

COLOMBIA 7 Days

SIERRA NEVADA - CARIBBEAN

ENDEMIC AND SPECIALTIES

February 28- March 4, 2020

July 24-30, 2020



DESTINATIONS

- SALAMANCA/CIENAGA
- LOS FLAMENCOS
- CAMARONES
- GAVIOTAS
- MINCA
- SIERRA NEVADA SANTA MARTA

MAX GROUP SIZE: 8 participants

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Transportation and Transfers
- Lodging
- All Meals
- Snacks and Beverages
- Expert Leaders and Local Guides
- All Admissions

EXCLUSIONS:

- Airfare to Colombia
- Insurance

SPECIAL PRICE

COST: \$1,790.⁰⁰

Based on Double Occupancy
Single Supplement: \$250

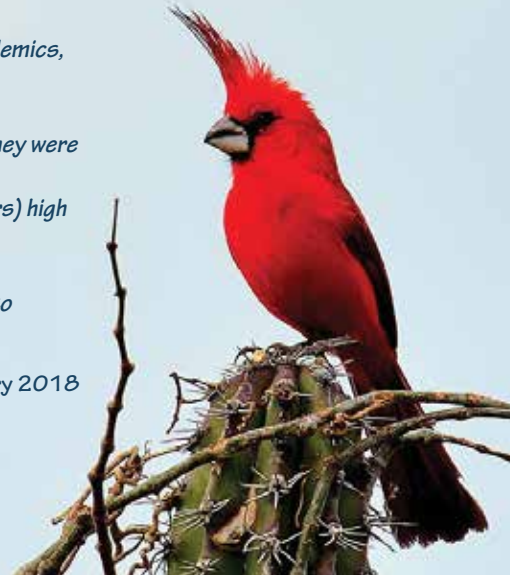
For more information, bookings and airfare contact Ernest Leupin at ernest@colombiawild.com or call 954.415.1852.

For our Caribbean Extension: 253 Species, 20 Endemics, 18 Near Endemics in 5 DAYS!

Our expectations for this trip were very high, but they were not met. They were exceeded. By a lot. I cannot recommend Ernest (Colombia Wild Ecotours) high enough.

One last question remains. Would I want to return to Colombia? In a heartbeat....

Pieter Vrey, South Africa, January 2018



Vermillion Cardinal. S. Ballesteros

The Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, supports the highest concentration of continental range-restricted bird species found anywhere in the world. Enjoy the sunny Caribbean as we explore from sea level to 2,500m asl for endemics and other specialties.

ENDEMIC: Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird, Chestnut-winged Chachalaca, Sapphire-throated Hummingbird, Santa Marta (SM) Parakeet, SM Warbler, SM Bursh-finch, SM Bush-tyrant, SM Mountain-tanager, SM Antpitta, SM Antbird, SM Tapaculo, Rusty-headed Spinetail, Black-backed Thornbill, White-lored Warbler, Yellow-crowned Whitestart, SM Woodstar, Blossomcrown, SM Screech-Owl, White-tailed Starfrontlet, SM Foliage-gleaner, Blue-billed Curassow, Buffy Hummingbird.

NEAR ENDEMIC: White-whiskered Spinetail, Red-billed Emerald, Coppery Emerald, Golden-winged Sparrow, White-tipped Quetzal, Black-fronted Wood-quail, Tocuyo Sparrow, Chestnut Piculet.



White-whiskered Spinetail S. Ballesteros



Santa Marta Brush Finch

American Flamingo. E. Leupin



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SANTA MARTA AND CARIBBEAN ENDEMIC AND SPECIALTIES TOUR

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1- Arrive in Barranquilla

We arrive in Barranquilla at night, transfer to our hotel and get ready for our full day of birding.

Meals: D; Lodging: TBA

Day 2- Barranquilla-Salamanca-Riohacha

Early In the morning we'll take a 35 minute drive out to Ciénaga Grande in Salamanca. The Ciénaga Grande (Great Marsh) and Isla Salamanca National Park lie along the Caribbean coast between Baranquilla and Santa Marta. This brackish marshland is formed by the delta created as the Magdalena River enters the Caribbean Ocean. We will bird the mangrove stands along the boardwalk looking for Saphire-throated Hummingbird, Bicolored Conebill, Brown-throated Parakeet, Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, Yellow-chinned Spinetail and other specialties. The wetlands in the area can also reward us with some specialties including Northern Screamer, white-cheeked Pintail and others. Just before it gets too hot, we will begin our 3 hour drive along increasingly dry areas to Camarones stopping for lunch along the way. We will however stop at some dry thorny forests in Gaviotas to look for White-whiskered Spinetail, Vermilion Cardinal, Orinocan Saltator, Rufous-vented Chachalaca, Bare-eyed Pigeon, Buffy Hummingbird, Russet-throated Puffbird, Chestnut Piculet, White-whiskered Spinetail, Slender-billed Inezia and Trinidad Euphonia.

