

# BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR

Ocampo Expeditions Birding & Wildlife



## About this trip

Embark on an unforgettable experience, designed for those passionate about capturing the beauty of birds in their natural environment. This bird photography tour will take you through two of the most spectacular regions of Colombia, where nature and the art of photography meet in perfect harmony.

In the coffee region, Río Blanco Reserve, Hacienda El Bosque, and the magical landscapes of Termales del Ruiz, along with the majestic Laguna Negra and Brisas in Los Nevados National Natural Park, provide the perfect setting to photograph exotic species in all their splendor. With customized perches and strategically placed flowers to attract hummingbirds, these locations offer the best conditions for capturing unique shots, with carefully selected natural backgrounds that enhance the beauty of the bird without distractions.

Throughout 80% of the tour, the farms we will visit are equipped with feeders, allowing birds to come and feed, giving you incredible opportunities to photograph them in controlled environments. With perches adjusted to your preference and flowers arranged to attract hummingbirds to the ideal spot, you'll have creative control over every shot. The birds will come to feed at these stations, offering you perfect conditions for capturing crisp, artistic images.

The Valle del Cauca region is equally breathtaking. At Doña Dora Birdwatching, La Florida, and the enchanting Bosque de Niebla Birding and Nature, you'll witness an explosion of biodiversity. Here, every photograph becomes a masterpiece, with the perfect balance of natural light, birds in their environment, and settings designed specifically for the sharp eye of a professional photographer.

Attention to detail extends beyond the landscapes and birds. Each lodge has been selected to provide maximum comfort: first-class facilities, exquisite local cuisine, and a dedicated team that will make your stay as enjoyable as the photography sessions. This tour is more than an adventure; it's an opportunity to create art in nature, with each click of your camera telling the story of Colombia's wildlife.



Coffee Region and Cauca Valley in Colombia

# Trip overview

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## What's included

- Transportation

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- Lodging
Twin accommodation

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- Meals
From lunch on day 1 to breakfast on day 7

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- Entrances

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- Travel insurance

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- Driver

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- Expert Birding Guide

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- Flights

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- Laundry service

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- Personal hygiene objects

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- Room service

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- Medical expenses
Which are not covered by our travel insurance

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- Alcoholic beverages

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- Activities
Which are not specified in the itinerary

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- Trip extensions

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- Tips

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# Packages & Options

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Available packages

**Single Room Supplement: USD \$477**

**TOUR:** BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR – (GROUP: MIN. 2 - MAX. 10.)

**Price Per Person (2 PAX)**

**USD \$3,575**

Deposit: USD \$1,072

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**Price Per Person (4 PAX)**

**USD \$2,313**

Deposit: USD \$694

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**Price Per Person (6 PAX)**

**USD \$1,927**

Deposit: USD \$578

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**Price Per Person (8 PAX)**

**USD \$1,697**

Deposit: USD \$509

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**Price Per Person (10 PAX)**

**USD \$1,559**

Deposit: USD \$467

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# Itinerary

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## Day 01 Arrival in Pereira – Welcome to the Coffee Region

Upon your arrival at Matecaña International Airport (PEI) in Pereira, the Ocampo Expeditions team, consisting of one of our drivers and a professional birding guide, will be ready to welcome you to Colombia's renowned coffee region. From the airport, you will be transferred to [Hotel Quo Quality](#) in Manizales, approximately a one-and-a-half-hour drive.

Upon arrival at Hotel Quo Quality, you will enjoy a delicious lunch. Our guide will provide an introduction to the tour, outlining the locations you will visit and the bird species you may encounter, keeping in mind that sightings depend on nature's generosity. In the evening, you will dine and stay overnight at the hotel, allowing you to rest and prepare for the exciting days ahead.

**Hotel Quo Quality:** <https://quo.com.co/>



## Day 02 Exploring Rio Blanco Nature Reserve

Your day begins early with a departure from Hotel Quo Quality to the Rio Blanco Nature Reserve, a short 20-minute drive away. Located just 3 km from Manizales, Rio Blanco is an ideal spot for bird photography, boasting 4,932 hectares of cloud forest ranging from 2,150 to 3,700 meters above sea level. This reserve plays a crucial role in conserving the water supply for Manizales' residents and has historically recorded up to 517 bird species.

During your visit, you will explore ecological trails equipped with bird feeders attracting antpittas such as *Grallaria milleri*, *Grallaria rufocinerea*, and *Grallaria ruficapilla*. Breakfast and lunch will be enjoyed within the reserve, providing ample opportunities for photography amidst stunning natural backdrops. In the afternoon, you will return to [Hotel Quo Quality](#) in Manizales for dinner and overnight stay.

