

EASTERN PLAINS & CAUCA VALLEY

Ocampo Expeditions Birding & Wildlife



About this trip

Embark on an 11-day journey through two of Colombia's most diverse and wildlife-rich regions: the vast Eastern Plains and the lush Valle del Cauca. Your adventure begins in the untamed wilderness of Hato La Aurora, a private reserve in the Eastern Plains, where the horizon stretches endlessly and the landscape is alive with the calls of birds and the presence of majestic wildlife.

Here, you'll witness a dazzling array of avifauna, including the elegant *Syrigma sibilatrix*, the vibrant *Pipra filicauda*, and the striking *Hypnelus bicinctus*. Near the water, the graceful *Eurypyga helias* displays its intricate plumage, while the bold *Jabiru mycteria* stands tall in the marshes.

After experiencing the raw beauty of the Eastern Plains, you'll take a flight to the vibrant city of Cali, your gateway to the Valle del Cauca. Here, you'll explore a variety of habitats, starting with the Yotoco Forest Reserve, where towering trees shelter a wealth of bird species. In Rio Bravo, you'll discover a rugged landscape of mountains and fast-flowing rivers, ideal for spotting species that thrive in these dynamic environments.

Next, you'll visit the serene Laguna de Sonso, a wetland sanctuary brimming with life. The calm waters are home to herons, kingfishers, and countless other waterbirds, offering a peaceful yet thrilling birding experience as you explore its shores.

As you journey through this region, you'll visit Doña Dora's finca, a haven for birdwatchers, where you'll be surrounded by colorful hummingbirds, tanagers, and toucans. The cool mists of the San Antonio cloud forest create an enchanting backdrop for birding, with the chance to spot endemic species among the trees. Your adventure continues into the heart of the Bosque de Niebla, where the dense vegetation and vibrant birdlife offer unforgettable moments.



Hato La Aurora and Cauca Valley

Trip overview

What's included

✓ Local flights	(Bogotá - Yopal) and (Yopal - Cali)
✓ Transportation	
✓ Lodging	Twin accommodation
✓ Meals	From lunch on day 1 to breakfast on day 11
✓ Entrances	
✓ Travel insurance	
✓ Driver	
✓ Expert Birding Guide	
✗ 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	

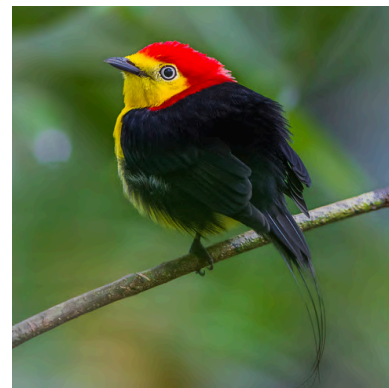
Packages & Options

Available packages	<i>Single Room Supplement: USD \$787</i>
TOUR: EASTERN PLAINS & CAUCA VALLEY – (GROUP: MIN. 2 - MAX. 10.)	
Price Per Person (2 PAX)	USD \$5,836 Deposit: USD \$1,750
Price Per Person (4 PAX)	USD \$4,078 Deposit: USD \$1,223
Price Per Person (6 PAX)	USD \$3,517 Deposit: USD \$1,055
Price Per Person (8 PAX)	USD \$3,211 Deposit: USD \$963
Price Per Person (10 PAX)	USD \$3,027 Deposit: USD \$908

Itinerary

Day 01 Welcome to Colombia's Capital – Arrival at Bogotá

Upon your arrival at El Dorado International Airport in Bogotá, the capital of Colombia, a guide from Ocampo Expeditions will be waiting to welcome you. From there, you'll head to the **Hotel Habitel Select**, where you'll have lunch, settle into your room, and rest. That evening, you'll enjoy dinner and spend the night at the hotel.

