COLOMBIA
Magdalena Valley & Atlantic Coast
23 September – 8 October 2019

Colombia has approximately 1900 bird species, more birds than any other country in the world and this number is growing every year through new discoveries and range extensions. The security situation has improved greatly in the past decade and most areas of the country are now stable and safe for birders to visit. However, it is still very new destination and few birders have ventured here so far, although there is so much to observe and discover. It is impossible to cover all the birding regions of this amazing country on one trip, so by way of introduction on this tour, we will concentrate on the Andes and Santa Marta area. Colombia is necessary for any serious birder, though you can only hope to sample its extraordinary biodiversity a single trip.

Day 1. Arrival to Bogota
Arrival to Bogota, Colombia – El Dorado International Airport
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Day 2. Chingaza National Park, la Calera Hummingbird Garden
We will visit the Chingaza National Park early in the morning all day, we will take the breakfast and the lunch in the field and we are focus in a many important birds this day as to Brown-breasted Parakeet, Silvery-throated Spinetail, Blue-throated Starfrontlet, Matorral Tapaculo, Golden-fronted Whitestart, Coopery-bellied Puffleg, Rufous-browed Conebill, Purple-backed Thronbill, Paramo Seedeater, Plush-capped Finch, Pale-naped Brush-Finch, Smoky Bush-Tyrant, Black-billed Mountain Toucan, Black-headed Hemispingus and many more. In the afternoon we will come back to Bogota.
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Today we will visit three very special places close to Bogota. Firstly, La Florida Park, which has a wetland ecosystem and here we will look for some important birds such as Bogota Rail, Apolinar Marsh Wren, Silvery-throated Spinetail, Noble Snipe, Subtropical Doradito and more. After La Florida, we will visit the “Jardin Encantado” a hummingbird sanctuary in San Francisco. Here we will can see up to 16 different species of
hummingbirds such as Indigo-capped Hummingbird, Gorgeted Woodstar and White-bellied Woodstar. Finally, we will visit Laguna El Tabacal, a lovely area of secondary forest with very interesting birds such as Rusty-breasted Antpitta, Rosy thrush Tanager, Grey throated Warbler, Stripe-breasted Spinetail and more. At the end of the day, we will transfer to Libano Village where we will spend the night.

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Day 4. Libano Forest, Laguna del Hato - Mariquita
We will search some birds in the coffee plantations and secondary forest of Libano village, in the afternoon we will visit the dry forest and fields of Laguna del Hato in where we will can find many birds. Some interesting birds of this day are Tolima Dove, Yellow-headed Brush-Finch Black headed Brush-Finch, Crested Ant-Tanager, Black-headed Brush-Finch, Violet-crowned Woodnymph, Andean Emerald, Bronzy Inca, Squirrel Cuckoo, Moustached Puffbird, Emerald Toucanet, Azara’s Spinetail, Montane Foliage-gleaner, Bar-crested Tyrannulet, Dusky-capped Flycatcher, Mountain Elaenia, Whiskered Wren, Rufous-naped Greenlet, Crimson-backed Tanager, Golden and Bay-headed tanager, Black-winged Saltator, Velvet-fronted Euphonia, Apical Flycatcher, Pearl Kite, Ruddy Ground-Dove, Common Ground-Dove, Yellow-crowned Parrot, Dwarf Cuckoo, White-collared Swift, Short-tailed Swift, Barred Puffbird, Western Slaty-Antshrike, White-fringed Antwren, Jet Antbird, Vermilion Flycatcher, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Panama Flycatcher, Scrub Greenlet, Pale-breasted thrush, Buff-breasted Wren, Rufous-capped Warbler, Buff-rumped Warbler, White-eared Conebill, Plain-colored Tanager, Grassland Sparrow, Slate coloured, Ruddy-breasted, Gray, and Yellow-bellied Seedeater, Blue-black Grassquit, and much more. In the afternoon we will transfer to Mariquita Village in where we will stay in a nice vocational hotel.

