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Manu Natural Paradise 26D/25N

Day 1: LIMA / ...

Arriving to Lima we transfer to our hotel in Lima.

Day 02: LIMA - CUSCO

Transfer to the airport flight Lima/Cusco. Arrival and transfer to the hotel in Cusco.

Day 03: CUSCO - HUACARPAY

We depart from Cusco around 04:30 a.m. arriving at Lake Huarcarpay 30 minutes later.

Here we take time and spend the entire day observing highland lake and marsh birds. The best is to follow the road that goes around the lake and start seeing most of the waterfowl typical of Andean wetlands including grebes, ducks, gallinules and coots. The wet grasslands in front of the marsh are good for shorebirds and Andean Negrito. We can look for occasional migrants such as the Hudsonian Godwit (rare) and Baird's Sandpiper. The many- coloured Rush- Tyrant and two endemic, the Rusty-fronted Canastero that can be seen around the ruins on the hillside above the Lake and a spectacular hummingbird, the Bearded Mountainer.

Overnight at the Lodge.

Day 04: HUACARPAY - PUMACHACA RANCH

After a brief morning walk at the lake, we continue to the interesting tombs of Ninamarca, commonly known as "Chullpas". We continue to Paucartambo, a picturesque Spanish colonial town, and then to Pumachaca Ranch through a beautiful narrow road and semi-humid montane scrub where a Taczanowski's Tinamou has been reported here. Common to see around Pumachaca are: White-ruffed Sunbeam, Creamy-crested Spintail, Cinereous Conebill, Torrent Duck. Relax this night in the Chimney and spend the night at the comfortable accommodations.

Day 05: PUMACHACA - ACJANACU

After early wakeup and walk around the interesting trails, we continue up to Acjanacu pass with its elfin forest marks the beginning of the Cultural Zone of Manu Biosphere Reserve. Birders stay the night here because it is possible to see White-browed chat-tyrant, the Chestnut-breasted mountain-finch, Puna Thistletail, Paramo Pipit, Diademed Tapaculo, Puna Tapaculo, Masked flowerpiercer, Golden-colored Tanager, Drab hemispingus and small mixed flocks with among others. Overnight camping.

Day 06: ACJANACU PASS - PILLAHUATA

This day we wake up even more early than we used to and have the chance to watch the "seven sunrise", an impressive optical illusion that occurs during dry season and then walk down to Pillahuata site located in upper montane humid forest also known as the Coshñipata Valley where the bird species are quite different from Acjanacu.

There are basic camping areas that birders use. To stay the night here will be very rewarding as it's possible to see many different species of birds such as the Hooded Tinamou, Stripe-faced Wood-Quail, Golden plumed parakeet, Yuungas Pygmy-Owl,

Gould's Inca, Blue-banded Toucanet, Crimson -mantled Woodpecker, Sierran Elaenia, White-collared Jay, Mountain Cacique, etc.

Overnight camping.

Day 07: PILLAHUATA - SAN PEDRO

Again, early in the morning after breakfast, it is the best simply to bird your way slowly along the road. There will be plenty of activity, specially at dawn, with several specialities to look for. After the first tunnel, we stop at the mixed bamboo patch on the left and try for Rusty-breasted Antpitta, and the endemic Red-and White Antpitta, which is often quite vocal in the morning. At the second tunnel the vegetation becomes more luxuriant, look for the Chestnut-bellied Mountain Tanager, Tawny-rumped tyrannulet, Band-tailed Fruiteater and the barred Fruiteater in the mixed flocks, as well as Gray-breasted Mountain Tucan.

One bird to look out for in mixed flocks is the vividly-colored Ochraceous-breasted Flicatcher and the same thing for the spectacular Greater Scythebill. Overnight in Orquideas de San Pedro Lodge.

Day 08: SAN PEDRO

Here, a thick cloak of clouds provides perpetual humidity and makes an ideal habitat for epiphytic plants such as bromeliads. This varied and fascinating world is home of the Cock of the Rock, Spectacled Bear, Orchids, Tree Ferns (one of the oldest living plants), mosses and lichens.

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The males display their crest, showing off and posturing for the females. The females, fewer in number, watch to select the most suitable males. After breakfast spend the entire day birding walking on the road.

Day 09: SAN PEDRO

The Manu road provides one of the best opportunities in Peru to bird upper tropical forest. Many of the most interesting and sought-after birds in the Manu road occur in this zone from about 900 - 1,700m.a.s.l. We have to concentrate on the good lower montane forest along the road, looking for mixed flocks of brilliant-spotted Humingbirds. The Peruvian Piedtail is common to see.

This day we spend all day birding and we hope to see Andean and White-eared solitaires, the Green Jay, the Blue-banded Toucanet, the Yungas Manakin, the astonishing Versicolored Barbet and arrange of tanager species. Overnight at Orquideas de San Pedro Lodge.

Day 10: SAN PEDRO

As our lodge is very close to the Cock-of-the-rock Lek, we are able to visit it again and try to spot one of the females hidden in the forest. Free day to walk and bird along the road.

Day 11: SAN PEDRO - ERIKA LODGE.

As we continue our journey to lowlands, we stop in Patria where the cattle pastures and secondary forest are good for seedeaters and other open habitat species of birds as the Orange-breasted Falcon, Military macaw, green-fronted lancebill, golden-collared honeycreeper and others.

Atalaya overlooks is outstanding for viewing macaws. From Atalaya port, we board our covered, motorized canoe and head down the Alto Madre de Dios River until Erika Lodge, where we will have the opportunity to walk through the interesting trails. Overnight at the lodge.

Day 12: ERIKA LODGE

This lodge is situated in the transition zone of the Andean foothills and the lowland rainforest. It has many more species of hummingbirds than is normally present in a rainforest lodge. Among 30 species of hummingbirds on their list is the endemic Rufous-webbed Brilliant. Here we find the Rufous-vented Ground Cuckoo, the gray-necked woodrail, Blackish rail and Rufous-sided cracked. Close to a small lake there are Purple Gallinules, Hoatzins, Lesser kiskades and occasionally Pygmy Kingfishers and sun grebes.

After lunch we follow an interesting trail, going up to the ridge at 1000 m.a.s.l. where we encounter mixed bird flocks. This higher area is also home of the emerald toucanet, ornate flycatcher, orange fronted plush crown and the uncommon tawny-faced gnat wren, umbrella bird among others.

Day 13: ERIKA LODGE

This day we will get up very early to board our boat, and after five minutes, we will arrive to a Parrot Lick "Collpa", which is a wall of clay in the riverbanks, where many species of parrots such as the blue headed parrot, white-eyed parakeet, feed for mineral and salt supplements to their diet of seeds and fruits.

After this we spend the day, as we bird the trails, remember that this site gets birds from the lowlands like the Amazonian Streaked-Antwren, as well as some species typical of high elevations.

Day 14: ERIKA - YANAYACU

Early morning we board our boat and continue down stream the Alto Madre de Dios River and observe river species of bird life such as the Roset Spoonbill, Egrets, etc. toward Yanayacu Reserve strategically placed at the last Andean foothills has a great diversity of habitats.

The rarely seen Peruvian Recurvebill and Dusky-tailed Flatbill are seasonal and August and September seems to be a good time to see them. Overnight at the lodge.

Day 15: YANAYACU - BLANQUILLO

Early morning after breakfast we board our canoe for the four-hour trip down the Alto Madre de Dios River to Boca Manu's town, during this boat ride we will have the chance to see Violaceous Jays, the beautiful Capped heron, Rosate spoonbill, Jabirú, Vultures, belted kingfisher, osprey, black hawk, black caracara, chestnut-eared toucan, from this small town we descend the Madre de Dios river for three hours to the private reserve of Blanquillo. Overnight at the lodge.

Day 16: BLANQUILLO

After a very early wake up, we board a camouflaged catamaran and go down the river to the "Collpa" macaw lick. We quietly observe the various parrots feeding on the clay for mineral and salt supplements to their diet of seeds and fruits. The brightly colored macaws usually wait patiently in the surrounding trees until the smaller parrot species have left the area. Slowly, the macaws come down to the clay wall to feed.

We need a lot of patience and silence on the catamaran so as not to disturb them as they eat the clay. During the afternoon we start walking on the interesting trails of the Lodge where we can see Jacamars, many different species of hummingbirds, the Crimson-crested Woodpecker, tanager such as the paradise, the screaming Piha and many others. Overnight at the Lodge.

Day 17: BLANQUILLO

This day we will use a strategically located observation tower rises 46 meters above Camungo Lake and the jungle floor, giving us more chances to observe wildlife including the Giant Otter and many different species of birds that are common to this altitude of the canopy such as macaws, toucans, woodcreepers, woodpeckers can be observed flying near this platform. Enjoy the spectacular view with large canopies from a tall Kapok tree with a 360 degree view

A night birding can be productive with Great Potoo, Common Potoo and even Long-tailed Potoo. Overnight at the Lodge.

