

# INGA'S BIRDWATCHING

route

**Cream colored  
woodpecker**

*Celeus flavus*

# Welcome to Colombia!

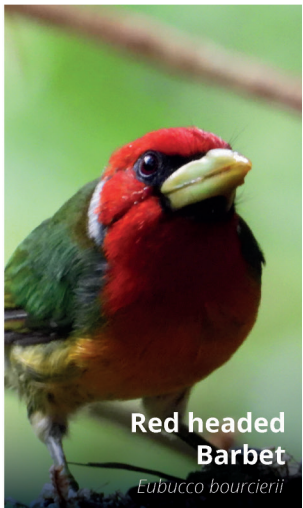
If you are looking for an incredible and exclusive birding experience close to ancestral Inga territory, this tour allows you to discover several of the endemic Colombian species present in the southwestern part of our country, ranging from cloudy peaks in Colombian Andes to the exuberant Amazon forest.



**Gilded barbet**  
*Capito auratus*



**White-chinned jacamar**  
*Galbula tombacea*



**Red headed Barbet**  
*Eubucco bourcierii*

## General tour <sup>+</sup> information

This tour lasts 6 days starting from Bogotá. In this tour, we will focus on the southwestern part of the country; a region where the Andean mountains and the Amazon forest become one. This area has more than 900 bird species, which are mostly endemic or/and charismatic. It is also the territory of indigenous cultures. This tour offers a truly unique and unforgettable experience, in which you will connect with the environment in many ways.

We start before dawn and spend long days looking for all of our precious birds. Sometimes we will offer packed breakfast and picnic lunches to extend birding time.

Long walking distances are not expected and our vehicles will be close to us all the time. Nevertheless, we will have long periods of birdwatching standing up.

Additional detailed information will be sent to you once you have booked this tour. However, if you have any questions, please send us an email at [info@equal.travel](mailto:info@equal.travel) and we will reply as soon as possible.



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## DAY 1

Arrival to Bogotá. If you have the time and energy, we can take you on a special sightseeing tour downtown.

● 2,600m ● 55,4°F



## DAY 2

Fly from Bogotá to Pasto. Transfer to Laguna de La Cocha, the second largest lagoon in Colombia, located at 2.700 meters altitude, on the border between the Putumayo and Nariño states. It is the home of a variety of bird species, many of them local, and some others migratory (with some level of endangerment). These species may be seen: Yellow-billed Pintail, Ruddy Duck, Andean Guan, Green-tailed Trainbearer, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Collared Inca, Andean Gull, Gray-breasted Mountain, Red-crested Cotinga, Tufted Tit-tyrant, Subtropical Doradito, Lachymose Mountain-tanager, Slate-throated whitestart.

● 2,700m ● 53,6°F



## DAY 3

Bird sighting in the Paramo of Bordoncillo, located at 3.400 meters altitude. Birdwatching activity is done walking for 1 hour (1.5 km) along an inclined path, entering the beautiful moor or paramo, a magical place for photography and observation of the highland birds.

In this area the species of interest are: Chestnut-bellied Cotinga, Rainbow-bearded Thornbill, Masked Mountain-Tanager, Paramo Tapaculo, White-chinned Thistletail, Agile Tit-Tyrant, Scarlet-bellied Mountain-tanager, Black-backed Bush Tanager, Andean Siskin, Black-headed Hemispingus, Spectacled Whitestart, among others.

● 2,700m ● 46,4°F  
● 3,400m ● 53,6°F



## DAY 4

Birdwatching in the Trampolín de las Aves. The tour starts in Mocoa located at 1.300 meters above sea level to 2.200 meters at its highest point. We will travel by car on an unpaved road. We will be able to see primary and secondary vegetation and cloud forest, ideal for a good photographic record. In this area we could see: White-rimmed Brush-Finch, Orange-eared Tanager, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, Yellow-throated Tanager, Golden-crowned Tanager, Golden-eared Tanager, Metallic-green Tanager, Flame-faced Tanager, Blue-browed Tanager, Lachymose Mountain-tanager, Deep-blue flowerpiercer, Speckle-faced Parrot, Maroon-tailed Parakeet, Andean Pygmy-Owl, Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Amazonian Umbrellabird, Dusky Piha Familia, Golden-winged Manakin, Pearlred Treerunner, among others.

● 1,250m ● 55,4°F  
● 2,600m ● 73,4°F



## DAY 6

El Escondite route sighting, which is 350 meters above sea level, presents flat terrain with secondary vegetation and small wetlands. Part of the route is done by road in a vehicle and walking along forest edges. Its location makes it a strategic place to observe species of the Amazonian plain. Breakfast is provided during the tour. The birds that can be seen in this tour are: Plum-throated Cotinga, Opel-rumped tanager, White-chinned Jacamar, Chestnut-crowned Becard, Bare-necked Fruitcrow, Purple-throated Fruitcrow, Rufous-sided Crane, Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper, Dark-breasted Spinetail, Masked Tanager, Yellow-bellied Tanager., Turquoise Tanager, Purple Honeycreeper, Orange-bellied, Thick-billed Euphonia, White-lored Euphonia, White-vented Euphonia and many others.