Meals: B, L, D ; Lodging: Hotel Taroa

Day 3- Los Flamencos

In the morning, we will visit the mudflats, lagoons, and coastline areas of Los Flamencos National Park. Here we will look for several specialties. In the lagoon, we will look for groups of American Flamingo, Scarlet Ibis, Roseate Spoonbill, and an assortment of gulls, terns and migratory wading birds. We will stop at a farm with a feeding station looking for Buffy Hummingbird, Vermillion Cardinal, and Pileated Finch. If the heat permits, we will bird in the dry scrub around Perico for any specialties we may have missed the previous afternoon. Once the day begins to heat up, we will head our way along the coast towards Minca on the foothills of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta.

Meals: B, L, D ; Lodging: Colores de la Sierra Ecohotel

Day 4- Minca-El Dorado Lodge

Today we will begin our ascent into the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. As we bird along the various elevations we will be rewarded with a high number of species including Golden-winged Sparrow, Keel-Billed Toucan, Rosy Thrush-tanager, Rusty-headed Spinetail, Ruddy Foliage-gleaner, Rusty-breasted Antpitta, Santa Marta Tapaculo, Black-backed Ant-shrike, the beautiful Blue-naped Chlorophonia, Rufous-capped Warbler and our first endemic, the Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner. When we arrive, we will have time to enjoy the well-maintained feeders at the lodge. Hummingbirds that visit the feeders include the endemic White-tailed Starfrontlet, White-vented Plumeteer, and Long-tailed Hermit. The fruit feeders attract the endemic Santa Marta Brush-finch and also the endemic Colombian brush-finch. Amongst the flowering shrubbery, White-sided and Black Flowerpiercer are common. We will spend some time trying to look for the Santa Marta Antpitta, a shy species that feels at home in the underbrush and is not particularly cooperative. Later in the afternoon, we will look for Groove-billed and Santa Marta Toucanet, Black-chested Jay, White-bellied Antbird, Golden-breasted Fruiteater and the near endemic White-tipped quetzal. After dinner at the lodge, we will look for the endemic Santa Marta Screech-owl and maybe some night monkeys.

Meals: B, L, D ; Lodging: El Dorado Lodge

Day 5-. El Dorado Lodge – Cuchilla San Lorenzo- Minca

We will rise early and head up to higher elevation looking for Santa Marta Endemics: Santa Marta Parakeet, Santa Marta Warbler, Santa Marta Mountain-tanager, Santa Marta Bush-tyrant and Brown-rumped Tapaculo. In the mixed species flocks, we may find a few Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager, Rusty-headed Spinetail, and the handsome Black-capped Tyrannulet. We'll also look for hummingbirds as we have chance of seeing Black-backed Thornbill, Santa Marta Woodstar and the endemic subspecies of Tyrian Metaltail. We will stop at a great spot for a picnic where we will be able to appreciate the stunning views of this beautiful Sierra Nevada. We will continue birding on our way down to the Colores de la Sierra Ecolodge.

Meals: B, L, D ; Lodging: Colores de la Sierra Ecolodge

Day 6-. Minca-Barranquilla

After an early breakfast, we will bird around the lodge, birding our way down to the town of Minca where we will have lunch. After lunch, we will continue on our way to Barranquilla stopping along the way for species we may have missed. We arrive in Barranquilla in the evening and will have time to get cleaned up and have a great farewell dinner.

Meals: B, L, D ; Lodging: Barranquilla Hotel

Day 7- Barranquilla – Miami OR Extension Tour

We wake up early for our transfer to the airport to catch our 7:00 am Flight or to 5 –day Western Andes Extension Tour

We offer a 5-Day extension tour to the Western Andes, including, Upper and Lower Anchicaya, Km 18, and San Antonio Cloud Forest. Ask for details.