

ORINOCO BIRDING TRIP

10 DAYS



INCLUDES



2023030610412541260065



Registro No.156891

REGISTRO NACIONAL DE TURISMO

REGISTRO ÚNICO EMPRESARIAL Y SOCIAL

CERTIFICA QUE

OCAMPO CUELLAR KEVIN ANDRES

NIT: 1193287348-1

OCAMPO EXPEDITIONS

Dirección Comercial:

CL 45 A 120 44 BRR CIUDAD PACIFICA-CALI VALLE DEL CAUCA

Dirección para notificaciones:

CL 45 A 120 44 BRR CIUDAD PACIFICA

Fecha de asignación número del RNT: 6 de marzo de 2023

Se encuentra inscrito en el Registro Nacional de Turismo como:

AGENCIAS DE VIAJES

AGENCIA DE VIAJES OPERADORAS

Fecha de Expedición: 06/03/2023

Fecha de Vencimiento: 31/03/2024



Ana M. Lengua B.
Ana M. Lengua B.



CAMARA DE COMERCIO DE CALI



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 the Orinoco, Colombia?

Introduction

Unique biodiversity

Birdwatching in Orinoco, Colombia, is an unparalleled experience. This region is a true paradise for birdwatchers and offers compelling reasons to visit.

First of all, the richness of birdlife in the Orinoco is simply amazing. Colombia is known for being one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, and the Orinoco is a jewel in its natural crown. Here, birdwatchers have the opportunity to encounter a variety of species ranging from majestic eagles and colorful toucans to elusive hummingbirds and graceful herons. The diversity of habitats, including tropical forests, savannahs, wetlands and rivers, creates a mosaic of ideal environments for a large number of birds.

In addition, the Orinoco is an important passage point for migratory birds. At different times of the year, thousands of birds travel from the northern hemisphere to the south, and the Orinoco provides them with a vital refuge to rest and feed during their long migratory journeys. This phenomenon adds an element of wonder and anticipation to the birding experience, as you never know what unexpected species may appear.

Another reason to visit the Orinoco is its commitment to conservation. Many areas in the region are protected as nature reserves and national parks, and ecotourism has become an important source of income for local communities. By participating in bird watching here, you not only have the opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty, but also to directly contribute to the conservation of these species and their habitats.

In short, bird watching in Orinoco, Colombia, is an unforgettable experience due to the surprising diversity of birds, the presence of exciting migratory species, and the opportunity to contribute to the preservation of these natural treasures. The Orinoco stands as a dream destination for any lover of nature and ornithology, offering the opportunity to deeply connect with the beauty of wildlife in its natural environment.

TOUR MAP



What places will you visit?

Day 01 to 10, Orinoco Birding Trip

- Day 01. Arrival at El Dorado Airport, in Bogotá, Colombia /Hotel in Bogotá.
- Day 02. Flight Bogotá - Puerto Carreño / Terecai Camp.
- Day 03. Birding around the Terecai river.
- Day 04. Safari in the Natural Savannah and switch to Orinoco lodge
- Day 05. Birding along the Tomo River.
- Day 06. Exploring the Maipures' rapids.
- Day 07. Birding around the Tuparro River.
- Day 08. Trekking around the Tambora Lagoons
- Day 09. Flight Puerto Carreño - Hotel in Bogotá.
- Day 10. Hotel in Bogotá / El Dorado Airport, in Bogotá, Colombia.

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



Day 1 (-,-,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Arrival in Colombia

Bogotá

Your exciting journey begins at Bogotá's El Dorado Airport, where you will be greeted by one of our specialized guides with a warm welcome. Together, you will head to the charming hotel selected for your rest and comfort.

In the afternoon, after settling in at the hotel, you will have free time to relax and adjust to your surroundings. Later, in the hotel lobby, our specialized guide will give an introductory talk. During this talk, they will share essential information about the exciting adventure that awaits them in the coming days. They will explore the diverse ecosystems they will visit, the bird species they will be able to see, and the logistical details of their itinerary. This talk will not only prepare them for the adventure, but will also increase their excitement for what is to come.