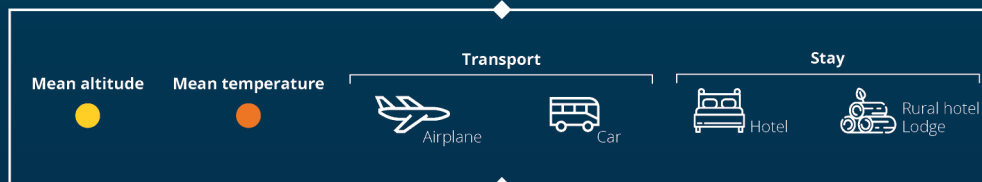
We will take a flight back to Bogotá, ending our amazing tour.



## DAY 5

Birdwatching on the Sachamates route, which has a primary forest in an altitude of 950 to 1.300 meters above sea level. The sighting is done by walking on a bridle path in good conditions. Breakfast will be provided on the route. In this area the species of interest are: Coppery-chested Jacamar, Black Tinamou, Chestnut Wood-Quail, Black-streaked Puffbird, White-backed Fire-eye, Dusky spinetail, Musician Wren, Lined Antshrike, Paradise Tanager, Speckled Tanager, Yellow-bellied Tanager, Orange-eared Tanager, Turquoise Tanager, Golden-eared Tanager, Gilded Barbet, Red-headed Barbet and many others.

● 2,000m ● 55,4°F  
● 2,700m ● 60,8°F



#### Included in the tour

- + Transportation (by car and domestic flights.)
- + Accommodations (double occupancy in main cities, in rural areas it might vary according to the conditions in every area).
- + All meals are included in rural areas. In main cities breakfast and lunch are included.
- + Drinking water and snacks.
- + Parks and local reserve entrance fees.
- + Insurance
- + A specialist tour guide

#### Not included in the tour

- Flight tickets from and to Colombia
- Dinner in main cities
- Tips, gratuities
- Laundry
- Alcoholic beverages

#### Tour size

- + Limited to 8 participants.
- + One of our bilingual birding professional guides will join you during the tour.

The tour prices include domestic flights from and to Bogotá. If you want to stay in Putumayo or you are departing from another city in Colombia just let us know to modify the tour price.

#### Prices

Prices will vary according to the place where you are starting this tour. Please ask us about prices at: [info@equaltravel](mailto:info@equaltravel).

#### + Starting from 2,050 USD.

- for 8 pax. 2 internal flights included.
- + 2 pax: 3,200 USD pp
- + 3 - 4 pax: 2,600 USD pp
- + 5 - 6 pax: 2,400 USD pp
- + 7 - 8 pax: 2,050 USD pp

#### Book

To ensure a spot in the tour you will have to fill out a form and to make a non-refundable deposit or transfer to our bank account (1,000 USD). Full payment of the tour fee is due 90 days prior to the tour departure date.

#### Cancellation policy

If you have to cancel your trip, we have the following options:

If the cancellation is made between the start date of the tour and 90 days before, you will forfeit the total deposit (USD 1,000).

If the cancellation is made more than 90 days before the start of the tour, you can reschedule a new trip within a year. If you do not reschedule within a year, there will be no refund.



**Chestnut woodpecker**

*Celeus elegans*



**Coppery-chested jacamar**

*Galbula pastazae*



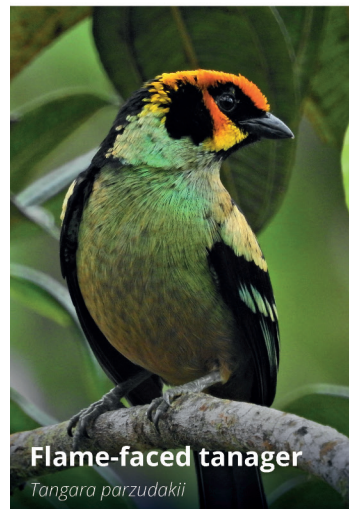
**Speckled tanager**

*Tangara guttata*



**Turquoise tanager**

*Tangara mexicana*



**Flame-faced tanager**

*Tangara parzudakii*

## Recommendations



- + Use insect repellent before starting any activity and reapply during the day, and wear long sleeved shirts and trousers in order to protect your whole body if needed.
- + You don't need any vaccination certificate when you travel to Colombia; however, because of the characteristics of some particular destinations, specific vaccines may be required; we strongly recommend to confirm with us prior to your trip (e.g. yellow fever, typhoid and hepatitis A).
- + Bring the following basic equipment (essentials).
  - A hat, lightweight and waterproof jacket (dark colored), sunglasses, hiking boots.**
  - Sunscreen.**
  - Your camera and equipment. If you don't have one we can rent it to you! Ask for the different options.**
- + Keep your personal belongings with you at all times (passport, money, equipment, etc.)
- + All our tours provide basic travel insurance; we highly recommend a personal travel insurance policy that provides sufficient medical and security coverage according to your needs.
- + You will need a valid passport to come to Colombia. Please verify that your passport is valid for at least six months after your intended return date. If the expiration date is uncomfortably close to the cutoff, make sure you renew it ahead of time. Travelers from some countries have to present a visa for entering Colombia; please check.



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