

## COLOMBIA BIRDING TRIP AMAZONIA BIRDING TOUR

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### **E&T Birding Tours**

Colombia is a beautiful country because its landscape, its people, and its BIRDS!

**DATES: February 1–10, 2026**

Colombia truly is a birdwatcher's paradise! With over 1,966 bird species, including 88 endemic and 193 near-endemic, it offers an incredible diversity for enthusiasts and nature lovers. The country's unique geography, ranging from the Amazon rainforest to the Andes mountains, creates a variety of thermal floors, each supporting different ecosystems and wildlife.

The Páramo, in particular, is a fascinating landscape characterized by its high elevation grasslands and unique flora and fauna. Its varying climates and altitudes provide opportunities to observe an array of species in their natural habitats. Whether you're hiking through tropical forests or exploring high-altitude regions, the sounds and sights of Colombia's birdlife are unforgettable. It's a perfect destination for both photography and appreciating the beauty of nature!

### **ITINERARY**

#### **Day 1: Arrival in Bogotá**

- Arrive at Dorado International Airport (BOG) by 2:00 p.m.
- Transfer to City Express Plus Hotel.
- Rest and acclimatize to the altitude (2,600 m / 8,530 ft).

Overnight at City Express Plus Hotel

#### **Day 2: Transfer to Leticia, Amazonas**

Morning transfer to the airport for a flight to Leticia. Leticia is a vibrant city located in the southern part of Colombia, near the borders with Brazil and Peru. It serves as the capital of the Amazonas department and is situated along the Amazon River, making it a key gateway to the Amazon rainforest. Leticia is surrounded by lush rainforest, home to an incredible variety of wildlife, including countless bird species, monkeys, and exotic plants. It's a prime spot for ecotourism and birdwatching. The city showcases a rich blend of cultures, influenced by indigenous communities and neighboring countries. You'll find local markets, traditional crafts, and a unique culinary scene. Overall, Leticia is a unique destination for those looking to explore the rich biodiversity and vibrant cultures of the Amazon region.

Fantasy Island is known for its rich biodiversity, making it a prime spot for birdwatching. Visitors can see numerous bird species, including the Red and White Spinetail, Lesser Horner, and many more. Surrounded by lush greenery and waterways, Fantasy Island provides stunning natural scenery. The area is characterized by tropical plants, vibrant flowers, and a variety of wildlife.

In the afternoon, watch hundreds of parrots at Santander Park.

Overnight at Waira Hotel

### **Day 3: Kilometer 17 Road**

**Kilometer 17 Road**, often referred to as KM 17, is a well-known birdwatching route located near Leticia, Colombia. This area is highly regarded for its rich biodiversity and is a popular spot for both amateur and professional birdwatchers. This **Birdwatching Paradise**, is famous for its variety of bird species, including colorful and elusive birds such as the Green-backed Trogon, Yellow-billed Jacamar, and Pavonine Quetzal. The road provides ample opportunities to spot both common and rare species than inhabit in this area that encompasses different habitats, including tropical rainforest and riverine environments, which contribute to the high levels of biodiversity. This diversity attracts a wide range of wildlife beyond just birds.

Overnight at Waira Hotel

### **Day 4: Marasha Reserve (Peru)**

Morning boat trip to Marasha Reserve a remarkable ecological area and is a highlight for nature enthusiasts and birdwatchers. The reserve is home to an impressive array of wildlife, including various bird species, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. Birdwatchers can expect to see species such as the Horned Screamer, Hoatzin, and several types of Jacamars and Antbirds. Marasha encompasses a mix of flooded forests, lakes, and riverine habitats, creating diverse ecosystems that support a wide range of flora and fauna. The area is particularly rich in aquatic species due to its proximity to the Amazon River.

Marasha Reserve provides a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the Amazon's natural beauty and biodiversity. Whether you're an avid birdwatcher, a wildlife photographer, or simply looking to experience the tranquility of the rainforest, Marasha is an unforgettable destination.

Lunch at the reserve restaurant; afternoon activities continue.

Overnight at Marasha Reserve

### **Day 5: Transfer to Puerto Nariño**

Morning transfer to Puerto Nariño, a charming and picturesque town located in the Amazon region of Colombia, known for its rich biodiversity and vibrant local culture. Nestled along the banks of the Amazon River, it serves as a gateway to explore the surrounding rainforest and its unique wildlife. Puerto Nariño is a noteworthy destination for birdwatching and biodiversity. Considered as a **Biodiversity Hotspot**, the region around Puerto Nariño is incredibly biodiverse, home to numerous species of birds, mammals, reptiles, and plants. It's part of the Amazon rainforest, one of the most biologically rich areas on the planet.