**Hotel Quo Quality:** <https://quo.com.co/>

**Rio Blanco Nature Reserve eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2241379/bird-list>



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## Day 03 Hacienda El Bosque – A Photographer’s Paradise

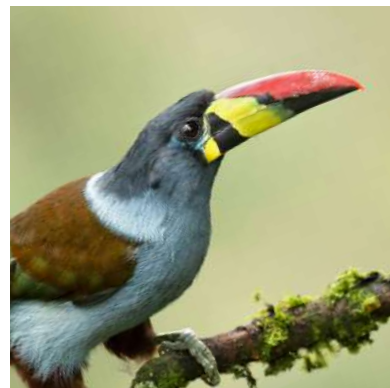
On this exciting day, you will embark early in the morning from Hotel Quo Quality to Hacienda El Bosque, one of the premier bird photography sites in Colombia’s coffee region. Here, you’ll have the opportunity to photograph stunning species under optimal conditions, including the *Grallaricula lineifrons*, *Ensifera ensifera*, *Buthraupis montana*, and many more, with a remarkable record of up to 314 bird species documented in this area.

Breakfast and lunch will be served at Hacienda El Bosque, allowing you to savor the local flavors while surrounded by breathtaking scenery. After a fulfilling day of bird photography, you will head to Hotel Termales del Ruiz, where you can unwind and immerse yourself in the stunning landscapes and natural wonders that await you.

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

**Hacienda El Bosque eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L7816358>

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## Day 04 Birdwatching at Termales del Ruiz and Beyond

On this exciting day, we will explore three fascinating zones, beginning in the morning at Termales del Ruiz. Here, you will have the opportunity to photograph remarkable bird species, including *Anisognathus igniventris*, *Silvicultrix frontalis*, *Chalcostigma herrani*, *Grallaria quitensis*, *Anisognathus lacrymosus*, *Iridosornis rufivertex*, *Aglaeactis cupripennis*, and *Myioborus ornatus*. This stunning location has recorded up to 294 bird species.

Following our time at Termales del Ruiz, we will proceed to the Laguna Negra area, where over 150 bird species have been documented. Afterward, we will visit the Brisas Sector, known for its impressive diversity, hosting around 220 bird species. Notable sightings may include *Anas andium andium*, *Oxyura ferruginea andina*, and *Asthenes flammulata*. However, the highlight of this visit will undoubtedly be *Oxygogon stuebelii*, which will be our tour leader’s primary focus to ensure you can photograph this stunning species.

After enjoying these exceptional birdwatching opportunities, we will descend back to Termales del Ruiz Hotel for lunch. Following our meal, we will embark on a scenic six-hour journey to the Cauca Valley, specifically to [La Araucana Lodge](#). This idyllic lodge is a haven for birdwatchers, featuring top-notch facilities, professional chefs, and an atmosphere tailored to birdwatching enthusiasts. After a delightful dinner, you can unwind and rest, preparing for another day of adventure ahead.

**Termales del Ruiz eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4057071>

**Laguna Negra eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4979884/bird-list>

**Brisas Sector eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5069164>

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## Day 05 Finca Doña Dora – A Birdwatching Paradise

On this day, you will rise early to embark on a journey to Finca Doña Dora, renowned as the site with the highest recorded number of bird species in the Cauca Valley. This remarkable finca has documented over 500 bird species historically, making it a premier destination for birdwatchers and photographers alike.

During your visit, you will have the chance to photograph an impressive array of bird species, including *Semnornis ramphastinus*, *Chlorochrysa phoenicotis*, *Ixothraupis rufigula*, *Atlapetes tricolor*, *Urosticte benjamini*, *Aulacorhynchus haematopygus*, *Uropsalis lyra*, *Tangara icterocephala*, *Thalurania colombica*, *Malacoptila mystacalis*, and many more.

At Finca Doña Dora, you will be provided with breakfast and lunch, allowing you to recharge while surrounded by the beautiful sounds and sights of nature. In the afternoon, you will return to [La Araucana Lodge](#) for dinner and relaxation after an exciting day of birdwatching.

**Finca Doña Dora eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4375590>



## Day 06 La Florida and Bosque de Niebla – A Photographic Adventure

On this day, you will depart early from La Araucana Lodge to visit La Florida, one of the premier bird photography locations in the Cauca Valley. Here, you will have the opportunity to photograph special birds, including the endemic *Chlorochrysa nitidissima*, as well as unique species like *Saltator atripennis*, *Crypturellus soui*, *Atlapetes albinucha*, *Chalcothraupis ruficervix*, *Zentrygon frenata*, *Odontophorus hyperythrus*, *Eubucco bourcierii*, and *Tangara xanthocephala*. More than 360 bird species have been recorded at La Florida, and you will enjoy breakfast during your visit.

