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## SOUTHERN COLOMBIA

### WOMEN CULTURAL AND NATURE TOUR

Embark on a journey of a lifetime and explore the stunning biodiversity of Southern Colombia. As we venture into the region, the impressive diversity of flora and fauna will captivate your senses. From the lowland Amazonian varzea forest at 400 meters above sea level to the high temperate forests at 2500 meters above sea level, you will witness a range of habitats that are home to a variety of plant and animal species, many of which are endemic to the region.

The southern region of Colombia has been home to ancient cultures whose legacy has survived to this day. During this trip, you will have the opportunity to learn about the rich history and culture of the region. You will tour archaeological sites to learn about the pre-Columbian communities that once thrived in the area. And while this region was once off-limits to visitors, the winds of peace have ushered in a new era of accessibility, making this an ideal time for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts to explore the area's hidden treasures.

So, pack your bags, and prepare to be transported to a world of wonder and adventure. This trip is a chance to connect with nature and history in a way that few other destinations can match. With improved security and a renewed sense of peace, Southern Colombia is ready to be rediscovered, and we invite you to join us on this unforgettable journey.

Day	Activity	Overnight Stay	Altitude	
			feet	Meters
1	Arrival in Bogotá.	Hotel Hilton Garden Inn	8530	2600
2	Monserate Hill & La Candelaria and flight to Puerto Asis	Hotel Kofan	820	250
3	Birding at Playa Rica			
4	Birding at Amazon Bird reserve and transfer to Mocoa	Hotel Suma wazi	1968	600
5	Birding "Donde se oculta el Sol" and Visit to Asomi - Women Indigenous community			
6	Birding around the Hotel and transfer to San Agustin	Masaya Hotel	5675	1730
7	Morning at San Agustin Archeological park Afternoon birding at Encanto Reserve			
8	Trasfer to Encanto Reserve, cooking workshop	El Encanto Reserve	5249	1600
9	Morning birding in Dhrymophila reserve Afternoon birding at Encanto Reserve			
10	Morning birding at el Encanto Reserve and flight to Bogota	Hotel Hilton Garden Inn	8530	2600
11	International flights	End of services		

## DETAILED ITINERARY

### DAY 1. ARRIVAL IN BOGOTÁ.

Arriving in Colombia for a birding trip, landing in Bogotá, is a thrilling introduction to one of the most biodiverse countries on Earth. As you descend into the bustling capital nestled high in the Andes, you are greeted by the crisp mountain air and views of rolling green peaks. The city's vibrant energy is palpable, with its mix of colonial charm and modernity.

The first night we will have a welcoming dinner with the tour leader.

Night at Hilton garden Bogotá / <https://shorturl.at/mtGHZ>

### DAY 2. MONSERRATE HILL & LA CANDELARIA AND FLIGHT TO PUERTO ASIS

The hill of Monserrate It is one of the most recognizable formations of the Bogotá savannah, as well as one of the symbols of the city. We wil visit this place in the early morning in order to appreciate the beautiful Bogota views and landscapes at their best, also, we may squeeze some birding in their trails.

We will make your historic cultural tour of the historical center of Bogotá, walking through the streets of the Candelaria neighborhood in the historic center of Bogotá; where the history of the city is summarized. During its cultural historical tour downtown Bogotá La Candelaria neighborhood, our

professional tour guides accompany us illustrate about the history and details of colonial and republican architecture. We will know details about everyday life during pre-Hispanic times, the colony, the republican era and nowadays visiting the most important tourist sites of Bogotá.

After lunch at the hotel, we will head to the airport to catch the flight to Puerto Asis.

Night at Kofan Hotel, Puerto Asis / <https://shorturl.at/wDEG1>



### **DAY 3. PLAYA RICA**

We will have a full-day birding adventure through the lush varzea and Heliconia forest of the Playa Rica community, where you'll have the opportunity to spot some of the most remarkable avian species in the region. The Playa Rica community, whose inhabitants have realized how diverse and important the forest is in their surroundings, is now dedicated to preserving this incredible ecosystem, ensuring that these magnificent birds and their habitats are protected for generations to come. Main targets include Rufous-headed Woodpecker, Amazonian Umbrellabird, Long-billed Woodcreeper, Orange-backed Troupial, White-eared Jacamar and more.

