

FROM THE COAST TO THE SOUTHERN ANDES & TAMBOPATA

18 DAYS / 17 NIGHTS



BIRDING AND LEARNING ABOUT PERU AND THE INCAS CULTURE

From 30th January to 16th February, 2019

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BIRDING LOCATIONS:

LIMA: Lomas de Lachay (500m) – Santa Eulalia Canyon (4600m) – Villa Marshes (sea level) – Pucusana Fishing Port (sea level)

CUSCO: Machu Picchu (2430m) – Abra Malaga (4200m) – Carrizales (3200m) – Huacarpay Lake (3200) – Huaypo Lake (3500m) - Piuray Lake (3400m) - Aguas Calientes (2000m)

TAMBOPATA: Sandoval Lake & Alto Rio Tambopata (200m)

BIRD TRIP COMMENT

This trip was special since my Guest wanted to mix Birds with Culture. So what we did was to have some relaxing days where we could do some archeological sites and learn more about the Incas Culture, this way we were able to visit different places like the Colonial area of Lima, many Inca Ruins, Cathedrals and many Houses from the Virreynato time.

Places that are not visited regularly in a birding trip but if our Client want to do it we are here to make people have the experience they are looking for. Even with this plan we could managed to see 21 Bird Species that are endemic, almost endemic or simply highly threatened. The total number of bird species you can see as you read the day by day trip.

JANUARY 30TH, LIMA ARRIVAL

We went to pick our guest up from the airport to then take him to our Hotel at Miraflores, eventually went out for dinner around Lima Downtown; show him our Peruvian Cuisine at the same time see, and talk about the following days.



This is just one of the many Peruvian dishes that we could enjoy during this birding trip.



JANUARY 31TH, LOMAS DE LACHAY & PARAISO LAGOON

Early start to then drive for a bit more than an hour and reach a National Reserve found by the Northern Coast, a very special area with big bird variety and special endemic birds. Nice area where we walked around the very well marked trails to then spend a good birdy morning, after that, we went for a local restaurant and had a nice Lomo Saltado, which is a very tasty Peruvian dish that can be eaten at any local restaurant. Right after lunch we visited a nice water spot called Paraiso for boreal migratory birds and sea birds.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

The endemics *Coastal Miner*, *Cactus Canastero* & *Raimondis Yellow Finch* plus the near endemic *Peruvian Pipit*. Some more nice birds like *Wilson plover*, *Semipalmated Plover*, *Great Greebe*, *Gray Hooded Gull*, *Snowy Plover*, *Chilean Flamingo*, *Andean Coot*, *Cinnamon Teal*, *White Cheeked Pintail*, *Andean Tinamou*, *Collared Warbling Finch*, *Black Chested Buzzard Eagle*, *American Kestrel*, *Variable Hawk*, *Least Seedsnipe*, *Peruvian Thicknee*, *Burrowing Owl*, *Band Tailed Sierra Finch*, *Peruvian Meadowlark*, *Eared Dove*, *West Peruvian Dove*, *Vermilion Flycatcher*, *Wren Like Rushbird*, *Turkey Vulture*, *Croaking Ground Dove*, *Short Tailed Field Tyrant*, *Purple Collared Woodstart*.

This shot was taken right after getting the endemic Cactus Canastero at Lomas de Lachay Reserve



FEBRUARY 01TH, VILLA MARSHES & PUCUSANA FISHING PORT

Very cool day birding along the wetland at south of Lima and the nice boat trip at Pucusana area to see the Penguins and American Sea Lions. We started with Villa Marshes for the bird visitors at these months and the others that live around this piece of protected land.