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Day 5. Bellavista – Rio Claro
This morning we will visit the Bellavista Nature Reserve, which is a small but really nice reserve in the Caldas department not far away. In the afternoon we will transfer to Canon del Rio Claro in the Rio Claro Nature Reserve, which is about a 3-4 hour drive but we will stop at various points along the road to see interesting birds, which will include White-mantled Barbet, Beautiful Woodpecker, Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant, Sooty Ant-Tanager, Tody Motmot, Cocoa and Streak-headed Woodcreeper, Red-billed Scythebill, Streaked Flycatcher, Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, Striped Manakin, White-bearded Manakin, Golden-hooded Tanager, Black-faced Dacnis, Streaked and Buff-throated Saltator, Yellow-bellied Seedeater, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Great and Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Cocoi Heron, Bare-faced Ibis, Wood Stork, Jabiru, Northern Screamer Roadside Hawk, Pearl Kite, Yellow-headed Caracara, American Kestrel, Large-billed Tern, and Black, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, White-headed Marsh-Tyrant, Pied Water-Tyrant, and White-winged Swallow.

RIO CLARO NATURE RESERVE http://www.rioclaroelrefugio.com/

Day 6-7. Rio Claro Nature Reserve
We will bird all day Rio Claro Nature Reserve where you will enjoy the incredible tropical forest and amazing biodiversity. Some birds that are possible to see in this location are White-mantled Barbet, Sooty-ant Tanager, Colombia Chachalaca, Beautiful Woodpecker, Citron-throated Toucan, Black-bellied Wren, Scrub Tanager, Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher, Marble Wood-Quail, Chestnut-backed Antbird, Stripe-throated Hermit, Ruby Topaz, Dull-
mantled Antbird, Purple-crowned Fairy, Western White-tailed Trogon, Pied Puffbird, Barred Puffbird, White-whiskered Puffbird, Cinnamon Woodpecker, Jet Antbird, Pacific Antwren, Brown-capped Tyrannulet, Southern Bentbill, Long-tailed Tyrant, Rufous Piha, Blue Cotinga, Yellow-browed Shrike-Vireo, Black-chested Jay, Rufous Wren, Scarlet-browned Tanager, Plain-coloured Tanager, Golden-hooded Tanager, White-ear Conebill, Slate-coloured Seedeater, Thick-billed Seed Finch, Large-bellied Seed Finch, Orange-crowned Oriole, Fulvous-vented Euphonia and so much more. We will spend two more nights within the RIO CLARO NATURE RESERVE.


**Day 8. Rio Claro Reserve – Cerulean Warbler Bird Reserve**
We will leave in the morning to San Vicente de Chucuri Town, a small town in the mountains where the Cerulean Warbler Reserve is located. This is a great reserve that protects many migratory birds, as well as endemic and endangered species. The journey will take approximately 6-7 hours and on the way we will make many stops to look for birds and during the afternoon we will change cars for a 4x4 Pick-up to go up at the Reserve.
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**Day 9. Cerulean Warbler Bird Reserve**
We will bird all day in the forests of the Yariguies National Nature Park and Cerulean Warbler Reserve, searching for many interesting species such as Gorgeted Wood Quail, Black Inca, White-mantled Barbet, Parker’s Antbird, Upper Magdalena Tapaculo, Colombia Mountain Grackle, Long-tailed Tapaculo, Andean Emerald, Highland Tinamou, Moustached Puffbird, Red-headed Barbet, Crimson-rumped Toucanet, Spotted Barbtail, White-bellied Antpitta, Ochre-breasted Antpitta, Yellow-throated Spadebill, White-throated Spadebill, Green and black Fruitetater, Pavonine Cuckoo, Golden-wing Manakin, Rufous-naped Brush Finch and more. We will spend a second night in San Vicente de Chucuri
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**Day 10. Cerulean Warbler Bird Reserve - Recurved-billed Bushbird Reserve - Ocana**
The morning will be spent birding around around the coffee plantations within the Reserve, before transferring to Ocaña, the closest town to the Recurved-billed Bushbird Reserve. This small reserve of unique subtropical dry cloud forest is owned ProAves and is the best site to see this spectacular Bird, locally known as Hormiguero de Torcoroma, which is fairly common here. The reserve has a network of excellent trails and some other interesting birds we will look for today are Yellow-browened Shrike-Vireo, Rough-legged Tyrannulet, Bicoloured Wren, Band-backed Wren, Chestnut-bellied Hummingbird, Beautiful Woodpecker, Turquoise Dacnis, Indigo-capped Hummingbird, Rufous-naped Greenlet, Niceforo’s Wren, Bar-crested Antshrike and more.
**Day 11. Recurved-billed Bushbird Reserve**

