



WILD WATCH PERU

Birding Escape from Cusco 3 Days

"Manu Road Express"

Rate: \$ 550 per person (Discount for groups & families)

Duration: Start at 5:30 AM and Finish at 4:30 PM

Highlights: Andean Cock of the Rock, Golden Headed & Crested Quetzal, White Capped Dipper, Torrent Duck, Gray Breasted Mountain toucan, White Collared jay, Puna Tapaculo, Red and White Antpitta, Urubamba Antpitta, Rusty Fronted Canastero, Creamy Crested Spine-Tail, Marcapata Spine tail, Puna Thistletail, Cusco Brush-Finch, Red Crested Cotinga, Golden Plumed Parakeets, Band Tailed Pigeons, Hoatzin, Brazilian Teal, Black Backed Tody-Flycatcher, Round tailed, White Bearded Manakin, Blue yellow, Blue-headed Macaws, Andean Motmot, tanager Flocks, Flycatchers, Golden Collared Toucanet (from 150 to 200 bird species)

Minimum participants: 02

Max participants: 06

Type Service: Group Basis Rate & Private Option

Frequency: All year round

DAY 1

Cusco - Guadalupe Lodge

This morning, we travel along the Andes. During our trip, we will pass through dry habitats, and this provides great chances to search for a couple of endemics; Bearded Mountaineer, Chestnut Breasted Mountain Finch, and other interesting birds for the high Andean Mountains such as; Andean Flicker, Mountain Caracara, Andean Lapwing, Giant hummingbirds, Rufous Webbed Shrike-Tyrant, Ground Tyrants and others.

We continue and pass by the Intermountain valleys, we stop briefly for the Undulated and Rufous Antpitta, Rust, and Yellow Tanager, Red Crested Cotinga, Creamy Crested Spinetail, Sword Billed Hummingbird, Brown Backed Chat-Tyrants, Flower piercers, and Flycatchers.

Driving uphill we will reach the high mountains which are locally known as Puna, we will be searching diligently for Sedge Wren, Line Fronted, and Junín Canastero while descending the Acjanacu Pass (1066 feet). The vegetation is scattered and we will look for birds of this habitat such as; chestnut-bellied, Hooded, and bellied Mountain-Tanager, and the bird's flocks that travel in this misty forest are quite productive also to find some specialists at this elevation, Crimson Mantled Woodpecker, Plush cap, White Banded & throated Tyrannulet, Pearled Tree runner, Puna Thistletail, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, Sierran Eleania, Golden Collared, Grass Green, Blue Capped Tanagers, Band-tailed and Barred Fruiteater, Streaked Tuftedcheeck, Purple Backed Thornbill among others in the mixed flocks as they are more frequently to find them flying across the road.



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Other interesting targets at Tuneles and Esperanza locations are; Gray Breasted Mountain-Toucan, Chestnut Crested Cotinga the Endemic Red and White Antpitta while transecting along the Cloud Forest as we keep driving down into the mountain. The vegetation will gradually change into more dense vegetation. It holds bird species like; Golden Headed Quetzals, Stripe-faced Wood-quail, Yungas Pigmy Owl, Blue-Banded Toucanet, Collared Jay Mountain Cacique, and Greater Scythebill.

If lucky enough we may see the umbrella as far as driving down the mountains we will descend to 1,500 meters in elevation which is one of the best, to observe the Cock of the rock, (Peru's national bird). It is easier to find them while they are displaying at their lek, (the male birds are a vibrant reddish-orange, and as many as several dozen get together for an exhibition of a mating ritual dance in a place called Lek) overnight at the Guadalupe Lodge.

DAY 2

Guadalupe Lodge

We will wake up with the amazing variety of birds calling that emerges out from the forest, the diversity of all is incredible here, the most frequently heard are specialists from bamboo forest, Mustached and Scaly Breasted Wren, Golden Bellied and Buff Rumped Warblers, Warbling Antbird, Dot Winged Antwren, Bluish Fronted Jacamar, Manu, Striated, White Line Antbird, Stripe Chested Antwren among others calls you heard coming just behind your cabins.

We also heard the calls of the Blue and Yellow Macaws flying over by sunrise. After Breakfast we will ultimate our birding experience here, exploring the bamboo forest interior that holds a unique collection of birds, our expert guides will do their best to show us the jewel of the dense bamboo thickets. "White Checked Tody-flycatcher" The birding at the bamboo Forest Patch is quite Interesting for cool and challenging birds such as; the Red-Billed Scythebill, Bamboo Antshrike, Ornate, White-Eyed and Dot Winged Antwren, Peruvian Recur bill, Dusky Cheeked, Ruddy, Buff Throated Foliage Gleaner, Large Headed Flatbill, Manu and Black Antbird, the Unmistakable Rufous Headed Woodpecker, Yellow Billed Nunbird.

During the afternoon we explore another complex forest type to explore would be the foothill forest which is quite good for spotting the Golden Collared Toucanet, Fasciated Antshrike, Red Billed Pied, Masked, Green and gold, Yellow-Bellied, Yellow Crested, Yellow Backed Tanagers all used to be spotted while flocking up and few other unexpected Forest Falcons and large predators such as Harpy Eagle. The understory of this type of forest holds incredible species like; Rusty Belted Tapaculo, Black Faced Antbird, and Golden Bellied Warbler. Overnight at Guadalupe Lodge.

DAY 3

Guadalupe Lodge - Cusco

Early in the morning, we observe birds by the garden we get chances to spot the; Golden Tailed Sapphire, Blue-tailed Emerald, Rufous Breasted, White Bearded and White Browed



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Hermit, Gray Breasted Sabrewing, Buff Tailed Sicklebill, Rufous Crested Coquette, Golden Tailed Sapphire.

On our way back, we visit a lagoon that is packed with Hoatzins known as pre-historic birds due its appearance, most of the bird sights here are also; Brazilian Teals, Southern Lapwings, Flycatchers, Amazon, Green Kingfishers, Little, Lineated, and Spot Breasted Woodpeckers, Gray Breasted and Rufous Sided Crake Capped Heron, Little Cuckoo, Silvered Antbird, Amazonian Antpitta and many more.

Continuing the journey back we start climbing the Andes and arriving in Cusco by 6:00 PM

Inclusions

- Specialized Guide Birding & Telescope
- Birding list (Ebird optional)
- Box Lunch (vegetarian available)
- Entrance tickets to Birding Sites
- Snacks (fresh fruits, cookies, chocolate)
- Unlimited Purified Water
- Private Overland Transport (SUV or Minivan)
- Entrances to the Cock of the Rock Lek
- Entrances to the Hummingbird Gardens
- 2 Nights Accommodation at Guadalupe Lodge

Exclusions

- Alcoholic Drinks
- First-day Breakfast & Dinner
- Single Supplement Fee