Once we finished with this first place then we moved to see and take the boat for the big bird variety that live at this particular fishing area. This was also the perfect place to try our famous Peruvian dish, CEVICHE (Marinated fish with lemon juice). Nice sunny day and many bird activity to have a great day.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

The Endemic *Surf Cinclodes* and other special birds like *Humbolt Penguin*, *Guanay Cormorant*, *Red legged Cormorant*, *Peruvian Booby*, *Blue Footed Booby*, *Sandwich Tern*, *Royal Tern*, *Ruddy Turnstone*, *Kelp Gull*, *Belcher Gull*, *Pied Greebe*, *Black Crowned Night Heron*, *Harris Hawk*, *Long Tailed Mockingbird*, *White Tailed Jay*, *Yellow Hooded Blackbird*, *Black Skimmer*, *Franklin Gull*, *Peruvian Pelican*, *Amazilia Hummingbird*, *Many Colored Rush Tyrant*.

Boat trip at Pucusana Fishing Port looking for the endemic Sea Sided Cinclodes & Humbolt Penguins



FEBRUARY 02ND, SANTA EULALIA CANYON

Early departure to the closest andean section of Lima at the Northwest, a very beautiful birding route cover with special endemic birds. We took the car from Lima downtown heading the Central Highway for more than an hour to finally reach the lower part of the Canyon and start our birding along this famous route, we slowly went up the road getting the target birds we were looking for. Later that day, we stopped at one of the local restaurants and had some local food and drink.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

The endemic birds like *Thick Billed Miner*, *Black Necked Woodpecker* & *Great Inca Finch*. Some others like *Mountain Parakeet*, *Andean Swift*, *Giant Hummingbird*, *Sparkling Violetear*, *Bare Faced Ground Dove*, *Scrub Blackbird*, *White Tipped Dove*, *Peruvian PYgmy Owl*, *Southern Beardless Tyrannulet*, *Peruvian Sheartail*, *Blue And Yellow Tanager*, *Golden Bellied Grossbeak*, *Hooded Siskin* & *Tropical Pewee*.

Birding the famous road, Santa Eulalia Canyon and its endemics



FEBRUARY 03RD, LIMA – CUSCO & CUSCO CITY TOUR

We left Lima early in the morning in order to have time in Cusco for our afternoon City Tour, visiting different archaeological sites and learning about the Incas Culture. Carlos, my guest, really enjoyed this cultural time since our local Guide was able to fulfill Carlo's expectation.

Learning how to get the natural colors from the different items used by the Andean populations



FEBRUARY 04TH, CUSCO – AGUAS CALIENTES



Early start to take the bus from Cusco to Ollantaytambo and then train for 02 hours to finally reach Aguas Calientes, once at the place we dropped the luggage at the Hotel and then we walk around the Hotel's property to see the hummingbirds feeders and other bird feeders that bring the variety. The day was not the best since was a little rainy but we could managed to see some birds.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

Cock of the Rock, Slate Throated Redstart, Chesnut Breasted Coronet, Peruvian Raquetail, Thick Billed Euphonia, Blue Necked Tanager, Blue Gray Tanager, Palm Tanager, Torrent Tyrannulet, Black Phoebe, Tropical Kingbird, White Bellied Hummingbird.

FEBRUARY 05TH, MACHU PICCHU & TRAIN BACK TO OLLANTAYTAMBO

Early bus from Aguas Calientes to Machupicchu Citadel, once at the site we had Javier as local guide to show and teach us the amazing place. We had around two hours with Javier learning about this magical place and then we went in our own for birds around the different trails that takes you to various forest types.

Lucky day with good birds and nice Machupicchu photos, then we took the bus down to the town for lunch and had a little walk by the train rail for extra birds. Right after this, we took the train to Ollantaytambo to continue with our bird trip.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

The endemic *Inca Wren* and others like *White Winged Black Tyrant, Swaisons Thrush, Dusky Green Oropendola, Capped Conebill, Bolivian Tyrannulet, Mottled Cheeked TYrannulet, Sierran Elaenia, Highland Elaenia, Tricolored Brush Finch, Torrent Duck, Fasciated Tiger Heron, Speckled Faced Parrot, Mitred Parakeet, Hepatic Tanager, White Tipped Swift, Brown Tinamou, Plushcap, Golden Crowned Flycatcher, Red Eyed Vireo, Saffron Crowned Tanager, Blue and Black Tanager, Pale Legged Warbler.*



