

CAUCA VALLEY (MEDIUM TRIP)

Ocampo Expeditions Birding & Wildlife



About this trip

Embark on an unforgettable birdwatching experience in the lush Valle del Cauca, where Colombia's natural diversity spreads its wings before your eyes. This tour will take you to some of the region's most pristine corners, starting with the majestic Yotoco Reserve, home to a rich array of bird species hidden among the dense greenery of the forest. From there, we'll immerse ourselves in the unique ecosystems of the Río Bravo Reserve, where the calls of endemic birds blend with the river's whisper, creating an unparalleled natural symphony.

The journey continues to the Laguna de Sonso, where aquatic birds dominate the landscape, before heading to the enchanting Anchicayá sector at Doña Dora's farm, renowned for its stunning views and fascinating species like the Toucan Barbet. In the misty cloud forest of San Antonio, the haze gently touches the treetops, revealing fleeting moments with birds like the Long-tailed Sylph gliding through the foliage. At the Bosque de Niebla farm, located at the iconic kilometer 18, the contrasts of the Andean landscape provide the perfect backdrop to admire endemic species in their natural habitat.

The accommodations on this journey have been carefully selected to enhance your experience: from the exclusive Hotel La Huerta in Calima, with its proximity to nature and impeccable service, to La Araucana Lodge, where every detail is designed for a deep connection with the surroundings. Among the birdsongs and vibrant green landscapes, you'll savor the region's authentic cuisine, an exquisite blend of traditional flavors that reflect the heart of Valle del Cauca.

This tour is more than just a birdwatching adventure—it's a complete immersion into the landscapes, culture, and nature that make this region a paradise for bird enthusiasts.



Valle del Cauca, Colombia

Trip overview

What's included

✓	Transportation	
✓	Lodging	Twin accommodation
✓	Meals	From lunch on day 1 to breakfast 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

Available packages		<i>Single Room Supplement: USD \$487</i>
TOUR: BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR – (GROUP: MIN. 2 - MAX. 10.)		
Price Per Person (2 PAX)		USD \$3,473 Deposit: USD \$1,040
Price Per Person (4 PAX)		USD \$2,230 Deposit: USD \$669
Price Per Person (6 PAX)		USD \$1,816 Deposit: USD \$544
Price Per Person (8 PAX)		USD \$1,590 Deposit: USD \$477
Price Per Person (10 PAX)		USD \$1,454 Deposit: USD \$436

Itinerary

Day 01 Arrival in Cali – Welcome to the Valle del Cauca, Colombia

Upon your arrival at Alfonso Bonilla Aragón International Airport in Cali, the Ocampo Expeditions team, consisting of a driver and one of our expert birdwatching guides, will be ready to welcome you to Colombia. From the airport, you will be transferred to [Hotel La Huerta](#), located in the Calima sector, approximately a one-hour drive from the city. Hotel La Huerta offers comfort and fresh, locally sourced food, much of which is grown and raised on-site. Additionally, it is strategically situated near key birdwatching hotspots such as the Yotoco Forest Reserve, the Río Bravo Reserve, and the Sonso Lagoon, making it the ideal base for your birdwatching experience.

After checking in, you will enjoy lunch and have the afternoon free to explore the hotel's trails, take a refreshing dip in the pool, or begin birdwatching on the premises. In the evening, your guide will provide an introduction to the areas you will be visiting and the bird species you may encounter, should nature be generous with us.

Hotel La Huerta eBird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L6985482>

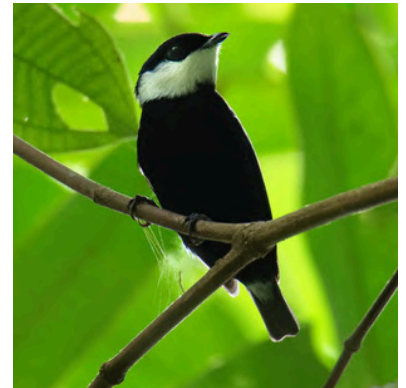


Day 02 Birdwatching in Yotoco Forest Reserve

Your day begins early with a departure from Hotel La Huerta to the Yotoco Forest Reserve, a protected area managed by the National University of Colombia since 1959. Spanning 559 hectares, Yotoco boasts one of Colombia's highest biodiversities, home to over 350 bird species, including the Cauca Guan, as well as howler monkeys, armadillos, various orchids, and more. This reserve serves as a research hub for scientists, researchers, educators, and students alike.

