



5Day Birding in Abra Malaga and Machu Picchu

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 Machu Picchu.

Today we will start our day birding at 4,316masl. In a Polilepys 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. After lunch we will go back to Ollantaytambo in order to take train to Aguas Calientes and spend the night there in a Hotel.

Day4: Aguas Calientes all Day.

The area of Machu Picchu has very good forest for birding and to see same endemics and special. *** Masked Fruiteater (*Pipreola pulchra*), Ocellated Piculet (*Picumnus dorbignyanus*), Slaty tanager (*Creurgops dentatus*), Sclater's Tyrannulet (*Phyllomyias sclateri*), Torrent Duck (*Merganetta armata*), White Capped Dipper, (*Cinclus leucocephalus*), Andean cock of the rock (*Rupicola peruvianus*), Hightland motmot (*Momotus aequatorialis*), and a lot more species of birds.

Day5: Aguas Calientes - Machu Picchu Cusco.

Today after breakfast we will visit Machu Picchu Incas old town, at Machu Picchu you will have a guided tour for about two hours and after that you will be free to explore the Citadel and

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take pictures, or if you desire, ascent toward the Huaynapicchu Mountain. At 2:26p.m. or 6:03p.m. (Depending on availability), you will be taking a train to Ollantaytambo and from there; a bus will drive you to your hotel in Cusco.

The endemic species you can find in this tour are:

- Bearded Mountaineer
- Rusty Fronted Canastero
- Inca wren
- Marcapata Spinetail
- Cusco Brush Finch
- Unstreaked tit tyrant
- White browed tit Spinetail
- White tufted Sunbeam
- chestnut Breasted mountain finch
- Masked Fruiteater

The tour includes:

- Tour guide with binoculars and Swarovski spotting scope
- Bird Check List
- Hotel Accommodation in Aguas Calientes and Ollantaytambo
- Meal during the tour except last dinner
- Round way Train Tickets from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes
- Private bus Transportation during the tour
- Entrance fee to Machu Picchu.
- 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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