



## AMAZING NORTHWEST

### ECUADOR TRIP

**Day 1:** Transfer in, we will meet you at the airport and transfer to your hotel.

Night in Quito: Garden San Jose de Puenbo Hotel

Meals: none

**Day 2:** After breakfast, we will drive to Zuro Loma reserve, there we will learn how the local people started feeding the Chestnut-naped and Equatorial Antpittas, Barred Fruiteater, Andean Guan, Yellow-breasted Brush-Finch plus we will see and photograph the amazing Sword Billed Hummingbird, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Mountain Velvetbrest, Sapphire vented Puffleg, Tyrian Metaltail, Black-tailed Trainbearer and many more. We will enjoy a box lunch while taking in the grandiose montane vista, then we will begin the drive to Mindo via the Old Nono Mindo Road, birding along the way. This road offers spectacular views of the forest and excellent birding and photo opportunities with the possibility of such sought-after birds such as Torrent Duck and White-Capped Dipper.



We will stop at Alambi reserve to watch more hummingbird feeders, we may encounter the: White-booted Racket-tail, Purple-throated Woodstar and Sparkling Violetears, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, White-Neck Jacobin and many more, then we will drive to Mindo.

Night: Septimo Paraiso

Meals: B/BL/D

**Day 3:** After breakfast, we will drive to Masphi reserve, there we will look for Moss-backed, Glissenig green, rufous throated tanagers, Velvet purple Coronet, Black solitaire, Indigo F lowerpiercer, Orange-breasted Fruiteater, Black Solitaire and many more species. Later on we will travel an hour's drive to the Oilbird Cave in hopes of seeing this enigmatic bird! Ecuador has the best place to see and photography this bird.



Night: Septimo Paraiso

Meals: B/BL/D



**Day 4:** Today we will visit Santa Rosa reserve to photograph the endemic Plate billed Mountain-Toucan, plus Gorgeted Sunangel and hoping to see and photograph the rare Hoary Puffleg plus 15 more species of hummingbirds, in addition to that, we will look for the Stripe Treehunter, Tricolores or Choco Brush-Finch, Golden Headed Quetzal, Green and Black Fruiteater, Flame-Faced, Blue-capped, Golden Black Capped Tanagers and many more birds.

In the afternoon we will visit the Milpe Bird Sanctuary to search for Choco endemics such as Moss-backed, Rufous-throated, and Glistening-green Tanagers, as well as Club-winged Manakin, Choco Toucan, Collared Aracari, Green Thorntail and more.

Night: Septimo Paraiso

Meals: B/BL/D



**Day 5:** Early this morning we will head to Paz de las Antpittas Reserve to observe the Andean Cock of the Rocks at their lek, where males assemble during the mating season and engage in competitive displays that attract females. Afterwards we will join Angel (the owner of the reserve) as she draws her "charges" in for breakfast Maria the Giant Antpitta, Willi the Yellow-breasted Antpitta, and Susan the Moustached Antpitta! We will enjoy our local breakfast and we will be birding around the reserve.

In the afternoon, we will drive to our next lodge.

Noche: Kapari Lodge

Comidas: Desayuno, box lunch y cena



**Day 6:** After an early breakfast, we will drive downslope to the Silanche Reserve. At 1000 feet, this is the lowest reserve we will visit and we will spend a few hours at the Canopy Tower looking for Choco endemics such as Scarlet-breasted Dacnis, Rufous-winged and Blue-whiskered Tanagers, Scarlet browed Tanager, Gray and Gold Tanager, Tawny crested Tanager, Blue-necked Tanager, Choco Toucan, Orange





fronted Barbet, Choco Tyrannulet, Masked Water-tyrant, Cinnamon Guayaquil, Black-cheeked Woodpecker and many more.

Noche: Kapari Lodge

Comidas: Desayuno, box lunch y cena

**Day 7:** Today we will have an early morning to drive to 23 de junio reserve where we will enjoy to watch the long-wattle Umbrellabird lek plus many birds like Bronze-winged parrot, Choco Parakeet, White-booted Racket-tail, White-thighed Swallow, Tricolored Brush-Finch, Swallow Tanager and many more and then we drive back to lodge.

At Kapari Lodge we will start late in the afternoon looking for Golden-winged manakin, Choco (golden-bellied) Warbler, and when is getting dark we will look for The Lyre-tailed Nightjar, Choco-Screech Owl and Crested Owl.



Noche: Kapari Lodge

Comidas: Desayuno, box lunch y cena

**Day 8:** Today we will explore the trails around the lodge and check the feeding area hoping to see the Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail, Rufous Motmot, Band-tailed Barbthroat, Violet-bellied Hummingbird, Blue-tailed Trogon, Pacific Antwren, Scarlet rumped cacique and many more. We will leave the lodge after lunch and drive back to Quito.

Night: Garden San Jose de Puembo Hotel

Meals: B/L

**Day 9:** Transfer Out

Meals: B

End of services



**2023 rates per person**

From 4 to 6 passengers: US\$ 3,850 pp

From 7 to 12 passengers: US\$ 3,737 pp

Single supplement US\$ 430

Includes:

- Standard accommodation in the hotels and lodges as detailed in the itinerary.
- Eight night accommodation based on a double room.
- Meals outside Quito, as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Shared activities led by an expert bird guide (Spanish / English)
- In-country transportation, shared service.
- Entrance fees to all reserves visited.

Not included:

- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Private guide
- Tips
- Laundry service
- Airport taxes
- Meals in Quito
- Personal expenses
- Any item that has not been previously mentioned

Remarks:

- This program (and your hosting options) is subject to availability.
- Kindly notice that activities and visits to the natural reserves are subject to change due to weather, logistical and safety conditions of our guests.
- Rate validity 2023: January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023