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& PACIFIC REGION

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COMPANY LEGAL CERTIFICATION



## About us

# Kevin Ocampo

At Ocampo Expeditions, I am proud to work closely with leading organizations and establish strategic alliances 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 connections in the industry.

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 received the award for the best bird photographer in my region, an achievement that I personally received from the Mayor of Santiago de Cali.

Additionally, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with government entities on 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 preserving the environment. My experience and knowledge have been valued, which has led me to lead initiatives that promote sustainable bird tourism.

Showing 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 Ornithological Society of Valle del Cauca (DACNIS), a community made up of professionals and bird enthusiasts, I collaborate with others passionate about the subject to promote the conservation and study of 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 alliances allow us to offer high-quality experiences for our clients. Thanks to these connections, we have access to specialized local guides, reliable suppliers and the most impressive destinations in Colombia. Our commitment is to offer exceptional services and promote conservation through nature tourism.



# Why photograph birds in Colombia?

## Introduction

# Birds and coffee

The Coffee Region of Colombia, the Cauca Valley and the Pacific area are exceptional destinations for bird watching, attracting bird watchers and wildlife photographers from all over the world. The richness and diversity of birdlife found in this region is simply astonishing, and there are several compelling reasons to choose these destinations as your next birdwatching location.

First of all, the variety of birds you can find in this country is impressive. Colombia is the country with the highest bird biodiversity in the world, and these specific areas are known to host a large number of endemic and migratory species. From the majestic Andean Condor to the Multicolored Tanager, through colorful toucans and rare hummingbirds, there are birds for all tastes and levels of birdwatching experience. Each day of exploration will give you the opportunity to discover new species and capture unforgettable moments in your photographs.

In addition to the diversity of birds, these destinations offer a variety of unique ecosystems. The Coffee Region is famous for its lush coffee plantations, but is also home to cloud forests, paramos and wetlands, each of which is home to birds adapted to these particular conditions. In Valle del Cauca, you will find a mix of dry forests, wetlands and mangroves that attract tanagers and raptors. The Pacific region, with its humid rainforest and pristine beaches, is home to manakins, rainforest birds and many other unique species. At each location, the variety of habitats ensures an enriching and diverse birding experience.

The culture and hospitality of the local people are also highlights of these destinations. The inhabitants of these regions have a deep respect for nature and their environment, which translates into constant support for the conservation of biodiversity and a genuine interest in sharing their knowledge about local birds and fauna.

Last but not least, the Coffee Region of Colombia, the Cauca Valley and the Pacific offer a unique opportunity for lovers of nature photography. The golden light that bathes the coffee plantation landscapes at sunrise and sunset creates a magical atmosphere to capture impressive images of birds in their natural environment. The diversity of colors and shapes of birds in this region also ensures that each photograph is unique and special.