Day 18: BLANQUILLO - BOCA MANU

This morning we have a second chance to visit the macaw clay lick before packing our luggage and setting off again on our motorized boat toward Boca Manu Lodge. We walk on the trail system since arrival and try to see Rufous-Vented Ground-Cuckoo, Least Grebe, manakins, etc.

Day 19: BOCA MANU - SALVADOR LAKE

Very early and after registering in the official tourist logbook at Limonal, the Park Rangers Headquarters and eating an early breakfast, we follow the Manu River until we arrive Salvador Lake, our base safari campsite (screened double rooms, dining room, bathrooms, radio communication is available). This canoe ride gives us the opportunity to observe the immensity of the rainforest and the diversity of birdlife, reptiles and mammals.

You will often see animals sunning themselves on beaches, or foraging for food in the trees lining the riverbanks. We arrive early in the afternoon and have lunch before setting off on a jungle trail. Our time is spent looking for wildlife inside the rainforest and on Salvador Oxbow Lake, until the sun goes down and we return to camp.

We explore Salvador Lake by paddling quietly along on a catamaran, giving us the opportunity to observe unique species of birds, monkeys, caimans and with luck the Giant Otter (*Pteronura brasiliensis*). This endangered species can be seen swimming, fishing, eating and playing.

Day 20: SALVADOR LAKE

We rise early in the morning, as the forest is awakened by the Red Howler monkey (*Aloatta seniculus*) declaring its territory. A morning walk before breakfast is a great way to catch wildlife in the pursuit of food, as the temperature is very pleasant at this time of day.

The 20 minutes walk from the river to the lake takes you through a nice terra firme forest. The epigone trail around the lake has a good selection of bird species where we should be looking for the range-restricted black-faced Cotinga. Overnight in the safari campsite.

Day 21: SALVADOR - OTORONGO LAKES

Very early we visit Salvador lake because birding from the catamaran while been paddled around the lake makes for a very pleasant and memorable birding experience with all of the lake specialities possible: Agami heron, Slender-billed Kite, Pale-eyed Bleckbird, Long-crested Pygmy tyrant, Hawk-Eagle, Hairy-crested Antbird, purple-thoated Cotinga and many others. After relaxing we cross the river to walk an 8-km trail to another oxbow lake called Otorongo.

A strategically located observation tower rises 15 meters above the lake and the jungle floor, giving us more chances to observe wildlife including the Giant Otter.

Overnight in the safari campsite.

Day 22: SALVADOR - PAKITZA - SALVADOR

Within the Park, Pakitza claims some of the most extensive bamboo patches and therefore holds an almost complete set of bamboo specialist, Pakitza is a guard post at the entrance of the restricted area of the park. It is possible to see species of birds such as the Painted parakeet, Black-Capped Parakeet Mottled Owl, Lined Forest Falcon, Ihering's Antwren, Manu Aitbird, and many others. Back to Salvador before the sunset.

Late in the afternoon we will use the catamaran and with the help of flashlights we can observe the black caimans rise from the depths of the lake and begin their search for prey. Return to the campsite.

Day 23: SALVADOR - BOCA MANU

Once again we wake up early, enjoy a brief morning walk and eat breakfast, then pack up camp and go down stream the interesting Manu River.

We arrive at Boca Manu midday, this village is situated a short distance from the confluence of the Manu and Alto Madre de Dios rivers.

Hikes around the trail system of Boca Lodge.
Overnight at the Lodge.

Day 24: BOCA MANU

This day we visit an island that belongs to a native family and walk around the lake and observe all the bird life. We spend the entire day searching for birds species around the lodge.

Overnight at Boca Lodge.

Day 25: BOCA MANU - CUSCO

After enjoying our last brief morning walk in the Amazon Jungle, we board our canoe to the airstrip at Boca Manu. At this point, we take the plane back to Cusco.

This flight from Boca Manu to Cusco offers spectacular views of the surrounding jungle and the area's meandering rivers.

Transfer to the hotel in Cusco.

Day 26: CUSCO - LIMA - LIMA / ...

Transfer to the airport for the flight Cusco/Lima, and next connection with the international flight.

END OF OUR SERVICES

Essentials:

Vaccinations: It is highly recommended to be vaccinated against yellow fever.

What to bring?

Binoculars, Camera and film ASA 200 and 400 for the inner forest.

Warm clothing (in case of a cold front), long sleeve shirts and long pants (cotton).

100% waterproof rain gear (long poncho or rain wear).

Insect repellent (at least 50% Deet), sunscreen lotion.

Hiking shoes and sandals.

Flashlight, enough batteries (alkaline) and bulbs.

Wide brim hat (for sunny days), sun glasses.

Towel, swimming suit, personal medicines and/or supplies (liquid for contact lenses, for example).

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Great North of Peru 16D/15N

(Dry Deciduous Forest, Cloud Forest and the Marañon)

Chiclayo / Tarapoto

Great North of Peru route has been highly recommended by expert ornithologists in recent times. The uniqueness and diversity of the different ecosystems spread along the route host an incredible amount of rare species, some of them only seen in this area.

Such is the case of Abra Patricia, a private conservation area (PCA) located at mid altitude, in the foothills of the Andes, in the Peruvian Yungas, where bird diversity is among the highest on earth.

The bird list includes 317 species of which 23 are considered globally threatened which is why this route is not only worth visiting but a must destination for real birdwatchers.

Day 1: LIMA / ...

Arrival in Lima and transfer to the hotel

Day 2: LIMA - CHICLAYO - CHAPARRI

In the morning, transfer to the airport for your one hour flight to Chiclayo. Arrival and visit to the famous Royal Tombs of Sipan museum ("TUMBAS REALES") dedicated to the Lord of SIPAN.

In the afternoon, transfer to the ecological private reserve of Chaparri where we will stay overnight.

Day 3: CHAPARRI - BOSQUE DE POMAC (ex reserve of Batan Grande)

We will spend all the morning in Chaparri, a wonderful reserve where equatorial dry forest prevails, a habitat for more than 190 bird species. Here we can watch the White-winged Guan, a species that was thought extinct and rediscovered recently. We can also watch the Pacific Parrotlet, Peruvian Pygmy Owl, Streak-Headed Woodcreeper, Tumbes Hummingbird, Tropical Parula, White-Tailed Jay, White-Edged Oriole, among others. Later on, at midday, we will go to Pomac dry Forest, which is the habitat of the Peruvian Plantcutter and many other typical species.

After lunch we will drive to the lodge near Pomac Forest. On the way, we'll look for Tumbes Swallow, rufous Flycatcher, necklaced spinetail, Peruvian plantcutter and some other species in the protected Algarrobo woodland. Night at the hotel.

Day 4: BOSQUE DE POMAC - OLMOS

Early we will meet our local guides for birding in Pomac Forest Sanctuary which is an excellent place for birdwatching in the morning. Here, we can see the endemic Peruvian Plantcutter, Fasciated Wren, Superciliated Wren, Tropical Gnatcatcher, among others. In the afternoon we will head to Olmos and spend the night in the hotel.

Day 5: QUEBRADA LIMON - JAEN

Early birding in the deciduous forests of Quebrada El Limon, search for the extremely rare and local White-winged Guan, a species which was considered extinct until 1977 when it was rediscovered. Apart from this spectacular species, we will look for Elegant Crescent-chest, White-headed Brush-Finch, Black-capped Sparrow, Tumbes Hummingbird, Short-tailed Woodstar and others, including our first sighting of some of the most common Tumbesian endemics: White-tailed Jay, White-edged Oriole and Grey-and-white Tyrannulet.

At mid morning we will set off for a four hour drive to Jaen and cross along one of the lowest passes in the Andes, the Porculla pass. We will make some stops along the way to see a very rare and local endemic, Piura Chat-Tyrant. Other birds we may see include : Chapman's Antshrike, Bay-crowned Brush-Finch Black-cowled Saltator.

Afterwards we'll drive to our hotel. Arrival in Jaen. Night in a comfortable hotel.

Day 6: TAMBORAPA - BAGUA CHICA

An hour's drive north of Jaen there is an impressive-looking patch of dry forest that provides excellent birding opportunities before the day gets too hot: the very distinctive chinchipensis race of Necklaced Spinetail and the leucogaster race of Northern Slaty-Antshrike are two almost certain splits that can be found there.

Other birds include Marañon Spinetail, Green-backed Becard, Lined Antshrike, Guira Tanager and, with luck, Military Macaw. After lunch we shall drive to Bagua Chica, looking for a little Inca-Finch en route. Night in local hotel.