Carlos & the famous Machu Picchu Citadel



FEBRUARY 06TH, OLLANTAYTAMBO- ABRA MALAGA – CARRIZALES

These two places gave us nice birds with very cool landscape along the birding road. Carlos did not feel good, having stomach problema, even with that we managed to spent the morning and get the birds we wanted. We decided to come back early because the rain did not let us bird the afternoon so after having nice Caldo de Gallina or Chicken Soup in one of the local restaurants along the birding road we came back to our Hotel for Carlos to rest and be ready for the following day.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

The Endemics like *Chesnut Breasted Mountain Finch*, *Green and White Hummingbird*, *Creamy Crested Spinetail* plus some cool birds like *Rufous Antpitta*, *Red Crested Cotinga*, *Cinereous Conebill*, *Black and White Seedeater*, *Great Thrush*, *Spot Winged Pigeon*, *Great Sapphirewing*, *Creamy Winged Cinclodes*, *Paramo Pipit*, *Paramo Seedeater*, *Spectacled Redstart*, *Sparkling Violetear*, *White Browed Conebill*, *Scarlet Bellied Mountain Tanager*, *Rufous Breasted Chat Tyrant*, *Pearled Treerunner*, *White Crested Elaenia*, *Chihuanco Thrush*, *Mountain Caracara* and once again the Endemic *Inca Wren*.

FEBRUARY 07TH, ABRA MALAGA – PEÑAS



We had an early start to bird a famous birding site with great Endemics & Localized Birds. Our morning was great since we were able to get the birds we really wanted, we had some rain but was not bad and birds were so active. The amazing thing was to see 04 Royal Cinclodes at the same time, the first time I see this number of birds together.

Nice walk along this majestic scenery with very high mountains around the bird spot, all this over 4000 meters.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

The Endemics like *White Browed Tit Spinetail* & *White Tufted Sumbean*. The very localize *Royal Cinclodes*, *Ash Breasted Tit Tyrant* & *Tawny Tit Spinetail*. Some more nice birds like *Black Siskin*, *Thick Billed Siskin*, *Plain Colored Seedeater*, *Peruvian Sierra Finch*, *Streak Throated Canastero*, *Cordilleran Canastero*, *Puna Tapaculo*, *Red Rumped Bush Tyrant*, *Tackzanowsky Ground Tyrant*, *Rufous Webbed Bush Tyrant*, *Black Throated Flowerpiercer*, *Moustached Flowerpiercer*, *Ash Breasted Sierra Finch*, *White Winged Diuca Finch*, *Plumbeous Sierra Finch*, *Andean Gull*, *Olivaceous Thornbill*, *Tyrian Metaltail*, *Scaled Metaltail*, *Stripe Headed Antpitta*, *Andean Goose*, *Aplomado Falcon*, *Brown Backed Chat Tyran*, *D' Orbygnis Chat Tyrant*, *White Browed Conebill*, *Giant Conebill* & *Andean Swallow*.

A little rain while birding Abra Malaga over 4000m



FEBRUARY 08TH, HUAYPO & PIURAY LAKE

We decided to have an easy day after birding the two hard ones along Abra Malaga, breakfast was just great and then took the car and slowly move back to Cusco with some stops along the way. The first stop was some of the corn plantations along the road to then have another stop at Piuray Lake for high Andean water birds, finally we did Huaypo Lake to finally reach Cusco and go for a tasty Andean dinner.



BIRDS OF THE DAY:

Short Billed Pipit, Ruddy Duck, Brown Bellied Swallow, Lesser Yellow Legged, White Tufted Greebe, Andean Teal, Yellow Billed Pintail, Masked Yellowthroat, Puna Teal, Green Trainbearer, Andean Coot, Yellow Winged Blackbird, Rust and Yellow Tanager.