Night at Kofan Hotel, Puerto Asis / <https://shorturl.at/wDEG1>

## DAY 4. AMAZON BIRD RESERVE & TRANSFER TO MOCOCA



A lush oasis that has defied the odds is nestled in the center of an area that has undergone unrelenting devastation for decades. Meet Amazon Bird, a small private reserve that has been lovingly protected for half a century by a family. This patch of forest stands strong among the swaths of land cleared for farming and animals, affording refuge to a stunning diversity of feathered and furry creatures. This sanctuary is home to numerous species of monkeys and birds.

While walking the reserve's trails, we might spot the elusive pygmy marmoset! These tiny primates, famed for their small stature and charming features, have been observed frequenting the Amazon Bird feeders. Imagine these pocket-sized monkeys delicately plucking at fruits and seeds with their tiny fingers. The scene will take your breath away.

After enjoying a delicious lunch prepared by the reserve owners' skilled hands, with a spread of fresh organic fruits and vegetables handpicked from their own garden, we will set out for Mocoa, full bellies and renewed enthusiasm, ready to experience all the wonders it has to offer.

Night at Suma Wasi Hotel, Mocoa / [www.hotelsumawasi.com](http://www.hotelsumawasi.com)

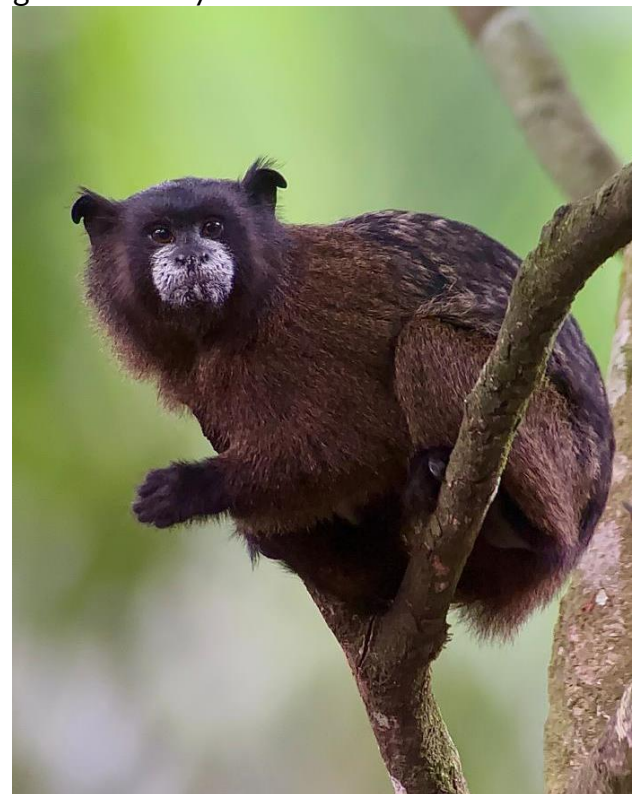
## DAY 5. DONDE SE OCULTA EL SOL RESERVE & VISIT TO ASOMI PROJECT

Step into the magical world of "Donde se Oculta el Sol" - an indigenous family-owned Reserve that is on a mission to safeguard the treasures of nature, from the lush woods to the dense jungles, and preserve the traditional practices and customs of the Inga Wasipungo people. By promoting tourism, they provide incentives for indigenous people, farmers, and communities to develop their territory in a responsible and environmentally sustainable manner.

Their skilled guides will present us to a plethora of fluttering butterflies, birds and primates as we hike the reserve's pathways, while also sharing fascinating stories and traditions from the region's villages.

In the afternoon, we'll be paying a visit to ASOMI, a beacon of hope led by indigenous women who are passionately dedicated to preserving the region's traditional craft heritage while also empowering women in need. Get ready to be inspired by their work and encouraged to support their cause as we explore their vibrant and colorful world.

