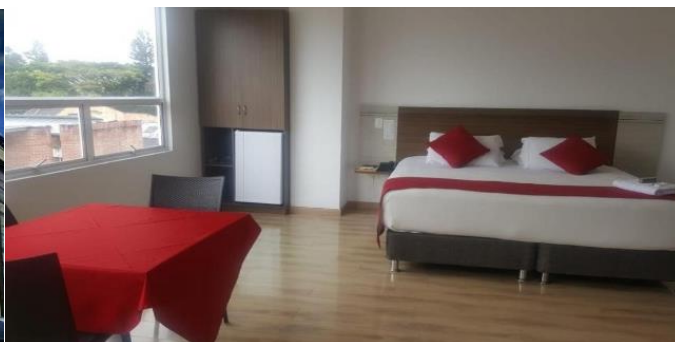
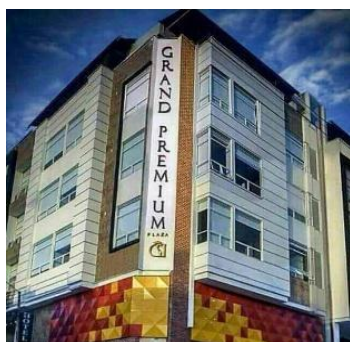
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Hotel Grand Premium Plaza / Pitalito

This 3-star hotel offers room service and a 24-hour reception. We have 3 types of junior suite rooms, standard double and single. The Grand Premium Plaza Hotel in Pitalito offers a combination of comfort and services to meet the needs of travelers visiting this charming city in southern Colombia. <http://www.hotelgrandpremiumplaza.com>

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



Hotel Torre Eiffel - No site web

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

Hotel Dantayaco / Mocoa

It has a privileged location near various natural sites of interest, such as waterfalls, rivers, hiking trails and nature reserves. offers a unique lodging experience in the middle of the lush Amazon rainforest, giving visitors the opportunity to connect with nature and explore the region's biodiversity. The cabins are designed with natural materials and integrate harmoniously with the environment. They offer a rustic and cozy atmosphere, providing guests with an authentic experience of jungle life. It has comfortable beds, private bathrooms with hot showers, and common areas to relax and enjoy the panoramic views of the jungle https://www.instagram.com/posada_dantayaco_mocoa?igsh=MWI4c2hicTkWJwbq==

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Hotel Mocoa Samay / Mocoa

The Mocoa Samay Hotel, located in the heart of the Colombian Amazon, offers a comfortable and modern experience with rooms equipped with air conditioning, hot water, and free Wi-Fi. Its restaurant stands out for its local cuisine, and guests can enjoy private transportation, laundry service, and a handicraft shop. With a strategic location near Mocoa's main attractions, it is ideal for travelers seeking comfort and nature. <https://hotelmocoasamay.com/>

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Chalet Guamuez / El encanto – Pasto

The Chalet is above all a place of peace, tranquility, landscaping and rest, where you can stay in cabins and rooms. At the same time, it is a space for adventure and ecological tourism, where horseback riding, hiking, mountaineering, and boat visits to different reserves are carried out. Enjoy the typical Nariñense gastronomy in its restaurant. <https://chaletguamuez.com/>

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Hotel V1501 / Pasto

Hotel V1501 is the perfect destination for those who wish to experience the masterful encounter between comfort, creativity and the ancestral roots of the south. It bears the imprints of the different regions of the department of Nariño, as well as its most iconic and artistic figures. <https://hotelv1501.com/>

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Hotel Los Corales / Tumaco

It is located in the southwest of Colombia; This hotel is facing the sea on the beach of the island "El Morro", belonging to the Municipality of San Andrés de Tumaco, department of Nariño on the Colombian Pacific Coast; located 300 km by road from the capital San Juan de Pasto, connected by air with daily flights, and by sea with the port of Buenaventura. Its facilities are located just 10 minutes from the airport.
<http://www.hotelloscorales.com/>

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



Prices 2026

\$ 4.990 USD – Net Price Per Person / All Inclusive

Single Room Supplement: \$540 – Not available in El Encanto Reserve

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.



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