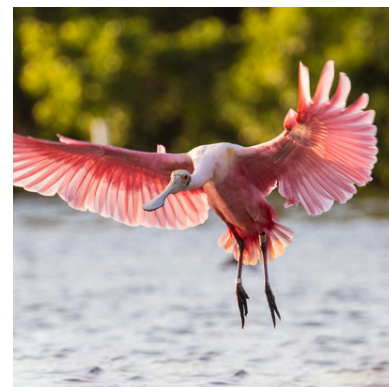


Day 02 Journey to the Eastern Plains – From Bogotá to Yopal

At dawn, you'll depart from Hotel Habitel Select to El Dorado International Airport to catch the earliest flight to Yopal, the capital of Casanare. Upon arrival, your driver will take you on a five-hour journey to the Juan Solito Eco Hotel, which provides accommodation for visitors to Hato La Aurora. As you travel through the Eastern Plains of Colombia, you'll not only enjoy breathtaking landscapes but also have the chance to spot birds, caimans, capybaras, giant anteaters, and more. After arriving at Juan Solito, you'll have lunch and begin your activities, including a safari at Hato La Aurora. By dusk, you'll return to Juan Solito for dinner and a restful evening.

Juan Solito Eco Hotel: <https://juansolito.com/>

Hato La Aurora eBird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2147708>



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Day 03 Safari Adventure – Discovering Hato La Aurora's Natural Wonders

Early in the morning, you'll leave Juan Solito to immerse yourself in the Hato La Aurora Nature Reserve for a full Colombian safari experience. This day offers the opportunity to spot fascinating bird species such as *Syrigma sibilatrix*, *Pipra filicauda*, *Hypnelus bicinctus*, *Paroaria nigrogenis*, and many others. Beyond birdwatching, you'll encounter animals like howler monkeys, giant river otters, giant anteaters, Orinoco crocodiles, anacondas, white-tailed deer, capybaras, and even jaguars, as Hato La Aurora holds the highest jaguar population in Colombia. After an adventurous day, you'll return to Juan Solito Eco Hotel for dinner and relaxation.

Juan Solito Eco Hotel: <https://juansolito.com/>

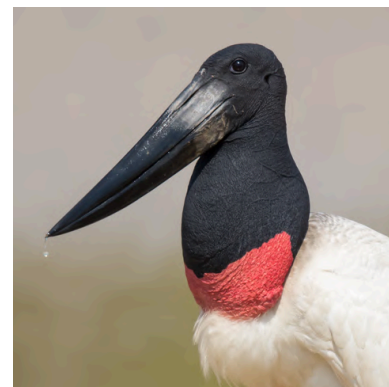
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Day 04 Tracking the Elusive Jaguar – Morning Safari and Return to Yopal

Before dawn, you'll embark on another exciting venture into Hato La Aurora, positioning yourself deep in the reserve before sunrise. This timing increases your chances of spotting the elusive jaguar. After a morning of birdwatching and wildlife observation, you'll return to Juan Solito for breakfast and lunch. In the afternoon, you'll begin your return journey to Yopal, where you'll check in at the **Holiday Inn Express Yopal**, have dinner, and rest.

Hato La Aurora eBird Hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2147708>



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Day 05 From the Plains to the Valleys – Traveling from Yopal to Cali

Early in the morning, you'll depart from the Holiday Inn Express Yopal and head to El Alcaraván Airport to catch the earliest flight to Cali, the capital of Valle del Cauca. Upon arrival at Alfonso Bonilla Aragón International Airport, your driver will take you to a specially selected restaurant for lunch. Afterward, you'll proceed to **La Huerta Hotel**, located in the Calima region, where you'll have dinner and spend the night.



Day 06 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>



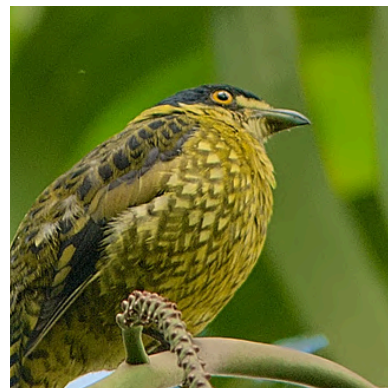
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Day 07 Exploring the Río Bravo Reserve

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 08 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>



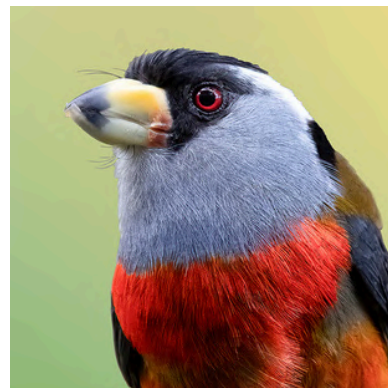
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Day 09 Birdwatching at Finca Doña Dora

