

# SIERRA NEVADA AND GUAJIRA

Ocampo Expeditions Birding & Wildlife



## About this trip

Immerse yourself in the unparalleled beauty of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and the vibrant landscapes of La Guajira, a journey that combines extraordinary biodiversity with breathtaking scenery. This unforgettable expedition invites you to explore regions where nature thrives in harmony with rich cultural traditions.

Begin your adventure in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, a global hotspot for bird diversity and endemism. Traverse lush trails and winding mountain paths as you seek out some of the 24 endemic bird species found in this remarkable region. Among the treasures you may encounter are the Santa Marta Warbler, Santa Marta Antpitta, and the vibrant Black-headed Tanager, all set against a backdrop of towering peaks and verdant valleys. Each step reveals new wonders, from hidden waterfalls to sweeping vistas that showcase the grandeur of this iconic mountain range.

As your journey unfolds, make your way to the arid yet enchanting landscapes of La Guajira, where the wetlands near Camarones offer a stark yet stunning contrast. Here, the serene lagoons come alive with the vivid pink of American Flamingos, a sight that epitomizes the beauty of Colombia's northern coast. Bird enthusiasts will also delight in spotting the striking Vermilion Cardinal, a true emblem of the region.

Beyond the natural wonders, La Guajira invites you to connect with its vibrant cultural heritage, shaped by the Wayuu people who call this land home. This fusion of endemic wildlife, unique ecosystems, and rich traditions makes for an experience that is as inspiring as it is unforgettable.

Join us for an exploration of Colombia's northern gems, from the verdant heights of the Sierra Nevada to the tranquil shores of La Guajira. Whether you're a seasoned birder or a nature enthusiast, this journey offers memories to cherish for a lifetime.



Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and La Guajira, Colombia.

# Trip overview

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## What's included

- Transportation
- Lodging
 
Twin accommodation
- Meals
 
From lunch on day 1 to lunch on day 7
- Entrances
- Travel insurance
- Driver
- Expert Birding Guide
- Flights
- Laundry service
- Personal hygiene objects
- Room service
- Medical expenses
 
Which are not covered by our travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Activities
 
Which are not specified in the itinerary
- Trip extensions
- Tips

# Packages & Options

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Available packages

**Single Room Supplement: USD \$384**

**TOUR:** SIERRA NEVADA AND GUAJIRA – (GROUP: MIN. 2 - MAX. 10.)

**Price Per Person (2 PAX)**

**USD \$3,293**

Deposit: USD \$987

**Price Per Person (4 PAX)**

**USD \$2,229**

Deposit: USD \$668

**Price Per Person (6 PAX)**

**USD \$1,870**

Deposit: USD \$561

**Price Per Person (8 PAX)**

**USD \$1,675**

Deposit: USD \$502

**Price Per Person (10 PAX)**

**USD \$1,558**

Deposit: USD \$467

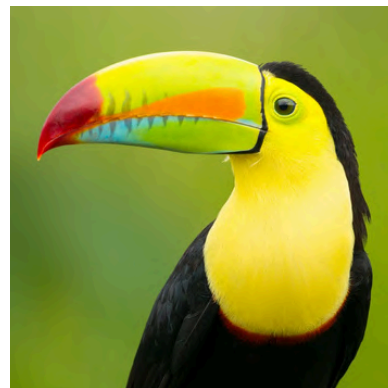
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# Itinerary

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## Day 01 Welcome to Santa Marta, the Pearl of the Americas

Your adventure begins upon arrival at Simón Bolívar Airport in Santa Marta, a city affectionately known as the Pearl of the Americas. Our guide and driver will warmly greet you and embark on a scenic one-hour drive to **Hotel Colores de la Sierra**, located in the heart of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. This region is a paradise for birdwatchers, boasting over 70 endemic taxa, with 24 species officially recognized. As you settle in, you'll be surrounded by the breathtaking landscapes of the world's most important continental endemism hotspot, setting the tone for an unforgettable journey.

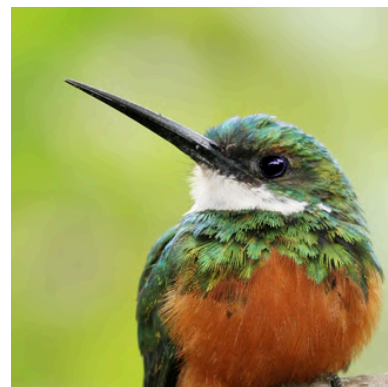


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## Day 02 Birding Treasures Around Colores de la Sierra

After a delightful breakfast, you'll spend the day exploring the vibrant birdlife around the hotel. The surrounding forests, trails, and roads are home to over 300 bird species, including highlights like the Rufous-tailed Jacamar and the Bicolored Wren. Each moment will bring exciting discoveries, as the Sierra Nevada's rich biodiversity reveals itself. In the evening, return to the hotel to relax and prepare for the next day's explorations.

**Colores de la Sierra area Ebird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L6142708>



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## Day 03 Ascending to Mountain House for Elevated Birdwatching

This morning, you'll transition to the higher altitudes of the Sierra Nevada, traveling to the charming Mountain House Hotel. As the elevation increases, so does the diversity of bird species. Keep an eye out for stunning species such as the Black-headed Tanager. The day will be dedicated to birdwatching in the pristine habitats surrounding the hotel, followed by a relaxing evening enjoying local cuisine and the serene mountain ambiance.

