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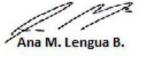
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CAMARA DE COMERCIO DE CALI



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 quides,

reliable suppliers and the most impressive destinations in Colombia. Our commitment is to offer exceptional services and promote conservation through nature tourism.

Introduction

Unique biodiversity

Discover the incredible fauna of Colombia and live an unforgettable experience! Immerse yourself in the unparalleled diversity of species that this beautiful country has to offer. Colombia, recognized worldwide as one of the most megadiverse countries on the planet, awaits you with its countless natural wonders.

Imagine finding yourself in a bird paradise, where more than 1,900 species fill the skies with their colors and songs. From the rare tropical birds in the Pacific region, to the emblematic species of the majestic Andes, you will delight in the beauty of each feather and the natural spectacle they display in their natural habitat.

But Colombia's fauna is not limited only to birds. On dry land, you will be surprised to come face to face with jaguars, majestic and powerful, walking elegantly in their territory. You will discover giant anteaters, with their peculiar appearance and behavior. Jumping marmosets will welcome you with their joy and curiosity, while giant river otters will captivate you with their elegant swimming in crystal clear waters.

If you are a lover of reptiles and amphibians, Colombia also offers you a unique spectacle. From the towering anacondas that slither through the vegetation, to the poisonous frogs that display their striking colors and patterns, you will be surrounded by astonishing biodiversity.

But it is not only the variety of species that makes Colombia an extraordinary destination. It is the opportunity to explore a diverse and fascinating geography, from the extensive Eastern Plains to the impressive high mountain paramos in the Andean Region. Each ecosystem is home to its own set of wildlife, giving you a unique experience in every corner of the country.

Come to Colombia and immerse yourself in the adventure of spotting wildlife in a country that is proud of its biodiversity. Discover unparalleled landscapes, unique species in the world and the passion of a people who value and protect their natural wealth. You will not regret living this unique and enriching experience in Colombia, paradise for wildlife lovers!

What places will you visit?

Day 01 to 14

- Day 01. Arrival at El Dorado Airport (BOG), in Bogotá, Colombia.
- Day 02. Flight Bogotá Yopal, Casanare / Juan Solito eco hotel.
- Day 03. Safari in the Hato La Aurora Reserve, in the Eastern Plains.
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- Day 07. Flight Yopal, Casanare Finca Nido del Bosque, Cali, Valle del Cauca.
- Day 08. Finca La Florida "The Forest of Birds".
- Day 09. Finca San Felipe Birding and Finca Alejandría.
- Day 10. Doña Dora Sighting Farm.
- Day 11. Osprey Ecolodge.
- Day 12. Curigua Ecolodge.
- Day 13. Hacienda El Diamante.
- Day 14. Hacienda El Diamante / Alfonso Bonilla Aragón Airport in Cali, Colombia.

TOUR MAP



Arrival in Colombia

Bogotá

Once your plane has landed in the city of Bogotá, capital of Colombia, one of our specialized guides will be waiting for you at the airport to take you to the hotel we have chosen for you. Our quide will also give you a talk about the fauna and ecosystems that you can the observe in Eastern Llanos. That night you will spend the night in Bogotá and the next day you will travel to Yopal, Casanare.





Getting to know the Eastern Plains

Arrival in Yopal, Casanare

On your second day in Colombia you will travel to Yopal, Casanare located in the Eastern Plains of Colombia in the company of our guide. Once you have landed in Yopal, a driver from the reserve will be waiting for you who will take you to Hato La Aurora. This journey lasts approximately 3 hours, during which you will be watching birds found in the lagoons parallel to the road. Once you arrive at Hato La Aurora, you will be directed to your lodging place.





History

Hato La Aurora

Hato La Aurora has a rich and fascinating history. The ownership of the herd was established in the 19th century by a Colombian cattle family. At that time, it was mainly used for cattle breeding and dairy product production.

Over time, measures were taken to protect and conserve the flora and fauna of the region. In 1967, it was declared a private nature reserve, becoming one of the first ranches in Colombia to adopt this conservation category.

Since then, Hato La Aurora has become an important refuge for wildlife. Its strategic location in the Eastern Plains region of Colombia provides an ideal habitat for a wide diversity of species.

The flora of the herd is mainly composed of grasslands and gallery forests that grow along the rivers and canals that cross the area. This combination of habitats provides shelter and food for a large number of animal species.

The fauna of Hato La Aurora is truly impressive. More than 300 species of birds have been recorded, including the emblematic Orinoco Goose (Oressochen jubatus), Hoatzin (Opisthocomus hoazin) and numerous species of herons and birds of prey. As for mammals, the herd is home to species such as the jaguar (Panthera onca), the puma (Puma concolor), the howler monkey (Alouatta seniculus), the manatee (Trichechus manatus) and the giant river otter (Pteronura brasiliensis), among others.

The conservation of fauna in Hato La Aurora is carried out through protection, monitoring and environmental education programs. Scientific research is promoted and sustainable tourism is encouraged, allowing visitors to enjoy the natural beauty of the herd without compromising its conservation.

In summary, Hato La Aurora is a testimony of how the combination of conservation efforts and responsible use of natural resources can preserve and protect the wealth of fauna in Colombia.







