



The Complete Manu & Largest Clay Lick in Tambopata Birding Tour 8 days - Southern Peru

Day 1 Cusco - Cock of the Rock Lodge

Driving uphill we will reach the high mountains which is 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 habitats such as; Chestnut Bellied, Hooded, Scarlet Bellied Mountain Tanager and the bird's flocks that travel at 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 Eleania, 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.

Other interesting targets at Tuneles and Esperanza location are; Gray Breasted Mountain Toucan, Chestnut Crested Cotinga the Endemic Red and White Anpitta, while transecting along the Cloud Forest as we keep driving down into the mountain the vegetation will gradually have changed into a denser 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 Scythe bill,

At Much lower target bird would be the Cock of the rocks (Peru's national bird) it more easy 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 searching diligently for more species that are still found at this high; Yungas Manakin, Versicolored Barbed, Orange Eared Tanager, Streak Necked Flycatcher, Andean Motmot, Green Jay among others. If lucky enough we may see the lyre tailed night during dusk. Overnight at Cock of the Rock Lodge

DAY 2 Cock of the Rock Lodge - Guadalupe Lodge

Today we wake up very early 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 attacks 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. Along the walk we can also see and heard species like: White crowned Tapaculo, Yungas Manakin,

Crested Quetzal, Striped Faced Wood-Quail and the Black and Chestnut Hawk Eagle. During the afternoon we will sadly leave the lodge to look for target species along the road, Chestnut breasted Wren, Cinnamon Faced Tyrannulet, Tyrannine Woodcreeper, Masked Trogon, Crimson Bellied Woodpecker, Black Streaked Puffbird, Tanagers, Brown Tinamou, and possibly Lanceolated monklet, Peruvian Piedtail and the Yellow Breasted Antwren.

Continuing the journey, we pass by swamp that is packed by 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, Capped Heron, Little Cuckoo, Silvered Antbird, Purple Gallinule and many more.

If lucky enough we may see the umbrella as far driving down the mountains we will arrive to our lodge Guadalupe just on time to see the nightjars (Common Pauraque) these elusive birds used to catch insect during dusk, the road it's by far the best place to see them.

DAY 3 Guadalupe Lodge - Bamboo and Foothill Forest

We will wake up with the amazing variety of birds call that emerges out from the forest, 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.

We explore the bamboo forest interior that holds a unique collection of birds, our expert guides will do their best to shows us the jewel of the dense bamboo thickets " White Checked Tody-flycatcher" the birding at the bamboo Forest Patch its quite Interesting for cool and challenging birds such as; 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 Ant shrike, Red Billed Pied, Masked, Green & Gold, Yellow Bellied, Yellow Crested, Yellow Backed Tanagers, round tailed Manaki. All used to be spotted while flocking up and few other unexpected Forest Falcons and large predators such as Harpy Eagle. The understory at this type of forest that hold incredible species like; Rusty Belted Tapaculo, Black Faced Antbird, Golden Bellied Warbler. Overnight at Guadalupe Lodge.



DAY 4 Guadalupe Lodge – Amazonia Lodge

Early in the morning we will explore the Palm forest to look for specialties such as; Blue Headed, Blue and yellow Macaws, Sulphury Flycatchers, Dull capped Attila, White Vented Euphonia and band Tailed Manakin. Our dining room at Guadalupe Lodge is privileged located, which provides wide view of the garden and the bamboo forest, while having breakfast we get views of the hummingbirds flying around the Heliconias and Berbenacea flowers; Golden Tailed Sapphire, Blue tailed Emerald, Rufous Breasted.

We get ready to leave the Lodge by midday, the road crosses a low set of hills where we get the Alto Madre de Dios River starts along the boat journey there will be chances to observe shore birds which often seen foraging on the rocky gravel bars and we will keep a close watch raptor. While we arrive to Amazonia trails and swamp we will be welcomed by the noisy and clumsy hoatzins which is one of the most common birds next to the Black Capped Donacobius, Horned Screammers, Blackish Rai, Black Billed Seed-Finch, Orange Backed Troupial, Red Capped Cardinal, Pale Eyed Blackbird, Rufous Sided Crake. Overnight at Amazonia Lodge.

