

# BOGOTÁ, COFFEE REGION & CAUCA VALLEY BIRDING

Ocampo Expeditions Birding & Wildlife



## About this trip

Your adventure begins in the heart of Colombia's Coffee Region, where mist drapes the mountains at dawn, and the cloud forests stretch like an emerald sea beneath the Andean sky. Here, amidst moss-covered trees and wild orchids, the sounds of nature signal the start of each day. As you walk along the cool trails of the páramo, the grayish-blue silhouette of a Mountain-Toucan emerges from the foliage, while a fleeting purple flash reveals the presence of a Thornbill. In the open clearings, the striking hues of the Mountain Tanager stand out against the endless landscape. After a morning of breathtaking birdwatching, a table awaits with the rich aroma of the world's finest coffee and a feast of local delicacies—golden arepas, fresh trout, and sweet guava treats that delight the senses.

The journey then descends into the Cauca Valley, where the climate grows warmer, and the vegetation shifts dramatically. In this transitional landscape, humid forests and hidden ravines set the stage for one of nature's most spectacular displays—the courtship ritual of the Andean Cock-of-the-rock. With its blazing plumage and energetic dance, this iconic bird transforms birdwatching into a living spectacle. Deeper into the jungle, the exotic calls of the Toucan Barbet echo through lichen-covered trees, while the shimmering Glistening-green Tanagers sparkle like living emeralds high in the canopy. Between expeditions, moments of rest are accompanied by fresh tropical juices and exquisite regional dishes—flavorful tamales, crispy empanadas, and the refreshing sweetness of a lulada, a local specialty perfect for cooling down before the next adventure.

Finally, Bogotá welcomes travelers with its crisp air and breathtaking Andean highlands. Here, among mountains that seem to touch the sky, the high-altitude forests hide true avian treasures. The Flame-faced Tanager dazzles with its brilliant palette of colors, while the Golden-winged Manakin flits nimbly through the undergrowth, challenging even the sharpest eyes. In the quiet of the forest, the subtle beauty of the Fawn-breasted Tanager adds a delicate final touch to this unforgettable journey. And after a day of exploration, the capital invites you to savor its culinary delights—a steaming bowl of ajiaco or a tray of traditional Andean desserts, paired with a warm canelazo to toast to the wonders this adventure has unveiled.



Coffee Region, Cauca Valley and Bogotá in Colombia

# Trip overview

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## What's included

- ✔ Transportation
  - ✔ Lodging
 Twin accommodation
  - ✔ Meals
 From lunch on day 01 to breakfast on day 18
  - ✔ Entrances
  - ✔ Travel insurance
  - ✔ Driver
  - ✔ Expert Birding Guide
  - ✔ Domestic Flights
 Bogotá - Pereira and Cali - Bogotá
  - ✘ 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
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# Packages & Options

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Available packages

**Single Room Supplement: USD \$1,234**

**TOUR:** BOGOTÁ, COFFEE REGION & CAUCA VALLEY – (GROUP: MIN. 4 - MAX. 10.)

**Price Per Person (4 PAX)**

**USD \$6,033**

Deposit: USD \$1,809

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**Price Per Person (6 PAX)**

**USD \$5,022**

Deposit: USD \$1,506

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**Price Per Person (8 PAX)**

**USD \$4,517**

Deposit: USD \$1,355

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**Price Per Person (10 PAX)**

**USD \$4,214**

Deposit: USD \$1,264

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## Day 01 Arrival in Bogotá – Welcome to Colombia

Upon your arrival at El Dorado International Airport (BOG) in Bogotá, the team, consisting of one of our drivers and a professional birding guide, will be ready to welcome you to Colombia. From the airport, you will be transferred to Hotel Habitel Select, located just a few minutes away.

Upon arrival at Hotel Habitel Select, 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.