After a morning of birdwatching, you will return to Hotel La Huerta for lunch. The afternoon offers flexibility—you can choose to continue exploring the hotel's trails in search of more birds, relax, organize your photos, or back up your photographs. Dinner and overnight accommodations will again be at Hotel La Huerta.

Yotoco Reserve eBird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L465354>



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Day 03 Exploring the Río Bravo Reserve

After a restful night at La Huerta Hotel, you will head out to the Río Bravo Reserve, a critical conservation area that hosts 522 bird species, including endangered ones such as the Crested Eagle (*Spizaetus isidori*) and the Guacharaca (*Penelope ortonii*). The reserve's rich ecosystems are also home to 105 mammal species, 56 amphibian species, and 59 reptile species, many of which are also at risk.

During your visit, you will have the opportunity to observe an impressive array of birdlife in one of Colombia's most ecologically diverse regions. After the excursion, you will return to Hotel La Huerta for lunch. The afternoon is free for you to relax or continue birdwatching on the hotel's grounds. Dinner and accommodations will be provided at La Huerta once again.

Río Bravo Reserve eBird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5588872>



Day 04 Discovering Laguna de Sonso – A Wetland Paradise

Today, you will depart from Hotel La Huerta and head towards the Laguna de Sonso, approximately a 35-minute drive away. Here, you will have breakfast and lunch at the Horned Screamer Research Center. The Sonso Lagoon is the main wetland in the Cauca River floodplain and is renowned for its high concentration of resident and migratory birds, including species such as the Horned Screamer.

The terrestrial exploration of the lagoon will allow you to observe a variety of wetland and shoreline bird species in their natural habitat. The Sonso Lagoon also serves as a regulatory basin for the Cauca River's floods and is the last substantial remnant of the native lagoon ecosystem in the Valle del Cauca, supporting various local communities.

After your morning of birdwatching, you will travel to [La Araucana Lodge](#). This lodge offers extreme comfort, catering to birdwatchers from around the world with its luxurious infrastructure, delicious cuisine, and excellent bird photography opportunities. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at La Araucana Lodge.

Sonso Lagoon eBird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L465353>



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Day 05 Birdwatching at Finca Doña Dora

The day begins early with a departure from La Araucana Lodge to Finca Doña Dora, located in El Queremal. This site is a favorite among local and international birders, thanks to its large ficus tree that attracts numerous bird species when fruiting. At Finca Doña Dora, you can observe a wide range of birds, from tanagers and toucanets to Torrent Ducks and the Barred Hawk.

The finca also tells an inspiring story of perseverance and dedication, featuring stunning bird murals painted by tourism agencies and international birders. After a day filled with birdwatching, you will return to La Araucana Lodge for a relaxing evening.

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



Day 06 San Antonio Cloud Forest and Bosque de Niebla Birding Nature Reserve

Today, you will depart from La Araucana Lodge to visit the San Antonio Cloud Forest, a natural treasure located just 10 minutes from the hotel. This enchanting cloud forest is home to approximately 360 bird species, including the Semicollared Hawk and the Long-billed Gnatwren, set within a magical environment rich in biodiversity and beautiful orchids.

After exploring the cloud forest, you will visit the Bosque de Niebla Birding and Nature Reserve located at Kilometer 18. Here, you can observe up to 270 bird species thriving in the humid, high-altitude forest environment. After a morning filled with birdwatching, you will return to La Araucana Lodge for dinner and overnight accommodations.

