



Andean Cock-of-the-Rock © Andy Reago



Ecuador: Birding the Chocó-Andes

Discover the breathtaking biodiversity of Ecuador's cloud forests and Andean highlands on an unforgettable birdwatching tour. Journey through misty forests and dramatic mountain landscapes as your local expert guide leads you in search of some of South America's most spectacular bird species. Marvel at the dazzling Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, spot vibrant tanagers flitting through the canopy, and witness the majestic flight of the Andean Condor. With the chance to encounter over 300 bird species — including 45 species of Hummingbirds, Toucans, and rare Antpittas — alongside diverse wildlife like Spectacled Bear, this adventure promises an extraordinary experience in one of the world's richest ecological hotspots.

Dates: 3-11 February, 2026 (9-days)

Locations: [MAP](#) (interactive)

Price: from \$3,190pp

Potential Bird Species: 320+

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- 🌿 Explore this ecoregion with visits to the Mashpi-Amagusa Reserve, the Tandayapa and Mindo valleys, and the famous Refugio Paz de las Aves, a haven for Antpittas
- 🌿 Learn how Fundacion Sembrando Esperanza is working with community conservationist to protect wild Puma populations
- 🌿 Visit a Cock-of-the-Rock lek and observe the incredible courtship display of this iconic species
- 🌿 Seek out regional endemics like Giant Antpitta, Plate-billed Mountain Toucan, Long-wattled Umbrellabird, and Scaled Fruiteater

Extension: Extend your trip with an optional 2-day pre-trip extension to the Andean highlands.

Dates: February 2-3, 2026

Explore Ecuador's Chocó Andes: A Birdwatching & Wildlife Hotspot

Embark on an unforgettable birding and wildlife watching adventure through Ecuador's breathtaking **Chocó Andino de Pichincha Biosphere Reserve** – a true biodiversity hotspot. The reserve lies just northwest of Quito, and this extraordinary region spans altitudes from 360m to 4,500m (1,200ft – 14,800ft), creating an incredible variety of ecosystems teeming with life. Home to over 350 bird species, 63 only found in the Chocó bioregion; this is a higher density of endemic birds than anywhere else in the Americas. The refuge also harbors 270 mammals – including the elusive **Spectacled Bear** – 210 reptiles, and 130 amphibian species. These factors make the Chocó Andes one of the most biologically rich areas in the world, rivaling even the Amazon and Indonesian Archipelago.



Giant Antpitta © Toby Ross

Our Chocó Andes Tour takes you through the heart of this vibrant bioregion, exploring the humid lowland forests of the Chocó-Darién and the lush northern Andean mountain forests. Based in comfortably located eco-lodges such as Piripe Lodge, Kapari Lodge, and Sachatamia Lodge, you'll have prime access to world-class birding hotspots like the Tandayapa and Mindo Valleys, Mashpi Amagusa Reserve, Paz de las Aves, and the Silanche lowlands. These pristine habitats are home to an astonishing array of regionally endemic and sought-after bird species that are only shared with neighboring Colombia to the north, including the striking **Andean Cock-of-the-rock**, **Giant Antpitta**^(VU), **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan**^(NT), **Club-winged Manakin**^, **Glistening-green Tanager**^, **Long-Wattled Umbrella Bird**^(VU), and **Velvet-purple Coronet**^. We'll also seek out rarities like the **Black Solitaire**^, **Chocó Vireo**^, and **Indigo Flowerpiercer**^.

From the mystical elfin forests of the temperate zone to the bird-rich subtropical cloud forests and tropical foothills, each step of the journey immerses you in spectacular scenery, vibrant wildlife, and conservation-focused experiences. By birding in these reserves, you'll be actively supporting local conservation projects dedicated to preserving this precious eco-system for generations to come.

With its diverse landscapes, top-notch lodges, and an astonishing concentration of rare and near-endemic species, northwest Ecuador is a dream destination for birders and nature enthusiasts alike. Join us for this ultimate birding adventure in one of the world's most enchanting and wildlife-rich regions.