We will search for birds all day within the bamboo and secondary forests of the Reserve. The focus species for today are of course Recurved-billed Bushbird, as well as Grey-throated Warbler, Streak Spinetail, Black-fronted Wood-Quail, Lined Quail-Dove, Long-tailed Antbird, Chestnut-bellied Thrush, Orange-billed Nightingale-thrush, Mustached Brush Finch (NE), White-bibbed Manakin (NE), Band tailed Guan (NE), Chestnut-capped Brush Finch, Lazuliine Sabrewing, Black-headed Tanager, Burnished-buff Tanager, Speckled Tanager, Yellow-legged Thrush, Moustached Puffbird, Yellow-bellied Siskin, Cliff Flycatcher and others. In the evening we will return to Ocana for a night at the HOTEL TARIGUA DE OCAÑA.


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**Day 12. Ocana - Riohacha**

We will leave very early in the morning for the transfer to Riohacha in the Guajira, which will take about 7 hours. On the way we will stop in a dry forest area to search for some interesting birds, such as Hooded Tanager, Crested Bobwhite, Double-striped Thick-Knee, Red Siskin (difficult and uncertainly records), Striped-back Wren and others.


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**Day 13. Riohacha – Los Flamencos Nat. Park – Minca**

The whole morning will be spent searching for very special and different species in the Los Flamencos National Park. Then later in the afternoon, we will transfer to El Dorado Nature Reserve in the Santa Marta Mountains. Some of the species that we might possibly find today are White-whiskered Spinetail, Vermilion Cardinal, Harris’s Hawk, Common Black-Hawk, Pearl Kite, Aplomado Falcon, American Kestrel, Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, Bare-eyed Pigeon, Common and Ruddy ground-dove, Brown-throated and Blue-crowned parakeet, Green-rumped Parrotlet, Burrowing Owl, Red-billed Emerald, Buffy Hummingbird, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Blue-crowned Motmot, Russet-throated Puffbird, Chestnut Piculet, Red-crowned Woodpecker, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Caribbean Hornero, Pale-breasted Spinetail, Black-crested and Back-backed Antshrike, White-fringed Antwren, Northern Scrub-Flycatcher, Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet, Sleneder-billed Tyrannulet, Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant, Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant, Vermilion Flycatcher, Brown-crested and Venezuelan flycatcher, Streaked Flycatcher, Social Flycatcher, Bicolored Wren, Black-chested Jay, Tropical Gnatcatcher, Tropical Mockingbird, Scrub Greenlet, Blue-gray and Glaucous tanager, Tocuyo sparrow, Black-faced Grassquit, Pileated Finch, Grayish, Buff-throated and Orinocan Saltator, Saffron Finch, and Yellow Oriole.


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We will search for birds all day in the San Lorenzo Ridge area of El Dorado Natural Reserve, where we should find many endemics in this special bird hotspot. Some of the possible birds are Santa Marta Parakeet, Santa Marta Screech-Owl, White-tailed Starfrontlet, Santa Marta(Tyrian) Metaltail, Santa Marta Woodstar, Rusty-headed Spinetail, Santa Marta Antpitta, Santa Marta Tapaculo, Brown-rumped Tapaculo, Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant, Yellow-crowned Redstart, White-lored Warbler, Santa Marta Warbler, Santa Marta (Black-cheeked) Mountain-Tanager, and Santa Marta Brush-Finch, Black-backed Thornbill, Santa Marta Sabrewing, Sierra Nevada Brush-Finch, Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner, Streak-capped Spinetail, Coppery Emerald, Blossomcrown, White-rumped Hawk, Band-tailed Guan, Sickle-winged Guan, Black-fronted Wood-Quail, Band-tailed Pigeon, Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, Red-billed Parrot, White-tipped Quetzal, Masked Trogon, Golden-olive Woodpecker, Yellow-billed (Groove-billed) Toucanet, Emerald Toucanet, Montane Foliage-gleaner, Spotted Barbtail, Streaked Xenops, Gray-throated Leaffooser, Strong-billed Woodcreeper, Rusty-breasted Antpitta, Rufous Antpitta, Mountain Elaenia, Black-capped Tyrannulet, Venezuelan and White-throated tyrannulet, Olive-striped Flycatcher, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, Cinnamon Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant, Golden-breasted Fruiteater, Gray-breasted Wood-Wren, Orange-billed and Slaty-backed Nightingale-thrush, Great Thrush, Black-hooded Thrush, Slate-throated
Redstart, Three-striped Warbler, White-sided Flowerpiercer, Blue-naped Chlorophonia and others. We will spend a second night within the Reserve.

