

CAUCA VALLEY (SHORT TRIP)

Ocampo Expeditions Birding & Wildlife



About this trip

Embark on a captivating 5-day birdwatching journey through the vibrant landscapes of Valle del Cauca, where Colombia's natural beauty comes alive at every turn. This tour will take you through some of the region's most remarkable locations, beginning with the peaceful Laguna de Sonso, a sanctuary for aquatic bird species. As you explore its shores, you'll encounter herons, kingfishers, and a variety of waders, all set against the tranquil backdrop of this stunning lagoon.

Next, we head to Doña Dora Birdwatching, a hidden treasure in the Anchicayá sector. Here, you'll immerse yourself in a tropical paradise where species like the Toucan Barbet and Glistening-green Tanager thrive. The vibrant sounds and colors of these unique birds provide an unforgettable experience and exceptional photography opportunities.

The adventure continues into the mystical Bosque de Niebla de San Antonio, where mist rolls through the towering trees of the cloud forest. In this ethereal setting, you'll witness the grace of species such as the Long-tailed Sylph and the Crimson-rumped Toucanet as they glide through the canopy, adding bursts of color to the emerald green surroundings.

Our final stop takes us to Finca Bosque de Niebla Birding and Nature, nestled at kilometer 18 in the Andean highlands. This rich, biodiverse habitat is home to a variety of endemic species, offering an unparalleled opportunity to observe rare birds in their natural environment. The dramatic contrasts of this landscape—rolling hills and misty treetops—create an ideal setting for your birdwatching adventure.

This 5-day tour is not just about birdwatching; it's a fully immersive experience where nature, culture, and discovery come together to create a memorable adventure 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 5
✓	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

Single Room Supplement: USD \$387

TOUR: CAUCA VALLEY (SHORT TRIP) – (GROUP: MIN. 2 - MAX. 10.)

Price Per Person (2 PAX)	USD \$2,621
	Deposit: USD \$786

Price Per Person (4 PAX)	USD \$1,660
	Deposit: USD \$498

Price Per Person (6 PAX)	USD \$1,340
	Deposit: USD \$402

Price Per Person (8 PAX)	USD \$1,161
	Deposit: USD \$348

Price Per Person (10 PAX)	USD \$1,054
	Deposit: USD \$316

Itinerary

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

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 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 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 Vulture of Ciénaga 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 Vulture of Ciénaga.

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 03 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 04 San Antonio Cloud Forest and Bosque de Niebla Birding

Today, you will depart from La Araucana Lodge to visit the San Antonio Cloud Forest, a natural treasure located just 20 minutes from Cali. This enchanting cloud forest is home to approximately 360 bird species, including the Crimson-rumped Toucanet and the Green-tailed Trainbearer, 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>

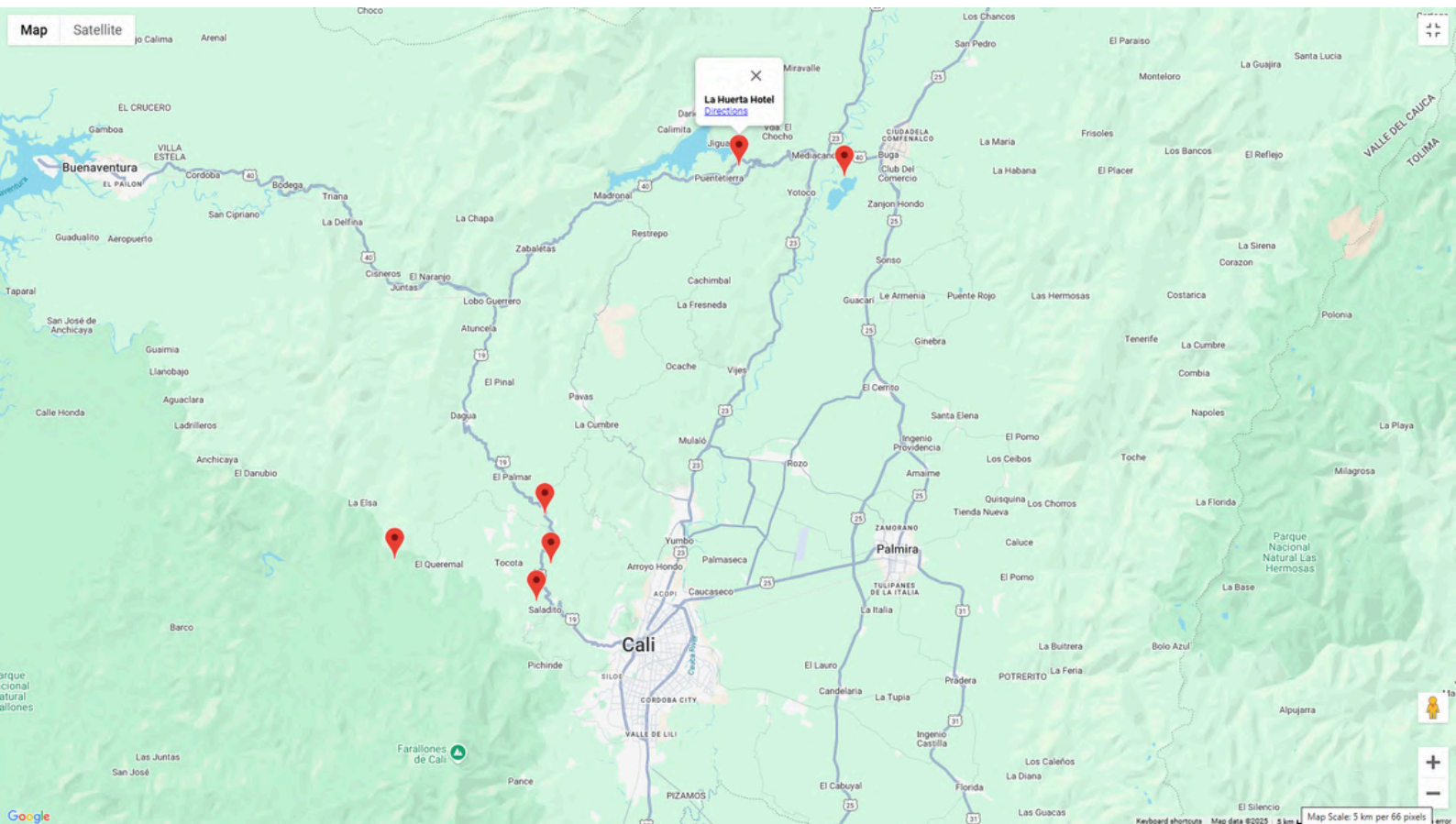
Bosque de Niebla Birding and Nature Reserve eBird Hotspot:
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L7827417>



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Day 05 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!



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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.

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- **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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- **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](#).