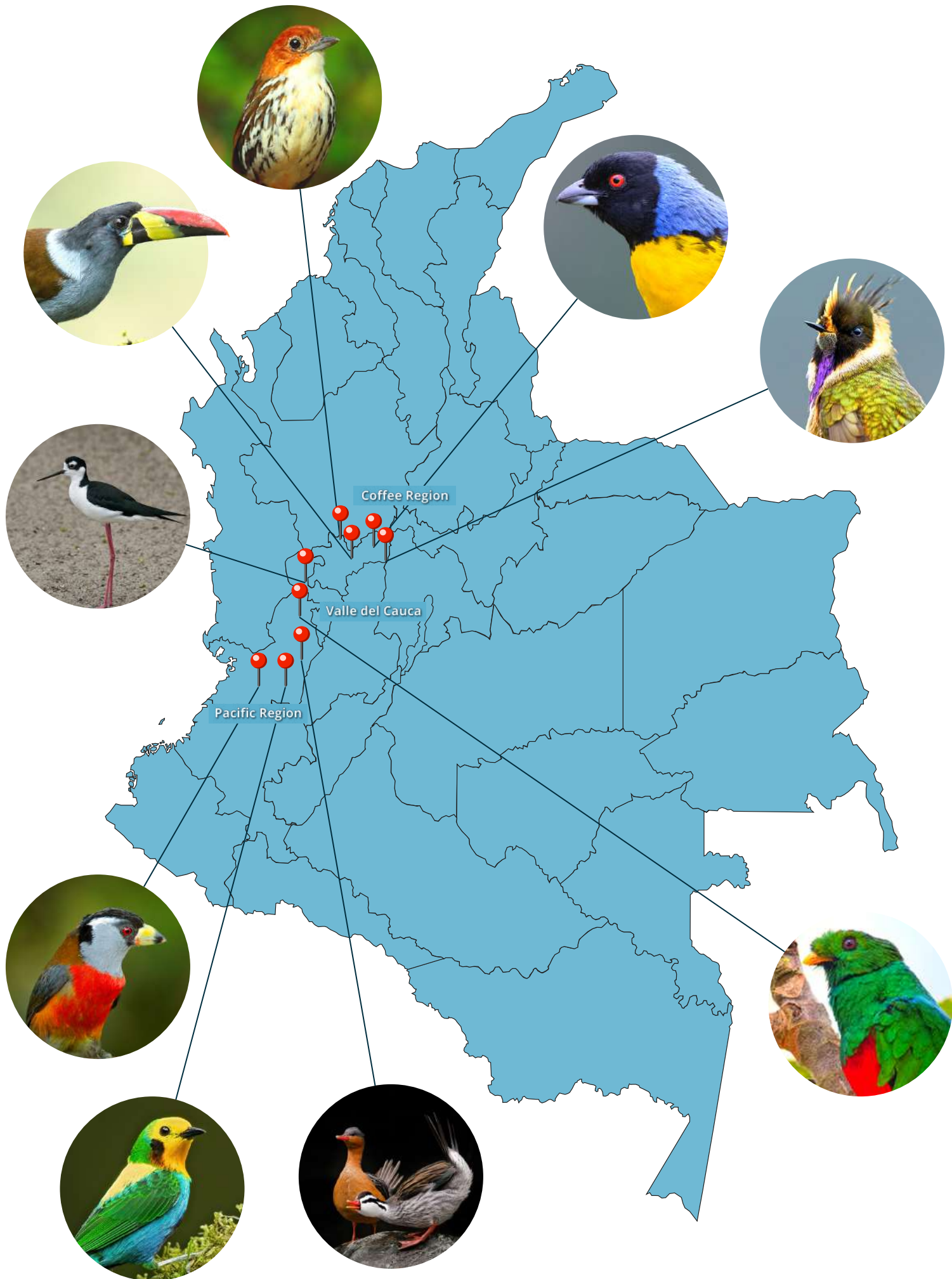
# What places will you visit?

## DAY 01 AL 13, COFFE REGION, VALLE DEL CAUCA AND PACIFIC REGION

- Day 01. Matecaña International Airport, in Pereira (PEI) / Rio Blanco Natural Reserve.
- Day 02. Bird photography in the Rio Blanco Natural Reserve.
- Day 03. Bird photography at Hacienda El Bosque.
- Day 04. Bird photography at Glamping Color de mi Revés.
- Day 05. Bird photography at Hotel Termales del Ruiz.
- Day 06. Bird photography at Hotel Termales del Ruiz and trip to Valle del Cauca.
- Day 07. Bird photography at Finca La Florida.
- Day 08. Bird photography at San Felipe Birding and Finca Alejandría.
- Day 09. Bird photography at Finca Doña Dora.
- Day 10. Osprey Ecolodge.
- Day 11. Curigua Ecolodge.
- Day 12. Hacienda El Diamante.
- Day 13. Hacienda El Diamante / Alfonso Bonilla Aragón International Airport, in Cali (CLO).

Note: the food included for each day is indicated as follows: (D: breakfast, A: lunch, C: dinner).