Day 7: BAGUA CHICA - IMAZITA

Birding along this route can be very exciting. Some of the birds that have been seen recently include Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, Napo Sabrewing, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, Yellow-bellied and Green & Gold Tanagers, Olive-sided, Yellow-breasted (Olive-faced race) and Dusky-chested Flycatcher!!, White-winged Becard, Golden-headed and White-bearded Manakin, Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant, Magpie Tanager, Turquoise Tanagers, Blue and Yellow-bellied, Dacnis, Black-billed Thrush and Russet-back Oropendola. Night in basic hotel in Imazita.

We use the Camungo Lake 45 meters observation tower to observe Caribe Crackle, Hoatzins, great egret, watted jacana, the camungo, the common potoo, the red capped cardinal. We board our boat up stream the Madre de Dios river until Boca's Lodge where we spend the last night in the jungle.

Day 8: IMAZITA - BAGUA CHICA - POMACOCHAS

Drive to Bagua birding along the dirty road. If we have not seen Little Inca Finch yet we'll make sure to see it here, then, in an area of rice fields we will look for Spotted Rail and Paint-billed Crake.

Late afternoon birding. We will be looking for the rare and spectacular Marvelous Spatulatail that is considered the top representative of all the hummingbirds. Night at Pomacochas hotel.

Day 9, 10 & 11: ABRA PATRICIA

Some of the most interesting birding sites in Peru are located in this zone due to the diverse altitudes that make up the area. This zone has several paths that can be walked without any risk to watch the birds in a quiet atmosphere.

So many new bird species have been discovered in this place that it really takes time to see them all.

At higher elevations, we'll search for unique species such as Johnson's Tody-Flycatcher, Rusty-tinged and Chestnut Antpittas, Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant, Royal Sunangel, Bar-winged Wood-Wren and also Yellow-scarfed , White-capped Tanagers, Drab Hemispingus and many others. We will need a lot of persistence and luck to encounter the two most difficult to see birds of this area: Long-whiskered Owlet and Ochre-fronted Antpitta. At slightly lower elevations, we'll continue to track down rarities, such as Equatorial Greytail, Ecuadorian and Red-billed Tyrannulets, Ecuadorian Piedtail, Lanceolated Monklet and Black-and-white Tody-Tyrant as some of our targets. The Aguas Verdes area is virtually in the lowlands, but this unique habitat is home to Red-shouldered Tanager, Zimmer's Antbird and Napo Sabrewing, among others. All in all, these will be three days of spectacular birding.
Night at Pomacochas hotel.

Day 12: FLORIDA AND CHIDO TRAIL

The lake Pomacochas is in the Florida zone. On the brooks of the lake there is gramadal and reeds vegetation where we can find birds such as White-cheeked Pintail, Pied-Billed Grebe, Andean Lapwing, Puna Snipe, Spotted Rail, among others. In shrubs and trees in Florida surroundings, we can see some species such as the Rufous-Capped Antshrike, Black-Crested Warbler, Peruvian Meadowlark and Grassland Yellow-Finch. We will visit a local inhabitant's plot located in forests that has remained well preserved since long time ago making the existence of the Marvellous Spatuletail possible.

We will never forget this day, since we will see the most beautiful hummingbird flight of the world: the Marvellous Spatuletail. This endemic bird considered as an endangered bird by IUCN-International Union Conservancy Nature is from this zone. In the middle of the morning we will go to Chido Trail which is some miles away from Florida. We will take a detour from the road and enter a semi-paved road that leads to San Lorenzo town. Then we will drive along a dirt road which is on the left of the main way and spend most of the day there. We will climb a hill and walk along a path where we can see White-Capped Parrot, Gray-Breasted Mountain-Toucan, Bar-Bellied Woodpecker, Rusty-tinged Antpitta, Rufous-capped Antshrike, and Barred Becard.
Night at Pomacochas hotel.

Day 13: MORRO DE CALZADA.

This isolated peak with semi-dry forest and savannah provides some different birding. Among the specialties we'll search for are Mishana Tyrannulet, Lafresnaye's Piculet and a distinctive race of Striped Manakin. In the afternoon we'll drive to Tarapoto, making some roadside stops on the way hoping to see especially the Blackish Pewee.
Hotel in Tarapoto.

Day 14: TARAPOTO - TUNNEL AREA.

This increasingly popular site near Tarapoto is an easily accessible patch of foothill forest. Some of the interesting species recorded here so far are Black-and-chestnut Eagle, Maroon-tailed Parakeet, Koepcke's Hermit, Carmiol's Tanager, Rufous-winged Antwren, Short-billed Honeycreeper and Dotted Tanager; the possibilities are nearly endless at this diverse site. Hotel in Tarapoto.

Day 15: TARAPOTO - JUAN GUERRA AREA - LIMA.

We'll spend this day in some drier forest south of Tarapoto, where we will see an entirely different set of birds, including the huallagae race of Northern Slaty-Antshrike, Chestnut-throated Spinetail, Rusty-backed Antwren, Ashy-headed Greenlet and Planalto Hermit. Comb Ducks are also likely to see along the larger rivers in the area. In the afternoon we will return to the hotel.

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Today we wake up very early to observe the Cock of the Rock (*Rupicola peruviana*), Peru's national bird from a platform. The male birds are a vibrant reddish orange, and as many as several dozen come together for an exhibition of a mating ritual dance in a place called Lek. The males display their crest, showing off and posturing for the females. The females, fewer in number, watch to select the most suitable males. After breakfast spend the entire day birding walking on the road. Overnight at Orquídeas de San Pedro Lodge.

Day 06: SAN PEDRO.

The Manu road provides one of the best opportunities in Peru to bird upper tropical forest. Many of the most interesting and sought-after birds in the Manu road occur in this zone from about 900 - 1,700m.a.s.l. We have to concentrate on the good lower montane forest along the road, looking for mixed flocks of brilliant-spotted Humingbirds. The Peruvian Piedtail is common to see.

This day we spend all day birding and we hope to see Andean and White-eared solitaires, the Green Jay, the Blue-banded Toucanet, the Yungas Manakin, the astonishing Versicolored Barbet and a range of tanager species. Overnight at Orquídeas de San Pedro Lodge.

Day 07: SAN PEDRO - ZONA DEL ERIKA LODGE.

As our lodge is very close to the Cock-of-the-rock Lek, we are able to visit it again and try to spot one of the females hidden in the forest. As we continue our journey to lowlands, we stop in Patria where the cattle pastures and secondary forest are good for seedeaters and other open habitat species of birds as the Orange-breasted Falcon, Military macaw, green-fronted lancebill, golden-collared honeycreeper and others.

Atalaya overlooks is outstanding for viewing macaws. From Atalaya port, we board our covered, motorized canoe and head down the Alto Madre de Dios River until Erika Lodge, where we will have the opportunity to walk through the interesting trails. Overnight at the lodge.

Day 08: ERIKA LODGE

This lodge is situated in the transition zone of the Andean foothills and the lowland rainforest. It has many more species of hummingbirds than is normally present in a rainforest lodge. Among 30 species of hummingbirds on their list is the endemic Rufus-webbed Brilliant. Here we find the Rufus-vented Ground Cuckoo, the gray-necked woodrail, Blackish rail and Rufus-sided cracked. Close to a small lake there are Purple Gallinules, Hoatzins, Lesser kiskades and occasionally Pygmy Kingfishers and sun grebes.

After lunch we follow an interesting trail, going up to the ridge at 1000 m.a.s.l. where we encounter mixed bird flocks. This higher area is also home of the emerald toucanet, ornate flycatcher, orange fronted plush crown and the uncommon tawny-faced gnat wren, umbrella bird among others.

Overnight at Erika Lodge.

Day 09: ERIKA LODGE

This day we will get up very early to board our boat, and after five minutes, we will arrive to a Parrot Lick “Collpa”, which is a wall of clay in the riverbanks, where many species of parrots such as the blue headed parrot, white-eyed parakeet, feed for mineral and salt supplements to their diet of seeds and fruits. After this we spend the day, as we bird the trails, remember that this site gets birds from the lowlands like the Amazonian Streaked-Antwren, as well as some species typical of high elevations.

Overnight at Erika Lodge.

DAY 10: ERIKA LODGE - YANAYACU PRIVATE RESERVE

Early morning we board our boat and continue down stream the Alto Madre de Dios River and observe river species of bird life such as the Roset Spoonbill, Egrets, etc. toward Yanayacu Reserve strategically placed at the last Andean foothills has a great diversity of habitats. The rarely seen Peruvian Recurvebill and Dusky-tailed Flatbill are seasonal and August and September seems to be a good time to see them.

Overnight at the lodge.

Day 11: YANAYACU - BLANQUILLO PRIVATE RESERVE

Early morning after breakfast we board our canoe for the four-hour trip down the Alto Madre de Dios River to Boca Manu’s town, during this boat ride we will have the chance to see Violaceous Jays, the beautiful Capped heron, Rosate spoonbill, Jabirú, Vultures, belted kingfisher, osprey, black hawk, black caracara, chestnut-eared toucan, from this small town we descend the Madre de Dios river for three hours to the private reserve of Blanquillo.

