



CARIBBEAN ENDEMIC BIRDING TOUR

Day 0: Arrival in Barranquilla

This day is reserved for international arrivals. No activities or meals are included today. Rest up to be fully prepared for our early departure tomorrow morning. Pick-up and hotel night included.

Day 1: Salamanca National Park & Transfer to Minca

We set off at 6:00 AM towards Isla de Salamanca National Park. Along this coastal mangrove and wetlands route, we will encounter our first Caribbean specialties.

- **Targets:** **Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird** (Endemic), **Chestnut-winged Chachalaca** (Endemic), Sapphire-throated Hummingbird, Northern Screamer, Brown-throated Parakeet, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, American Pygmy Kingfisher, White-headed Marsh-Tyrant, Red-rumped Woodpecker, Bicolored Conebill, Turquoise-winged Parrotlet, and Yellow-chinned Spinetail.
- **Afternoon:** Around lunchtime, we transfer to the foothills of Minca to watch for Keel-billed Toucan, Crested Oropendola, Swallow-Tanager, Black-and-white Owl, Gartered Trogon, Scaled Piculet, and Yellow-legged Thrush.

Day 2: Full-Day Birding around Minca

We spend the day exploring the diverse trail networks and shade-coffee surroundings of Minca town to locate key transitional-elevation species. Including the owling session.

- **Targets:** **Rosy Thrush-Tanager**, Golden-winged Sparrow, Black-headed Tanager, Blue-ground Dove, and Barred Antshrike. Black-and-White Owl, Tropical Screech-Owl And Mottled Owl.

Day 3: Ascent to Mountain House Route

At 5:30 AM, we board our private 4WD vehicles to bird the rugged dirt road connecting Minca to the higher ridges, making multiple strategic stops for localized endemics.

- **Targets:** **Santa Marta Blossomcrown** (Endemic), **Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner** (Endemic), **Santa Marta Antbird** (Endemic), **Santa Marta Tapaculo** (Endemic), **Santa Marta Woodstar** (Endemic), **Santa Marta Brushfinch** (Endemic), and **Santa Marta Screech-Owl** (Endemic).



Day 4: San Lorenzo Ridge to Tayrona Lowlands

An early 4:00 AM start via 4WD takes us to the highest accessible point at San Lorenzo Ridge. We will enjoy a packed breakfast on the ridge to maximize prime morning light for the mountain endemics.

- **Targets:** **Santa Marta Parakeet** (Endemic), **Santa Marta Warbler** (Endemic), **Rusty-headed Spinetail** (Endemic), **Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant** (Endemic), **Santa Marta Antpitta** (Endemic), **Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager** (Endemic), Brown-rumped Tapaculo, Hermit Wood-Wren, Yellow-crowned Whitestart, and Black-backed Thornbill.
- **Afternoon:** Descend the mountain into the lush coastal lowlands bordering Tayrona.

Day 5: Tayrona National Park to Camarones

We spend the morning exploring the dry-to-humid coastal forests of Tayrona National Park, keeping a sharp lookout for one of Colombia's rarest targets.

- **Targets:** **Blue-billed Curassow** (Critically Endemic), White-bellied Antbird, Crimson-crested Woodpecker, Golden-fronted Greenlet, Buff-breasted Wren, White-bearded Manakin, Lance-tailed Manakin, White-chinned Sapphire, and Ruddy Woodcreeper.
- **Afternoon:** Transfer to Camarones (La Guajira), stopping along the highway for Caribbean Hornero, Northern Scrub-Flycatcher, and Ochre-lored Flatbill.

Day 6: Los Flamencos Sanctuary & Desert Sailing

A full morning exploring the arid, thorny dry forest of Camarones. After lunch, we step away from the shore and board private sailing boats to scout the shallow lagoons for specialized aquatic species.

- **Targets:** **Vermilion Cardinal**, **Tocuyo Sparrow**, Orinocan Saltator, Pileated Finch, White-whiskered Spinetail, Mangrove Rail, Double-striped Thick-knee, White-cheeked Pintail, Green-rumped Parrotlet, and American Oystercatcher.

Day 7: Guajira Dry Forest to Valledupar



We target any missing regional specialties in the morning before embarking on our transfer south toward the valley floor of Valledupar.

- **Targets:** Buffy Hummingbird, Rufous-vented Chachalaca, Bare-eyed Pigeon, Northern White-fringed Antwren, Pale-tipped Inezia, Slender-billed Inezia, Glaucous Tanager, Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant, and Dickcissel.

Day 8: Los Tananeos Reserve to Perijá Mountains

An early departure takes us to Los Tananeos Reserve, a protected canvas of riparian forest, before starting our steep ascent into the isolated Serranía de Perijá.

- **Targets:** Military Macaw, Brown Tinamou, Scaled Piculet, Black-backed Antshrike, Rufous-breasted Wren, Ruby-topaz Hummingbird, Forest Elaenia, and Glaucous Tanager.

Day 9: High Perijá Moorlands & Páramo

We spend a rigorous, highly rewarding full day exploring the high-altitude elfin forests and páramo ecosystems of the Perijá range, tracking species found nowhere else on earth.

- **Targets:** Perija Thistletail (Endemic), Perija Metaltail (Endemic), Perija Antpitta (Endemic), Perija Brushfinch (Endemic), Perija Tapaculo (Endemic), Perija Starfrontlet (Endemic), Yellow-breasted Brushfinch, Rufous-shafted Woodstar, Andean Condor, Golden-headed Quetzal, Spectacled Tyrannulet, Fulvous-headed Tanager, and Black-and-chestnut Eagle.

Day 10: Perijá Mid-Elevation

A flexible day designed to either return to the high summits for missed specialties or concentrate deeply on the rich mid-montane cloud forests to secure missing targets.

Day 11: Perijá Descent to La Jagua de Ibirico

We bird our way down the mountain roads, maximizing roadside microclimates before transferring to the lowlands of La Jagua de Ibirico to position ourselves for tomorrow's key target.

Day 12: Foothill Exploration & Perijá Parakeet

An early morning push into the low-to-mid elevations of the Perijá foothills to target the endangered local parakeet and a host of tropical forest species.



- **Targets: Perija Parakeet** (Endemic), Black-fronted Wood-Quail, Golden-headed Manakin, Rosy Thrush-Tanager, Foothill Screech-Owl, Black-and-white Owl, King Vulture, and Keel-billed Toucan.

Day 13: Departure from Valledupar

After breakfast, we provide private transfers from our hotel to the Valledupar Airport (VUP) for your domestic connections to Bogotá or direct international flights home, officially concluding your epic northern endemic expedition.