# TOUR MAP



## DAY 1 (-, L, D)

### Detailed Itinerary

# Day of Arrival

## Pereira, Coffee Region

Once your plane has landed in the city of Pereira, located in the Coffee Region of Colombia, one of our guides and our specialized driver will be waiting for you at the airport to take you to the hotel we have chosen for you. Our guide will also give you a talk about the fauna and ecosystems that you can observe in the following days. That night they will spend the night at the hotel and the next day they will begin the bird watching tour in the Coffee Region.







## Day 2 (B,L,D)

### Detailed Itinerary

# Photographing dream birds

## Rio Blanco Natural Reserve

Considered by the World Wildlife Fund as the epicenter of bird watching in Colombia, this reserve is an ornithological paradise. With 372 species of birds identified to date, including 33 species of hummingbirds, every corner of this enchanted forest offers a unique opportunity to view winged beauty.

Entering the Río Blanco Natural Reserve is to immerse yourself in a world of plumage and varied songs. The Reserve is part of the Río Blanco and Quebrada Olivares Protective Forest Reserve, a vast area of 4,943 hectares that protects a unique natural treasure in Manizales.







**Day 3 (B,L,D)**

Detailed Itinerary

# Entering the Paramo



## Finca Hacienda El Bosque

Hacienda El Bosque, located in Manizales, is a magnet for birdwatching lovers. This historic family farm, located in Manizales, extends across altitudes between 2,800 and 3,900 meters above sea level. Its diverse ecosystems include grasslands, Andean forests and moors, all safeguarded for more than 40 years.

It is a renowned destination for bird watching, with more than 293 recorded species, such as *Andigena hypoglauca*, *Grallaria rufula*, *Grallaricula lineifrons* (near threatened), *Pipreola arcuata*, *Ramphomicron microrhynchum*, *Chalcostigma herrani*, *Ensifera ensifera*, *Anisognathus igniventris*, *Acropternis orthonyx* and *Chlorophonia pyrrhophris*. The cabins in the high Andean forest offer unique experiences to observe forest life.













**Day 4 (B,L,D)**

Detailed Itinerary

# In the top of the mountain

## Glamping El Color de mi Revés

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Glamping El Color de Mis Revés has earned a notable reputation as a premier birdwatching destination. An astonishing variety of over 489 bird species have been recorded within the forest boundaries, and 142 of these species arrive at the glamping site, creating captivating viewing opportunities. It serves as a sanctuary where urban distractions disappear, allowing guests to immerse themselves in a genuine nature experience. Self-contained luxury glamping not only offers comfortable accommodation, but also gives guests the opportunity to fully enjoy the forest surroundings.







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**Day 5 (B,L,D)**

Detailed Itinerary

# Photography in the Central Andes

## Hotel Termales del Ruiz

The Hotel Termales del Ruiz, located in the impressive cloud forest of the Central Andes Mountains, is a paradise for lovers of bird watching. Located at an altitude of 2,850 meters above sea level, it offers a magical environment with more than 167 species of birds, such as *Aglaeactis cupripennis* and *Myioborus ornatus*. The trails will take you to waterfalls and springs, where you can enjoy the symphony of colors and bird sounds. In addition, the hotel provides comfort and charm with its services, such as hot springs and delicious meals. This natural sanctuary will connect you deeply with nature, leaving you with unforgettable wildlife memories.