FEBRUARY 09TH, HUACARPAY LAKE & CITY TOUR

Another early start to then go to a very beautiful place at only 20 minutes far from Cusco downtown, the morning was nice since the temperatura was not cold or windy. Perfect day for the birds we were looking for, since we had planned a city tour later so we just focused in the target birds around this are and enjoy our final day at the Andes.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

The Endemic Bearded Mountaineer & Rusty Fronted Canastero. Some other birds like Plumbeous Rail, Cattle Egreat, Andean Parakeet, Black Backed Grosbeak, Blue and White Swallow.

Carlos looking for Andean water Birds at Piuray Lake over 3400 m



FEBRUARY 10TH, CUSCO – PUERTO MALDONADO - COLLPAS INN

We left Cusco after a nice breakfast and took the plane for 45 minutes to arrive to the jungle area, Tambopata. Right after our arrival, we took the car for 1 ½ hours to then take a motor boat and finally reach our lodge for our amazonian bird experience. We got to see very nice birds around the property plus a little night walk to see some Owls.



BIRDS OF THE DAY:

Sunbittern, Black Throated Toucannet, Orange Backed Troupial, Epaulet Oriole, Dusky Headed Parakeet, White Browed Antbird, Fork Tailed Woodnymph, Yellow Browed Sparrow, Bat Falcon, White Collared Swift, Tropical Screech Owl, Silver Beaked Tanager, Tawny Bellied Screech Owl, Common Pauraque, White Winged Swallow, Greater Yellow Headed Vulture, Smooth Billed Ani, Broad Billed Motmot, Black Fronted Nunbird, Palm Tanager.

Tawny Bellied Screech Owl

The common Amazonian Screech Owl in Peruvian Jungle



FEBRUARY 11TH, COLLPAS INN LODGE



Another early start to then go for our first jungle birding walk through Bamboo Forest and second growth habitats. The bird activity was just great since we were lucky to get bird variety in a Mix Flock, many birds at diferents forest stratras and nice troop of Toppins Titi Monkeys plus cool morning temperature. We did not walk much to get cool and very good birds for the morning, right after this moring walk we went back to the lodge for our deserved lunch. After a nice break, we then went for an afternoon walk and got to see some more birds plus a nice two troop of Monkeys, Red Howler & Brown Capucin Monkeys.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

White Shouldered Tanager, Pale Tailed Barbthroat, Moustached Wren, Yellow Billed Nunbird, Rufous Motmot, Yellow Browed Tody Flycatcher, Golden Bellied Euphonia, Streak Flycatcher, Great Antshrike, Chesnut Tailed Antbird, Bluish Fronted Jacamar, Purple Throated Fruitcrow, Crane Hawk, Violaceous Jay, Yellow Olive Flycatcher, Pavonine Cuckoo, Paradise Tanager, Dusky Capped Greenlet, Gray Antbird, Elegant Woodcreeper, Chesnut Crowned Foliage Gleaner, Peruvian Recurbill, Undulated Tinamou, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Wedge Billed Woodcreeper, White Winged Shrike Tanager, Green and Gold Tanager, Squirrel Cuckoo, Reddish Hermit, White Bearded Hermit, White Chinned Sapphire, Southern Rough Winged Swallow, Plain Crowned Spinetail, Gray Antwren, Ihering Antwren, Yellow Breasted Warbling Antbird, Yellow Tufted Woodpecker, Ruddy Tailed Flycatcher, Black Tailed Trogon, Large Headed Flatbill, Spix's Guan, Golden Collared Toucanet, White Bellied Parrot, Ruddy Quail Dove.

Blue Crowned Trogon



FEBRUARY 12TH, TIERRA FIRME & CANOPY TOWER

We went for a bird walk through Terra firme to get more birds that inhabit this particular type of forest, we were lucky to get a small understory mix flock with nice variety in it. After this early bird walk, we then went to visit a nice Canopy Tower where we could see a really nice view from the very top plus very good birds.



BIRDS OF THE DAY:

Black Faced Antbird, Ringed Antpipit, Scaly Breasted Wren, White Bellied Tody Tyrant, Striated Antbird, Ornate Antwren, Goeldis Antbird, Red Billed Scythebill, Pale Legged Hornero, Collared Forest Falcon, Black Crowned Tityra, Masked Tityra, Black Tailed Tityra, Rufous Bellied Euphonia, Lettered Aracari, Chesnut Eared Aracari, Eastern Wood Pewee, Eastern Kingbird, Red Throated Caracara, Sulphur Bellied Flycatcher, Bare Necked Fruitcrow, Rock Parakeet, Blue Headed Macaw.