In the evening, you can enjoy a relaxing dinner at the hotel or explore the local cuisine at one of the nearby restaurants. This is a perfect time to rest and recharge before the exciting journey that awaits you.



Day 2 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Flight to Puerto Carreño

Arrival in Puerto Carreño, Vichada

You will take the flight from Bogotá to Puerto Carreño that takes about 1.5 hours. We will have lunch in a local restaurant. It's possible that we can see Crested Caracara and Tropical Mockingbird. (Depending on the flight arrival it's possible that we should stay that night on Puerto Carreño)

We will have a 5 hour trip on our 4x4 landcruiser where we will cross over the Bitá River and 100 km of natural Savannah. During this trip we might see beautiful species such as Large-billed Tern, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Eared Dove and Southern Lapwing. Our staff will be waiting to welcome you with an appetizer, the safety briefing and the whole instructions for this unique experience. Night at caño Terecay Camp







Day 3 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Birding around the Terecai river

After enjoying a delicious breakfast, we will embark on the majestic adventure of exploring the Terecai River, surrounded by the lush Amazon jungle and vast natural savannahs. In this setting enriched by biodiversity, we will have the exciting opportunity to spot a wide range of species, some of which are truly impressive.

Among the birds we hope to encounter are the imposing Crestless Curassow, a crestless species that masterfully camouflages itself in its surroundings, as well as the elegant Southern Lapwing, whose striking wings and distinctive vocalizations make it unmistakable. In addition, we will be on the lookout to spot the White-throated Toucan, with its distinctive multicolored beak, and the Golden-headed Manakin, a small bird with golden plumage that dazzles in the sunlight. As we explore the area, we will also look for the Cinnamon Woodpecker, a cinnamon-colored woodpecker known for its distinctive call.

After an exciting morning of wildlife sighting and observation, we will return to Caño Terecai Camp, where a delicious lunch awaits us. In the evening, we will enjoy the tranquility and beauty of this unique environment as we prepare for more adventures in the days to come.





Day 4 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Safari in the Natural Savannah

Starting the day very early in the morning we are going to switch from Terecai Camp to Orinoco Lodge. During the trip we will explore the Natural Savannah on our 4X4 Landcruiser until to arrive to Rancho Baru.

We will see waters springs and at the same time species such as Ferruginous Pygmy-owl, Sulphury Flycatcher, Gray Elaenia, South-america Snape, Red-and-green Macaw and Rufous-browed Peppershike. Once we get to Rancho Baru we will explore Caño Mesetas, and we will see more unique and wonderful species: Ringed kingfisher, Snowy egret, Ruddy pigeon, Southern lapwing and others.

Lunch at the Rancho Baru. At the end of the day, we will arrive at Garcita's Village, here we will take the skiff to navigate for 25 minutes to get to The Orinoco Lodge where we will spend the rest of the trip.



Day 5 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Birding in Tomo River

We will get up early, at 6:00 in the morning, to start an exciting day. We will depart from our accommodation and embark on our skiff, an ideal boat for exploring the intricate canals of the region. For approximately one hour, we will navigate the serene and sinuous waters, entering the wonderful adventure that awaits us.

Our first stop will be the Tomo River, which is located on the borders of the impressive El Tuparro National Park. This protected natural environment is a paradise of biodiversity and scenic beauty. Here, on the banks of the Tomo River, we will experience an unforgettable moment: a refreshing swim in the crystal clear waters of the river. The purity and clarity of these waters are truly amazing, offering us a rejuvenating experience in the middle of nature.

As we explore this area, our expert bird guides will be on the lookout to identify and point out the impressive variety of species that inhabit this region. Some of the birds we hope to spot include the colorful and striking Violaceous Jay, the small but vibrant Tropical Gnatcatcher, the beautiful Green-tailed Jacamar with its green plumage and long beak, the majestic Black-collared Hawk that dominates the skies with its presence imposing, the charming Yellow-crowned Manakin and the serene Gray-fronted Dove.

This day promises to be an unforgettable experience in the middle of pristine nature, with the opportunity to observe unique birds and enjoy a rejuvenating swim in the crystal-clear waters of the Tomo River.