San Antonio Cloud Forest eBird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L465406>

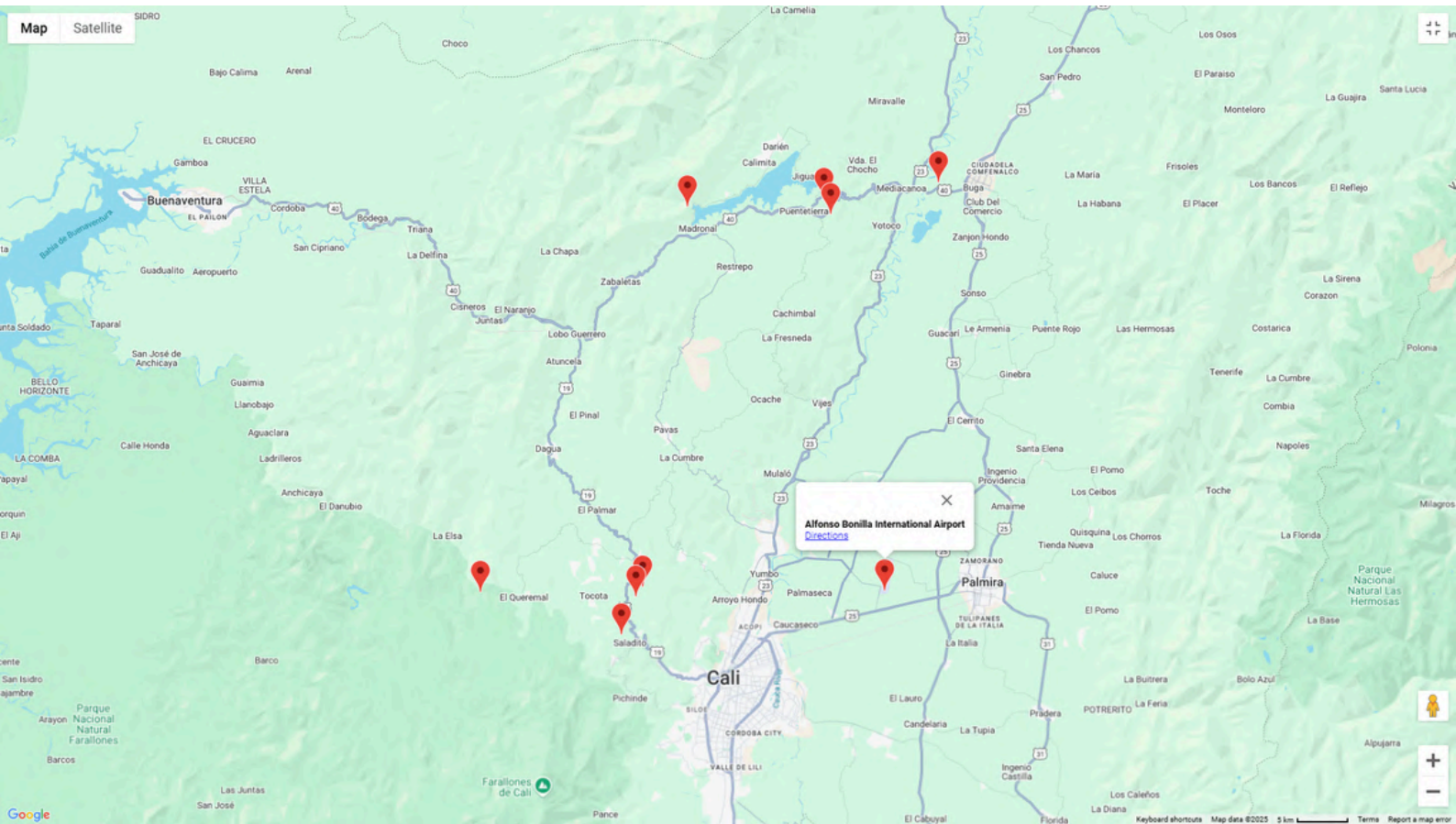
Bosque de Niebla Birding and Nature Reserve eBird Hotspot:
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L7827417>



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Day 07 Departure

After breakfast, you will be transferred directly to Alfonso Bonilla Aragón International Airport in Cali for your departure flight. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for choosing Ocampo Expeditions for your birdwatching adventure in the Valle del Cauca. We hope your experience has been rewarding and memorable, filled with unique bird sightings and unforgettable moments. Safe travels!



About us

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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 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
- **Official Email:** ocampo.wpe@gmail.com
- **Corporate Website:** 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](#).