



Safe, Relaxed Birding in Northwest Ecuador August 21-28, 2021

Day 1: Arrival into Quito (UIO)

Day 2: Brief AM Transfer and Birding in Mindo

Day 3: Birding Refugio Paz de Las Aves

Day 4: Birding AM Rio Silanche; and More Birding Mindo Area PM

Day 5: AM Birding Milpe Reserve; PM Birding in Tandayapa Valley

Day 6: Bellavista Reserve and Tandayapa Valley

Day 7: AM Yanacocha Reserve and Quito Foothills, and PM Guango Reserve

Day 8: International Flights Home from Quito

A Few Birding Highlights: *40 species of hummingbird* often seen including Velvet-purple Coronet, Empress Brilliant, Sparkling Violetear, Gorgeted Sunangel, Purple-bibbed Whitetip, Fawn-breasted Brilliant, Booted Racket-tail, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Andean Emerald, and Violet-tailed Sylph. Others bird species include Collared Trogon, Choco Trogon, Broad-billed Motmot, Toucan Barvet, White-whiskered Puffbird, Chocó Toucan, Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant, Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant, Saffron-crowned Tanager, Flame-faced Tanager, Beryl-spangled Tanager, Scarlet-and-white Tanager, Guira Tanager, Blue-whiskered Tanager, Purple-throated Fruitcrow, Sunbittern, Russet Antshrike, Common Potoo, Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch, Curve-billed Tinamou, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Andean Condor, and Andean Cock-of-the-Rock. **Most birders add several hundred life birds.**

Our Guide: Lelis Navarrete has nearly 20 years of experience as a birding guide, and is regarded as one of the finest birding guides in South America. Lelis is able to recognize the sounds of 2,400 South American species, and he wrote the Fieldbook of the Birds of Ecuador.

Weather Profile: 50 to 70s most days, warmer at Rio Silanche, with chances of rain each day. Think layers of clothing.

Pricing: **\$2,390** US Dollars for **8 Days and 7 Nights** double occupancy, includes lodging, guides, meals, access fees, and ground transportation with driver. \$280 single supplement. This is based upon a group size of 10. Trip will be reviewed 90 days in advance to determine if it will proceed, or be postponed for safety reasons.

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