Tracking Footprints on the Plain

In the footsteps of the jaguar

On the first day of the safari in the Llanos, early in the morning you will begin the expedition in search of the jaguar. The reserve's expert guide will track the footsteps of this majestic feline. The Hato La Aurora reserve is the place with the most sightings of jaguars in all Colombia, since being site a intended for conservation, this animal has found a safe place to develop its life, so much so that so far there have been up to six generations of jaguars in reserve.













The Avifauna of the Llanos

Birding in the Plains

On this occasion you can also look for the jaguar, since it is a matter of going out to explore reserve early in the morning. However, on this day you can focus on the great variety of birds that inhabit Hato La Aurora and spend this day birding. Our guide will take you to the best places in the reserve so that you can photograph the different species of birds that exist in the plains.







Colombian Safari

Africa? No, Colombia.

Colombian safari offers exciting an experience for those who want to delve into nature and discover the country's rich fauna. During the tour, it is possible to see fascinating species such as anacondas gliding stealthily, elegant and graceful deer, alligators resting on the banks of the rivers, curious and playful capybaras, giant river otters swimming agilely and giant anthills building their impressive structures. These close encounters with wildlife provide a unique experience and lasting memories in the heart of Colombian biodiversity.





Trip to the Andean Region of Colombia

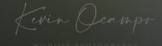
Arriving at Valle del Cauca

After having lived the experience of the Colombian safari in the Eastern Plains, it is time to get to know other regions of the country, specifically the Andean Region. Early in the morning you will leave the hotel in Yopal and go to the airport to take a flight to Santiago de Cali, Valle del Cauca. Once you have landed at the Alfonso Bonilla Aragón airport in Cali, our driver will be waiting to take you to the Nido del Bosque bird watching reserve, located in the cloud forest of Cali. This area of the department is home to unparalleled avian wealth, since more than 400 species of birds have been recorded. It is also a special place for bird photographers, since all the nature reserves in this place have spots dedicated to nature photography. This day you will stay at the Nido del Bosque reserve.



NIDO DEL BOSQUE RESERVE





Touring the Valley Reserves

"The Bird Forest"

You will begin your tour of the Cauca Valley at the La Florida bird watching farm, renowned for being specialized in photography. Its hosts have built and designated spaces so that photographs turn out spectacular and visitors can take away unique memories. It is also recognized for its great variety of bird species, since more than 330 have been recorded, including the endemic Multicolored Tanager (Chlorochrysa nitidissima).













Walking Among Tanagers and Hummingbirds

San Felipe Birding & Finca Alejandría

On this day you will visit two very special reserves, the first being San Felipe Birding, a famous reserve due to the innovation of its spaces, even appearing in National Geographic magazine. It has hides specialized in bird photography, as well as spaces in the forest to photograph elusive species such as the Little Tinamou (Crypturellus soui). You will also go to the pioneering bird watching farm in Colombia, Finca Alejandría "El Paraíso de los Hummingbirds", where in addition to seeing dozens of species of hummingbirds, there are also very striking species of birds such as the Crested Quetzal (Pharomachrus antisianus). Finally, you will go to Queremal, where you will rest.







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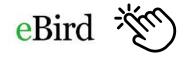
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Arriving in the Colombian Pacific

Doña Dora Bird Watching

spending the After night the at Campanario hotel, located in Queremal. 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 reach 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 you can see in this place we find the famous and iconic Toucan Barbet (Semnornis ramphastinus), Cock of the Rock (Rupicola peruvianus), the endemic Habia cristata, and even the Glistening-green Tanager (Chlorochrysa phoenicotis).





FINCA DOÑA DORA





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. Lagoon is The Sonso a for lovers of bird paradise 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 of migratory abundance and resident birds, each one more fascinating than the last.









Touring the Central Andes

Curigua Ecolodge

Curiqua Ecolodge is paradise for bird watchers. With a privileged in location 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 connect visitors with the grandeur of the Andes and its winged inhabitants.







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 Diamante is E1located between 1,000 and 2,700 above sea meters level. making it an ideal home for many birds.







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-Yopal) (Yopal-Santiago de Cali).
- 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.

1 PAX

\$ 14.200 USD

2 PAX

\$8.500 USD

3 PAX

\$6.700 USD

4 PAX

\$5.700 USD

5 PAX

\$5.200 USD

6 PAX

\$4.800 USD

7 PAX

\$4.500 USD

8 PAX

\$4.300 USD



RECOMMENDATIONS

- To visit the Eastern Plains it is advisable to have the tetanus and yellow fever vaccine.
- Comfortable and climate-appropriate clothing: Wear light, breathable clothing in the Eastern Plains, warm clothing in the Andean Region, and light, quick-drying clothing in the Pacific Region. We will provide raincoats.
- Appropriate Footwear: Wear comfortable, sturdy shoes, and consider waterproof hiking boots for rough terrain.
- Sun protection: Wear high-factor sunscreen and a widebrimmed 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:

30% of the total value of the confirmed itinerary must be paid at the time of booking, of which 30% (less bank charges) is refundable in case of cancellation up to 90 days before the start of the trip, 20% (less bank charges) 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 accumulated if you decide to take the trip in the future for 1 year.

The remaining 70% of the tour cost 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: 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 0% after that period. However, 30% of this deposit will be accumulated if you decide to take the trip in the future for 1 year with Ocampo Expeditions.

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.



