

BIRDS OF THE VALLE DEL CAUCA

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COMPANY LEGAL CERTIFICATION



Presentation

About us

Kevin Ocampo

At Ocampo Expeditions, I am proud to work closely with leading organizations and establish strategic partnerships that strengthen our nature tourism offerings. As the founder of the company, I am Kevin Ocampo, a passionate professional bird photographer and law student at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. Through more than 10 years of experience birding and leading independent tours, I have made valuable industry connections.

My dedication and perseverance in birdwatching have led me to gain recognition both in the birdwatching community in Colombia and abroad. I am proud to have been awarded the prize for the best bird photographer in my region, an achievement that I personally received from the Mayor of Santiago de Cali.

In addition, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with government entities in bird tourism projects that focus on conservation and the promotion of responsible ecotourism in various areas of Colombia. These projects combine my passion for photography with my commitment to preserve the environment. My experience and knowledge have been valued, which has led me to lead initiatives that promote sustainable bird tourism.

Showcasing my work in multiple photography exhibitions has been a rewarding experience, as I have had the opportunity to share my best images with the public. This year, I have the honor of being the official photographer of the Colombian Bird Fair, a recognition that highlights my dedication and excellence in bird photography.

As an active member of the Valle del Cauca Ornithological Society (DACNIS), a community made up of professionals and bird enthusiasts, I collaborate with other passionate about the subject to promote the conservation and study of the species in our region.

My achievements and career have also given me the opportunity to be hired by prestigious universities, such as the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, to lead bird watching days on their campuses. These opportunities allow students to connect with nature and appreciate the biodiversity that surrounds us.

At Ocampo Expeditions, our strategic collaborations and partnerships allow us to provide high-quality experiences for our clients. Thanks to these connections, we have access to specialized local guides, reliable suppliers and the most impressive destinations in Colombia. Our commitment is to offer exceptional services and promote conservation through nature tourism.



Why birding in Valle del Cauca, Colombia?

Introduction

Unique Biodiversity

Bird watching in the department of Valle del Cauca, located in the Western Andes of Colombia, is an enriching experience for lovers of ornithology and nature. This region offers diverse environments that are home to a wide variety of bird species and impressive landscapes.

Valle del Cauca is a department that combines beautiful beaches on its Pacific coast with imposing mountains in the Andes. This diversity of habitats offers a wide range of birds to observe. In the coastal zone, it is possible to see sea birds. Inland, in the forests and valleys, you can find toucans, parrots, owls, and waterfowl in the rivers and wetlands.

In Valle del Cauca, there are multiple natural reserves and national parks that are important refuges for birds and offer exceptional opportunities for bird watching. In Valle del Cauca, the Farallones de Cali National Natural Park and the Los Farallones Fauna and Kilometro Dieciocho are popular destinations.

In conclusion, Valle del Cauca is a privileged destination for bird watching in the Western Andes. The diversity of species, the impressive landscapes and the preservation of their ecosystems make these regions a paradise for birdwatchers and a unique opportunity to connect with nature.

What places will you visit?

Day 1 to 8, Valle del Cauca Birding

- Day 01. Alfonso Bonilla Aragón airport (CLO), in Cali / Finca Nido del Bosque.
- Day 02. La Florida "The Bird Forest".
- Day 03. Finca San Felipe Birding & Finca Alejandría "Hummingbird paradise".
- Day 04. Birdwatching Doña Dora.
- Day 05. Osprey Ecolodge.
- Day 06. Curigua Ecolodge.
- Day 07. Hacienda El Diamante
- Day 08. Hacienda El Diamante / Alfonso Bonilla Aragón airport (CLO), in Cali

Note: the food included for each day is indicated as follows: (B: breakfast, L: lunch, D: dinner).

TOUR MAP



DAY 1 (-, L, D)

Detailed Itinerary

Arrival in Colombia



Cali, Valle del Cauca

Once your plane has landed in the city of Cali, capital of Valle del Cauca, one of our guides and our specialized driver will be waiting for you at the airport to take you to the hotel we have chosen for you. Our guide will also give you a talk about the fauna and ecosystems that you will be able to observe in the following days. That night they will spend the night at the hotel and the next day they will start the bird watching tour of Valle del Cauca.