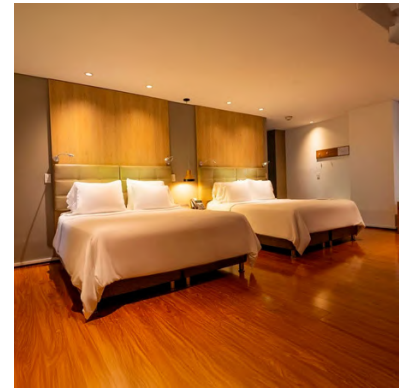
**Hotel Habitel Select:** <https://www.habitelhotels.com/en/hotel-habitel-select-in-bogota/>



## Day 02 Journey to the Coffee Region: From Bogotá to Manizales

Early in the morning, you will depart from Hotel Habitel Select and head directly to El Dorado International Airport to catch your flight to Pereira, in Colombia's renowned coffee region. Upon arrival, our driver will be waiting to welcome you and begin the journey to Manizales, the central hub of our tour in the coffee region. You will be staying at Hotel Quo Quality.

**Hotel Quo Quality:** <https://quo.com.co/>



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## Day 03 Exploring Rio Blanco Nature Reserve

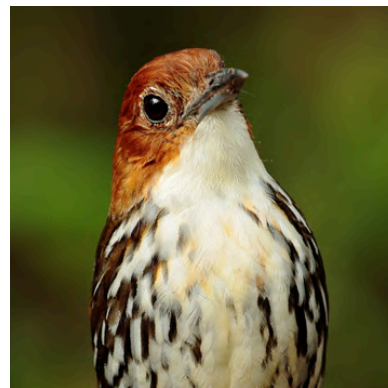
Your day begins early with a departure from Hotel Quo Quality to the Rio Blanco Nature Reserve, a short 20-minute drive away. Located just 3 km from Manizales, Rio Blanco is an ideal spot for bird photography, boasting 4,932 hectares of cloud forest ranging from 2,150 to 3,700 meters above sea level. 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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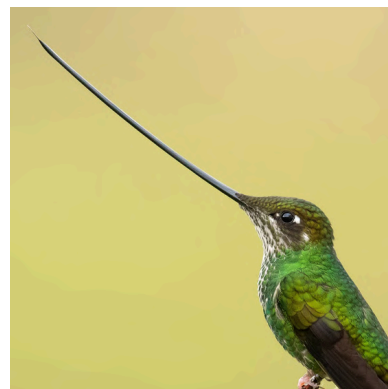


## Day 04 Hacienda El Bosque – A Birdwatcher's Paradise

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>



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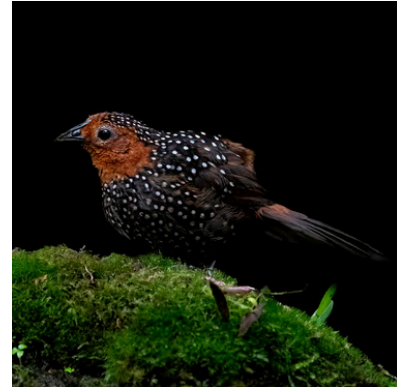
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## Day 05 Bird Photography at Glamping El Color de mis Rêves

Early in the morning, you will depart from Manizales to visit Glamping El Color de mis Rêves, located in Villamaría, Caldas. This unique glamping site offers an exceptional bird photography experience, with more than 90 bird species thriving in its serene forest ecosystem. Visitors can immerse themselves in nature and capture stunning images of vibrant birdlife.

In the afternoon, you will return to Hotel Quo Quality for an evening of rest and relaxation.

**Glamping El Color de mi Revés eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L22389851>



## Day 06 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 Oxygogon 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 Araucana Lodge](#) in the 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 07 La Florida and Bosque de Niebla – A Photographic Adventure

On this day, you will depart early from La Araucana Lodge to visit La Florida, one of the premier bird photography locations in the Cauca Valley. Here, you will have the opportunity to photograph special birds, including the endemic *Chlorochrysa nitidissima*, as well as unique species like *Saltator atripennis*, *Crypturellus soui*, *Atlapetes albinucha*, *Chalcothraupis ruficervix*, *Zentrygon frenata*, *Odontophorus hyperythrus*, *Eubucco bourcierii*, and *Tangara xanthocephala*. More than 360 bird species have been recorded at La Florida, and you will enjoy breakfast during your visit.