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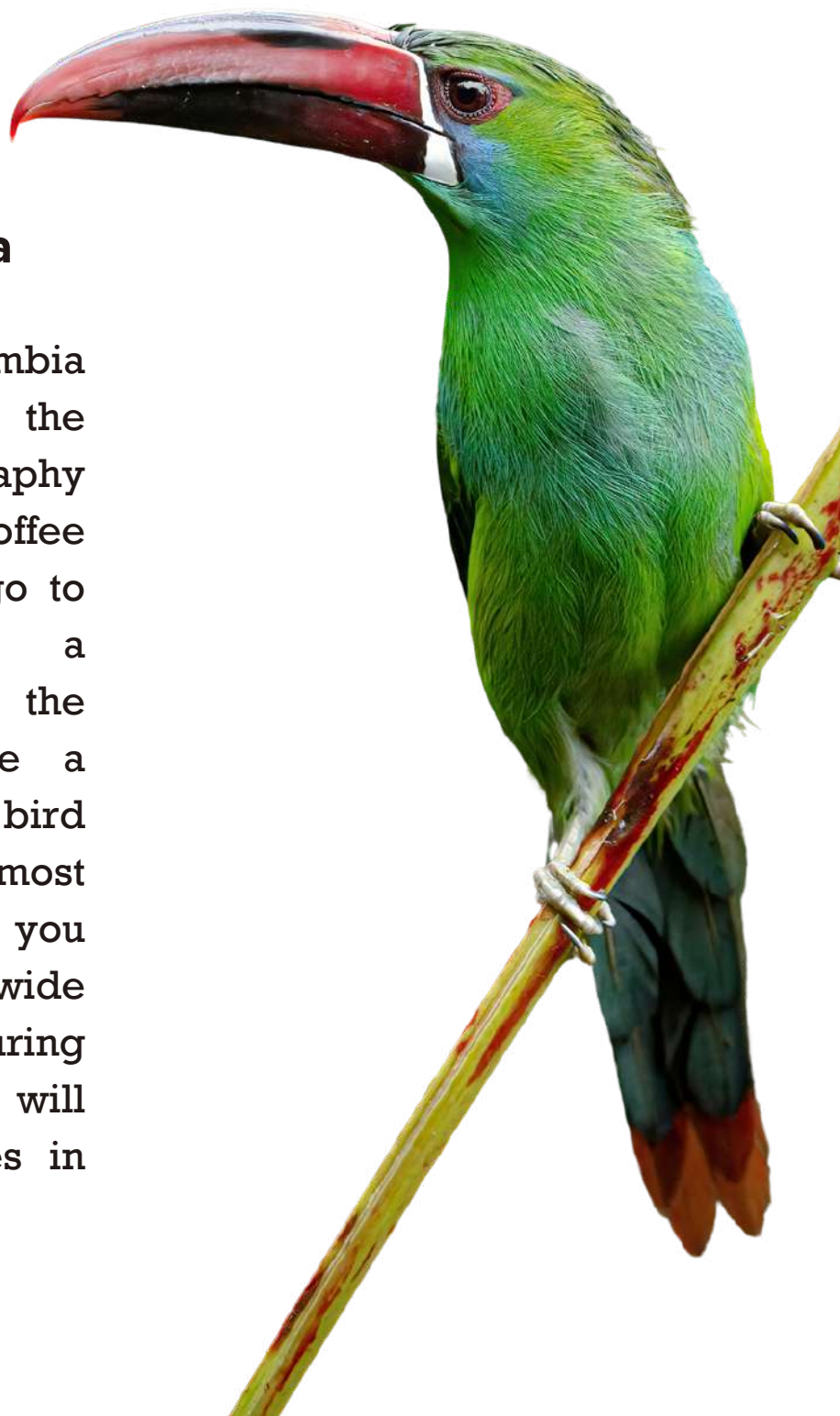
**Day 6 (B,L,D)**

Detailed Itinerary

# Trip to Valle del Cauca

## Cali, Valle del Cauca

On a sixth day in Colombia you will have visited the main bird photography reserves in the Coffee Region, now you will go to Valle del Cauca, a department located in the Western Andes where a large number of bird species live. The most interesting thing is that you will be covering a wide range of ecosystems during this tour, therefore, you will see totally new species in this department.








