

EAST SLOPE AND AMAZON OF ECUADOR TOUR

ARRIVAL DAY: Mariscal Sucre International Airport in Quito. Transfer-in to any hotel near to the airport you can choose the hotel of your preference for this night. Here the following hotels:

- Wyndham Hotel -Holyday Inn Airport Hotel
- San José de Puenbo Hotel
- Rincón de Puenbo Hotel
- Puenbo Birding Garden Hotel.
- Zaysant Ecolodge

DAY 1: Chakana Reserve - Antisana Ecological Reserve Today: Pick up in the morning and we visit the highlands of the Antisana Ecological Reserve where we'll look for Andean Condors, Blackchested Buzzard-Eagle, Cinereous Harrier, Andean Ibis, Carunculated Caracara, Andean Gull, Giant Hummingbird, Andean Lapwing, Tawny Antpitta, Many-striped Canastero, Andean Tit-Spinetail, Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, Ecuadorian Hillstar, Paramo Pipit, Black-winged Ground-Dove and many other species from the Paramo ecosystem. Night at Guango Lodge.

Breakfast in the hotel

Lunch at Tambo Cóndor

Dinner at Guango Lodge.

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DAY 2: Guango Lodge- Papallacta pass: After having breakfast in Guango, we drive to the Papallacta Pass area where we will search for White chinned Thistletail, Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe, Purple-backed Thornbill, Red-crested Cotinga, Giant Conebill, Variable Hawk and others. In this area we will search for Spectacled Bear which is reliable because this ecosystem is above the tree line and much easier to spot them than in the dense cloud forest. After lunch we will continue birding and more spectacled bear hunting in the Papallacta area, we will search for Andean Pygmy-Owl, Crowned Chat-Tyrant, Crescent-faced Antpitta, Purple-backed Thornbill and Yellowbilled Pintails at the Papallacta Lagoon. Night at Guango Lodge.

-Breakfast at Guango Lodge

-Lunch at Pampallacta Hotel

-Dinner at Guango Lodge.

DAY 3: Guango Lodge – San Isidro: In the morning you'll have plenty to look out for target species include Torrent Duck, Andean Guan, many hummingbirds including Sword-billed, Greybreasted Mountain-Toucan, Dusky Piha, White-capped Dipper, Blue-backed Conebill, Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager, Grey-hooded Bush-Tanager, Black-capped Hemispingus, Plushcap, (Northern) Mountain Cacique, Pale-naped and Slaty Brush-Finches. If you didn't see your target species at Papallacta the day before, then you may try again today. Targets in this area include Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe, Blue-mantled Thornbill, Viridian Metaltail, Andean Tit-Spinetail, Many-striped Canastero, White-chinned Thistletail, Tawny Antpitta, Red-crested Cotinga, Giant Conebill, Golden-crowned Tanager, Masked Mountain-Tanager, Black-chested Mountain-Tanager and Black-backed Bush-Tanager. Night at San Isidro Lodge.

Breakfast and lunch at Guango Lodge

Dinner at San Isidro Lodge.

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-Day 4: San Isidro Lodge: Today we'll have breakfast at San Isidro Lodge and start time at San Isidro Target species in the San Isidro area include Black-and-chestnut Eagle, Wattled Guan, Rufous-banded Owl, another chance for Andean Potoo, Rufous-bellied Nighthawk, Oilbird, Crested and Golden-headed Quetzal, Masked Trogon, Andean (Highland) Motmot, Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Powerful Woodpecker, Streak-headed (Long-tailed) Antbird, Chestnutcrowned Antpitta, White-bellied Antpitta, Slate-crowned Antpitta, Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher, Barred Becard, Black-billed Peppershrike, Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia, Flame-faced Tanager, White-capped Tanager and Subtropical Cacique. Mammals we will look out for include Black Agouti, possible Mountain Tapir, Kinkajou and the very rare Giant Anteater. Night at San Isidro Lodge.

Note: At night we have a chance of seeing the San Isidro Owl, which is a high elevation form of Black-banded Owl and possibly a new species or subspecies. They often sit in the lodge grounds and are normally fairly easy to find.

Breakfast, Lunch and dinner at San Isidro.

-Day 5: San Isidro- Guacamayos Ridge – Wildsumaco Lodge: In the morning you'll do to check out of San Isidro Lodge and we will continue the journey to Wildsumaco Lodge. Just a 30 minute drive from San Isidro is Guacamayos where target species include White throated Screech-Owl, Swallow-tailed Nightjar, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Flammulated Treehunter, Strong-billed Woodcreeper, Greater Scythebill (very rare), Barred Antthrush, Ocellated Tapaculo, Handsome Flycatcher, Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant, Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant, Green-and-black Fruiteater, Black-chested Fruiteater, Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer, Chestnut-bellied Thrush, Vermilion Tanager, Blue-browed Tanager, Rufous-crested Tanager and Grass-green Tanager. We have lunch en route to Wildsumaco. Then we continue to birding on the way to Wildsumaco Lodge. We will arrive around 05:00 pm and we have dinner around 06:00 pm. Night at Wildsumaco Lodge.