DAY 1: Tuesday, February 3

ARRIVAL IN QUITO

We'll start our tour in the charming historical city of Quito, the capital of Ecuador, and conveniently located close to the Andean mountains. On arrival you'll be transferred from the airport to your hotel in the heart of the city. You'll meet your guide, trip leader, the rest of the group and receive a trip briefing.

Accommodation: Mercure Hotel, Quito – Dinner only



Quito © Toby Ross

DAY 2: Wednesday, February 4

ZURO LOMA – TANDAYAPA VALLEY - PACTO

We have an early start this morning to visit the recently created Zuro Loma Reserve, a small-scale independent reserve high on the slopes of Pichincha Volcano (3,200m/ 10,500ft). This reserve offers great opportunities to see three Antpitta species, including the specialty **Chestnut-naped Antpitta** (probably a cryptic new species awaiting description), **Tawny Antpitta**^, and the elusive **Equatorial Antpitta**. Hummingbird feeders entice **Collared Inca**, **Tyrian Metaltail**, **Mountain Velvetbreast**, **Sapphire-vented Puffleg**, **Buff-winged Starfrontlet**^, and the incredible **Sword-billed Hummingbird**. The reserve also has fruit feeders that attract **Andean Guan**, **Blue-capped Tanager**, **Yellow-breasted Brushfinch**, and **Masked, White-sided** and **Glossy Flowerpiercers**. There are also some other special bird species here, such as **Black-and-Chestnut Eagle**(EN), **Barred Fruiteater**, **Rufous-breasted Chat-tyrant**, **Brown-bellied Swallow**, and **Red-crested Cotinga**. Later, we will bird the famous Tandayapa Valley where we hope to find **Green-and-Black Fruiteater**, **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan**^(NT), **Powerful Woodpecker**, **Masked Trogon**, **Blue-and-Black Tanager**, **Pearled Treerunner**, **Gray-breasted Wood-Wren**, **Dusky Chlorospingus**, and **Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager**. We'll have lunch in Guaycapi or enjoy a box lunch, and then afterwards drive through Alambi to the Piripe Lodge, with birding stops along the way.



Sword-billed Hummingbird © Toby Ross



Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan © Neblina Forest

Accommodation: Piripe Lodge, Pacto

DAY 3: Thursday, February 5

PACTO – SANTA ELENA

We will enjoy a full day of birding around the Pacto area. Early in the morning, we'll visit one of the gaudiest of all South American birds, the **Andean Cock-of-the-Rock** and its display site, also known as a lek, at Santa Elena where male birds show off their "manliness" with noisy dances for the females watching on. The habitat around the lek may also provide sightings of **Smooth-billed Ani**, **Squirrel Cuckoo**, **Crowned Woodnymph**, **White-booted Racket-tail**, **Golden-olive Woodpecker**, **Scaled Antpitta**, **Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner**, **Chocó Tyrannulet**, and both **Strong-billed** and **Spotted Woodcreepers**. In the afternoon, we will look for birds while we visit a traditional farm successfully combining sugar cane and conservation. There will be many opportunities to bird in the surrounding areas. Lunch at the Lodge or a box lunch on the road will be provided. Today, we will have an opportunity to support the work of Fundacion Sembrando Esperanza and take part in a reforestation project by planting some trees.



Andean Cock-of-the-Rock © Neblina Forest

Accommodation: Piripe Lodge, Pacto

DAY 4: Friday, February 6

UPPER MASHPI ROAD – MASHPI AMAGUSA RESERVE

Today is a very special day as we will enjoy our first exploration of the upper part of Mashpi Road and visit the Mashpi Amagusa and Mashpi Wasi Reserves where we'll enjoy some of the finest endemic cloud forest species, such as the rare **Indigo Flowerpiercer**^, and a wide assortment of Tanagers, including **Black-chinned Mountain**^, **Glistening-green**^, **Rufous-throated**^, **Flame-faced**, **Golden-naped**, **Golden**^, and **Moss-backed**^.



