



## ITINERARY SERRANIA DEL PERIJÁ BIRDING TOUR – 6 Days/5 Nights

**Day 0:** Arrival in Valledupar Welcome to Colombia! This is your official arrival day at the Valledupar Airport (VUP). A private transfer will meet you at the airport and escort you to our comfortable hotel in the city.

- *Please note: This is an arrival and rest day; no official guiding services or field meals are scheduled.*
- **Overnight:** Hampton by Hilton Valledupar

### Day 1: Los Tananeos Reserve & Ascent to the Perijá Mountains

An early morning departure takes us to Los Tananeos Reserve, a beautifully protected sanctuary of lowland dry and riparian forest. After a productive morning session, we begin our steep 4x4 ascent up into the isolated and dramatic Serranía de Perijá, changing elevations and watching the ecosystems transform while birding our way up the mountain.

- **Key Targets:** Military Macaw, Brown Tinamou, Lance-tailed Manakin, Scaled Piculet, Black-backed Antshrike, Rufous-breasted Wren, Ruby-topaz Hummingbird, Forest Elaenia, Rosy Thrush-Tanager, and Glaucous Tanager.
- **Overnight:** Perijá Mountains (*ProAves Reserve Lodge or Ecolodge Mashiramo, depending on availability*)

### Day 2: High Perijá Moorlands & Pristine Páramo

We spend a rigorous, highly rewarding full day exploring the high-altitude elfin forests and isolated páramo ecosystems of the Sabana Rubia range. This is the heart of the expedition, where we will track specialized species found nowhere else on Earth.

- **Key Targets:** Perijá Thistletail (Endemic), Perijá Metaltail (Endemic), Perijá Antpitta (Endemic), Perijá Brushfinch (Endemic), Perijá Tapaculo (Endemic), Perijá Starfrontlet (Endemic), Yellow-breasted Brushfinch, Rufous-shafted Woodstar, Andean Condor, Golden-headed Quetzal, Spectacled Tyrannulet, Fulvous-headed Tanager, and the rare Black-and-chestnut Eagle.
- **Overnight:** Perijá Mountains (*ProAves Reserve Lodge or Ecolodge Mashiramo, depending on availability*)

### Day 3: Perijá Descent to La Jagua de Ibirico

Today we bird our way down the mountain roads, maximizing our time in the changing roadside microclimates and cloud forest edges. In the afternoon, we transfer to the lowlands of La Jagua de Ibirico to position ourselves perfectly for tomorrow's key targets.

- **Key Targets:** Black-fronted Brushfinch, Yellow-throated Toucan, Black-headed Tanager, Sooty Grassquit, Chestnut-bellied Thrush, Black-hooded Thrush, Golden-breasted Fruiteater, Red-billed Parrot, and Lazuline Sabrewing.



- **Overnight:** Hotel Colonial

#### **Day 4: Foothill Exploration & The Perijá Parakeet**

An early morning push takes us into the low-to-mid elevations of the Perijá foothills. Our primary focus is to target the endangered local parakeet along with a rich host of tropical dry and premontane forest species. We will wrap up this incredible day with an evening owling session in the foothills.

- **Key Targets:** Perijá Parakeet (Endemic), Black-fronted Wood-Quail, Golden-headed Manakin, Rosy Thrush-Tanager, King Vulture, Scaled Piculet, Keel-billed Toucan, Foothill Screech-Owl, and Black-and-white Owl.
- **Overnight:** Hotel Colonial

#### **Day 5: Breakfast & Departure**

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast at the hotel this morning as our expedition concludes. Our team will provide a private ground transfer to the Valledupar Airport (VUP) to connect with your onward departure flights home.

- **Logistics:** Morning airport drop-off after breakfast.

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

##### **What is Included:**

- **Accommodations:** Double/Single accommodation throughout the tour.
- **Meals:** Full board (all meals) starting from dinner on Day 0 to breakfast on Day 5 (with vegetarian options fully accommodated upon request).
- **Guiding Services:** One professional, bilingual expert birding guide, supplemented by local specialist guides where required.
- **Transportation:** All private ground transportation for the duration of the itinerary, including specialized 4x4 vehicles for mountain ascents.
- **Entrances:** All entry fees to national parks, private nature reserves, and protected areas.
- **Amenities:** Field snacks, fresh water, and professional Colombian event/travel insurance coverage.

##### **What is Not Included:**

- Alcoholic beverages.
- Optional activities or excursions not explicitly scheduled in the itinerary.
- International and domestic airfare, airport taxes, or visa fees.
- Personal expenses (laundry services, toiletries, room service, international phone calls).



- Medical expenses not covered by standard local event insurance.
- Unforeseen trip extensions caused by circumstances completely beyond our operational control.
- Tips and gratuities for guides and drivers.