

COFFEE REGION AND CAUCA VALLEY

Ocampo Expeditions Birding & Wildlife



About this trip

Embark on a 10-day birding tour designed for the most passionate birders, eager to expand their species lists with exciting new discoveries. This unique journey will take you through some of Colombia's most biodiverse regions, spanning the Coffee Region, the Valle del Cauca, and the Pacific Region. Each area is home to a variety of habitats, offering countless opportunities to spot rare and endemic species, perfect for those aiming to add new birds to their checklists.

We begin in the Coffee Region, a true haven for birdwatchers. Explore the renowned Río Blanco Reserve, a sanctuary for endemic species and elusive birds found within the dense forest. Next, the majestic Hacienda El Bosque will captivate you with its diversity of highland species. As we ascend, we'll reach the stunning Laguna Negra and the Brisas sector in the Los Nevados National Natural Park, where soaring Andean Condors and colorful hummingbirds will greet you against a backdrop of páramo landscapes and volcanic peaks.

The journey continues into the Valle del Cauca, a region famous for its rich biodiversity. Here, you'll delve into the natural surroundings of the Yotoco Reserve, where the tropical dry forest is home to a fascinating array of birds. As we move on, we'll explore the scenic landscapes of the Río Bravo and Laguna de Sonso, where the spectacle of waterfowl and migratory birds is simply unparalleled. Next, venture to Finca Doña Dora in the Anchicayá sector, known for species like the Toucan Barbet and the Crimson-rumped Toucanet. To top off the experience, immerse yourself in the magical cloud forests of San Antonio and Finca Bosque de Niebla Birding and Nature, nestled at kilometer 18. The mist and vibrant green forest provide a breathtaking setting for observing hummingbirds, tanagers, and raptors.

This tour not only offers the chance to significantly grow your bird species list, but also immerses you in the culture, landscapes, and biodiversity of Colombia, making each day an unforgettable experience for any birding enthusiast.



Coffee Region and Cauca Valley in Colombia

Trip overview

What's included

✓	Transportation	
✓	Lodging	Twin accommodation
✓	Meals	From lunch on day 1 to breakfast on day 10
✓	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 \$687</i>
TOUR: COFFEE REGION AND CAUCA VALLEY – (GROUP: MIN. 2 - MAX. 10.)	
Price Per Person (2 PAX)	USD \$4,896 Deposit: USD \$1,469
Price Per Person (4 PAX)	USD \$3,161 Deposit: USD \$948
Price Per Person (6 PAX)	USD \$2,588 Deposit: USD \$776
Price Per Person (8 PAX)	USD \$2,279 Deposit: USD \$683
Price Per Person (10 PAX)	USD \$2,093 Deposit: USD \$628

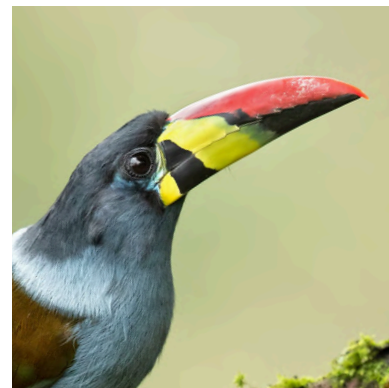
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Day 01 Arrival in Pereira – Welcome to the Coffee Region

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/>



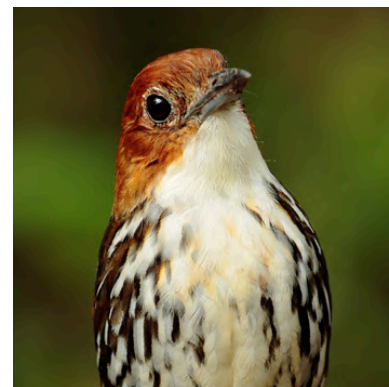
Day 02 Exploring Rio Blanco Nature Reserve

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>



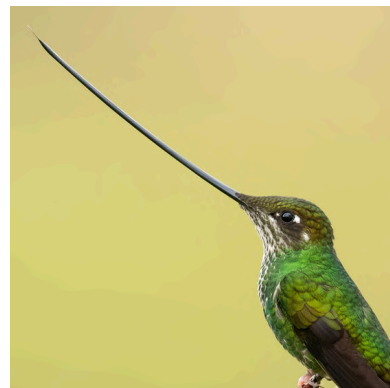
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Day 03 Hacienda El Bosque – A Birdwatcher´s Paradise

On this exciting day, you will embark early in the morning from Hotel Quo Quality to Hacienda El Bosque, one of the premier birding sites in Colombia's coffee region. Here, you'll have the opportunity to spotting stunning species, 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. In the afternoon, you'll return to Hotel Quo Quality for dinner and overnight stay.

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



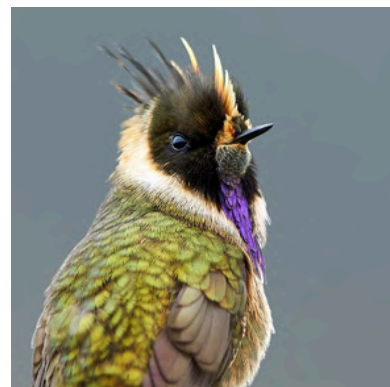
Day 04 Birding in Laguna Negra and Brisas Zone (Los Nevados National Park)

This day will start with an early departure from Hotel Quo Quality to Los Nevados National Park, where you'll visit two key birding hotspots. The first stop will be Laguna Negra, where you can observe species such as *Cinclodes excelsior*, *Oxyura ferruginea andina*, *Anas andium andium*, *Catamenia homochroa*, and *Asthenes flammulata*. The second stop will be the Brisas zone, known for birds like *Atlapetes pallidinucha*, the stunning *Oxyopogon stuebelii* (a highlight), *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*, *Ochthoeca fumicolor*, and *Asthenes flammulata*.