Overnight at the lodge.

Day 12: BLANQUILLO.

After a very early wake up, we board a camouflaged catamaran and go down the river to the “Collpa” macaw lick. We quietly observe the various parrots feeding on the clay for mineral and salt supplements to their diet of seeds and fruits. The brightly colored macaws usually wait patiently in the surrounding trees until the smaller parrot species have left the area. Slowly, the macaws come down to the clay wall to feed. We need a lot of patience and silence on the catamaran so as not to disturb them as they eat the clay.

During the afternoon we start walking on the interesting trails of the Lodge where we can see Jacamars, many different species of hummingbirds, the Crimson-crested Woodpecker, tanager such as the paradise, the screaming Piha and many others.

This day we will use a strategically located observation tower rises 46 meters above Camungo Lake and the jungle floor, giving us more chances to observe wildlife including the Giant Otter and many different species of birds that are common to this altitude of the canopy such as macaws, toucans, woodcreepers, woodpeckers can be observed flying near this platform. Enjoy the spectacular view with large canopies from a tall Kapok tree with a 360 degree view

A night birding can be productive with Great Potoo, Common Potoo and even Long-tailed Potoo.

Overnight at the Lodge.

DAY 13: BLANQUILLO - COLORADO - PUERTO MALDONADO - LIMA

Very early in the morning after the breakfast we continue the trip by boat to the town Colorado continuing down the Alto Madre de Dios, where the bus will be waiting for us and drive to Puerto Maldonado

(We arrange the transportation service) .

Transfer to the airport for the flight Puerto Maldonado/Lima.

Arrival and transfer to the hotel in Lima.

Day 14. Lima - Lima /...

Transfer to the airport for the international flight. END OF OUR SERVICES.

Essentials:

Vaccinations: It is highly recommended to be vaccinated against yellow fever.

What to bring?

Binoculars, Camera and film ASA 200 and 400 for the inner forest.

Warm clothing (in case of a cold front), long sleeve shirts and long pants (cotton).

100% waterproof rain gear (long poncho or rain wear).

Insect repellent (at least 50% Deet), sunscreen lotion.

Hiking shoes and sandals.

Flashlight, enough batteries (alkaline) and bulbs.

Wide brim hat (for sunny days), sun glasses.

Towel, swimming suit, personal medicines and/or supplies (liquid for contact lenses, for example).

Day pack, and one back pack or duffel bag of luggage per person.

One bottle of water for the first day, plastic bags.

INCLUDES:

Booking for Hotel based on double occupancy.

All scheduled land, lake and air transportations.

All transfers.

All scheduled excursions with local guides and interpreters.

All entrance fees. Meals and domestic flight fares as specified in the itinerary.

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Pacaya Samiria & Alpahuayo Mishana

11D/10N

Day 1: .../ LIMA

Arriving to Lima we transfer to our hotel in Lima.

DAY 2: LIMA, IQUITOS, PACAYA SAMIRIA AMAZON LODGE

Transfer to the airport for the flight Lima/Iquitos. We start our adventure of the Peruvian forest at the Iquitos City Airport, from there we will transport in a modern and comfortable air-conditioned minivan traveling on a nice highway to the town of Nauta, the first township founded by the Spanish at the Marañón River's bank. The trip takes approximately 1h 30', a 97 km journey.

In Nauta, we next travel by lodge-owned boats to visit the Ucayali and Marañón River, where the Amazon River is born; from here we have a spectacular sight of the forest viewed from the height of a 100 foot high watching tower, where we are free to take magnificent photographs and videos of the immense Amazon River. The visitors will maybe observe Herons, birds of prey and various other birds that make their homes on the shores of the river, we will have an opportunity to see the Black Skimmers, next we will go on with our trip to the lodge for lunch.

After a recovering rest, we will walk by footpaths on the surroundings of the lodge and will go up to the viewpoint, an ideal place to observe birds on the canopy of the trees. We will look for observing the Paradise Tanager, Hooded Tanager, Opal-crowned Tanager, Masked Crimson Tanager, Pen--throated Cotinga, and several species of Flycatchers. Parrots like the Canary-winged Parakeet, Short-tailed Parrot and luckily, Blue-and-yellow Macaw.

Dependant on night time climate conditions, we will make an excursion by boat to observe night animals and insects; also enjoyable is hearing the various sounds that comes from the forest, later we will be back to the lodge for dinner and resting.

Day 3: LODGE, NAUTA CAÑO, LODGE (B-L-D)

At dawn, we will make a small hike through the forest around the lodge, searching for birds to observe like Tinamous, White-Throated Tinamou, Great Tinamou, Cinereous Tinamou, Little Tinamou and other birds like Yellow-headed Caracara, White-eyed Parakeet, Dusky headed Parakeet, Canary-Winged Parakeet, Cobalt-winged Parakeet, Tui Parakeet, Short-Tailed Parrot, and other.

Next we will back for breakfast to the lodge, after that we will take a boat to navigate down the Marañón River where we will concentrate on some bird species which habitat on the river islands, next we will cross the river to enter the creek of Nauta Caño, a zone rich in birds like the Ivory-billed Aracari, Wattled Jacanas and Anhingas. On the bordering trees, we will be able to observe mixed flocks of Tanagers, Chesnut-eared Aracari, Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher, Yellow-margined Flycatcher, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Dusky-chested Flycatcher, Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, and different kind of Woodcreepers like Long-Tailed Woodcreeper, Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, Buff-throated Woodcreeper, Ocellaced Woodcreeper, among others.

Upon the return and if time allows it, we will wait for the rise of the moon, on the horizon upon the waters of the Marañón River. It's a wonderful spectacle, mainly in Full Moon.

Return to the shelter. Supper and chat on the activities of the following day, then we will spend the night at the lodge.

Day 4, 5, 6 & 7: LODGE, PACAYA SAMIRIA, YARINA, LODGE

At dawn, after breakfast, we will board and sail across the Marañón River to explore during the following days, the Pacaya Samiria NR and we'll enter through the basin of the Yanayacu River, this zone has been recently opened for tourism and is extremely rich in birds, (there are 449 different species properly catalogued), flora and fauna. It will also be possible to be observed Pink and Gray Dolphins, Turtles, different species from Primates, Sluggish Bears etc. Besides the birds, we will observe diverse types of Kingfishers, like the Amazon, Ringed-Green Rufous Kingfisher, and the spectacular American Pygmy Kingfisher, Wattled Jacanas and Anhingas. We will see the Tanagers, Aracari Chesnut-Eared, Woodpecker Crimson-Crested, Cotinga Spangled, Lemon-Throated Barbet, Jacamar White-Eared, Donacobius Black-Cappet.

We will sail through lagoons and hidden rivers in the wilderness, and will walk across open footpaths in the forest in search of the Horned Screamer, Black Collared Hawk, Jabiru Storks, Woodstorks, Roseate Spoonbill, Piedlapwing and many more.

At noon, we will have our box lunch, that we will eat in the shadow of the great trees of forest.

In the evening, we will continue with the search of birds like the endemic one, Black Tailed Antbird, Black Necked Network Cotinga, Gray Cheeked Nunlet, Lettered and Ivory-billed Aracaris, Bar-breasted Piculet, Black Bushbird Rufous Capped, Antthrush, Tropical Gnatcatcher and the Yellow billed Jacamar among others.

During the route we will visit a Native Community to observe the lifestyle and daily activities of the people, such as hunting, gathering, fishing or agriculture; we can also collaborate with the community development buying typical souvenirs hand made by the natives, made of seeds and a vegetable ivory called tagua, during those days the accommodation will be in tents at the camp zone.

At night, we will walk across the forest, in search of owls and night birds, or fish in the rivers and look for black Caymans, depending on the wishes of the guests.

On the 6th day after breakfast we will begin the return to the lodge, we will have lunch and free afternoon for relax and take a small hike around the lodge.

At the end of the day we will rest and have dinner.

Day 8 & 9: LODGE, LLPAHUAYO MISHANA, IQUITOS

At dawn, and after breakfast, we will take the boats to Nauta. There, a vehicle will be waiting for us, and will drive us to the Allpahuayo Mishana located 12.5 miles from the city of Iquitos. During two days, we will explore the reserve looking for birds, some of them new for science, and different from those of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve as these are the Ancient Antwren, Mishana Tyrannulet, Allpahuayo Antbird and Northern-chestnut Tailed Antbird, in addition to other species like the Gray-legged Tinamou (Nov-Sea), Rufous Potoo, Cinnamon-crested Spadebill, Pompadour Cotinga and the Cinnamon Tyrant-manakin, among others.

Both days we will enjoy box lunches during our excursion.

We'll spend the nights in Iquitos City lodging in a superior hotel 3 star class, where we will rest and have dinner.