Day 6 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Exploring the Maipures' rapids

We will leave the lodge at 6:00 am and we will head towards the Maipures streams. During our trip over the rocks jutting out of the river we might see Large-billed Tern, Black Skimmer, Snowy Egret and Little-blue Heron.

Upon reaching the rapids of the Maipures, we will walk a few meters to an island where we can find interesting species such as Brown-crested flycatcher, Neotropic cormorant, Glittering-throated Hummingbird and Squirrel cuckoo.

We will have a special lunch time where our chef will surprise us with one of his best preparation at the edge of the river Here we will have a camping lunch and after to enjoy this magic place with a relaxing time, we will continue with an exciting hike to the rock formations of the Guiana shield.





Day 7 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Birding in Tuparro River

At 6:00 in the morning, we will embark on our trusty skiff for an exciting excursion to the majestic Tuparro River. This river is known for its rich biodiversity and offers the promise of spectacular bird encounters and a window into the culture of local indigenous communities.

We will navigate calmly through the waters of the Tuparro River, surrounded by an unparalleled natural environment. During the journey, we will have the opportunity to get closer to an indigenous community, an enriching experience that will allow us to learn about their lifestyle, their traditions and their unique connection with the land and nature.

As we explore this fascinating river and its surroundings, our expert bird guides will be on high alert to identify and share with us the beauty of the birds that inhabit this region. Among the species we hope to see are the imposing Black-and-white Hawk-eagle, the majestic Black-collared Hawk, the elegant Muscovy Duck, the graceful Pied Lapwing, the mysterious Amazonian-black Tyrant, the peaceful Ruddy Pigeon, the striking White-throated Toucan with its multicolored beak, the vibrant Cobalt-winged Parakeet and the charming Yellow-crowned Manakin.

This day will give us a unique experience as we delve into the life of birds and local cultures. At the end of the day, we will return to the comfort of our accommodation, taking with us the memories of a day full of discoveries and memorable encounters in the middle of nature.





Day 8 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Trekking in Tambora Lagoons

At the first light of dawn, we will venture aboard the Orinoco River on an exciting journey to Tambora. This place, nestled in virgin nature, promises a unique experience. We will sail through the calm waters of the Orinoco, where the morning mist will gradually dissipate as we move towards our destination. The atmosphere at this early time of day is magical, with the promise of discovering wildlife in their natural habitat.

As we begin our walk through the jungle, we will witness a spectacle of biodiversity. The dense vegetation hides winged treasures, and some of the birds we will be privileged to encounter include the Squirrel Cuckoo, a playful bird known for its long tail and striking plumage. Additionally, the Fasciated Tiger-Heron, with its elegant striped plumage, will lurk on the banks of rivers and streams. We will also be lucky to spot the Yellow-crowned Manakin, which will dazzle with its vibrant plumage and elaborate mating displays. The Yellow-breasted Flycatcher, with its yellow breast and melodious song, will greet us from the heights of the trees, while the Turquoise Tanager, a small treasure with bright blue plumage, will stand out among the green foliage. And last but not least, the Olivaceous Saltator, with its striking beak, will skillfully blend into its surroundings.

Then, aboard our skiff, we will explore the vast savanna and the serene lagoons that we will find on our way. Every corner of this landscape will reveal a new natural wonder. This day promises to be a day full of discoveries and memorable experiences in nature.





Day 9 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

Returning day to Puerto Carreño and Bogotá

At first light in the morning, we will prepare to check out at our accommodation in Garcitas. This moment marks the end of an unforgettable adventure amidst the exuberant nature and beauty of the region. As we pack our memories and experiences into our suitcases, we will reflect on the countless exciting moments and bird sightings we have enjoyed during this trip.

From Garcitas, we will head towards Puerto Carreño, where the next stage of our trip awaits us: the flight back to Bogotá. As we leave the sights and sounds of the Orinoco region behind, we will carry with us the vivid memories of the wildlife, majestic rivers, and local hospitality we have experienced on this adventure.

This day, although it marks the end of our journey, is also a time for reflection and gratitude for shared experiences. From Puerto Carreño, we will take off with our hearts full of memories and with the hope of returning one day to this magical corner of Colombia to continue exploring its amazing nature and rich biodiversity.





