



Manu Best Birding Lodges 6 Days 2024

Duration: 6 days / 5 nights
Max Participants: 6 plus guide
Type Service: Group Service
Season: All Year Round

DAY 1

Cusco– Wayquecha Lodge

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 Junin 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, Scarlet 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, Plushcap, White Banded & throated Tyrannulet, Pearled Treerunner, Puna Thistletail, Black Throated Tody-Tyrant, Sierran Elaenia, Golden Collared, Grass Green, Blue Capped Tanagers, Band-tailed and Barred Fruiteater, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Purple Backed Thornbill among others in the mixed flocks as they are more frequently to find them flying across the road.

We will spend the afternoon birding at the elfin forest at the Wayquecha Lodge elevational range, overnight at the Wayquecha.

DAY 2

Wayquecha Lodge – Cock of the Rock Lodge

Early morning walks to look for the Endemic Red and White Antpitta and the Urubamba Other interesting targets at Tuneles and Esperanza location are; Gray Breasted Mountain Toucan, Chestnut Crested Cotinga the Endemic Red, and White Antpitta. While transacting along the Cloud Forest as we keep driving down into the mountain the vegetation will gradually have changed into more dense vegetation it holds bird's species like Golden Headed Quetzals, Stripe-faced Wood-quail, Yungas Pigmy Owl, Blue-Banded Toucanet, Collared Jay Mountain Cacique, Greater Scythebill.

At Much lower target bird would be the Cock of the rocks (Peru's national bird) it 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) After this fascinating experience.

We will search diligently for more species that are still found at this high; Yungas Manakin, Versicolored Barbed, Orange Eared Tanager, Streak Necked Flycatcher, Andean Motmot, and Green Jay among others. If lucky enough we may see the lyre tailed night during dusk. Overnight at Cock of the Rock or Paradise Lodge.



WILD WATCH PERU

DAY 3

Cock of the Rock Lodge – Guadalupe Lodge

We will be looking to observe Cock of the rocks (*Rupicola peruviana*), Peru's national bird from a platform. 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" After this we will visit the flowers/feeders that attract hummingbirds, we will be able to see the following species; Booted Racket Tail, Wire crested Thorntail, Green Hermit, Many Spotted Hummingbird, Violet Fronted Brilliant, White Bellied Woodstar, Peruvian Pied tail, Long Tailed Sylph, Wedge Billed Hummingbird, Speckled Hummingbird, and the common Sparkling Violetear.

During the afternoon we will sadly leave the lodge to look for a few target species, if lucky enough we may see the umbrella as far as driving down the mountains. We will pass by a swamp that is packed with Hoatzins known as pre-historic birds due to 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 Crane, Capped Heron, Little Cuckoo, Silvered Antbird, and many more.

We will arrive at our lodge Guadalupe just in time to see the nightjars (Common Pauraque) these elusive birds used to catch insects during dusk, the road it's by far the best place to see them.

DAY 4

Guadalupe Lodge – River Boat - Macaw Clay Lick - Hummingbird Garden

we will descend out of the foothills to reach the Alto Madre de Dios River starts along the boat journey there will be chances to observe shore birds which are often seen foraging on the rocky gravel bars and we will reach the Parrot clay lick that sit asides the river banks. This is a special place where parrots, parakeets, and small macaws, including the Chestnut fronted Macaw and the rare-headed Macaw, come to eat minerals that they need for digestion.

Later by mid-morning we explore the trails of the Machuhuasi lagoon (1900 ft) having chances to look for the Amazonian Antpitta, Rufous Breasted Piculet, Cabannis Spinetail, arriving to the lagoon we will be welcomed by the noisy and clumsy hoatzins which are one of the most commons birds next to the Black Capped Donacobius, Horned Screammers, Blackish Rail, Black Billed Seed-Finch, Orange Backed Troupial, Red Capped Cardinal, Pale Eyed Blackbird, Rufous Sided Crane.

We will also explore the Varzea forest nearby the lake that provides good chances for observing the Gray Antwren, Pink Throated Becard, Rusty belted Tapaculo, Ringed Antpipit, Scarlet Hooded Barbet, Balck Faced Antthrush among other birds. After exploring the lake we will make our jouney back by motor boat to Atalaya Port adn head back to Guadalupe Lodge and having chances to stopover at the hummingbird gardens that attracts the Rufous Crested Coquette, Buff-tailed sicklebill and others.



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DAY 5

Guadalupe Lodge - Bamboo Trail - Foothill Forest

We will wake up with the amazing variety of birds call that emerges out from the forest, the diversity of all is incredible here, the most frequently heard are specialist from bamboo forest, Mustached and Scaly Breasted Wren, Golden Bellied and Buff Rumped Warbler, 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 over flying during the 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 Recurbill, 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 that is quite good to spot the Golden Collared Toucanet, Fasciated Antshrike, Red Billed Pied, Masked, Green & 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 6

Guadalupe Lodge – Cloud Forest Birding - Cusco

This morning, we will depart as early possible to return to the could forest to get interesting birds sighting of birds that we may not see on the days in so this will us great chances to traverse this unique habitat and obverse the iconic birds such as; quetzals, cock of the Rock, mountain tourcans, trogons, motmots, torrent ducks, mountain tanagers and others and arriving to Cusco from 4:00 PM



INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Specialized Birding Guide (Bilingual) with spotting scope
- ✓ Private ground Transportation and motorboat
- ✓ 5 nights Total (Wayquecha, Cock of the Rock and Guadalupe Lodge
- ✓ (private toilets, WIFI, hot showers, mosquito net)
- ✓ Entrance tickets to the attraction and gardens
- ✓ Meals Dinner from Day 1st Breakfast to Lunch Day 6rd
- ✓ Snacks & Purified Water
- ✓ Free Storage Room in Cusco
- ✓ Rubber Boots
- ✓ Duffel Bags

NOT INCLUDED

- Alcoholic Drinks
- Binoculars
- Breakfast Day 1st / Dinner Day 6