Day 10: IQUITOS, LIMA

In the morning, after the breakfast in the hotel, we will make a city tour, during the route we will appreciate among other places, the "Main Square", the Iron House, the District of Belén, the Itaya River, visit to the stores of native handicrafts etc. Lunch, rest and transfer to the airport to take the flight back to Lima.

Day 11: LIMA /...

Transfer to the airport for the international flight. END OF OUR SERVICES.

Essentials:

Vaccinations: It is highly recommended to be vaccinated against yellow fever.

What to bring?

Binoculars, Camera and film ASA 200 and 400 for the inner forest.
Warm clothing (in case of a cold front), long sleeve shirts and long pants (cotton).
100% waterproof rain gear (long poncho or rain wear).
Insect repellent (at least 50% Deet), sunscreen lotion.
Hiking shoes and sandals.
Flashlight, enough batteries (alkaline) and bulbs.
Wide brim hat (for sunny days), sun glasses.
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Spectacular North Valleys of Peru 7D/6N **(Dry Deciduous Forest, Cloud Forest and the Marañón)**

FROM TARAPOTO TO CAJAMARCA.

Rejoice at the view of spectacular landscapes that range from the exuberant tropical rainforest in Tarapoto and surroundings to the impressive Marañón Canyon, one of the continent's most stunning landscape features. The route hosts many endemic species and specialties of the region that are very exciting to birders but it has been off the beaten track until recent years. At present it is starting to become established but there is still much more to be discovered about the species of the region, adding more excitement to the trip.

Day 1: LIMA - TARAPOTO

Arrive in Lima and afternoon flight to Tarapoto. On arrival we will transfer you to the comfortable Lodge and we will have some nocturnal birding.

Day 02: TARAPOTO -TUNNEL AREA

This increasingly popular site near Tarapoto is an easily accessible patch of foothill forest. Some of the interesting species recorded here so far are Black-and-chestnut Eagle, Maroon-tailed Parakeet, Koepcke's Hermit, Carmiol's Tanager, Rufous-winged Antwren, Short-billed Honeycreeper and Dotted Tanager; the possibilities are nearly endless at this diverse site. Lodge in Tarapoto.

Day 3: TARAPOTO - RIOJA

A pre-dawn start will give us an excellent opportunity to look for the powerful Band-bellied Owl, a rarely seen relative of the more widespread Spectacled Owl, and seemingly more common here than in most parts of its range.

As dawn breaks the almost synthesizer-like calls of Fiery-capped Manakins start buzzing through the air, while a monotonous series of grunting calls may draw our attention to the smart Chestnut-tipped Toucanet. Blackish Pewee and the endemic Koepckes Hermit are not uncommon in this area, and if we are very fortunate we will also find a fairly widespread but infrequently encountered foothill speciality, the splendid Scaled Fruiteater.

Among a multitude of other possibilities are American Swallow-tailed Kite, Painted Parakeet, Grey-breasted Sabrewing, White-necked Jacobin, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Goulds Jewelfront, Amazonian White-tailed and Collared Trogons, Striolated Puffbird, Gilded Barbet (split from Black-spotted), Golden-collared Toucanet, White-throated, Scale-breasted and Redstained Woodpeckers, Ocellated Woodcreeper, Eastern Woodhaunter, Tawny-throated Leaf Tosser, Rufous-winged Antwren, Black and Scale-backed Antbirds, White-lored Tyrannulet, Yellow-olive and Streaked Flycatchers, Dusky-capped Greenlet, Short-billed, Purple and Green Honeycreepers, Blue, Black-faced and Yellow-bellied Dacnises, Thick-billed and Plumbeous Euphonias, Yellow-bellied, Silver-beaked and Olive Tanagers, and Buff-throated Saltator.

After lunch we'll head for Rioja Night Hotel in Rioja.

Day 4: MORRO DE CALZADAS

Morning at Morro de Calzadas where we can see an undescribed race of the endemic Misahana Tyrannulet, Lesser Elaenia, Stripe-necked Tody-tyrant, Pale-breasted and hauxwells Thrush, Rufous-fronted Thornbird, Cinereous-breasted Spinetail and more. In the afternoon we will move onto Abra Patricia and concentrate on species we are missing. If any! We will spend the night at the Hotel Puerto Pumas.

Day 5: TO LEIMEBAMBA

We'll make an early start to begin the day's birding. A last chance at Marvellous Spatulatail before to depart to Leymebamba with stops along the way especially for the endemic Buff-bellied Tanager. We plan to be in the pretty Andean town of Leymeybamba before dusk. We have our first chance at Maranon Thrush. Others include Lafraneyes Piculet, Torrent Duck and White-capped Dipper. Hotel in Leimebamba.

Day 6: BARRO NEGRO.

Early depart toward Barro Negro pass, we'll bird some remnant (& fast-shrinking) patches of humid forest. Russet-mantled Softtail is now difficult here, but we may be lucky; other birds include the obscure race of Rufous Antpitta and many hummingbirds, including Sapphire-vented Puffleg, Coppery Metaltail, Rainbow Starfrontlet, Purple-throated Sunangel and Sword-billed Hummingbird.

In the afternoon we'll drive down the Utcubamba Valley to El Chillo, a rustic country hotel where we'll stay for the night. Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, Buff-bellied Tanager, Golden-rumped Euphonia and Mitred Parakeet are all likely, while the difficult Koepcke's Screech-Owl is also regular in the area. We may want to visit the Hummingbird feeders at the Leymeybamba Museum.

Hotel in Leimebamba.

Day 7: TO CELENDIN

The semi-humid shrubbery along the road to Celendin is home to a number of interesting birds. We'll make various stops along the way, looking for species like Rufous-eared Brush-Finch, Jelski's Chat-Tyrant, Baron's Spinetail and the distinctive cajamarcae race of Rufous Antpitta.

With luck, we may find the endangered endemic Plain-tailed Warbling-Finch. More widespread birds such as Rufous-webbed Tyrant, Paramo Pipit and Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet are also possible. Hotel in Celendin.

Day 8: CELENDIN - CAJAMARCA

Early morning birding in remnant humid forest and Polylepis scrub. On this road we'll make planned stops for some Andean species we may not have seen - Peruvian Sierra-finch, Shining Sunbeam and also stop on the high puna grasslands for Cinclodes, Canasteros, Pipits, Ground-tyrants and Sierra-finches, Rainbow Starfrontlet, Black-crested Warbler, Maranon Tit-tyrant, Many-striped Canastero.

We'll make a special effort for the Cajamarca race of the Rufous Antpitta (a for sure split). In the Polylepis we'll search for Black Metaltail, Jelski's Chat-tyrant, Barons Spinetail, Striated Eartcreeper and Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail. This stretch of road is

also one of the best places to see the very rare White-tailed Shrike-tyrant. In the afternoon well go to our stakeout for the endemic Gray-bellied Comet.

We will spend the afternoon looking for this rare endemic and others. Night at our hotel in Cajamarca.

Day 9: CAJAMARCA - LIMA

Early morning excursion for the endemic range restricted endemic Great Spinetail. Easier to see species are Buff-bridled Inca-Finch (endemic) White-winged Black Tyrant, Lesser Goldfinch and Fasciated Wren. Other birds we may see include the endemic Plain-tailed Warbling Finch Rufous-chested Tanager and Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant. After seeing the birds we`ll return to Cajamarca and onto Abra Gavilan where we will make a stop for the endemic Unicolored Tapaculo and we have seen Rufous-backed Inca Finch and Piura Hemispingus here.

Flight back to Lima.

Day 10: LIMA /...

Transfer to the airport for your flight back home.. END OF OUR SERVICES.

Essentials:

Vaccinations: It is highly recommended to be vaccinated against yellow fever.

What to bring?

Binoculars, Camera and film ASA 200 and 400 for the inner forest.

Warm clothing (in case of a cold front), long sleeve shirts and long pants (cotton).

100% waterproof rain gear (long poncho or rain wear).

Insect repellent (at least 50% Deet), sunscreen lotion.

Hiking shoes and sandals.

Flashlight, enough batteries (alkaline) and bulbs.

Wide brim hat (for sunny days), sun glasses.

Towel, swimming suit, personal medicines and/or supplies (liquid forcontact lenses, for example).

Day pack, and one back pack or duffel bag of luggage per person.

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Tambopata, Bahuaja Sonene Park, Sandoval Lake 10D/9N

Day 1: .../ LIMA

On your arrival to Lima we will transfer you to the hotel.

Day 02: LIMA, PUERTO MALDONADO, RECEPTION, TRANSFER TO WASAI TAMBOPATA LODGE

Transfer to the airport for the flight Lima/Puerto Maldonado. Reception and transportation to Wasai Maldonado Ecolodge where after a greeting, the guide will give a preliminary talk and explain the possibility of seeing birds such as the blue-gray tanager, palm tanager, silver-beaked tanager, crested flycatcher, and many others right here at the hotel.