Day 7 (B,L,D)

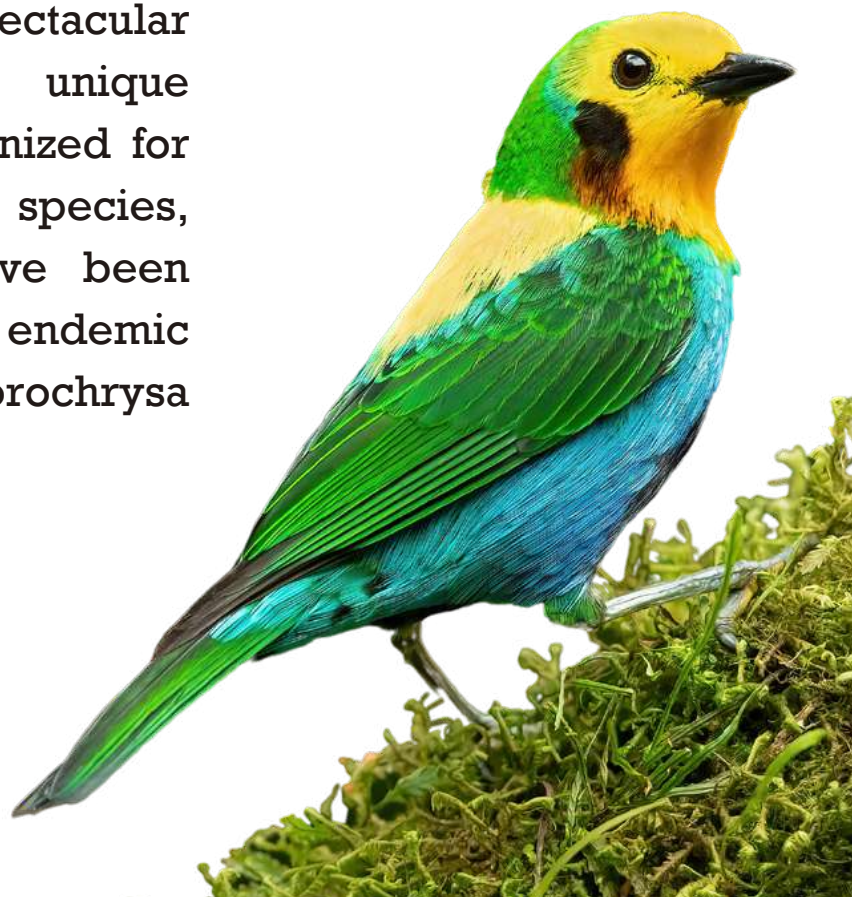
Detailed Itinerary

# Visiting the Valley reserves

## The Bird Forest

You will begin your tour of Valle del Cauca at the La Florida bird watching reserve, recognized for being specialized in bird photography. Its hosts have built and enabled spaces so that photographs turn out spectacular and visitors 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 Pied Tanager (*Chlorochrysa nitidissima*).

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La Florida  
El bosque de las aves









**Day 8 (B,L,D)**

Detailed Itinerary



# Walking between hummingbirds

## San Felipe Birding & Finca Alejandria

On the one hand, San Felipe Birding is a nature reserve located in the cloud forest of Cali. In 2004, this region was declared by BirdLife International as an Important Bird Conservation Area (AICA/IBA). Due to its geographical location, the property is part of one of the most biologically important hydrographic basins in southwest Colombia. In San Felipe NR you not only plan to spend a very special day observing or photographing a wide variety of birds in the region, but also enjoy a magical and relaxing experience around a beautiful and natural reserve of 22 hectares, of which 13 are forest virgin.

And on the other hand, Finca Alejandria “Hummingbird Paradise” is a unique experience for bird lovers. This farm is a pioneer in bird watching in Colombia. Which makes it one of the most important reserves in the entire country.







Day 9 (B,L,D)

Detailed Itinerary

# We are approaching the Colombian Pacific

## Finca Doña Dora

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First thing in the morning you will go 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 we can observe in this place we find the famous and iconic Compass (Semnornis ramphastinus), Cock of the Rock (Rupicola peruvianus), the endemic Tufted Bean (Habia cristata), and even the Emerald Tanager (Chlorochrysa phoenicotis).