Glistening-green Tanager, Moss-backed Tanager, Golden Tanager © Neblina Forest

Golden-naped Tanager © Toby Ross

There will also be a whole range of Hummingbirds to enjoy, including **Empress Brilliant**^, **Velvet-purple Coronet**^, **Violet-tailed Sylph**^, **Brown Inca**^, **Purple-bibbed Whitetip**^, all gorgeous Chocó endemics. There will also be chances for **Crimson-rumped Toucanet** and **White-throated Quail-Dove**. We'll have a box lunch at Mashpi Wasi Reserve while we watch an assortment of hummingbirds visiting the feeders and you'll learn how the Mashpi Lodge Research and Biology Team is working to preserve **Puma** using camera traps and GPS tracking. In the afternoon, we'll travel to our lodge with birding along the way.

Accommodation: Cielo Verde Lodge, Garcia Moreno

DAY 5: Saturday, February 7

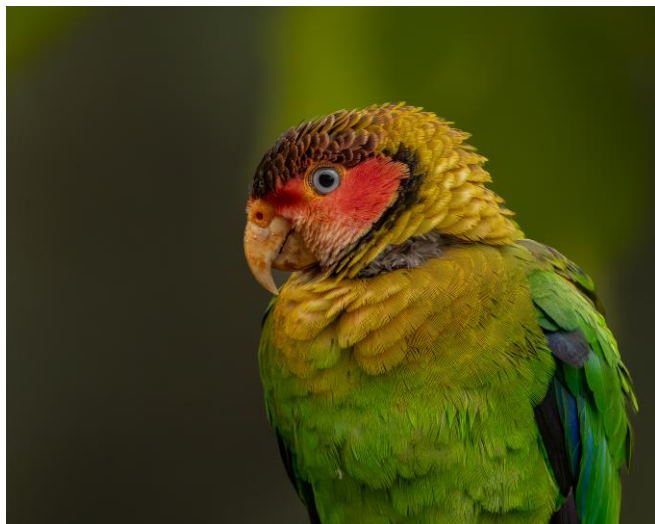
MIDDLE TO LOWER MASHPI ROAD – MANDURIACU RESERVE

We'll have an early departure from the lodge this morning to continue birding from the middle part of the Mashpi Road down to the lower elevations at around 900m (3,000ft). We'll be seeking mixed-species flocks which often contain **Indigo Flowerpiercer**, **Chocó Vireo**^(NT), **Pacific Tuftedcheek**^, **Uniform Treehunter**^, and **Orange-breasted Fruiteater**^. **Toucan**^(NT) and **Orange-fronted**^ **Barbets**, and **Yellow-green Tanager**^(VU) can also be found in these flocks. If we're fortunate, you'll get glimpses of the secretive **Black**^ or **Rufous-brown Solitaires**. We'll also be keeping a lookout for **Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail**^, **Dusky Pigeon**^, **Pallid Dove**, **Bronzy Hermit**, **Band-tailed Barbthroat**, **Long-billed Starthroat**, **Purple-crowned Fairy**, **Blue-chested Hummingbird**, **Black-tipped Cotinga**, **Ornate Hawk-Eagle**(NT), **Baudo Guan**^(EN), **Barred Puffbird**, and **White-capped Dipper**. After a box lunch, there will be more birding, and a stop at Manduriacu River and Reserve to look for birds we haven't found yet, including waterbirds. This reserve was created by the EcoMinga Foundation and was featured in a [PBS special](#) that describes Ecuador's unique constitution that explicitly recognizes the rights of forests and nature.



Toucan Barbet © Neblina Forest

Accommodation: Cielo Verde Lodge, Garcia Moreno



Rose-faced Parrot © Neblina Forest

DAY 6: Sunday, February 8

MASHPI ROAD and VICINITY

We'll have a full day of exploring the Mashpi Road and vicinity looking for Chocó specialty birds, such as **Rose-faced Parrot**^, **Chocó Toucan**^, **Chocó Warbler**^, **Scarlet-browed**^, **Blue-whiskered**^ and **Rufous-throated**^ Tanagers, **Purple Quail Dove**^, **Orange-fronted Barbet**^, **Purple-chested Hummingbird**^, and many more Chocó endemics. This area is part of a chocolate farm conservation project, and we'll hear how local farmers are managing the land for both wildlife and chocolate production. We'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and in the late afternoon transfer to Kapari Lodge.