**Mountain House Hotel:** [https://www.instagram.com/hotel\\_mountain\\_house/](https://www.instagram.com/hotel_mountain_house/)

**Mountain House Hotel eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L21092721>



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## Day 04 Discovering the Heights of Cerro Kennedy

Start the day with a hearty breakfast before heading to Cerro Kennedy, the highest birding point of your journey. This iconic location offers spectacular views and unparalleled opportunities to observe the unique avifauna of the region. After a rewarding morning of birding, return to Mountain House in the afternoon for some well-deserved rest and preparation for the next phase of your adventure.

**Cerro Kennedy eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4326467>



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## Day 05 Transition to the Guajira – A Desert Oasis

After breakfast, the journey continues toward the captivating landscapes of La Guajira. Upon arriving in Riohacha, you'll check into Hotel Taroa, where comfort and delicious cuisine await. This marks the beginning of the second chapter of your Caribbean adventure, blending the charm of coastal deserts with vibrant wildlife.

**Taroa Hotel:** <https://hoteltaroa.com>



## Day 06 Flamingos and Hidden Gems in Camarones

Early in the morning, depart for Camarones, a hidden gem of La Guajira. This arid yet vibrant region is home to the stunning Santuario de Fauna y Flora Los Flamencos, where pink-hued flamingos and an array of birdlife thrive. One of the highlights is the Vermilion Cardinal, an emblematic bird of this region. After a day of birdwatching and exploring this unique ecosystem, return to Hotel Taroa to unwind and enjoy the evening.

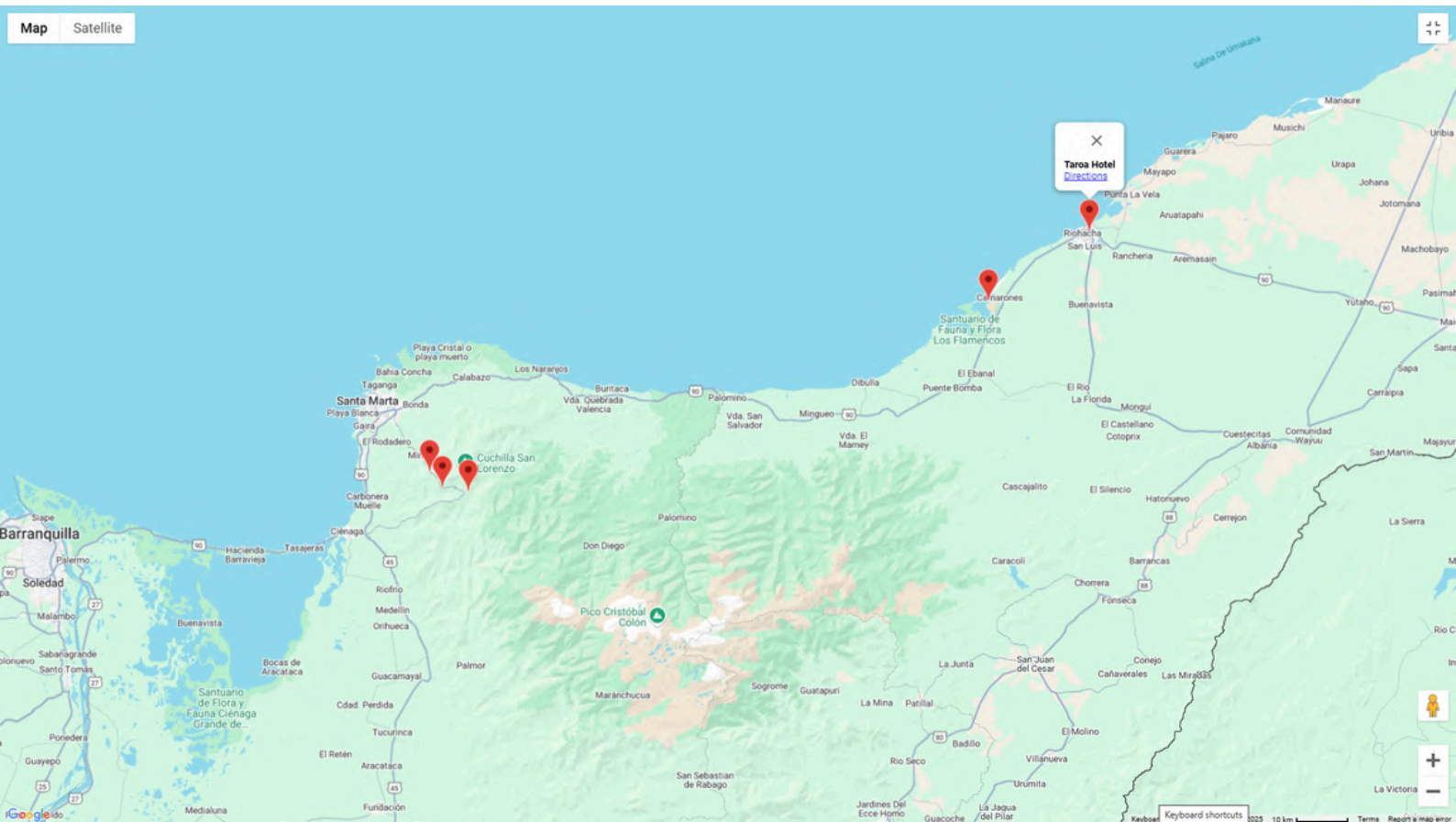
**SFF Los Camarones eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2080823>



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## Day 07 Final Birding in Camarones and Farewell to Santa Marta

On your final day, check out of Hotel Taroa and return to Camarones for a last birdwatching session, seeking out any species you might have missed. By midday, you'll depart directly for Simón Bolívar Airport in Santa Marta, marking the end of this remarkable journey.



# About us

## 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:

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- **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](#).