Afterward, you will head to Bosque de Niebla Birding and Nature for lunch. This location provides excellent opportunities to photograph hummingbirds in optimal lighting and background conditions. Species you may encounter include *Coeligena coeligena*, *Ocreatus underwoodii*, *Heliodoxa rubinoides*, *Uranomitra franciae*, and other birds such as *Tangara nigroviridis*, *Masius chrysopterus*, *Cyanocorax yncas*, and many more.

In the afternoon, you will return to La Araucana Lodge for dinner and relaxation after a fulfilling day of birdwatching.

**La Florida eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L10440585>

**Bosque de Niebla Birding and Nature eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L7827417>

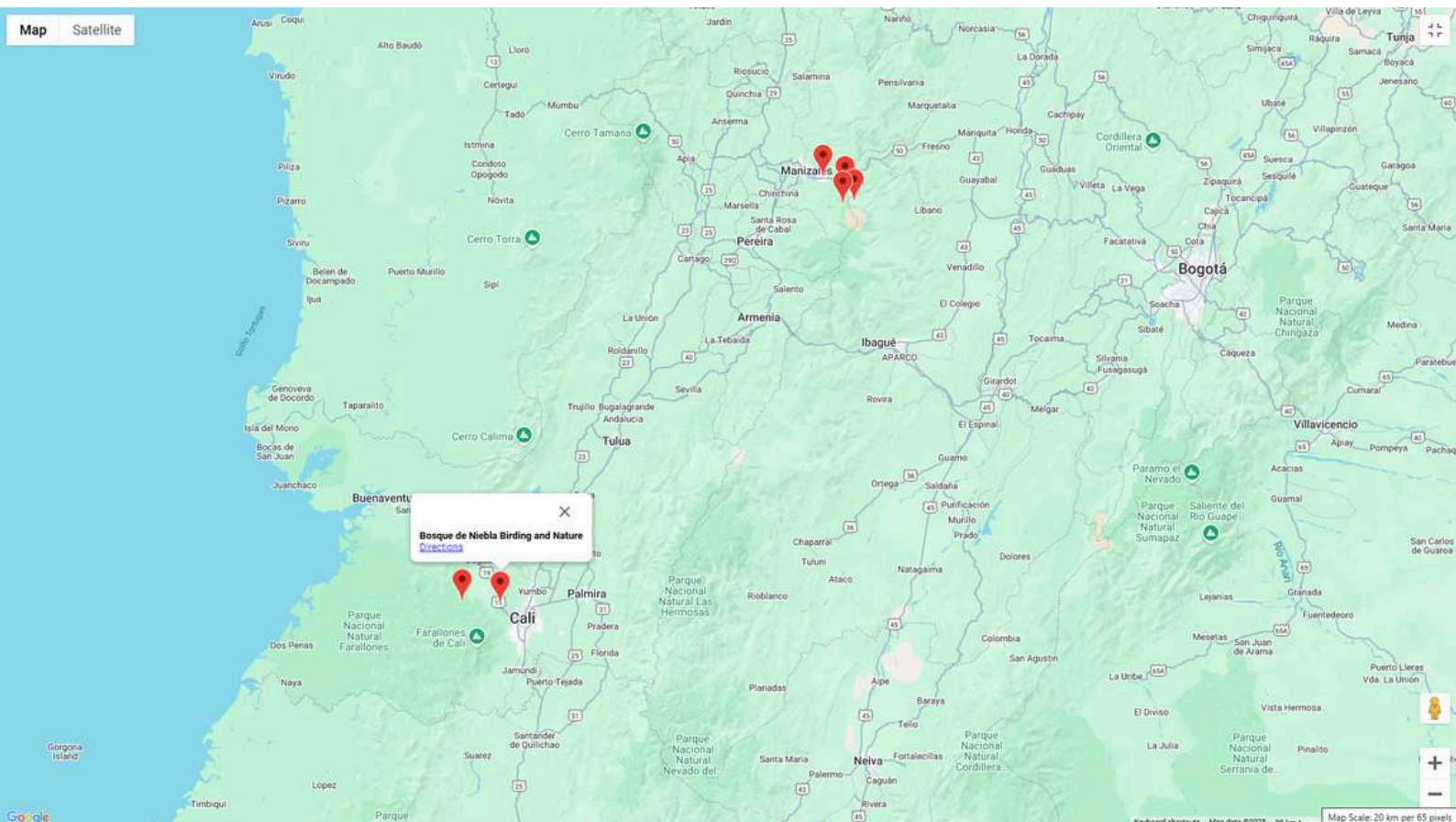


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## Day 07 Departure

On this final day, after enjoying breakfast at La Araucana Lodge, you will depart directly for Alfonso Bonilla Aragón International Airport in Cali (CLO).