DAY 10 (B,-,-)

Detailed Itinerary

Thank you so much!

Completion of the Tour

Dear Friends,

It has been a true pleasure to share with you this animal photography safari in Colombia. Over the past few days, we have had the opportunity to explore some of the most spectacular landscapes 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.

Additionally, 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 achieved and this experience can help raise awareness of these issues and inspire others to protect and preserve wildlife.

We would love to have you again on future animal photography safaris and explore more natural wonders together. Once again, thank you very much for participating 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 tour.
- Domestic connecting flights. (Bogotá-Puerto Careño) (Puerto Carreño-Bogotá).
- Lodging.
- Main meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) as stipulated in this PDF document.
- Entrance fees to all reserves visited during the tour.
- Travel insurance.
- Accompaniment by a certified guide and bird expert.
- Driver.

WHAT DOES THE TOUR NOT INCLUDE?

- International flights.
- Laundry service.
- Personal hygiene items.
- 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 unforeseeable circumstances.
- Tips.

PRICE TABLE

Price Per Person

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

4-6 PAX
\$5.000 USD

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Comfortable and climate-appropriate clothing: Quick-drying clothing.
- Appropriate Footwear: Wear comfortable, sturdy shoes, and consider waterproof hiking boots for rough terrain.
- Sun protection: Wear high-factor sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat or cap to protect yourself from the sun.
- Insect repellent: Bring insect repellent to avoid bites.
- Binoculars and camera: Bring binoculars to observe animals and a camera to capture special moments.
- Water bottle and snacks: Stay hydrated with a water bottle and bring energy snacks.
- Field guide to 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 vaccination certificate is not required when entering Colombia, however, it is important to keep these recommendations in mind:

There are no major problems with mosquitoes in most reserves. It is recommended to be 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 in the regions of the Western, Central and Eastern Andes, Magdalena, Santa Marta, Guajira and Chocó. 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 dusk.

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

Leishmaniasis disease, transmitted by sand fly bites, is also a remote possibility in low-lying areas, and again, visitors should learn the symptoms. There have only been rare cases in the communities of the Magdalena Valley, but not within the reserve.

Mites are also found in long grass around the Caribbean coast, away from main routes. Cover your legs, pants, shoes and waist with insect repellent.

CANCELLATION POLICIES

We require written notification of any cancellation, which will be effective 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, cancellation charges per person will apply. In compliance with the above, the cancellation policies of **OCAMPO EXPEDITIONS** are set as follows:

If OCAMPO EXPEDITIONS has more than 180 days notice, deposit is forfeited unless dates can be resold, in which case a 10% admin fee will apply.

If OCAMPO EXPEDITIONS has between 179 and 91 days notice, 70% of tour costs are forfeited, unless the client can find a replacement. In which case a 10% admin fee will apply.

If OCAMPO EXPEDITIONS has less than 90 days notice, 100% of our costs are forfeited, unless the client can find a replacement in which case a 10% admin fee will apply.