After preparations, take a four-and-a-half hour ride on a wooden boat to the Wasai Tambopata Lodge. During the trip you will have the opportunity to see the birds of the riverfront such as swallows, egrets, herons, flycatchers, cowbirds, orioles, toucans, macaws, and many more. The specialized guide will describe each species and explain their identification either by sight or by sound. Arrive at the lodge where you will be received by the staff and get some briefing about the jungle and its sounds.

In the evening we will take a night hike and have the opportunity to hear and hopefully see owls, tinamous, and many other types of animals.

Day 03: PARROTS' CLAY LICK - RAINFOREST

We will wake early (5:00am) to go to the parrots' Clay Lick at the Gato River. While passing through a forest of bamboo, we will have the opportunity to see birds like anthrushes, antwrens, antshrikes, motmots, trogons, and puffbirds. Depending on the weather, after reaching the collpa—or parrots' clay lick, we will have a great opportunity to see our first psitacids, (parrots) such as: the mealy parrot, orange-cheek parrot, yellow-crowned parrot, chesnut-fronted macaw, and the dusky-headed parakeet. With some more luck, we may see large macaws like the scarlet or the red-and-green. We will stay as long as it is prudent, and then go back to the lodge for breakfast.

Rest in the morning. In the afternoon, we will go into the forest again in search of more animals and learn about the types of forests and the different species of birds that can be found within them. We will know the fruit trees that provide for the diversity of birds in Tambopata, and learn the important role the winged creatures play in their forests.

Day 04: MACAWS CLAY LICK "EL CHUNCHO", BAHUAJA SONENE NATIONAL PARK

We will leave very early (4:00 am) for the Macaws' Clay Lick "El Chuncho". This is a very special place because, in good weather conditions, nature offers such a fantastic display of sounds and colors that birdwatchers will never forget. Hundreds of parrots, parakeets, and macaws meet in this place to feed on clay embankments. With luck you might see up to 13 species of parrots all gathered in one place.

You will then have the opportunity to walk through some of the trails to find toucans, guans, curassow, and others. We will have breakfast, go for a short break and take the boat again to go further into the jungle, this time to the world's largest macaws' clay lick the Collpa Colorado. Here, we will have the opportunity to see a ganzo and other ducks that are only found in Madre de Dios. Along the riverbanks you might find the Orinoco goose, muscovy duck, purplish or violaceous jays, olive orioles, Amazon orioles, harpy eagle, and much more!

We will have lunch after reaching the campsite of the Tambopata Research Center. After that we will search and hopefully find the only trumpeter of Southern Peru called the pale-winged trumpeter, as well as flocks of several other birds like tanagers, tinamous, woodpeckers, wood creepers, honeycreepers, aracarís, and more inside the jungle. Sleep at the campsite.

Day 05: MACAWS CLAY LICK "COLORADO"

Again we will have an awakening full of color, as we will be directly in front of the world's largest clay lick, where many documentaries have been filmed. We will have the chance to see many mealy parrots, chestnut-fronted macaws, blue and yellow macaws, red and green macaws, scarlet macaws, dusky-headed parakeets, and blue-headed parrots. With some luck, we will see the rare blue-headed macaw, sometimes seen around this area an incredible spectacle that surely you will not get tired of.

Breakfast and return to Wasai Tambopata lodge, with another chance to see the birds of the riverfront. After lunch take a well-deserved rest. In the evening, hit the trails again in search of small but very beautiful manakins; with patience we can see two types of these wonderful birds. Later, return to the lodge and rest.

Day 6: FREE DAY

Free day in Wasai Tambopata Lodge. You will have a lot of opportunities to see different species of birds around the lodge.

Day 7: ISUYAMA PORT- LA CACHUELA- WASAI MALDONADO LODGE

After breakfast, we will leave for Puerto Maldonado. You will have another chance to see birds along the river. Before we arrive to Puerto Maldonado lodge, we will visit Isuyama port, located in the southeast of Puerto Maldonado where we can easily find a great number of birds like nunbird, seed eaters, parrots, vultures, cattle egrets, flycatchers and oropendolas.

We will arrive to Puerto Maldonado around midday.

After lunch we will leave for the hamlets of Cachuela, a very beautiful place where rare birds are seen each time it is visited. Birds such as the southern caracas, horned screamer, jacana, egrets, jacamars, anise, raptors, and more can all be seen here. It is close to Puerto Maldonado, and we will travel here by car. Dinner at the lodge.

Day 08: SANDOVAL LAKE - COLLPAS DE SHEBON

4:30 am we will have breakfast. After breakfast we will depart on a 45 minute trip along the Madre de Dios River, and take a 5km walk through the forest for Sandoval Lake, a lake with a large numbers of birds and other species. During the walk we will have the opportunity to find the blue-crowned trogon, black tailed trogon, white-tailed trogon, and the violaceous trogon. You will also have a good chance to see

different types of hummingbirds such as: the long-tailed hermit, white neck Jacobin, the fork-tailed woodnymph and toucans like curl crested aracari and ivori billed aracari. We will search for a local palm with high content of clay called shebon, where parrots used to feast every day. Here we will have the opportunity to see bellied macaw, white bellied parrot, blue and yellow macaws, and more species. Once in the lake, we will embark in a canoe to paddle around the lake to see birds like hoatzin (punk bird), herons like the agami heron, tigre herons, striated Heron, aningas cormorant, coci Heron, and other kind of birds.

After lunch we will have the chance to swim on the lake and then come back to the lodge in Puerto Maldonado.

Farewell dinner and night at Wasai Maldonado.

Day 09: PUERTO MALDONADO - LIMA

Breakfast and transfer to the airport. Arriving to Lima we transfer to our hotel in Lima.

Day 10: LIMA /...

Transfer to the airport for the international flight. END OF OUR SERVICES.

Essentials:

Vaccinations: It is highly recommended to be vaccinated against yellow fever.

What to bring?

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100% waterproof rain gear (long poncho or rain wear).

Insect repellent (at least 50% Deet), sunscreen lotion.

Hiking shoes and sandals.

Flashlight, enough batteries (alkaline) and bulbs.

Wide brim hat (for sunny days), sun glasses.

Towel, swimming suit, personal medicines and/or supplies (liquid forcontact lenses, for example).

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Manu Natural Sensitive 9D/8N

Day 1: LIMA / ...

Arriving to Lima we transfer to our hotel in Lima

Day 02: LIMA - CUSCO

Transfer to the airport for the flight Lima / Cusco. Arrival and transfer to the hotel in Cusco.

Day 03: CUSCO - HUARCARPAY LAKE (3,200 m.s.n.m.) - PILLAHUATA SITE - SAN PEDRO.

We depart from Cusco before 05:00 a.m. arriving at Lake Huarcarpay 30 minutes later. Here we take time to observe highland lake and marsh birds. Common sightings are the White-tufted Grebe, the plumbeous Rail, the many-coloured Rush-Tyrant and two endemic, the rusty-fronted canastero and a spectacular hummingbird, the Bearded mountainer. Approximately mid morning we visit the interesting tombs of Ninamarca, commonly known as "Chullpas". We continue to Paucartambo, a picturesque Spanish colonial town, from the bridge of this town it is easy to see the Torrent duck, and then continue to the Acjanacu Pass, which marks the beginning of the Manu Biosphere Reserve where the mountain forests, unlike other parts of the eastern Andes, are almost completely untouched. Between the clouds we can spot many different tanager species as well as the Andean Guan and Gray breasted Mountain-Toucan.

In the famous avian rich area between the tunnels above Pillahuata we hope to see the endemic Marcapata Apinetail and other astonishing species such as the scarlet-bellied and hooded Mountain-tanager, the Golden-napped, grass-green tanager and the Crimson mantled woodpecker. This area is also good for different species of hummingbirds.

After lunch our bus bring us to San Pedro, here, a thick cloak of clouds provides perpetual humidity and makes an ideal habitat for epiphytic plants such as bromeliads. This varied and fascinating world is home of the Cock of the Rocks, spectacled Bear, orchids, Tree Ferns (one of the oldest living plants), mosses and lichens. This cloud forest exists between 2000 and 3500 meters above sea level, and at least 50% of the plant species found here are endemic to this region. Here in the more temperate forest we can expect to see the Golden Quetzal and the white-collared jay among others. Overnight in our Orquídeas de San Pedro Lodge.

Day 04: SAN PEDRO.

Today we wake up very early to observe the Cock of the rock (*Rupicola peruviana*), Peru's national bird. The male birds are vibrant reddish orange, and at about 5:00 a.m. as many as several dozen come together for an exhibition of a mating ritual dance in a place called lek. The males display their crest, showing off and posturing for the females. The females, fewer in number, watch to select the most suitable males. Here we spend the whole day birdwatching on different parts of the road and trails around the lodge. We hope to see Andean and White-eared solitaires, the Green Jay, the Blue-banded Toucanet, the yungas manakin, the astonishing

versicolored Barbet and arrange of tanager species. Overnight at Orquídeas de San Pedro Lodge.