Thank you for joining us on this remarkable journey through the Coffee Region and Cauca Valley in Colombia. On behalf of the entire team at Ocampo Expeditions, we appreciate your passion for birdwatching and hope you carry unforgettable memories of the stunning landscapes and incredible wildlife we encountered together. We look forward to welcoming you on another adventure in the future!



# About us

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## OCAMPO EXPEDITIONS BIRDING & WILDLIFE TOURS

We are Ocampo Expeditions, a birdwatching and wildlife watching company, passionate about conservation and the natural beauty of Colombia. We work with the purpose of contributing to the conservation of bird species and the environment through photography and nature tourism.

Our vision at Ocampo Expeditions is to be leaders in promoting the conservation of the environment and fauna, focusing especially on the birds of Colombia. We strive to show the rest of the world the incredible natural wealth that our country is home to and convey the importance of its preservation.

Our mission is to offer unique and authentic nature tourism experiences, while promoting sustainable and responsible practices. We deeply value the conservation of the environment and species, while striving to provide our customers with the best memories and experiences possible. At Ocampo Expeditions, we are guided by a series of core values.

First of all, we are committed to conserving the environment and wildlife, focusing on the protection of birds and their natural habitats. In addition, we are proud to show the rest of the world the natural wealth of Colombia and change perceptions about our country, moving away from negative stereotypes and highlighting the diversity and beauty of our landscapes.

We specialize in birdwatching and offer more than just birding tours. We strive to provide our clients with the opportunity to capture exceptional images of birds and wildlife in their natural environment. Our team is made up of passionate bird experts and local guides who know the best places and times for stunning photography.

At Ocampo Expeditions, we are excited that, through responsible tourism and nature photography, we can contribute to the conservation of ecosystems in Colombia. In addition, we generate employment in local communities and contribute to positioning Colombia as a truly important tourist destination in the world.

Join us on this exciting bird and nature discovery adventure. Let us showcase Colombia's incredible biodiversity and help each other protect and appreciate our natural environment!





# Legal Notice, Terms of Service, and Client Responsibilities

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR OUR CLIENTS

Ocampo Expeditions SAS is committed to ensuring a transparent, professional, and legally compliant service experience. Before confirming any reservation, we strongly advise all clients to carefully review our **Terms and Conditions** and **Privacy Policy** to fully understand their rights, obligations, and the policies governing our operations. These documents outline the contractual framework between Ocampo Expeditions SAS and our clients, detailing payment policies, cancellation procedures, liability limitations, and data protection measures.

- **Terms and Conditions:** <https://www.ocampoexpeditions.com/terms-and-conditions-ocampo-expeditions>
- **Privacy Policy:** <https://www.ocampoexpeditions.com/privacy-policy-ocampo-expeditions>

By proceeding with a booking, you explicitly acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agreed to these policies. If you have any questions or require further clarification regarding any of the terms outlined in these documents, you must contact us at [ocampo.wpe@gmail.com](mailto:ocampo.wpe@gmail.com) before finalizing your reservation. Failure to review these documents will not exempt you from compliance with the stipulated terms.

## LEGAL NOTICE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Ocampo Expeditions SAS is a legally constituted company specializing in birdwatching and wildlife tourism in Colombia. We operate in strict compliance with national and international regulations governing ecotourism, environmental sustainability, and consumer protection. Our services are designed to provide high-quality, responsible, and ethical wildlife observation experiences, prioritizing conservation and sustainable tourism practices.

All communications, reservations, and contractual engagements with Ocampo Expeditions SAS must be conducted through our official channels:

- **Legal Address:** Calle 45A #120-44, Barrio Ciudad Pacífica, Valle del Cauca, Cali, Colombia
- **WhatsApp Contact:** +57 3168880202
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- **Corporate Website:** [www.ocampoexpeditions.com](http://www.ocampoexpeditions.com)
- **Official Instagram Account:** [@ocampoexpeditions\\_birdingtours](https://www.instagram.com/ocampoexpeditions_birdingtours)

For a complete overview of our available tours, including itineraries, pricing, and detailed service descriptions, we invite you to consult our official tour catalog: [Ocampo Expeditions Tour Catalog](#).