Birdwatchers can expect to see a variety of species, including the Scarlet Macaw, Chestnut-eared Aracari, and Wire-tailed Manakin. The diverse habitats surrounding the town provide ample opportunities to spot both common and rare birds.

The community in Puerto Nariño promotes sustainable tourism practices, emphasizing the importance of conservation and protecting the delicate ecosystems of the Amazon.

Puerto Nariño offers a unique blend of natural beauty, biodiversity, and cultural richness. Whether you're a serious birdwatcher or a casual nature lover, this town provides a serene environment to explore the wonders of the Amazon rainforest as well as the indigenous culture and the wildlife, including pink river dolphins!!

Overnight at Waira Selva Hotel

#### **Day 6: Loreto – Transfer to Leticia**

Early boat trip to Tarapoto Lagoon. Birdwatching at Tarapoto Lagoon is a fantastic experience, as the area is rich in avian diversity and offers opportunities to see both endemic and migratory species. This location is home to numerous bird species, including waterfowl, raptors, and colorful rainforest birds. Common sightings include the Scarlet Macaw, Slate-colored Hawk, Amazonian Trogon, Hoatzin, Kingfishers, and many Hummingbirds species. The lagoon and its surroundings feature a mix of wetlands, flooded forests, and riverside habitats, which attract a wide range of birds. This variety makes it an ideal spot for birdwatching throughout the year. Birdwatching at Tarapoto Lagoon offers a peaceful and immersive experience in the heart of the Amazon rainforest. Whether you're a seasoned birdwatcher or just starting out, the diverse species and beautiful landscapes provide an unforgettable adventure.

Return to Leticia in the afternoon.

Overnight at Waira Hotel

#### **Day 7: Transfer Back to Bogotá**

Morning visit to local craft markets before heading to the airport.

Fly back to Bogotá.

Overnight: City Express Plus Hotel

### **Day 8: Sumapaz Páramo**

Day trip to Sumapaz Páramo, known for its rich biodiversity. **Sumapaz Páramo** is a unique high-altitude ecosystem, one of the largest páramos in the world, characterized by its high-altitude grasslands, wetlands, and unique flora. The combination of altitude and climate creates a distinct habitat for a variety of birds. The páramo is home to several endemic bird species, such as the **Green-bearded Helmetcrest**, **Apolinar's Wren**, and **Bogotá Rail**. In addition to endemics, we can expect to see a range of other species, including **Andean Teal**, **Bronze-tailed Thornbill**, and various types of **Tyrant Flycatchers**. The dramatic landscapes of Sumapaz Páramo, with its rolling hills, misty moorlands, and vibrant flora, provide a beautiful backdrop for birdwatching and photography.

Birding in Sumapaz Páramo offers a unique opportunity to explore one of Colombia's most important ecosystems. Whether you're an avid birder or simply interested in the natural beauty of the region, the páramo provides a memorable experience filled with rich biodiversity and stunning landscapes.

Be prepared for varying temperatures (0-20°C).

Overnight at City Express Plus Hotel

### **Day 9: Visit the Andean Bird Observatory in Chingaza National Park.**

The **Andean Bird Observatory** in **Chingaza National Natural Park** is situated in a high Andean environment, where visitors can observe a wide variety of bird species. Notable birds include the **Muisca Antpitta**, **Longuemare's Sunangel**, and **Blue-throated Starfrontlet**. Chingaza National Park features diverse ecosystems, including high-altitude páramo, cloud forests, and montane forests.

An early departure will maximize birdwatching opportunities.

Overnight at City Express Plus Hotel

### **Day 10: Departure from Bogota**

- ime to return home with unforgettable memories and photos from your birdwatching adventure!

#### **Price includes:**

- Accommodation single room
- All meals, breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks.
- Entrance fees to all forest reserves on the tour and local guides.
- Medical assistance insurance
- Private transportation

**Price does not include:**

- Laundry service
- Local calls
- Tips and personal expenses
- Additional consumption from hotel refrigerators
- Expenses not specified in the program

*Enjoy your adventure in one of the world's most biodiverse countries!*

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