DAY 2 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Touring the Valle del Cauca Reserves

"The Forest of Birds"

You will begin your tour of Valle del Cauca at the La Florida bird watching reserve, renowned for being specialized in bird photography. Its hosts have built and allocated spaces so that the photographs come out spectacular and visitors can take back unique memories. It is also recognized for its great variety of bird species, since more than 330 have been registered, among them the endemic Multicolored Tanager (*Chlorochrysa nitidissima*).

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LA FLORIDA
"THE FOREST OF BIRDS"



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DAY 3 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Hummingbird Paradise



San Felipe Birding & Finca Alejandria

San Felipe Birding is a nature reserve located in the cloud forest of Cali. In 2004, this region was declared by BirdLife International as an Important Area for the Conservation of Birds (AICA / IBA). Due to its geographic location, the property is part of one of the most biologically important hydrographic basins in southwestern Colombia.

Visiting the Finca Alejandria "Hummingbird Paradise" is a unique experience for bird lovers. This farm is a pioneer in bird watching in Colombia. Which makes it one of the most important reserves in the entire country. Along the ecological path of the farm, you will be able to see many plants rich in nectar and beautiful orchids. The property has been replanted with 200 palms and heliconias, which attracts a wide variety of birds.



FINCA ALEJANDRÍA



SAN FELIPE BIRDING



FINCA ALEJANDRÍA

DAY 4 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Arriving at the Colombian Pacific

Bird Watching Doña Dora



You will go first thing in the morning to the Doña Dora bird watching farm to spot the Andean Cock-of-the-rock. This farm is recognized for the large number of species that come to the garden of the main house, occupying the number one position in the entire department of Valle del Cauca, with more than 500 registered species. Among the birds that we can see in this place we find the famous and iconic Compás (*Semnornis ramphastinus*), Gallito de Roca (*Rupicola peruvianus*), the endemic Habia Copetona (*Habia cristata*), and even the Emerald Tanager (*Chlorochrysa phoenicotis*).





BIRD WATCHING

DOÑA DORA

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

DAY 5 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Bird watching in the Wetlands

Birding in the Sonso Lagoon

You will start this day with a delicious breakfast on the Hotel Campanario, which you will then navigate in search of waterfowl. The Sonso Lagoon is a true paradise for lovers of bird watching. With its lush wetland environment and diverse ecosystems, Laguna de Sonso is home to an extraordinary variety of bird species. From beautiful herons and elegant kingfishers to majestic eagles and captivating ducks, the lagoon is home to an abundance of migratory and resident birds, each one more fascinating than the last.

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SONSO LAGOON



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DAY 6 (B,L,D)