Night at Suma Wasi Hotel, Mocoa / [www.hotelsumawasi.com](http://www.hotelsumawasi.com)





## DAY 6. BIRDING AROUND THE HOTEL AND TRANSFER TO SAN AGUSTIN

A birding session in Mocoa, Putumayo, immerses us in the heart of Colombia's Amazon-Andean foothills. As dawn breaks, the forest comes alive with a symphony of bird calls, and mist lingers over the lush canopy. Amid towering trees and vibrant greenery, we can spot jewels like the Orange-fronted Plushcrown, Violaceous Jay, Red-capped Cardinal, Magpie Tanager, Paradise Tanager and Turquoise Tanager. The rich biodiversity surrounds us, complemented by the serene sounds of flowing streams and distant waterfalls, making every moment in this magical ecosystem unforgettable.

In the afternoon we will be transferred to the charming town of San Agustín.

Night at Masaya Hotel <https://www.masaya-experience.com/en/san-agustin/>

## DAY 7. SAN AGUSTIN ARCHEOLOGICAL PARK

Prepare to journey back in time as we explore the wonders of San Agustín Archeological Park, a remarkable testament to the ancient indigenous cultures that once roamed this land. The park contains the largest collection of religious monuments and megalithic sculptures in Latin America and is considered the world's largest necropolis. The statues' dates are unknown; however, they are thought to have been carved between 5 and 400 AD. The origin of the carvers remains a mystery, as the site is largely unexcavated.

Marvel at the massive necropolis, which serves as a final resting place for generations of ancestors, and discover the intricate art, fascinating history, and awe-inspiring architecture that make this site one of the most important archaeological treasures in the world. This visit will deepen your



understanding of Colombia's rich past and leave you with a newfound appreciation for the remarkable achievements of our ancestors.

After lunch, we will drive to the charming El Encanto Reserve.

Night at El Encanto Reserve / <https://shorturl.at/mINQY>



## DAY 8 & 9 EL ENCANTO RESERVE

Settled within the lush wilderness, lies El Encanto - a charming little reserve, where a dedicated family has been steadfastly protecting the endangered habitats of at least 10 endemic bird species, as well as

many other lesser-known creatures. Through their hard work and persistence, they have expanded this hidden gem, creating exceptional bird feeders and spectacular trails that offer a captivating journey through nature's beauty



We will spend 2 exciting days in this reserve. This charming little paradise is home to some of the most elusive and little-known birds in the region. But fear not, with our expert guides and state-of-the-art feeders, we'll have the chance to observe these magnificent creatures up close. The main lodge boasts 5 endemics that visit the feeders, such as Apical Flycatcher, Colombian Chachalaca, Indigo-capped Hummingbird, Tolima Blossomcrown and the secretive Tolima Dove. But the true star of the show is the uncommon Golden-eared Tanager, a jewel-like bird that dazzles with its bright colors. And if that was not enough, the feeders are also visited by a variety of colorful tanagers and hummingbirds, including the gorgeous Ruby Topaz.

As we ascend to higher elevations, we'll have the chance to spot even more endemics, such as the Red-bellied Grackle, East-andean Antbird, and the Huila Parakeet, a unique form of the Maroon-tailed Parakeet found only in this region. But the real adventure begins in the upper reaches of the reserve, where elusive species like the Hooded Antpitta and the White-bellied Antpitta await. And if we're lucky, we might even catch a glimpse of the rare Schwartz's Antthrush, a true highlight for any birdwatcher.

As the sun sets, the real magic begins at this lodge. The family has curated a special set of activities to make your stay even more memorable. The highlight of the night is the traditional cooking workshop, where the family chef will reveal the secrets of their mouth-watering dishes. Get your hands dirty and learn how to cook like a pro while enjoying the authentic and delicious flavors of the region. These cooking workshops are one of the main reasons why this lodge is so famous among its visitors.

Night at El Encanto Reserve / <https://shorturl.at/mINQY>



## **DAY 10. MORNING AT THE RESERVE & FLIGHT TO BOGOTÁ**

On our final morning at the lodge, we have the option to go all out and hit all of our remaining birdwatching targets, or simply sit back and bask in the stunning scenery while enjoying the vibrant birdlife at the feeders. As the afternoon approaches, we'll bid farewell to this magical place and embark on our journey back to Bogota.

Night at Hilton garden Bogotá / <https://shorturl.at/mtGHZ>