Afterward, you will head to Bosque de Niebla Birding and Nature for lunch. This location provides excellent opportunities to photograph hummingbirds in optimal lighting and background conditions. Species you may encounter include *Coeligena coeligena*, *Ocreatus underwoodii*, *Heliodoxa rubinoides*, *Uranomitra franciae*, and other birds such as *Tangara nigroviridis*, *Masius chrysopterus*, *Cyanocorax yncas*, and many more.

In the afternoon, you will return to La Araucana Lodge for dinner and relaxation after a fulfilling day of birdwatching.

**La Florida eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L10440585>

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



## Day 08 Exploring the Cloud Forest: Birding in San Antonio & Km 18

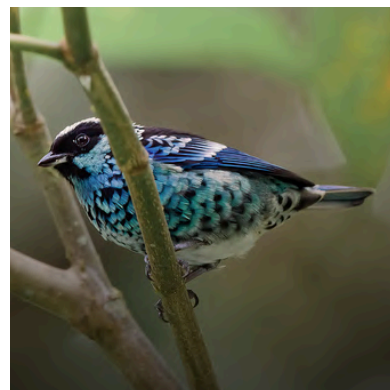
On this day, you will visit the San Antonio Cloud Forest, home to an impressive 358 recorded bird species. Birdwatching will take place along the roadside, allowing you to observe a variety of species in their natural habitat.

Later, you will return to Kilometer 18, but this time focusing on birding along the road rather than at feeders. This approach will provide the opportunity to spot more elusive and different species from the previous day.

In the afternoon, you will return to La Araucana Lodge for a well-deserved rest.

**San Antonio Cloud Forest eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L465406>

**Kilometer 18 Cloud Forest eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2737290>





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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.

We will depart from La Araucana before dawn, allowing us to arrive in time to begin the descent to the hide at 5:00 a.m. This walk takes us through the forest along a well-marked and adapted trail. As the sun begins to rise, we will reach the hide, where we can observe the **Andean Cock-of-the-Rock** from just one or two meters away. After this incredible experience, we will return to the main house for breakfast and continue birdwatching as various species visit the feeders.

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 be transferred to **La Huerta Hotel**, located in Calima.

**Finca Doña Dora eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4375590>



## Day 10 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 11 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 12 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 return to Hotel La Huerta.

**Sonso Lagoon eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L465353>



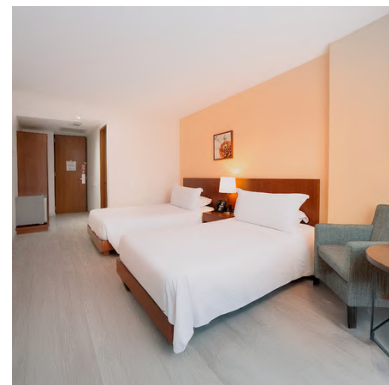
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## Day 13 Transition to Bogotá: From Cali to the Next Adventure

On this day, you will travel from La Huerta Hotel directly to Alfonso Bonilla Aragón Airport in Cali to catch your connecting flight to Bogotá, where your tour will continue. Upon arrival in Bogotá, accompanied by our guide, another driver will be waiting to take you back to Hotel Habitel Select. There, you will have time to rest and prepare for the next day's adventures.