NIGHT IN EL DORADO NATURAL RESERVE / http://www.eldoradoreserve.org/en/

Day 15. San Lorenzo Ridge and El Dorado Nature Reserve
Today we will look for birds in the medium elevations and Minca location and your beautiful humid tropical forest all day. Some of the birds that we might find are Black Hawk-Eagle, Crested Bobwhite, Military Macaw, Scarlet-fronted and Orange-chinned parakeet, Red-billed Parrot, White-tipped Dove, Lined Quail-Dove (voice), White-collared and Chestnut-collared swift, Blue-fronted Lancebill, Green Violetear, Brown Violetear, Coppery Emerald, White-vented Plumeleteer, Blossomcrown, Steely-vented Hummingbird, Collared Aracari, Keel-billed Toucan, Golden-olive, Lineated and Crimson-crested woodpecker, Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner (endemic), Black-backed Antshrike, Long-tailed Antbird, Greenish and Forest Elaenia, Yellow-olive and Ochre-faced (Yellow-breasted) flycatcher, Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher, Social and Piratic flycatcher, Cinereous, Cinnamon and White-winged becard, Masked Tityra, Rufous-breasted and Rufous-and-white wren, Yellow-legged, Black-hooded, Pale-breasted, and Black-billed thrush, Black-chested Jay, Golden-fronted Greenlet, Brown-capped Vireo, Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush (at least a voice), Red-legged and Purple honeycreeper, Blue Dacnis, Rusty Flowerpiercer, Bay-headed, Black-headed, Black-capped, Blue-gray, Palm, White-lined and Crimson-backed tanager, Streaked and Grayish saltator, Golden-winged Sparrow, Yellow-bellied Seedeater, Yellow-backed Oriole, Crested Oropendola and Thick-billed Euphonia. During the northern winter months these foothills also harbour a good number of North American breeding migrants including Swainson’s Thrush, Yellow-throated Vireo, Tennessee, Golden-winged, Cerulean, Blackburnian, and Black-throated Green warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Summer Tanager. We will spend a third night within the Reserve.

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Day 16. Santa Marta – Bogota
A last morning of birding close to the cabins, with an opportunity to find species not already spotted. We will travel to Bogota to end the tour.

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Day 17. Flight to home

List of Hotels used in this itinerary
3 nights in Bogota at Hotel Real Estacion
1 night in Libano at Calle Real del Libano Hotel
1 night in Mariquita at Casa Quinta Vacacional
3 nights at **Canon de Rio Claro** at Rio Claro Nature Reserve
2 nights in **San Vicente de Chucuri** at Quinta Tibigaro Hotel
2 nights in **Ocana** at Hotel Tarigua
1 night in **Riohacha** at Hotel Barbacoa
3 nights in the **Sierra Nevada** at Minca Hotel

**The price includes:**
- All Domestic flights
- Private transport in good modern air-conditioned vehicles and in 4x4 jeeps where necessary
- Accommodation in hotels and nature reserves as described (All rooms have en-suite bathrooms)
- All Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner in all locations with a la carte menu in restaurants, 2 snacks daily that include bottle water, fruit, etc (Just one beer, soda, bottle water or juice included with meals and additional drinks may be purchased)
- All tours and activities as described with entrance fees included
- Professional birding guides at all bird destinations and bird reserves
- Bilingual Tour leader will accompany group during the whole tour of 16 days Bogota-Bogota
- 24 hour assistance of local agents during the whole tour

**Not included:**
- Personal expenses and tips for local guides and drivers, etc.

**PRICES 2019 / $ 4.300 USD – NET PRICE PER PERON**
**Single Room Supplement: $ 420 USD**
**Tour from 4 people confirmed**