



Cloud Forest & Foothill Birding in Manu - 4 days

Birding in the Manu Cloud Forest is a great experience for birdwatchers of all levels. With its unique climate and amazing wildlife, the Cloud Forest is a must-visit destination for anyone who loves birds.

Duration: 4 days / 3 nights

Minimum participants: 2 travelers

Max participants: 8 plus guide

Type Service: Group basis rate.

Rate: \$ 690.00

Season: from April to October

Day 1

Cusco – Huacarpay lake – Paradise Lodge

Early morning pick up from your hotel and drive towards the [Huacarpay lake](#) 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, Flowerpiercers, 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 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. 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 have changed 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 arrive at the Lodge 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 Paradise Lodge.



Day 2

Paradise Lodge – Lagoon – 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 Wood star, 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 their 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, and many more.

We will arrive in 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 3

Guadalupe Lodge – Bamboo Trails

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,



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Black Faced Antbird, and Golden Bellied Warbler. Overnight at Guadalupe Lodge.

Day 4

Guadalupe Lodge – Cusco

Early in the morning, we walk along the palm forest to observe macaws, parakeets and small macaws, including the rare Blue headed Macaw, that overflights the forest, we return to our lodge for breakfast and start packing and get ready to take the motor boat back to Atalaya port and our minivan ride will begin. We should be continuing with our journey even when we have to leave behind the tropical forest and weather and we will start climbing the Andes and arrive in Cusco at night.

Inclusions

- Bird-listing by Ebird
- Paradise Lodge Overnight
- Cock of the Rock Observatory
- Duffel Bags for repacking
- Entrances Fees (attractions listed)
- Guadalupe Lodge Overnights
- Hummingbirds Gardens
- Lodging (Double bed occupancy)
- Meals (vegetarian optional)
- Motor Boat Transport (Canoe type)
- Overland (minivan, SUV) Transport
- Purified Water
- Rubber Boots
- Snacks (fresh fruits, cookies, chocolate)
- Specialized Birding Guide +Spotting scope

Exclusions

- Alcoholic Drinks
- Day 1st Breakfast
- Domestic Flights
- Nights on Single Supplement
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