**Hotel Habitel Select:** <https://www.habitelhotels.com/en/hotel-habitel-select-in-bogota/>

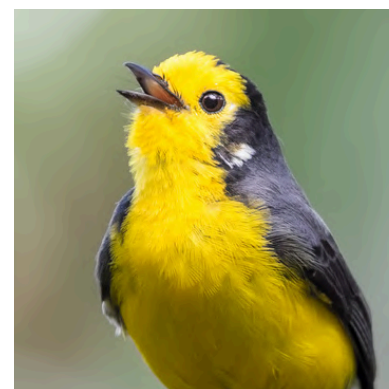


## Day 14 Hummingbird Photography at Observatorio de Colibríes

Early in the morning, you will depart from the hotel to visit the Observatorio de Colibríes in La Calera, a prime location for hummingbird observation and photography. Here, you will have the chance to see and capture stunning species such as the Blue-throated Starfrontlet (*Coeligena helianthea*) and the Black-tailed Trainbearer (*Lesbia victoriae*). With up to 230 bird species recorded in this area, it promises a remarkable birding experience.

In the afternoon, you will return to Hotel Habitel Select to rest and prepare for the next day's activities.

**Observatorio de Colibríes, La Calera eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3892139>



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## Day 15 La Florida Wetland: Exploring Bogotá's Avian Treasures

On this day, you will visit La Florida Wetland, located near Bogotá's airport, a prime birding site where up to 398 species have been recorded. Here, you will have the opportunity to observe fascinating birds, including the Yellow-hooded Blackbird (*Chrysomus icterocephalus bogotensis*), a Bogotá-endemic subspecies.

In the afternoon, you will return to Hotel Habitel Select to rest and prepare for the next day's adventures.

**La Florida Wetland eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L656882>

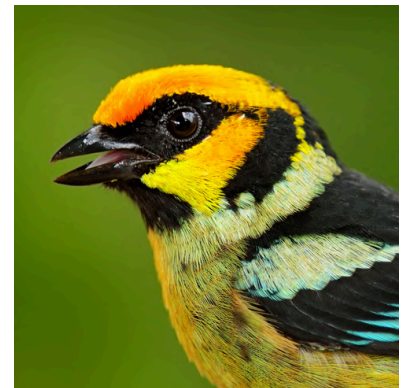


## Day 16 Birding Expedition to Parque Verde y Agua

On this day, you will travel two hours from Hotel Habitel Select to Parque Verde y Agua, a birding hotspot where more than 300 species have been recorded. The highlight of the day will undoubtedly be the stunning Flame-faced Tanager (*Tangara parzudakii*), a true showstopper among the region's vibrant birdlife.

In the afternoon, you will return to Hotel Habitel Select to rest and recharge for the next adventure.

**Parque Verde y Agua eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L7323064>



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## Day 17 Final Birding Stop: Monserrate & El Paramuno Trail

On this day, you will visit one of Bogotá's most iconic landmarks, Cerro Monserrate, a scenic viewpoint offering breathtaking panoramic views of the city. Beyond its touristic appeal, Monserrate hides a true birding gem—the El Paramuno Trail, where you can spot fascinating species such as the Blue-backed Conebill (*Conirostrum sitticolor*), Golden-bellied Starfrontlet (*Coeligena bonapartei*), and Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager (*Dubusia taeniata*).

This will be the final birding destination of the tour. By midday, you will return to Hotel Habitel Select for lunch, packing, and a well-earned rest before your departure.