Accommodation: Kapari Lodge, Los Blancos

DAY 7: Monday, February 9

UMBRELLABIRD DISPLAY

We will have an early start this morning to visit one of the best locations in the area to see the spectacular and increasingly rare male **Long-wattled Umbrellabird**^(VU) in full breeding display. Other birds in this area include the **Cloud-forest Pygmy Owl**^(VU), **Chocó Black-throated Trogon**^, **Club-winged Manakin**^, and **Black Solitaire**. The **Club-winged Manakin** is famous for producing an amazing, fax machine-like sound with its wings. Depending on how successful our morning is, we might return to the lodge to bird around the grounds and explore the lower part of the reserve looking for **Bronze-winged Parrot**, **Pacific Hornero**^, **Red-faced Spinetail**, **Rusty-margined Flycatcher**, **Chivi Vireo**, **Andean Solitaire**, and **Orange-billed Sparrow**. We'll then drive to Sachatamia Lodge and check in.



Long-wattled Umbrellabird © Neblina Forest

Accommodation: Sachatamia Lodge, Mindo

DAY 8: Tuesday, February 10

LOWER ELEVATIONS OF THE CHOCÓ AREA

We will spend a full day of birding in the lower elevations of the Chocó area at around 500m (1,600ft), Silanche Road, and the Rio Silanche Bird Sanctuary. This very special place offers species that are only shared with neighboring Colombia. Unfortunately, deforestation is taking place at an alarming rate due to a combination of farming, mining, and oil palm plantations, and so who knows how long these birds will be able to live in this area.

DAY 8: continued...

The canopy tower at the Rio Silanche Bird Sanctuary provides great viewing opportunities of **Scarlet-breasted**^(VU) and **Scarlet-thighed Dacnis**’, and **Blue-whiskered**^, **Rufous-winged**, **Golden-hooded**, **Gray-and-Gold**, **Bay-headed**, and **Scarlet-browed Tanagers**. **Dusky Pigeon**^ is also a regular here, and so are mixed flocks of **Collared Araçari**, and **Yellow-throated Toucan**, **Scarlet-rumped Cacique**, **Slate-throated Gnatcatcher**, **Brown-capped Tyrannulet**, **Yellow-margined Flatbill**, and **White-tailed**, **Collared**, **Chocó Black-throated** (recently elevated to species), and **Blue-tailed**^ **Trogons**. There are also some interesting Woodpeckers here – **Cinnamon**, **Black-cheeked**, **Guayaquil**, and the rare **Crimson-bellied**, as well as **Black-striped** and **Northern Barred Woodcreepers**. A number of Hummingbirds can also be found at this location, including **Purple-chested**^ and **Blue-chested Hummingbirds**, **White-whiskered Hermit**^ and **Band-tailed Barbthroat**.

This reserve also has many antbirds that can be found skulking in the shadows; species like **Checker-throated Stipplethroat**, **Dot-winged**, and **White-flanked Antwrens**, **Tawny-faced Gnatwren**, **Black-crowned Antshrike**, **Chestnut-backed** and **Bi-colored Antbirds**, and **Black-headed Antthrush**. **Scaly-throated Leaf Tosser**, **Black-tipped Cotinga** and **Brown Wood Rail**^(VU) are rare species that are sometimes encountered, as well as **Plumbous Hawk** and **Berlepsch’s Tinamou**^.