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WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY





## DAY 10 (B,L,D)

### Detailed Itinerary

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

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**SONSO LAGOON**



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**DAY 11 (B,L,D)**

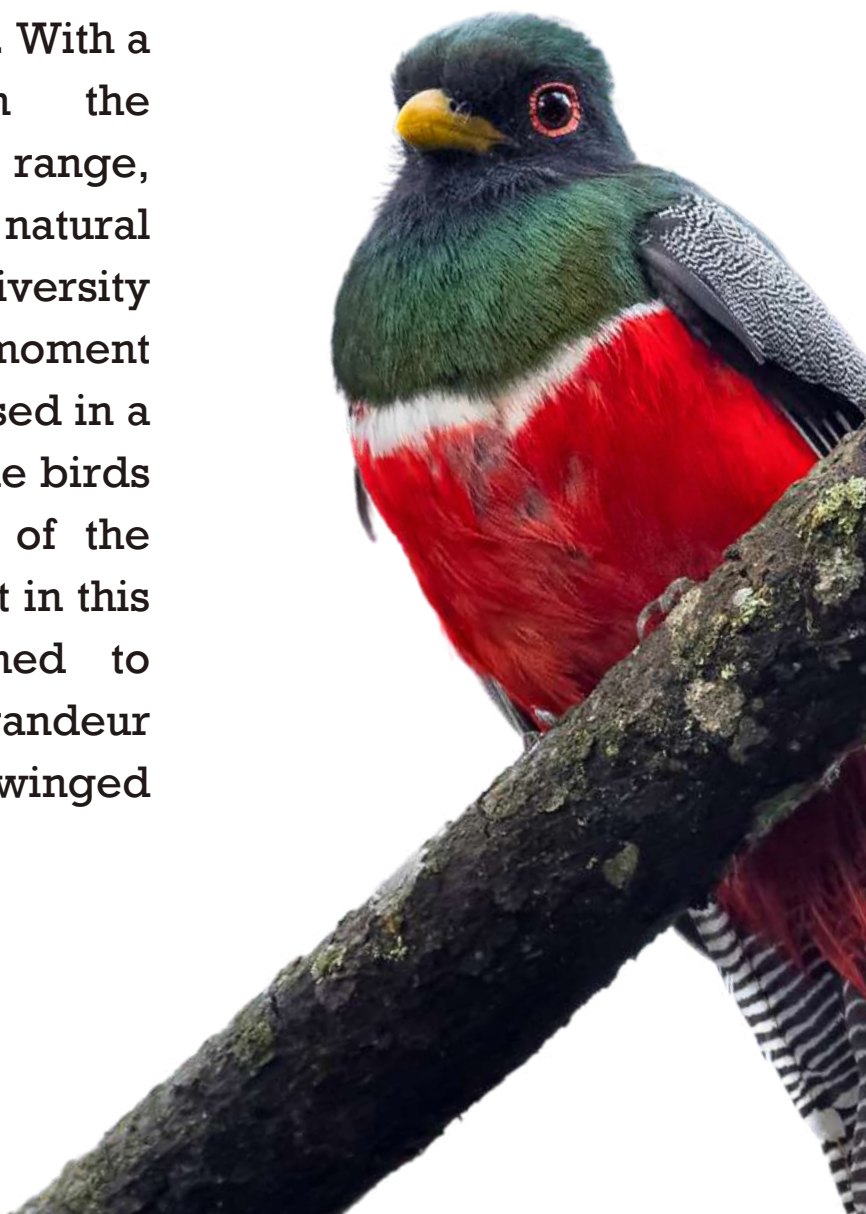
Detailed Itinerary

# Touring the Central Andes

## Curigua Ecolodge

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

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**CURIGUA ECOLODGE**


**DAY 12 (B,L,D)**

Detailed Itinerary

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

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# HACIENDA EL DIAMANTE



## Day 13 (B, -, -)

### Detailed Itinerary

# Thank you so much!

## End of Tour

It has been a real pleasure to share with you this photographic animal experience in Colombia. Over the past few days we have had the opportunity to explore some of the most spectacular scenery 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.

