



Birdwatching & Nature Ecuador

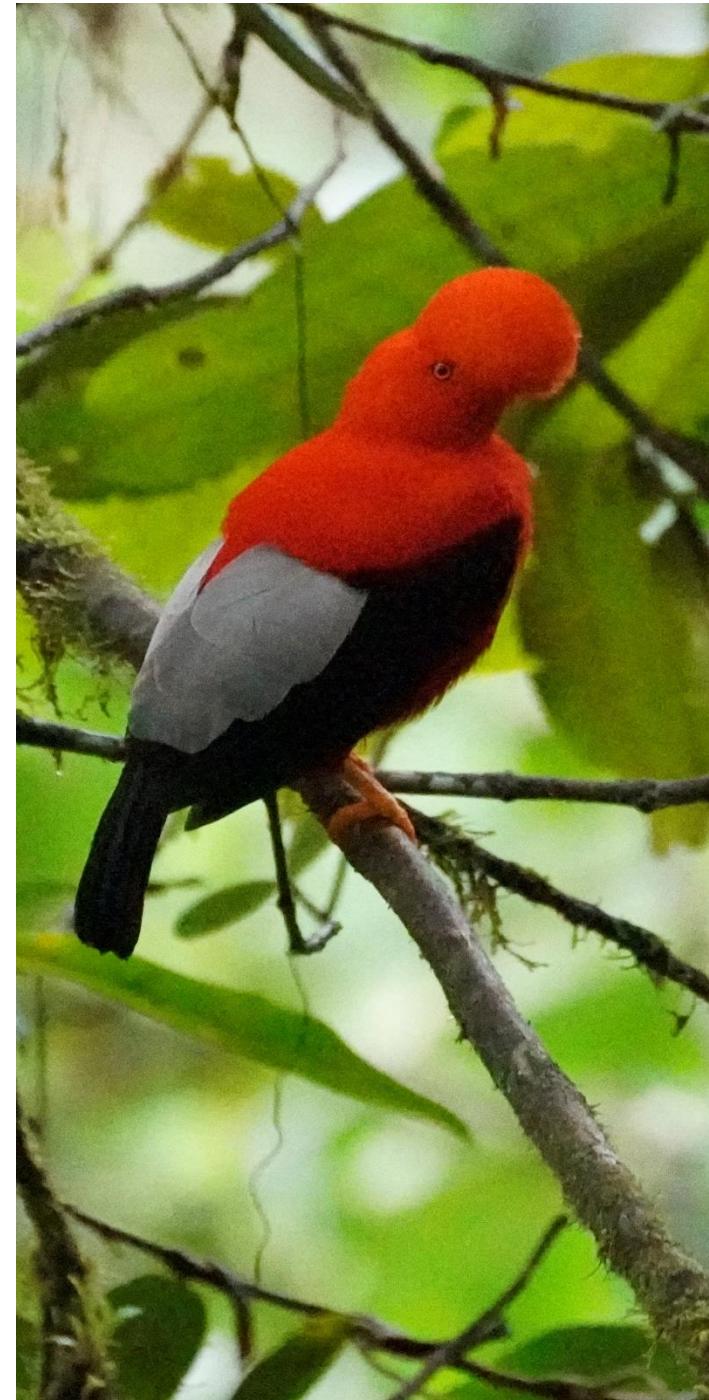
Chocó, Andes and Amazonia

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Briefing Itinerary



Day 1	Arrive to Quito, pick up at the airport. Overnight in Puembo Birding Garden or other
Day 2	Drive to Mindo Area Stay in Guaycapi Lodge
Day 3	Visit Angel Paz and Nambillo Valley Stay in Guaycapi Lodge
Day 4	Mashpi Amagusa Reserve and lek of Andean Cock-of-the-Rock. Overnight in Guaycapi Lodge.
Day 5	Escondite Sachatamia. Overnight in La Jimenita
Day 6	Antisana paramo Overnight in Termas De Papallacta
Day 7	Antenas de Papallacta, endemic birds of the Paramo and feeders. Overnight in Guango Lodge.
Day 8-9	Drive early to San Isidro this is head to the road of the Amazonas birding foothill of the Andes. Stay in Cabañas San Isidro couple of day for special targets.
Day 10 -11	Birding in Wild Sumaco couple of days Birding in one of the most spectacular areas in transition Forest of the Amazonas Basin and Andes
Day 12-13-14	Northeast of Ecuador. Arrive to Sani Lodge Amazonia. Birding Activities in Sani Lodge and Rio Napo Amazonia Ecuador. Overnight in Sani Lodge.
Day 15	Travel back to Quito Overnight in Quito.

Day 1. Sat May 16th

Arrive to Quito International Airport, located at 2500 meters above sea level.