**El Paramuno Trail eBird Hotspot:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1335070>

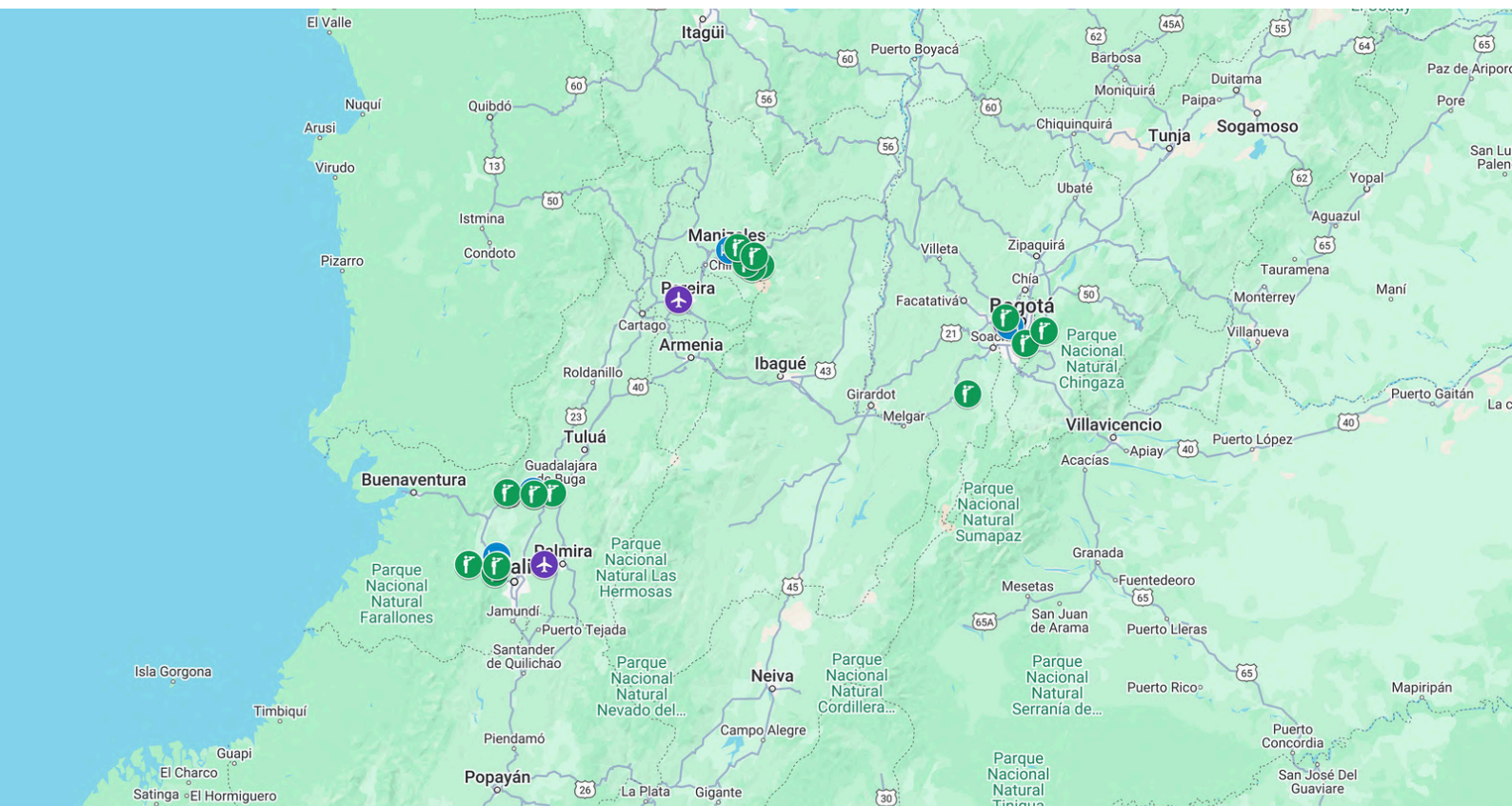


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## Day 18 Farewell & Departure: Until Next Time!

On this day, after breakfast at Hotel Habel Select, you will depart early for El Dorado International Airport, where you will catch your flight back home.

We sincerely thank you for joining us on this incredible birding journey through Colombia. It has been a pleasure sharing these unforgettable moments with you, exploring the country's breathtaking landscapes and diverse wildlife. We hope to see you again for another adventure in the future! Safe travels and happy birding!



[Tour map: click here](#)



# About us

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## OCAMPO EXPEDITIONS BIRDING & WILDLIFE TOURS

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](mailto:ocampo.wpe@gmail.com) before finalizing your reservation. Failure to review these documents will not exempt you from compliance with the stipulated terms.

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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](#).