DAY 5 Amazonia Lodge – River Boat Trip to Aguajal Lodge

This morning will be productive to observe the hummingbirds at the Lodge feeders, Rufous Crested Coquette, Golden Tailed Sapphire, Violet Headed Hummingbird, Koepcke's Hermit, the feeders also attracts other interesting birds like; Gray Cowled Wood-rail, Oropendolas. We sadly depart the lodge by midmorning and navigate the Alto Madre de Dios river where we will be observing more of shore birds such as; egrets, terns, rosette spoonbills, plovers and interesting raptors and vultures. Arriving to the lodge by the afternoon foremost we shall take one of the trails in order to find species such as: Rusty Belted Tapaculo, Foliage Gleaner, Pale Winged Trumpeter, Razor Billed Curassow, Aracaris, Spix's Guan. We will have the possibility to look for Spectacled Owl, Crested Owl, Tropical and Tawny Bellied Screech Owls, Ocellated Poorwill Overnight at Aguajal Lodge.

DAY 6 Blanquillo Oxbow Lake & Canopy Tower - Tambopata Lodge

On this morning, we explore the Camungo Oxbow Lake, the lake is open to explore paddling a Catamaran looking for Least Grebe, Black Collared Hawk, Sungrebe, Muscovy Duck, Rufous sided Crake, Wattled Jacana, Green and Rufous Kingfisher, Purus Jacamar, Hoatzin, Silvery Antbird, Horned Screamer. If we are lucky we might also see Giant Otters.

After the beautiful macaw show we will visit the canopy tower anchored in the giant Ceiba Tree a tower of 148 feet, from here we can observe the following species: Guira Tanager, Lemon Throated Barbet, Oropendolas, Caciques, Gilded Barbet, Woodcreeper and raptors among others interesting birds that flock on the upper level of the forest.

We start our way Out by motor boat somewhat 2 hours of navigation along the Madre de Dios River and passing by the Colorado mining town once over there we will switch to overland transport, all-

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terrain vehicle and drive towards Inambari River and the first part will be along the high way then on the second part will be in a dirt route until we get to the Tambopata River near the limit to the reserve. Our boat will be waiting for us to take us 1 hour and 30 minutes up the Tambopata River crossing our Lodge and the check point. We will have all the sunrise just for us in the boat, and we will have really good chances to spot shore birds. Overnight at Tambopata Lodge.

DAY 7 Chuncho Clay Lick at Tambopata – Trails Exploration

Early wake up and start our journey upstream in Tambopata river to the Macaw Clay Lick “El Chuncho” in Tambopata National Reserve. We will have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful natural sceneries and wildlife of the riverbanks. At our arrival, we’ll set a breakfast and then we will be ready to observe one of the greatest wildlife spectacles where hundreds of parrots and different species of macaws gather to eat clay, first the parrots, mealy parrot, blue headed, orange check, dusky headed, white eyed and then the large macaws like the blue and yellow, red and green, scarlet macaw, this is an unforgettable experience. In the middle morning we return to the lodge to explore the trails and tower so The tower also offers good opportunity for Cream- colored Woodpecker, Gilded Barbet, Plum-throated Cotinga and Striolated Puffbird. Macaws and toucans are seen flying against the horizon, including the Chestnut-eared, Lettered, Emerald, Curl-crested, and Brown-mandibled Aracaries. This is your best chance for hawk-eagles and even harpy! Overnight at Tambopata Lodge.

DAY 8 Tambopata Lodge – Puerto Maldonado Airport.

We start our boat and road journey back to the airport Puerto Maldonado, depending on airline schedules, this may require dawn departures.