Overnight at [Puembo Birding Garden](#) or other at Puembo City



Day 2. Sun May 17th

Drive to **Mindo** area (driving time: 2 hours), North western slope. Opportunity to look for **Black-chested Mountain-Tanager**, **Shining Sunbeam**, **Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager**, **Great Sapphirewing**, **Black-breasted Puffleg**

Overnight at [Guaycapi Lodge](#)

Day 3. Mon May 18th

Visit [Refugio Paz de las Aves \(Angel Paz\)](#) (30 minutes drive), one of the most famous spot in the valley, with opportunity to see antpittas at the feeders such as the **Giant Antpitta**, **Chesnut-crowned Antpitta**, **Ochre-breasted Antpitta** and the opportunity to spot the **Cock of the Rock**, **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan**, **Torrent Duck**, and other incredible species such as tanagers and hummingbirds.
Lunch Afternoon Nambillo Valley

Overnight in Guaycapi Lodge



Day 4. Tue May 19th

Packed breakfast, Early departure (4:30am) 2hrs drive to visit [Masphi Amagusa Reserve](#) (Chocó) feeder, **Moss-backed Tanager**, **Glistening-green Tanager**, **Rufous-throated Tanager**, **Orange-breasted Fruiteater**, **Indigo Flowerpiercer**.

Lunch on the way

Afternoon, visit the lek of the **Andean Cock-of-the-Rock**

Spend the night at Guaycapi Lodge.

Day 5 Wed May 20th

Head to [**Sachatamia Lodge**](#) (30 minutes drive), the moths light attracts birds from the forest that are difficult in natural light, **Strong-billed Woodcreeper, Rufous Motmot, Masked Trogon, Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner, Long-wattled Umbrellabird, Ornate Flycactcher.**

Visit [**Balcon Tumpiki**](#), look for the **Toucan Barbet, Velvet-purple Coronet, Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan, Golden Tanager, Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager, Violet-tailed Sylph.**

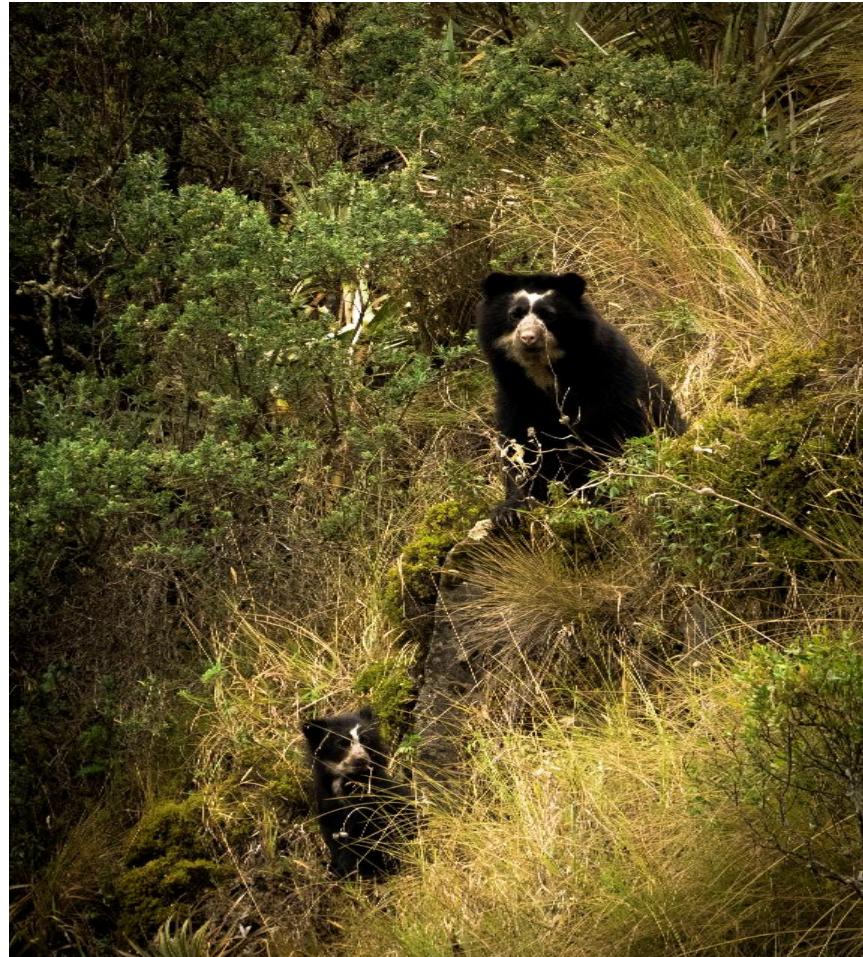
Birding in other feeders near Sachatamia forest, then head back to Quito (2 hrs).