Day 05: SAN PEDRO - ERIKA LODGE.

After breakfast we continue bird-watching in the area below san pedro and slowly descend in our overland transport down the narrow road between waterfalls and canyons toward the town of Atalaya. As we journey downwards into the heat and humidity we encounter Oropendolas, squirrels cuckoos and the first Ant birds.

From Atalaya, we board our covered, motorized canoe and head down the Alto Madre de Dios river until Erika Lodge. This lodge is situated in the transition zone of the Andean foothills and the lowland rainforest. It has many more species of hummingbirds than is normally present in a rainforest lodge.

Among 30 species of hummingbirds on their list is the endemic Rufus-webbed Brilliant. Here we find the Rufus-vented Ground Cuckoo, the gray-necked woddrail, Blackish rail and Rufus-sided cracked. Close to a small lake there are Purple Gallinules, Hoatzins, Lesser Kiskades and occasionally Pygmy Kingfishers and sun grebes.

After lunch we follow an interesting trail, going up to the ridge at 1000 m.a.s.l. where we encounter mixed bird flocks. This higher area is also home of the emerald toucanet, ornate flycatcher, orange fronted plush crown and the uncommon tawny-faced gnat wren, umbrella bird among others.

Day 06: ERIKA LODGE - BLANQUILLO.

Early morning after breakfast we board our canoe for the four-hour trip down the Alto Madre de Dios River to Boca Manu's town, during this boat ride we will have the chance to see Violaceous Jays, the beautiful Capped heron, Rosate spoonbill, Jabirú, Vultures, belted kingfisher, osprey, black hawck, black caracara, chestnut-eared toucan, from this small town we descend the Madre de Dios river for three hours to the private reserve of Blanquillo Lodge.

Day 07: BLANQUILLO.

After a very early wake up, we board a camouflaged catamaran and go down the river to the "Collpa" macaw lick. We quietly observe the various parrots feeding on the clay for mineral and salt supplements to their diet of seeds and fruits. The brightly colored macaws usually wait patiently in the surrounding trees until the smaller parrot species have left the area. Slowly, the macaws come down to the clay wall to feed.

We need a lot of patience and silence on the catamaran so as not to disturb them as they eat the clay. During the afternoon we start walking on the interesting trails of the Lodge where we can see Jacamars, many different species of hummingbirds, the Crimson-crested Woodpecker, tanager such as the paradise, the screaming Piha and many others. During this walks we can also observe macaw nests.

We use the Camungo Lake 45 meters observation tower to observe Caribe Crackle, Hoatzins, great egret, watted jacana, the camungo, the common potoo, the red

capped cardinal. We board our boat up stream the Madre de Dios river until Boca's Lodge where we spend the last night in the jungle.

Day 08: BLANQUILLO - BOCA MANU'S AIRSTRIP - CUSCO

After a brief morning walk at the Valle's Island, we board our canoe to Boca Manu's airstrip and take the 45 minutes flight back to Cusco. Transfer to the hotel.

Day 09: CUSCO - LIMA - LIMA /.....

Transfer to the airport for the flight Cusco/Lima, and next connection with the international flight. END OF OUR SERVICES

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Pacaya Samiria Paradise of Birds 9D/8N

Day 1: .../ LIMA

Arriving to Lima we transfer to our hotel in Lima.

Day 2: LIMA, IQUITOS, PACAYA SAMIRIA AMAZON LODGE

Transfer to the airport for the flight Lima/Iquitos. We start our adventure of the Peruvian forest at the Iquitos City Airport, from there we will transport in a modern and comfortable air-conditioned minivan traveling on a nice highway to the town of Nauta, the first township founded by the Spanish at the Marañón River's bank. The trip takes approximately 1h 30', a 97 km journey.

In Nauta, we next travel by lodge-owned boats to visit the Ucayali and Marañón River, where the Amazon River is born; from here we have a spectacular sight of the forest viewed from the height of a 100 foot high watching tower, where we are free to take magnificent photographs and videos of the immense Amazon River. The visitors will maybe observe Herons, birds of prey and various other birds that make their homes on the shores of the river, we will have an opportunity to see the Black Skimmers, next we will go on with our trip to the lodge for lunch.

After a recovering rest, we will walk by footpaths on the surroundings of the lodge and will go up to the viewpoint, an ideal place to observe birds on the canopy of the trees. We will look for observing the Paradise Tanager, Hooded Tanager, Opal-crowned Tanager, Masked Crimson Tanager, Pen--throated Cotinga, and several species of Flycatchers. Parrots like the Canary-winged Parakeet, Short-tailed Parrot and luckily, Blue-and-yellow Macaw.

Dependant on night time climate conditions, we will make an excursion by boat to observe night animals and insects; also enjoyable is hearing the various sounds that comes from the forest, later we will be back to the lodge for dinner and resting.

Day 3, 4 & 5: LODGE, PACAYA SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE, LODGE

At dawn, after breakfast, we will board and sail across the Marañón River to explore during the following days, the Pacaya Samiria NR and we will enter trough the basin of the Yanayacu River, this zone has been recently opened for tourism and is extremely rich in birds, (there are 449 different species properly catalogued), flora and fauna. It will also be possible to be observed Pink and Gray Dolphins, Turtles, different species from Primates, Sluggish Bears etc. Besides the birds, we will observe diverse types of Kingfishers, like the Amazon, Ringed-Green Rufous Kingfisher, and the spectacular Amnerican Pygmyl Kingfisher, Wattled Jacanas and Anhingas. We will see the Tanagers, Aracari Chesnut-eared, Woodpecker Crimson-crested, Cotinga Spangled, Lemon-throated Barbet, Jacamar White-eared, Donacobius Black-cappet.

We will sail through lagoons and hidden rivers in the wilderness, and will walk across open footpaths in the forest in search of the Horned Screamer, Black Collared Hawk, Jabiru Storks, Woodstorks, Roseate Spoonbill, Piedlapwing and many more.

At noon, we will have our box lunch, that we will eat in the shadow of the great trees of forest.

In the evening, we will continue with the search of birds like the endemic one, Black Tailed Antbird, Black Necked Network Cotinga, Gray Cheeked Nunlet, Lettered and Ivory-billed Aracaris, Bar-breasted Piculet, Black Bushbird Rufous Capped, Antthrush, Tropical Gnatcatcher and the Yellow billed Jacamar among others.

During the route we will visit a Native Community to observe the lifestyle and daily activities of the people, such as hunting, gathering, fishing or agriculture; we can also collaborate with the community development buying typical souvenirs hand made by the natives, made of seeds and a vegetable ivory called tagua, accommodation will be in tents at the camp zone.

At night, we will walk across the forest, in search of owls and night birds, or fish in the rivers and look for black Caymans, depending on the wishes of the guests.

On the 4th day after breakfast we will begin the return to the lodge, we will have lunch and free afternoon for relax and take a small hike around the lodge.

At the end of the day we will rest and have dinner.

Day 6 & 7: LODGE, ALLPAHUAYO MISHANA RESERVED AREA, IQUITOS

At dawn, and after breakfast, we will take the boats to Nauta. There, a vehicle will be waiting for us, and will drive us to the Allpahuayo Mishana located 12.5 miles from the city of Iquitos. During two days, we will explore the reserve looking for birds, some of them new for science, and different from those of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve as these are the Ancient Antwren, Mishana Tyrannulet, Allpahuayo Antbird and Northern-chestnut Tailed Antbird, in addition to other species like the Gray-legged Tinamou (Nov-Sea), Rufous Potoo, Cinnamon-crested Spadebill, Pompadour Cotinga and the Cinnamon Tyrant-Manakin, among others.

Both days we will enjoy box lunches during our excursion.

We'll spend the nights in Iquitos City lodging in a superior hotel 3 star class, where we will rest and have dinner.

Day 8: IQUITOS, ALLPAHUAYO MISHANA, IQUITOS, LIMA

In the morning, after the breakfast in the hotel, we will make a city tour, during the route we will appreciate among other places, the "Main Square", the Iron House, the District of Belén, the Itaya River, visit to the stores of native handicrafts etc.

Lunch, rest and transfer to the airport to take the flight back to Lima.

Day 9: LIMA /...

Transfer to the airport for the international flight. END OF OUR SERVICES.

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Tambopata, Bahuaja Sonene Park, Sandoval Lake 7D/6N

Day 1: .../ LIMA

Arriving to Lima we transfer to our hotel in Lima.

Day 02: LIMA, PUERTO MALDONADO, RECEPTION, TRANSFER TO WASAI TAMBOPATA LODGE

Transfer to the airport for the flight Lima/Puerto Maldonado. Reception and transfer to Wasai Maldonado Ecolodge where, after a greeting, the guide will give you a preliminary talk and explain the possibility of seeing birds such as the blue-gray tanager, palm tanager, silver-beaked tanager, crested flycatcher, and many others right here at the hotel.