-Breakfast and box Lunch at San Isidro

-Dinner at Wildsumaco Lodge.

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-Day 6: Wildsumaco area: Breakfast at 0530 – 0600 hours. we'll have a great time exploring another ecologically diverse area for birds and mammals. Today we will bird the Antpitta trail in the morning where two species of Antpitta are possible, Plain-backed and Ochre-breasted. In the afternoon spending time around the lodge and checking the hummingbird feeders would be well worth while. After dinner at 1830 we will make time to specifically look for mammals and owls from Wildsumaco. At night we will walk and actively searching with a high-powered torch for a chance on Margay, Opossums, Kinkajou and Night monkey. Target species for Wildsumaco include Black Hawk-Eagle, several species of Forest-Falcons, Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail, Blackish Rail, Scaled Pigeon, Military Macaw, Spot-winged Parrotlet, Vermiculated (Foothill) Screech-Owl, Rufescent Screech-Owl, Band-bellied Owl, Coppery-chested Jacamar, Black-streaked Puffbird, Chestnut-tipped Toucanet, Golden-collared Toucanet, Yellow – Throated Toucan, Rufous-breasted and Lafresnaye's Piculet, Crimson-bellied Woodpecker, Red-billed Scythebill, Lined Antshrike, Russet Antshrike, White-streaked Antwren, Plain-winge, Antwren, Yellow-breasted Antwren, Blackish Antbird, Western Fire-eye, Short-tailed Antthrush, Chestnut-crowned Gnateater, a lot of flycatchers (too many to list but including Yellow-throated Spadebill), Scarlet-breasted and Fiery-throated Fruiteater, Gray-tailed Piha, Rufous-naped Greenlet, Gray-mantled Wren, Musician Wren, Wing-banded Wren, Golden-collared Honeycreeper, Blue-naped Chlorophonia, Bronze-green Euphonia, Orange-eared Tanager, Golden-eared Tanager, Paradise Tanager, Fulvous Shrike-Tanager, Olive Finch, Blue-rumped and White-crowned Manakin. Night at Wildsumaco Lodge.

Breakfast, lunch and Dinner at Wildsumaco Lodge.

DAY 7: Wildsumaco Lodge : After having breakfast, we will look for Gray-mantled and Coraya Wrens, Black-billed Treehunter, Plainbacked Antpitta, Ochre-breasted Antpitta, Deep-blue Flowerpiercer, Napo Sabrewing, Brown and Sparkling Violetears, Green Hermit, Ecuadorian Piedtail, Wire-crested Thorntail, White – Tipped Sicklebill, Booted Rackettail, Violet-fronted Brilliant, Golden-tailed Sapphire, Many-spotted Hummingbird and many other species. Night at Wildsumaco Lodge.

Breakfast, lunch and Dinner at Wildsumaco Lodge.

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DAY 8: Wildsumaco- Coca- Sani Lodge: Today after breakfast we continue to Coca then we will take the nice boat for going to Sani Lodge, it will take around 2 ½ hours. We will have a chance to see some water birds on the Napo River. Night at Sani Lodge.

- Breakfast at Wildsumaco
- Box Lunch on Napo River.
- Dinner at Sani Lodge.

DAYS 09 and 11: Sani Lodge: During these days at Sani Lodge, we'll be accompanied by a local guide that will take us to the canopy tower for seeing and photograph birds at eye level, paddle canoes rides around the lagoon searching for monkeys and water birds, forest trails for forest birds and monkeys and other mammals, visit to the clay lick for parrots and macaws. We will have a night walk to searching for mammals, insects and other unique arthropods. Night at Sani Lodge.

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Sani Lodge.

DAYS 12: Sani Lodge -Coca Airport to Quito: Early we have breakfast, after that we will take a boat for going to Coca, and then we will go to the Coca airport for taking our flight to Quito airport.

Note: The last day, you will have to fight for going your home or we can organize a reservation a hotel near to the airport, it is up to you.

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Transportation and driver from the first day and last day of the tour.
- 3 daily meals during the tour.
- Private bilingual birding guide during all birding tour.
- Lodging in the different Lodges and hotels.
- Ticket Flight Coca to Quito
- VAT taxes

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TOUR DOESN'T INCLUDE:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Tips
- Personal expenses
- Dinner the last day.