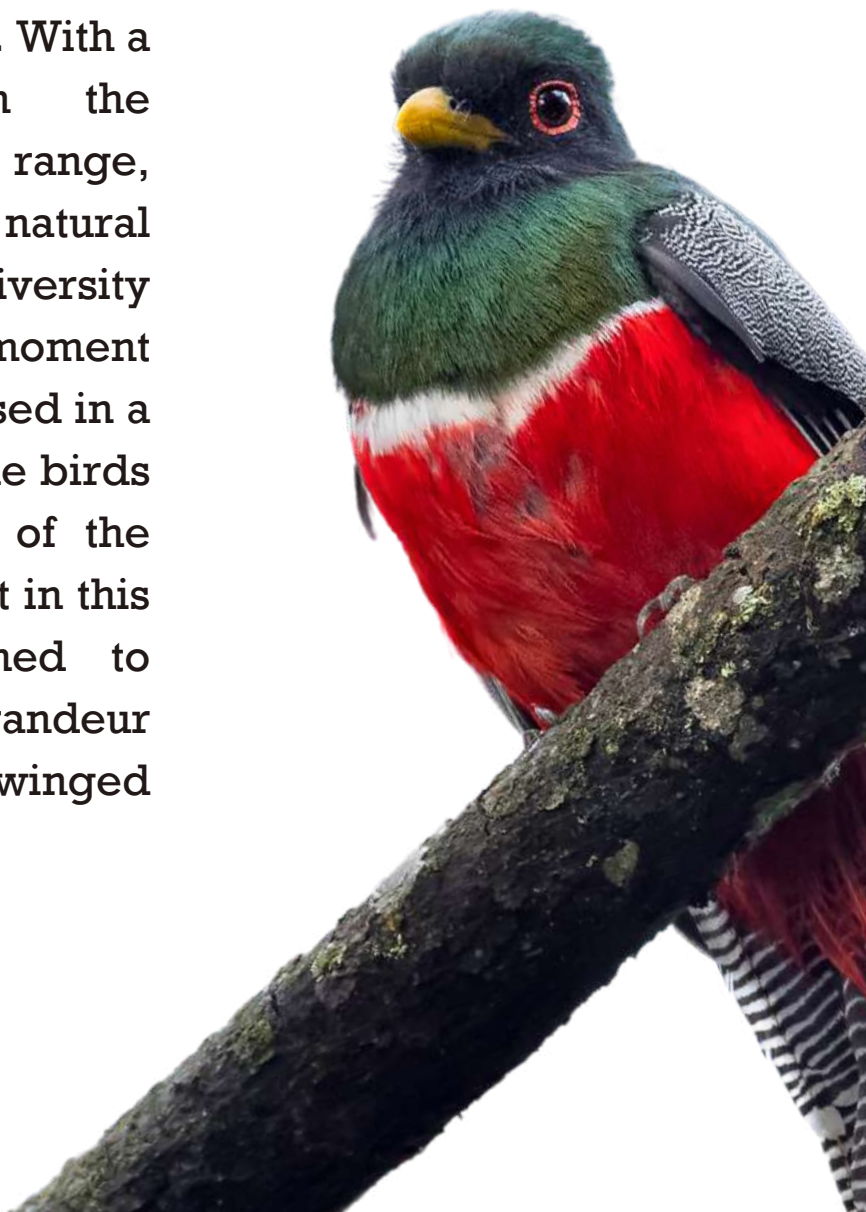
Detailed Itinerary

Touring the Central Andes

Curigua Ecolodge

Curigua Ecolodge is a true paradise for bird watchers. With a privileged location in the imposing central mountain range, it offers an exceptional natural environment where bird diversity comes to life. From the moment you arrive, you are immersed in a world where the song of the birds becomes the soundtrack of the experience. Every moment in this special place is designed to connect visitors with the grandeur of the Andes and its winged inhabitants.

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CURIGUA ECOLODGE


DAY 7 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Birding in Buga, Valle del Cauca

Hacienda El Diamante

The Hacienda El Diamante is an ideal place to enjoy nature and watch birds in Buga, Valle del Cauca. Buga is a territory rich in biodiversity and has more than 300 registered bird species. The Hotel Hacienda El Diamante is located between 1,000 and 2,700 meters above sea level, making it an ideal home for many birds.

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HACIENDA EL DIAMANTE

DAY 8 (B, -, -)

Detailed Itinerary

Thank you so much!

End of Tour

It has been a real pleasure to share with you this photographic animal experience in Colombia. Over the past few days we have had the opportunity to explore some of the most spectacular scenery in this beautiful country and photograph some of the most beautiful and rare animals in the world.

We want to thank you for your participation and company on this trip. His enthusiasm and passion for photography and nature has been a source of inspiration for us. We hope this experience has been as memorable and enriching for you as it has been for us.

In addition, we want to highlight the importance of wildlife conservation and the protection of the natural habitats of these animals. In Colombia, as in many other parts of the world, these species face constant threats due to habitat destruction and illegal hunting. We hope that the photos taken and this experience can help raise awareness of these issues and inspire others to protect and preserve wildlife.

We would love to have you back on future animal photo safaris and explore more natural wonders together. Once again, thank you very much for your participation in this trip and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Sincerely,
The Ocampo Expeditions team

WHAT DOES THE TOUR INCLUDE?

- Private transportation during the development of the tour.
- Lodging.
- Main meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) as stipulated in this PDF.
- Entrance fees to all reserves visited during the tour.
- Travel insurance.
- Accompaniment by a certified guide.
- Driver.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR?

- International or national flights.
- Laundry service.
- Personal hygiene objects.
- Room service.
- Medical expenses that are not covered by travel insurance.
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Activities not stipulated in the itinerary.
- Trip extensions due to force majeure events or acts of God.
- Tips.