Overnight in [**La Jimenita**](#)

Day 6 Thu May 21st

Drive to [**Antisana National Park**](#) (1:30 minutes drive). Birding in highlands eastern part, **Ecuadorian Hillstart, Giant hummingbird, Tawny Antpitta, Carunculated Caracara, Andean Gull**, amazing landscaping, opportunity for **Spectacled Bear**.

Head to **Papallacta** (drive 2 hrs) and sleep at [**Termas of Papallacta**](#)



Day 7. Fri May 22nd

6am Birding in Papallacta.

7:30am breakfast at the lodge

8am head to the [**Papallacta Antenas**](#) (30 minutes drive) for more specialties and endemic birds, hummingbird feeders, **Blue-mantled Thornbill**, **Rainbow-bearded Thornbill**, **Long tailed Sylph**, **Turquoise Jay**.

Head to [**Guango Lodge**](#) (40 minutes drive)

Overnight at this place



Day 8 & 9. Sat May 23rd & Sun May 24th

Drive early to San Isidro, this is head to the road ff the Amazonas birding foot hill of the Andes Before to Move to the Lowland Amazonia feeders and landscaping.

San Isidro Birding Lodge is part of a big corridor about 2000 hectares, the lodge it is a cloud forest with about 500 sp of birds reported, elevation of 2050m, its strategic location for birds of the high paramo and subtropical, **Wire-crested Thorntail**, **Masked Trogon**, **Powerful Woodpecker**, **Lemon-browed Flycatcher**, **Green-and-black Fruiteater**, **Beryl-spangled Tanager**.

Stay at [**Cabañas San Isidro**](#).

Day 10 & 11. Mon May 25th & Tue May 26th

Departure to [**Wildsumaco Biological Station**](#) (2 hours drive), spend a couple of days birding in one of the most spectacular areas of transition forest between the **Amazonas Basin** and the **Andes**.

This place is the **top hotspot** in all **Ecuador** with **673 species** reported on eBird, species such as **Plain-backed Antpitta**, **Black-streaked Puffbird**, **Fork-tailed Hummingbird**, **Coopery-chested Jacamar** and many many more.

Overnight at Wilsumaco Lodge



Head to el Coca (2 hours drive) to be picked up to go to [Sani Lodge](#), pure Amazonas navigating in Napo River, wildlife and bird watching photography, monkeys and other mammals from the amazon, aquatic birds, forest birds.

Sani Lodge Targets: **Hoatzin, Capped Heron, Blue-and-yellow Macaw, Cream-colored Woodpecker, Yellow-winged Parakeet, Wire-tailed Manakin, Screaming Piha, Long-tailed Potoo, Purplish Jacamar, Orange-headed Tanager** and others. Visit parrot clay licks at [Yasuni National Park](#).

Sani Lodge: 3 nights, 4 days.

The rate at this location here includes:

- Transportation Coca-Sani Lodge-Coca Accommodation
- All meals start with lunch on the first day and end with breakfast on the last day. Snacks for morning excursions
- Shared bilingual birding guide and excursions.
- Rubber boots in US Men's sizes up to 12 Rain ponchos
- Transfers at Coca airport.

THE RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses, drinks, tips
- Parakeet clay lick entrance fee USD 35 Other non-specified requirements (laundry)
- Air ticket Coca – Quito USD 260 (Subject to change
Includes assistance at the airports



Day 15. Sat May 30th

Fly back to Quito

Overnight at Puembo Birding Garden or similar



Included in the Rate

The rate at this location includes the following services and amenities:

- Guide Services: A guide for a group of 4 to 8 people.
- Accommodation: Lodging is included.
- Transportation: Transfers between Coca and Sani Lodge.
- Meals & Snacks:
 - Some meals are included (specific details will be provided in the itinerary).
 - Snacks for morning excursions.
- Activities & Equipment:
 - Shared bilingual birding guide and excursions.
 - Rubber boots (available in US men's sizes up to 12).
 - Rain ponchos.
- Logistics: Airport transfers at Coca airport.



Exclusions and Pricing

The package rate does not include the following items:

- Flights: International or domestic flight tickets to Quito.
- Personal Expenses: All personal expenses, beverages (alcoholic or otherwise), and discretionary items.
- Gratuities: Tips for guides, drivers, or service staff.
- Optional Fees: Fees for optional specific roadside feeders or special viewing targets that may appear during the trip.
- Meals: Any meals not explicitly mentioned as being included in the itinerary.
- Other Fees:
 - Parakeet clay lick entrance fee: USD \$35.
 - Other non-specified requirements (e.g., laundry services).

Pricing

• **PRICE: \$4450 (Double Occupancy)**

• **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$500**





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