



3day Birding Tour in Abra Malaga

Day1: Cusco– Huacarpay Lake - Ollantaytambo.

Early in the morning we will start birding at Huacarpay Lake where we can see good birds as: ***Bearded Mountaineer (*Oreonympha nobilis*), Streaked fronted Thornbird (*Phacellodomus striaticeps*), Cinnamon teal (*Anas cyanoptera*), Plumbeous Rail (*Pardirallus sanguinolentus*), ***Rusty Fronted Canastero (*Asthenes ottonis*), Puna teal (*Anas puna*), Giant Hummingbird (*Patagona gigas*), and many more birds. In the afternoon we will continue travelling through the sacred valley and then to Ollantaytambo; along the way we will stop in specific places along the road in order to add more birds to our list. We will spend the night at Ollantaytambo in a Hotel.

Day2: Ollantaytambo - Abra Malaga - Cloud forest.

Today again we will leave early and travel by bus from Ollantaytambo to Abra Malaga, in the area we will look for several endemic species and some other interesting bird species such as: ***Inca wren (*Pheugopedius eisenmanni*), *** Marcapata Spinetail (*Cranioleuca marcapatae*), ***Cusco Brush Finch (*Atlapetes canigenis*), Parodi's Hemispingus (*Hemispingus parodii*), ***Unstreaked tit tyrant (*Anairetes agraphia*), and Puna Thistletail (*Asthenes helleri*), and a lot more birds traveling in flocks. In the afternoon we will return to Ollantaytambo where we will spend the night.

Day3: Ollantaytambo - Abra Malaga - Cusco.

Today we will start our day birding at 4,316masl. In a Polylepis forest that has unique specialized birds to the area; the birds we can see are: ***White browed tit Spinetail (*Leptasthenura xenothorax*), Royal Cinclodes (*Cinclodes aricomae*), Puna Tapaculo (*Scytalopus simonsi*), Andean Hillstart (*Oreotrochilus estella*), Giant conebill (*Oreomanes fraseri*), *** Creamy Crested Spinetail (*Cranioleuca albicapilla*), ***White tufted Sunbeam (*Aglaeactis castelnaudii*), ***Chestnut Breasted mountain finch (*Poospiza caesar*), Stripe Headed Antpitta (*Grallaria andicolus*), and many more Birds. In the afternoon we will travel back to Cusco.

The endemic species you can find in this tour are:

- Bearded Mountaineer
- Rusty Fronted Canastero
- Inca wren
- Marcapata Spinetail
- Unstreaked tit tyrant
- Cuzco brush finch
- White browed tit Spinetail
- Creamy Crested Spinetail
- White tufted Sunbeam
- Chestnut Breasted mountain finch

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The tour includes:

- Tour guide with binoculars and Swarovski spotting scope
- Bird Check List
- Hostel Accommodation in Ollantaytambo
- Meals during the tour except last dinner
- Entrance fees.
- Mineral Water
- Snacks

What to bring:

- Aside from Binoculars and photo-equipment
- A spotting scope, if you have one
- Flashlight for night birding
- Light day pack
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- T-shirts and a long-sleeved shirt
- Jeans or other cotton pants are comfortable, as well as quick-drying nylon ones
- Cotton socks
- Sweater, jacket or fleece for night birding
- Light jacket, water resistant, or poncho
- Hiking boots or sturdy shoes
- Water bottle/canteen or camel pack
- Sandals for after hours
- Hat and sunglasses
- Plastic bags for camera, clothes, etc. Personal toiletries (shampoo, towel, etc)
- Converter /adaptor for the electricity (Plugs are typically the 2 pronged flat type found in the US)

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