After that, we will embark in a 4 hour journey to the Wasai Tambopata lodge. During the trip you will have the opportunity to see the birds of the riverbank such as swallows, egrets, herons, flycatchers, cowbirds, orioles, toucans, macaws, and many others. The specialized guide will describe each species and explain their identification either by sight or by sound. Arrive at the lodge where you will be welcomed by the staff and instructed about the jungle and its sounds.

In the evening we will take a nocturnal hike and have the opportunity to hear and hopefully see- owls, tinamous, and many other types of animals.

Day 03: PARROTS' CLAY LICK - RAINFOREST

We will wake up early (5:00am) to go to the parrots' clay lick. While passing through a forest of bamboo, we will have the opportunity to see birds like anthrushes, antwrens, antshrikes, motmots, trogons, and pufbirds. Depending on the weather, after reaching the collpa—or parrots' clay lick we will have a great opportunity to see our first psitacids (parrots) such as: the mealy parrot, orange-cheek parrot, yellow-crowned parrot, chesnut-fronted macaw, and the dusky-headed parakeet. With some luck, we may see large macaws like the scarlet or the red-and-green. We will stay as long as it be necessary, and then go back to the lodge for breakfast.

After breakfast, you will have some free time to enjoy the lodge facilities. You can lie down on the hammock and enjoy the view of the surroundings. In the afternoon, we will start another excursion looking for more birds; learn about the kind of birds that live in the rainforest, the fruit trees from which they feed from and the important role they play in its conservation.

Day 04: MACAWS CLAY LICK "EL CHUNCHO", BAHUAJA SONENE NATIONAL PARK

We will leave very early (4:00 am) for the Macaws' Clay Lick 'El Chuncho' one of the best attractions of the region due to the beautiful spectacle of color and sound that happened every morning when hundreds of parrots, parakeets, and macaws congregate in this place to feed on the clay lick, important for its daily diet to detoxified its bodies. With luck you might see up to 13 species of parrots all gathered in one place.

While seeing this spectacle, we will have breakfast and then walk through the trails to find toucans, guans, curassow, and other species of birds, only seen in Madre de Dios. On the riverbanks it is also possible to see the Orinoco goose, muscovy duck, purplish jay, violaceous jay, olive orioles and the amazon orioles, and much more.

We will return to Wasai Tambopata Lodge for lunch. After which we will start a walk searching for birds, and hopefully find the only trumpeter of Southern Peru called the pale-winged trumpeter, as well as flock of tanagers tinamous, woodpeckers, wood creepers, honeycreepers, aracaris, and the small but beautiful manakins. If we are patient enough we can probably see two species of this kind of birds besides the harpy eagle and more species of birds.

Day 05: ISUYAMA PORT, WASAI MALDONADO ECO LODGE, SANDOVAL LAKE

After breakfast, we will leave for Puerto Maldonado. You will have another chance to see birds along the riverbank. Before we arrive to Puerto Maldonado lodge, we will visit Isuyama port, located in the southeast of Puerto Maldonado where we can easily find a great number of birds like nunbird, seed eaters, parrots, vultures, cattle egrets, flycatchers and orioles.

We will arrive to Puerto Maldonado around midday.

After lunch, we will start a 25 minutes journey to the Sandoval Lake, a beautiful oxbow lake where we can find a great number of birds. Then we will walk 5km through the forest. During the walk we will have the opportunity to find the blue-crowned trogon, black tailed trogon, white-tailed trogon, and the violaceous trogon. You will also have another good chance to see different types of hummingbirds such as: the long-tailed hermit, white neck Jacobin, the fork-tailed woodnymph and toucans like curl crested aracari and ivory billed aracari, hoatzin (punk bird) herons like agami heron, tigre heron, striated heron, anhingas cormorant, cocoi heron, and more species.

We can swim in the lake and then come back to the lodge in Puerto Maldonado. During the way back we will enjoy the spectacular sunset on the river.

Farewell dinner.

Night at Wasai Maldonado Lodge.

Day 6: PUERTO MALDONADO, LIMA

Breakfast and transfer to the airport. Arriving to Lima we transfer to our hotel in Lima.

Day 7: LIMA /...

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The Mangroves Sanctuary of Tumbes

7D/6N

Tumbes (7 days).

The Tumbes National Forest is the only protected forest in the area that hosts all the threatened Tumbesian endemics. Most of this habitat has been cleared and destroyed in Ecuador but here the forest stretches for miles and Ocelots, and Mantled Howler Monkeys live unmolested as do the threatened bird species.

This is a real wilderness experience with genuinely endangered species in a beautiful setting. These birds are thought anywhere else and to be found after much searching in heavily disturbed habitat except for within this exceptional reserve.

Day 1:

Arrive in Lima and transfer to our hotel in Lima.

Day 02:

Morning flight to Tumbes. On arrival in Tumbes (just south of the Ecuadorian border) we'll transfer to the comfortable Costa del Sol hotel and after an early lunch head out into the mangrove thickets in Tumbes Mangrove Reserved Zone.

From a local boat we'll enter narrow channels in search of Masked Water Tyrant, Rufous-necked Wood-Rail, Clapper Rail, White Ibis and Mangrove Warbler. We'll see many shorebirds and inshore seabirds here as well and there is also a chance of two species of Whistling Duck. Herons include: Yellow-crowned and Black-crowned Night-Herons, Little-Blue, White-necked and Tricolored Heron, plus a recently discovered population of Bare-throated Tiger-Heron.

Mangrove Black Hawk is also a possibility. In the late afternoon we'll bird in the desert scrub along the road. Species we expect here include: Pacific Parrotlet, Scarlet-backed Woodpecker, Necklaced Spinetail, Superciliaried Wren, Collared Antshrike, Baird's Flycatcher, Tawny-crowned Pygmy-tyrant, Pearl Kite, Tumbesian Tyrannulet Tumbes Sparrow and Cinereous Finch.

Night at Hotel.

Day 3:

We'll get an early start to-day so as to be in prime habitat at dawn. We drive east down rutted, dusty roads in four wheel drive jeeps to El Mirador for a dawn breakfast as the birds start to sing. We'll walk a track with no traffic looking for birds of the drier forest amidst some of the most fantastic bombax forest on earth.

Giant green barked, pot bellied trees hanging with spanish moss provide a home for One-colored and Slaty Becards, Tumbes Peewee, White-headed Brush-Finch, Plumbeous-backed Thrush, Ecuadorian Ground Dove, Tumbes Swift, Saffron Siskin, Red-masked Parakeet and many other commoner widely distributed species.

In the pm we'll leave our vehicle and walk slowly a two kilometer stretch of trail where we have had luck with Black-capped Sparrow, Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner

and Scrub Antpitta. We'll arrive at Quebrada El Faical at dusk with our safari camp already set up.

Day 4 & 5:

Over the next two days we'll bird the area between Quebrada Faical and Pozo del Pato and the slopes of Cerro San Miguel - the highest, wettest and greenest part of Tumbes. Here in the Tumbes Reserved Zone, mile upon mile of prime dry deciduous forest stretches as far as the eye can see.

The Ecuadorian border is a stones throw away, but unfortunately on that side of the border there is little, or no forest left.

Here on the Peruvian side, Ocellots and Mantled Howler Monkeys survive unmolested, as does the very interesting Tumbesian avifauna. Birds we hope to see over the next two days, and that we have seen here in the past include : Pale-browed Tinamou, Gray-backed Hawk, Black-hawk Eagle, Rufous-headed Chachalaca, Crested Guan, Ochre-bellied Dove and Pallid Doves, Gray-cheeked Parakeet, Bronze-winged Parrot, West Peruvian Screech-owl, Green-breasted Mango, Ecuadorian Piculet, Red-rumped Woodpecker, Guayaquil Woodpecker, Blackish-headed Spinetail, Slaty Spinetail, Henna-hooded and Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner, Chapman's Antshrike, Gray-headed Antbird, Scrub Antpitta, Pacific Elaenia, Rufous-winged Tyrannulet, Ochraceous Attila, Pacific Royal Flycatcher, Black-tailed Flycatcher, Ecuadorian Thrush, White-vented Plumleteer, Green-crowned Woodnymph, Violet-bellied Hummingbird, Gray-breasted Flycatcher, Pacific Fire-eye, Lesser Greenlet, Yellow-tailed and White-edged Orioles. Nights in camp.

Day 6:

We'll bird the morning hours between our camp at Pozo el Pato and Quebrada Faical where we'll transfer to our jeeps and return to the drier forest for the rest of the afternoon and after lunch bird our way back to Tumbes through drier deciduous forest, looking especially for Saffron Siskin and Becards, planning to arrive in Tumbes at dusk. Night in hotel.

Day 7:

Flight from Tumbes to Lima (or drive to Chiclayo if taking the GREAT North Peru tour).

PRICE IN USD PER PERSON: \$ 2500.00

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