PRICE TABLE

Price per person

The more people join the tour, the value per person decreases.

1 PAX	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX
\$ 6.100 USD	\$3.500 USD	\$2.600 USD	\$2.200 USD	\$2.000 USD
6 PAX	7 PAX	8 PAX	9 PAX	10 PAX
\$1.800 USD	\$1.700 USD	\$1.600 USD	\$1.550 USD	\$1.500 USD

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Comfortable and appropriate clothing for the weather: Warm clothing in the Andean Region and light, quick-drying clothing in the Sonso Lagoon. **We will provide raincoats.**
- Appropriate footwear: Wear comfortable, sturdy shoes, and consider waterproof hiking boots for rough terrain.
- Sun protection: Take high-factor sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat or cap to protect yourself from the sun. Especially for the Sonso Lagoon.
- Insect repellent: Take insect repellent to avoid bites.
- Binoculars and Camera: Bring binoculars to observe animals and a camera to capture special moments.
- Bottle of water and snacks: Stay hydrated with a bottle of water and bring energy snacks.
- Field guide on the birds of Colombia, this will help you identify and better understand wildlife during your wildlife watching tour.

VACCINES FOR COLOMBIA

We assume you are up to date with your vaccinations. **A is not required vaccination certificate upon entering Colombia**, however, it is important to keep these recommendations in mind:

There are no big problems with mosquitoes in most of the Bookings. It is recommended to get vaccinated against typhoid fever and hepatitis A. Yellow fever is very rare in Colombia.

Malaria is present in many low-lying areas of Colombia. Although it is not known to exist near our reserves, it is present in some cities of the Andes regions Western, Central and Eastern, Magdalena, Santa Marta, Guajira and Choco. In these areas, it is best to reduce the number of insect bites by wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants, and using insect repellent, especially at dawn and at dawn sunset.

Dengue, although not frequent, is also a possibility, and once again, it is recommended to reduce the risk of insect bites insects and be aware of the symptoms of this fever.

Leishmaniasis disease, transmitted by bites of sand flies, also a long shot in low-lying areas, and once again, visitors must learn the symptoms. has only there have been rare cases in the communities of the Magdalena Valley, but not within the reserve.

The mites are also found in the long grass around the Caribbean coast, far from the main routes. Cover your legs pants, shoes and waistband with insect repellent.

CANCELLATION POLICY

We require written notice of any cancellation, the which will take effect upon receipt. If you need to cancel your reservation, you must inform us immediately at ocampo.wpe@gmail.com and we will confirm your cancellation.

Depending on the date we receive your cancellation notice, per person cancellation fees will apply. The fare plan also applies to trip extensions before or after the trip, as well as transfers of extensions from one trip to another. In compliance with this, the cancellation policies set as follows:

30% of the total value of the confirmed itinerary must be paid to the time of booking, of which 30% (less charges bank) is refundable in case of cancellation up to 90 days before the start of the trip, 20% (less bank charges) up to 75 days before the start of the trip, 10% (less bank charges) up to 60 days before the start of the trip and 0% after 59 days before the start of the trip. However, 10% of this deposit will be will accumulate if you decide to take the trip in the future for 1 year.