Photo from the Canopy Tower in the Southern Amazon – Tambopata



FEBRUARY 13TH, CANOPY TOWER & SANDOVAL LAKE



We decided not to visit the Macaw Clay Lick and went back to the Canopy Tower again for more Canopy bird species in the morning, we had a very good morning up there with very uncommon bird species. Later that day, we took the car back to Puerto Maldonado to then head to our next and final jungle birding stop.

On the way to the next bird place, we could also get some more birds that gave us a good number of birds for one day.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

The very uncommon *Red Billed Pied Tanager*, *Blue Dacnis*, *White Winged Becard*, *Channel Billed Toucan*, *Red Rumped Cacique*, *Cream Colored Woodpecker*, *Red Stained Woodpecker*, *Black Faced Dacnis*, *White Lined Antbird*, *Inambari Woodcreeper*, *Amazonian Pygmy Owl*, *Crested Oropendola*, *Gilded Barbet*, *Lemon Throated Barbet*, *Festive Coquette*, *Long Billed Startfrontlet*, *Capped Heron*, *Red Necked Woodpecker*, *Lineated Woodpecker*, *Speckled Chachalaca*, *Gray Cowled Wood Rail*, *Varzea Schiffornis*, *Hauxwell Thrush*, *Plumbeous Pigeon*, *Pale Vented Pigeon*, *Gray Rumped Swift*, *Gray Lined Hawk*.

Amazonian Tree showing its buttress roots



FEBRUARY 14TH, SANDOVAL LAKE CANOE AND TERRA FIRME BIRD WALK



Early canoe around the lake to get all the birds that inhabit this beautiful water spot and then we did a nice walk around the lodge for some more target birds at Terra Firme. After avoiding the heat at midday, later on we took the canoe back and we did another birding around the lake plus enjoying the playful Giant River Otters.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

Sungreebe, Sulphury Flycatcher, Red Bellied Macaw, Long Billed Woodcreeper, Crimson Crested Woodpecker, Red Capped Cardinal, Agami Heron, Band Tailed Antbird, Silvered Antbird, Black Capped Donacobius, Yellow Crowned Parrot, Greater Any, Amazonian Antshrike, Green Ibis, Striated Heron, Black Skimmer, Amazon Kingfisher, Green and Rufous Kingfisher, American Pygmy Kingfisher, Fork Tailed Palm Swift, Hoatzin, Rufescent Tiger Heron.

Birding with a beautiful sunset at Sandoval Lake



FEBRUARY 15TH, TERRA FIRME WALK & FLIGHT BACK TO LIMA

We decided to go for an early walk and get some more Terra Firme birds, our decision was great since we could see species we did not see in previous terra firme walks; after this nice early walk we then came back to the lodge for breakfast and took our stuff to head back to Puerto Maldonado for our flight.



BIRDS OF THE DAY:

The very localize *Black Faced Hawk*, *Blue Crowned Manakin*, *Ruddy Spinetail*, *Dusky Capped Flycatcher*, *Paradise Jacamar*, *Slender Footed Tyrannulet*, *Green Backed Trogon*, *Black And White Hawk Eagle*, *Round Tailed Manakin*, *Scale Backed Antbird*, *Bright Rumped Attila*.

In Southern Jungle, this Hawk is very rare – Black Faced Hawk



FEBRUARY 16TH, LIMA CITY TOUR

Our last day with Carlos having a very nice day learning about Lima and the past, our local guide was great; he knew his job and took us to the different places and areas where we were able to see the Colonial Lima Time and its different changes through the years. Once we finish with this tour, we then went for a local restaurant to try local Peruvian food and move back to the Hotel.



Carlos with our local guide in Lima learning about the Colonial time