In addition, 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 taken and this experience can help raise awareness of these issues and inspire others to protect and preserve wildlife.

We would love to have you back on future animal photo safaris and explore more natural wonders together. Once again, thank you very much for your participation 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 development of the tour.
- Lodging.
- Main meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) as stipulated in this PDF.
- Entrance fees to all reserves visited during the tour.
- Travel insurance.
- Accompaniment by a certified guide.
- Driver.

## **WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR?**

- International or national flights.
- Laundry service.
- Personal hygiene objects.
- 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 acts of God.
- Tips.

# PRICE TABLE

## Price per person

The more people join the tour, the value per person decreases.

<b>1 PAX</b>	<b>2 PAX</b>	<b>3 PAX</b>	<b>4 PAX</b>
\$11.674 USD	\$6.654 USD	\$4.981 USD	\$4.145 USD
<b>5 PAX</b>	<b>6 PAX</b>	<b>7 PAX</b>	<b>8 PAX</b>
\$3.643 USD	\$3.308 USD	\$3.069 USD	\$2.890 USD

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- Comfortable and appropriate clothing for the weather: Quick-drying clothing to Valle del Cauca and Pacific Region and warm clothes for the Coffee Region.
- Appropriate footwear: Wear comfortable, sturdy shoes, and consider waterproof hiking boots for rough terrain.
- Sun protection: Take high-factor sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat or cap to protect yourself from the sun.
- Insect repellent: Take insect repellent to avoid bites.
- Binoculars and Camera: Bring binoculars to observe animals and a camera to capture special moments.
- Bottle of water and snacks: Stay hydrated with a bottle of water and bring energy snacks.
- Field guide on 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 is not required vaccination certificate upon entering Colombia**, however, it is important to keep these recommendations in mind:

There are no big problems with mosquitoes in most of the Bookings. It is recommended to get 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 of the Andes regions Western, Central and Eastern, Magdalena, Santa Marta, Guajira and Choco. 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 at dawn sunset.

Dengue, although not frequent, is also a possibility, and once again, it is recommended to reduce the risk of insect bites insects and be aware of the symptoms of this fever.

Leishmaniasis disease, transmitted by bites of sand flies, also a long shot in low-lying areas, and once again, visitors must learn the symptoms. has only there have been rare cases in the communities of the Magdalena Valley, but not within the reserve.

The mites are also found in the long grass around the Caribbean coast, far from the main routes. Cover your legs pants, shoes and waistband with insect repellent.

# CANCELLATION POLICY

We require written notice of any cancellation, the which will take effect upon receipt. If you need to cancel your reservation, you must inform us immediately at [ocampo.wpe@gmail.com](mailto:ocampo.wpe@gmail.com) and we will confirm your cancellation.

Depending on the date we receive your cancellation notice, per person cancellation fees will apply. The fare plan also applies to trip extensions before or after the trip, as well as transfers of extensions from one trip to another. In compliance with this, the cancellation policies set as follows:

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

**The remaining 70% of the cost of the tour 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: the 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 the 0% after that term. However, 30% of this deposit will be will accumulate if you decide to take the trip in the future for 1 year.

# PRICE INCREASES

As a result of the possibility of many circumstances outside of our control, the total cost of the trip is subject to change, although this is only considered as a last resort. We will be notified to participants if there is any change in the cost of the trip. We make every effort 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 price of the trip. Whether require additional increases, participants may withdraw of the tour without incurring cancellation penalties.

Please note that your accommodation preferences will be honored to the extent possible, but cannot be guaranteed. In some remote locations (eg at field stations) this is not always possible and arrangements must be adjusted.

When we is aware of these situations, the 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 pre-reported and only discovered upon arrival. In these circumstances, your leader will do everything possible to accommodate the preferences of the group.



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