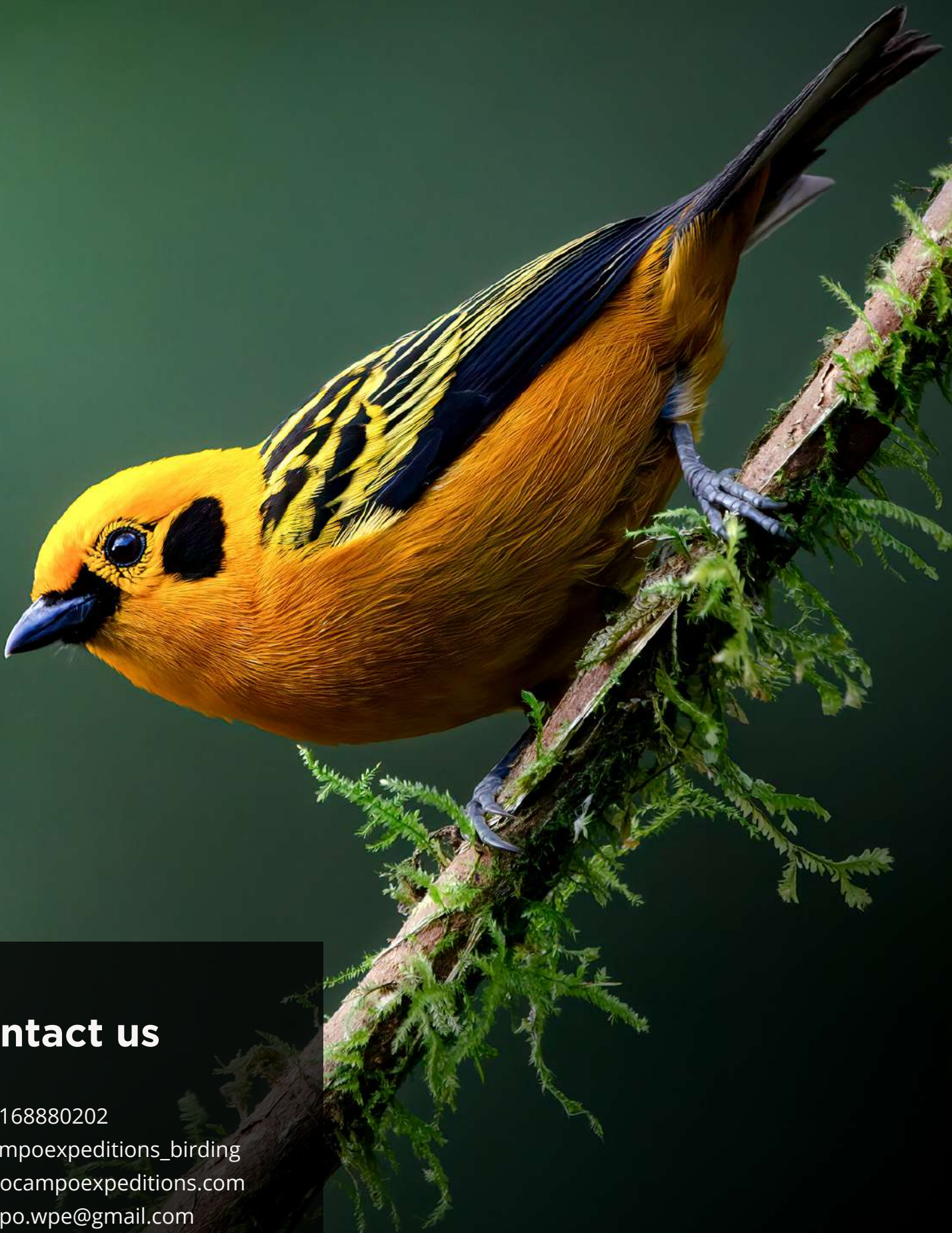
The remaining 70% of the cost of the tour must be paid, as desired by the client, between 59 and 30 days before the start of the tour. This payment will be refundable in case of cancellations as follows: the 70% (less bank charges) is refundable in case of cancellation up to 58 days before the start of the tour, 50% (less bank charges) up to 30 days before the start of the tour, 25% (less bank charges) up to 15 days before the start of the tour and the 0% after that term. However, 30% of this deposit will be will accumulate if you decide to take the trip in the future for 1 year.

PRICE INCREASES

As a result of the possibility of many circumstances outside of our control, the total cost of the trip is subject to change, although this is only considered as a last resort. We will be notified to participants if there is any change in the cost of the trip. We make every effort to anticipate cost increases in services in each area in which we operate, but when there are unexpected increases, we reserve the right to increase our price by 10% of the price of the trip. Whether require additional increases, participants may withdraw of the tour without incurring cancellation penalties.

Please note that your accommodation preferences will be honored to the extent possible, but cannot be guaranteed. In some remote locations (eg at field stations) this is not always possible and arrangements must be adjusted.

When we is aware of these situations, the participants will always be informed before making the reservation. When an unexpected change is needed (especially in remote locations where communication is difficult), unavailability at a particular hotel or accommodation is usually not pre-reported and only discovered upon arrival. In these circumstances, your leader will do everything possible to accommodate the preferences of the group.



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