After birding in Los Nevados National Park, we will embark on a scenic 5-hour journey to **La Huerta Hotel** in Calima, Valle del Cauca, where we will enjoy dinner and rest for the evening.

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 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>



Day 06 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>



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Day 07 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>

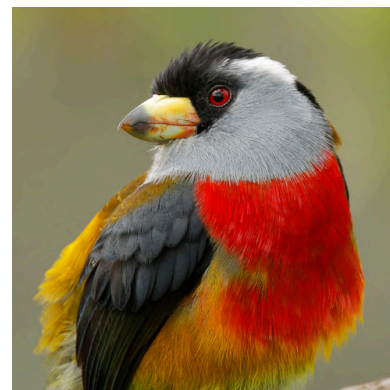


Day 08 Birdwatching at Finca Doña Dora

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>



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Day 09 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>

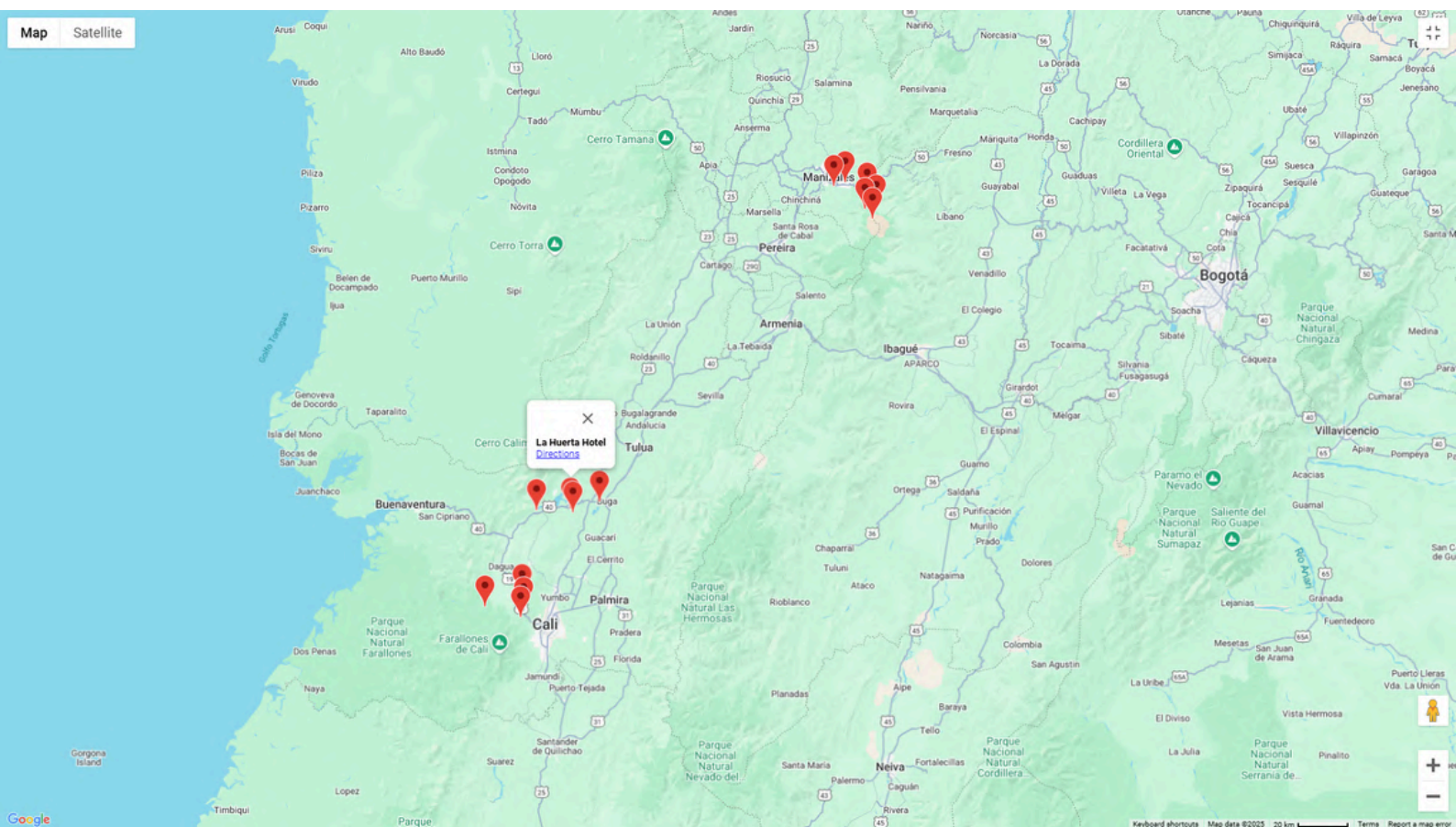
Bosque de Niebla Birding and Nature Reserve eBird Hotspot:
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L7827417>



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Day 10 Departure

After breakfast at La Araucana Lodge, 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:

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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](#).