Chestnut-backed Antbird © Francesco Veronesi

Accommodation: Sachatamia Lodge, Mindo

DAY 9: Wednesday, February 11

PAZ DE LAS AVES - DEPARTURE

The best way to finish this amazing birding tour is by visiting the famous Refugio Paz de las Aves for more Antpitta specialties, including **Yellow-breasted**^, **Giant**, **Moustached**^(VU), **Ochre-breasted**, and

Chestnut-crowned Antpittas. We will spend the rest of the morning looking for **Crested Guan**(NT), **Golden-headed Quetzal**, **Red-billed Parrot**, **Broad-winged Hawk**, **Toucan Barbet**^(NT), **Nariño Tapaculo**^, **Crimson-rumped Toucanet**, **Scaled Fruit-eater**, **Ornate Flycatcher**, **Gray-breasted Wood-Wren**, **Rufous-breasted Antthrush**, many colorful **Tanagers** that may include **Flame-rumped**, **Golden**, **Golden-naped**, and **Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager**, and jewels of the forest that we’ve yet to see like **Tawny-bellied Hermit**, **White-throated Daggerbill**, **Speckled Hummingbird**, **Buff-tailed Coronet**, **Fawn-breasted Brilliant**, **Purple-throated Woodstar**, and **Andean Emerald**. At the end of the morning, we’ll head to the lodge for lunch and then return to Quito for your international flight home. Breakfast and Lunch only today.



Ornate Flycatcher © Gary Leavens

LAND PRICE

\$3,190 per person, group size 9-10

\$3,420 per person, group size 6-8

\$4,100 per person, group size 4-5

REGISTER

To reserve your place on this trip, please contact:

Toby Ross alighttours@gmail.com or (206) 552-3834

A \$500 deposit is needed to secure your place.

THE FINE PRINT

Price includes full-time wildlife guide, accommodation in standard rooms, meals and non-alcoholic drinks, park entrance fees and activities as outlined in this itinerary, private transportation (with A/C), arrival and departure transfers, donations to local conservation organizations, carbon offset of all in-country ground transportation, and an Ecuador Bird & Wildlife Checklist. The price does not include international flights, travel visas, travel insurance, luggage fees, alcoholic drinks, gratuities, camera permits (if required), souvenirs, laundry service, additional nights, or late checkouts.

Price is based on double occupancy. Single rooms may be available for an additional cost of \$250pp. We will make every effort to match people who request to share with others seeking a roommate.

The deadline for **final payment is November 1, 2025**. If the trip has not met the minimum number of travelers (4) by the deadline, you will be refunded 100% of your deposit and the trip will be canceled. If you cancel your participation in the trip before the final payment deadline, there is a \$150 cancellation fee that will be deducted from your deposit. If you cancel after the November 1, 2025 deadline, you will forfeit 100% of your deposit and any trip-related costs that have already been expended by Alight Tours and travel partners. Alight Tours will not be held responsible for any lost expenses or fees paid by the traveler should the trip not depart; these include, but are not limited to flights, additional hotel bookings, travel visas, and travel insurance.

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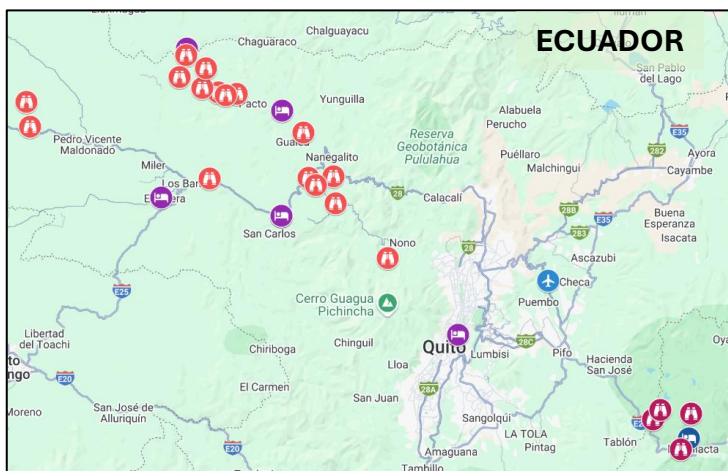
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MAP

Map shows the locations of lodging and planned birding sites during this program. Please note that the itinerary offers the planned program of activities. However, adverse weather & other local considerations can necessitate some reordering of the program, though this will always be done to maximize the best use of the time and weather conditions available.