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 10 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>

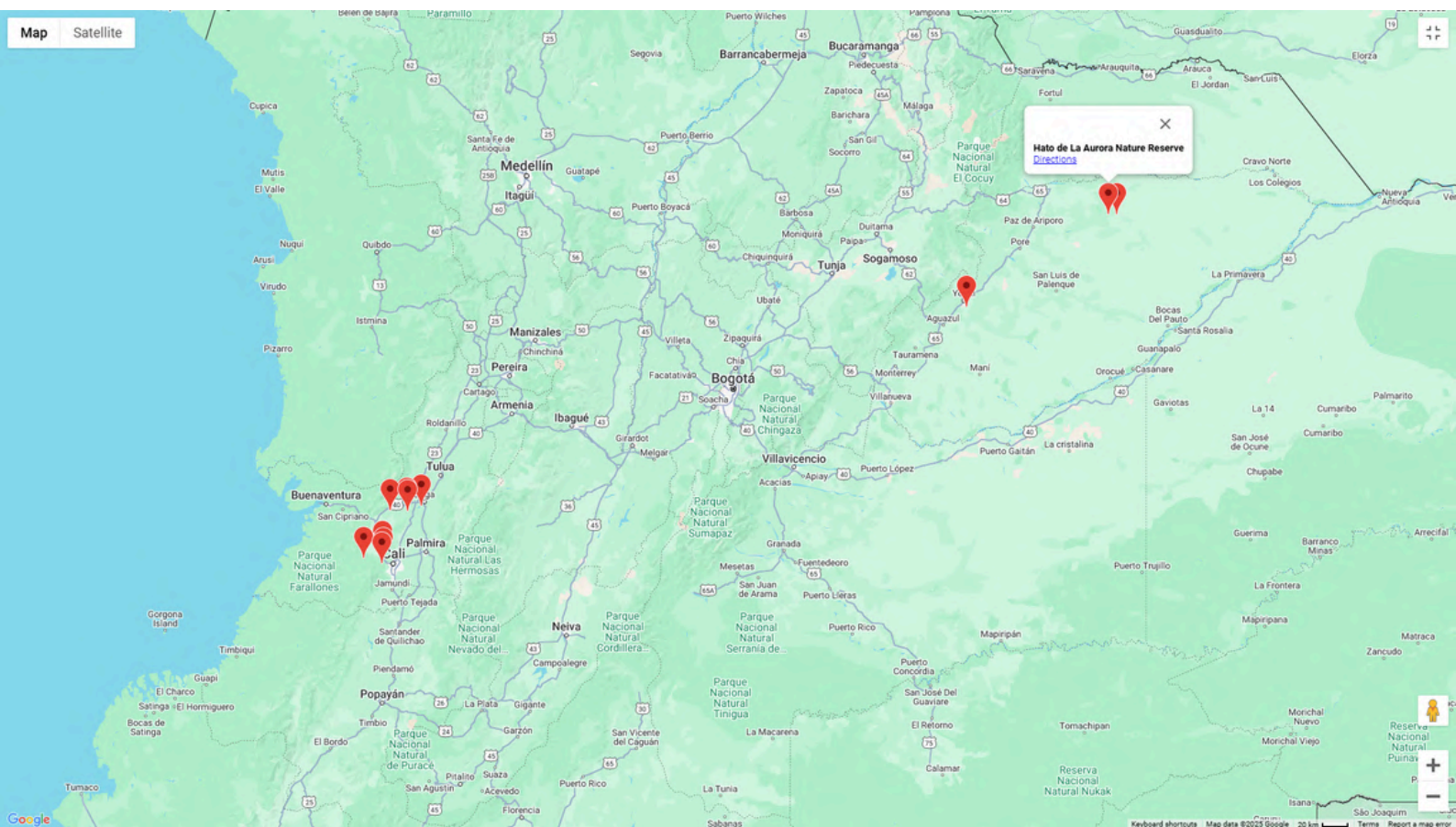
Bosque de Niebla Birding and Nature Reserve eBird Hotspot:
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L7827417>



Itinerary

Day 11 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:

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- **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](#).