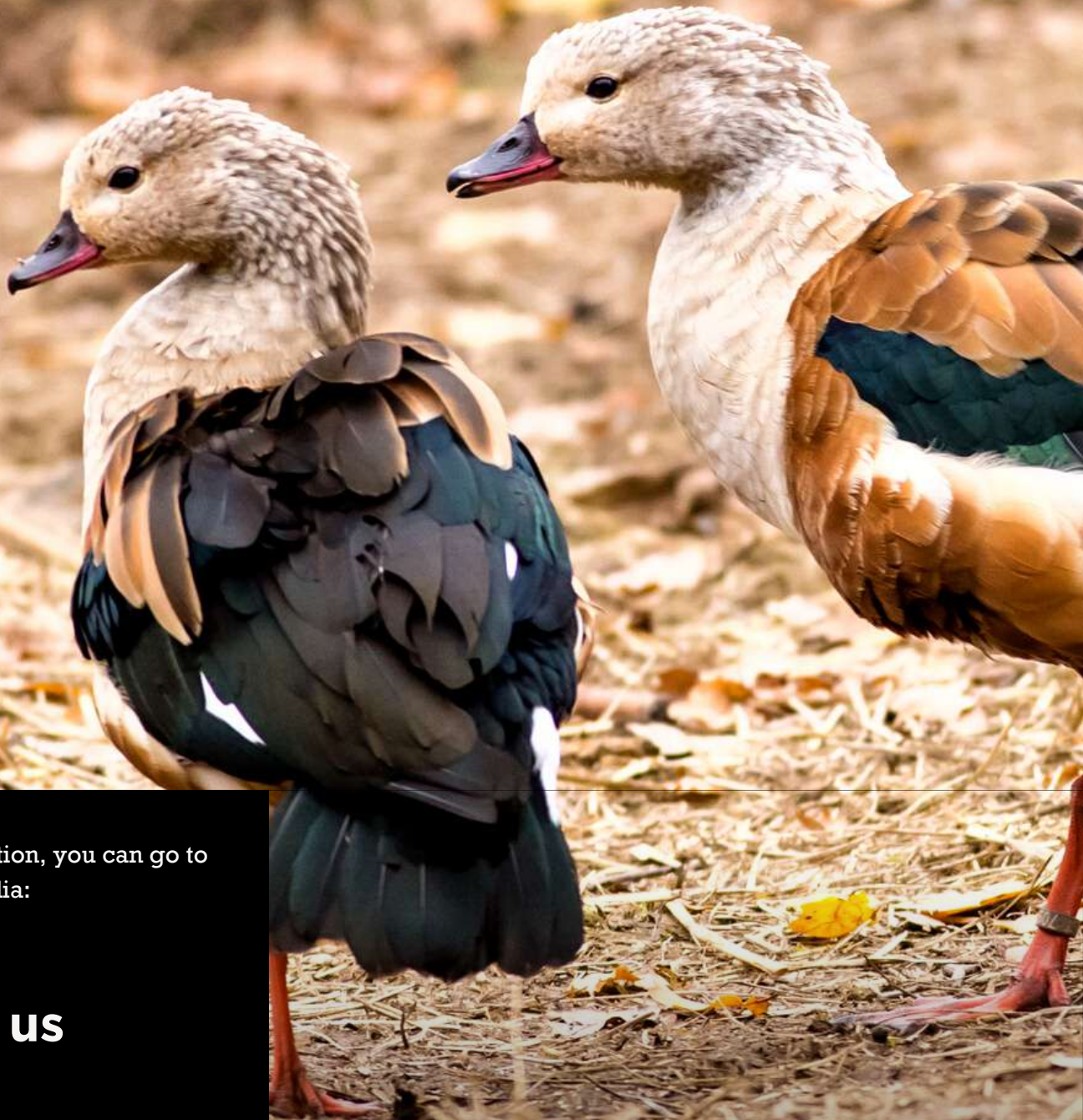
If you fail to join a tour, or join after departure, or leave prior to its completion, no reimbursement whatsoever will be made.

In the event of force majeure, fortuitous event or incapacity of the holder of the reservation or a relative in the first degree of consanguinity, the request for exoneration must be accompanied by the corresponding support (s) and submitted within 15 current days from the initial date of the trip, otherwise the established policies apply.

PRICE INCREASES

As a result of the possibility of many circumstances beyond our control, the total cost of the trip is subject to change, although this is only considered as a last resort. Participants will be notified if there are any changes to the cost of the trip. We do our best 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 trip price. If additional increases are required, participants may withdraw from the tour without incurring cancellation penalties.

If you wish to avoid the cost of a single room (single supplement) we will try to find you a roommate, but please note that this is not always possible and if we cannot find a suitable roommate you will be asked to pay the single supplement . Please note that your accommodation preferences will be honored to the extent possible, but cannot be guaranteed. In some remote locations (e.g. at field stations) this is not always possible and arrangements must be adjusted. When we are aware of these situations, 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 previously reported and is only discovered upon arrival. Under these circumstances, your leader will do everything possible to satisfy the group's preferences.



For more information, you can go to
the following media:

Contact us

+57 3168880202

@ocampoexpeditions_birding

www.ocampoexpeditions.com

ocampo.wpe@gmail.com