A fully interactive map can be found [HERE](#)



EXTENSION

For those interested in extending their stay, there is an optional 2-day extension to the Andean Highlands where there are good chances to find **Andean Condor**, **Giant Hummingbird**, and **Spectacled Bear**.

See pages 9 - 10 for further details.

CONSERVATION CONNECTIONS

Your trip to Ecuador will support conservation and sustainable development in a number of ways:

- 👂 Employ expertly trained and knowledgeable Ecuadorian bird and wildlife guides.
- 👂 Support local non-profit organizations; one that works to protect Puma and its habitat, and another that focuses on reforestation.
- 👂 Support local economies by creating a demand for expert wildlife guides, high quality lodging, restaurants, and staff; demonstrating that birds literally do “mean business”.
- 👂 Alight Tours will offset the CO₂ from your in-country ground transportation across a portfolio of forest, biodiversity, clean energy, and blue carbon projects – this fee is included in the cost of this program.
- 👂 Alight Tours will donate 3% of all profits from this trip to an in-country NGO that works to conserve birds, wildlife and the habitats they depend on.

KEY

^ Regional Endemic – restricted to Ecuador plus neighboring Colombia and/or Peru

NT – Near Threatened – IUCN classification: a species that is nearly threatened with extinction

VU – Vulnerable – IUCN classification: a species that faces a high risk of extinction in the wild

EN – Endangered – IUCN classification: a species that faces a very high risk of extinction

CARBON OFFSET

Climate change threatens all life on the planet, as well as the very destinations that ecotourism relies upon. Tourism is responsible for roughly [8% of the world's carbon emissions](#), making it a significant contributor to climate change. A single return flight from Seattle to Quito, Ecuador produces about 1.8 metric tons of carbon emissions per passenger. That's just under **1/2** the [amount of carbon](#) the **average person worldwide produces each year** – just from one round trip flight.

Every time we fly, stay in a hotel, or ride in a car, carbon emissions are being generated. While there are many ways you can, and should, minimize your carbon footprint while traveling (e.g. turning off the A/C and lights when not in your room), no matter how sustainable our travel habits are, certain CO₂ emissions are unavoidable. That's where carbon offsetting comes in. By calculating your carbon footprint, you can pay a small amount to an organization that supports a portfolio of forest, biodiversity, clean energy, and blue carbon projects that focus on capturing carbon and locking it away in the environment where it belongs.

Alight Tours is committed to reducing the negative impact its tourism activities have on the environment. We are partnering with [Sustainable Travel International](#) to offset all in-country ground transportation carbon emissions each passenger creates on every Alight Tours trip.

WEATHER

The climate in Ecuador varies enormously, depending on the region and the altitude. Quito is mild and temperate with chilly nights. Within the Chocó region in February, weather is warm and humid with mean temperatures ranging from 71-88°F (22-31°C). Rainfall in February is common, but usually short-lived totaling about 3.5cm (1.5in) of the month.



Ecuador: Highland Extension

Highland Extension

The Ecuador: Birding the Chocó-Andes tour takes you to the cloud forests of the Chocó region; with this 2-day extension you'll ascend to the breathtaking highlands of the Ecuadorian Andes. This tour extension takes you above the treeline, where the páramo ecosystem unfolds in sweeping landscapes of open skies and dramatic mountain vistas.

In the crisp high-altitude air, we enter the realm of the majestic **Andean Condor**, soaring effortlessly over rugged peaks. These highlands offer unique birding opportunities not found on the main tour, including **Giant Hummingbird**, **Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe**, and **Stout-billed Cincloides**[^]. And if fortune smiles, you may catch a glimpse of the elusive **Spectacled Bear** — South America's only bear species, and the real-life inspiration behind Paddington.

Dates: 2-3 February, 2026 (2-days)

Locations: [MAP](#) (interactive)

Price: from \$610pp

Potential Bird Species: 80

This extension is intended to be an addition to the main Birding the Chocó-Andes trip – departing 3-11 February

DAY 1: Monday, February 2

QUITO – ANTISANA NATIONAL PARK

Before we embark on our main excursion, you'll be collected from your hotel and travel east towards Antisana National Park 3,500m (11,500ft). This reserve is one of the most iconic locations in the Andean highlands consisting of páramo habitat and more than 70 associated avian specialties, like **Giant Hummingbird**, **Andean Gull**, **Black-faced Ibis**, **Speckled Teal**, **Torrent Duck**, **Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe**, **Carunculated Caracara**, **Silvery Grebe**, **Andean Lapwing**, and the spectacular **Andean Condor**(VU) among others. It's an amazing place to enjoy the Andean landscape with Antisana Volcano in the background rising to 5,760m (18,900ft), the fourth highest peak in Ecuador.

DAY 1: cont.

We'll learn why this habitat is so important over lunch at Tambo Condor, a cozy restaurant with amazing views of cliffs that host roosting Condors. This afternoon we'll continue towards Termas de Papallacta, a charming hotel with some great birds found in the grounds – **Tourmaline Sunangel**^, **Tyrian Metaltail**, **Shining Sunbeam**, **Turquoise Jay**^, and **Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager**. We'll enjoy time in the hotel's hot springs and have dinner.

Overnight: Termas de Papallacta Hotel, Papallacta - L, D

DAY 2: Tuesday, February 3

CAYAMBE COCA NATIONAL PARK – QUITO

Today we'll spend a full day around the Cayambe Coca National Park, looking for other high-elevation birds including **Tawny Antpitta**^, **Stout-billed Cinclodes**^, and **Cinereous Conebill**.

We'll traverse the area and get a true sense of the unique flora in this region and have great chances of spotting a **Spectacled Bear**(VU). We'll have a delicious lunch at the lodge and then in the late afternoon return to Quito to continue to our main trip. At birding stops along the way we may encounter **Black-chested Buzard-Eagle**, **Torrent Tyrannulet**, **Black Flowerpiercer**^, **Andean Tit-spinetail**, **Many-striped Canastero**, and **Plumbaceous Sierra Finch**.



Black Flowerpiercer © Toby Ross

LAND PRICE

\$840 per person, group size 4-5
\$700 per person, group size 6-8
\$610 per person, group size 9-10

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THE FINE PRINT

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Price includes full-time wildlife guide, accommodation in standard rooms, meals and non-alcoholic drinks, park entrance fees and activities as outlined in this itinerary, private transportation (with A/C), arrival and departure transfers, carbon offset of all in-country ground transportation, and an Ecuador Bird & Wildlife Checklist. The price does not include international flights, travel visas, travel insurance, luggage fees, alcoholic drinks, gratuities, camera permits (if required), souvenirs, laundry service, additional nights, or late checkouts. Price is based on double occupancy. Single rooms may be available for an additional cost of \$180pp. We will make every effort to match people who request to share with others seeking a roommate.

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Ecuador: Highland Extension

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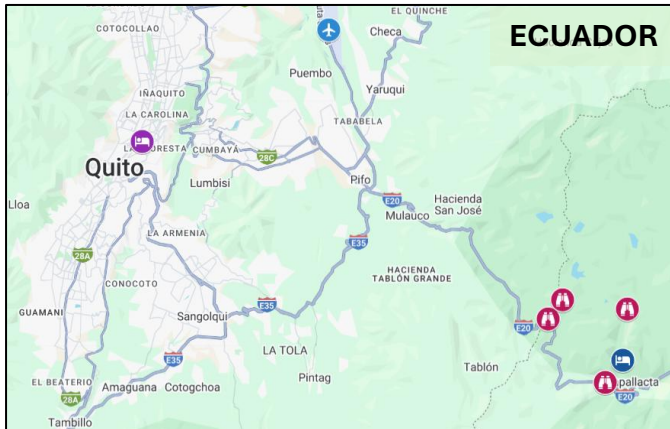
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Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager © Panegyrics



Andean páramo habitat © Toby Ross



Torrent Duck © Andy Reago