

9Day Central Peru Birding Tour Itinerary

Day1: Lima Junín

We will pick you up from hotel early in the morning in order to drive the Central of Peru at Ticlio we will stop for a breakfast, right after breakfast we will look for birds such as: ***White bellied Cinclodes (Cinclodes palliates), OlivaceousThornbill (Chalcostigma olivaceum), Rufous bellied seedsnape (Attagis gayi), Gray breasted Seedsnape (Thinocorus orbignyianus), Diademed plower (Phegornis mitchellii), Andean condor (Vultur gryphus), Crested Duck and other birds. Later we will continue the journey to the barrage and then make a stop for lunch in a local restaurant before we reach Junin; at Junin we will look for ***Junin Canastero (Asthenes virgata), Puna snape, Streakbacked Canastero (Asthenes wyatti), Cordilleran Canastero (Asthenes modesta), Cinereous Harrier (Circus cinereus), Puna Ibis (Plegadis ridgwayi), Black Faced Ibis (Theristicus melanopis), White winged Cinclodes (Cinclodes atacamensis), and other birds. Later we will head towards our hotel where we will spend our first night.

Day2: Junín – Huánuco

Today we will visit Lake Junin in order to see the following species: Junín Rail (Laterallus tuerosi), ***Junin Grebe (Podiceps taczanowskii), OrnateTinamou (Nothoprocta ornate), Plumbeous Rail (Pardirallus sanguinolentus), Manycoloret Rush Tyrant (Tachuris rubrigastra), Chilian Flamengo (Phoenicopterus chilensis), Andean coot (Fulica ardesiaca), Puna teal (Anas puna), Yellow Billed pintail (Anas georgica), White tufted Grebe (Rollandia Rolland), correndera pipit (Anthus correndera), puna miner (Geositta punensis), Common Miner, Andean Negrito (Lessonia oreas), Black Breasted Hillstar among others. Later we will return to our hotel to pick up our luggage in order to continue travelling towards Huanuco. Along the way we can observe species like: line cheeked Spinetail (Cranioleuca antisiensis), Giant conebill (Oreomanes fraseri), Black Metaltail (Metallura phoebe), Andean Hillstar (Oreotrochilus estella), Thick billed Siskin (Spinus crassirostris), Cinereous Ground tyrant (Muscisaxicola cinereus), Plain Breasted Earcreeper (Upucerthia jelskii), Sliver Grebe (Podiceps occipitalis), and many more birds.

Before we reach Huánuco we will make a stop in order to look for following special birds: Rufous Backed Inca Finch (Incaspiza personata), Black Crested Tit Tyrant (Anairetes nigrocristatus), and Torrent Duck (Merganetta armata) We will spend the night at Huánuco and eat dinner in a local restaurant.

Day3: Huánuco – Unchog Forest

Today we will travel to Unchog forest which is found two hours in a half away from Huanuco at 3280masl. Where we will camp and start birding. In this area we can see birds such as: Golden-backed Mountain Tanager (Cnemathraupis aureodorsalis), Rufous Browed Hemmispingus (Hemispingus rufosuperciliaris), ***Bey vented Cotinga (Doliornis sclateri), White Chinned Thistletail (Asthenes fuliginosa), Niblana Tapaculo, Coppery Metaltail (Metallura theresia), fronted Line Canastero, Yellow Scarf Tanager (Iridosornis reinhardti), Golden Collared Tanager (Iridosornis jelskii), and a lot more bird species. In the afternoon we will return to the camp side where we will spend the night.

Day4: Unchog - Huánuco

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We will leave after breakfast to find some birds that we have not seen at the same place the day before, in the afternoon we will return for lunch to our camp site and right after it we will head towards Huánuco, along the way we will stop looking for some bird species. We will spend the night at Huánuco in a local hotel.

Day5: Huánuco - Paty Taril Trail - Huánuco

Today we will head towards Paty Taril Trail that is found an hour and a half away from Huanuco. After a quick breakfast we will head towards the trail to Paty Taril in the area we can observe bird species like: Flanked Tanager Brown (Thlypopsis pectoralis), Orange Breasted Falcon (Falco deiroleucus), Gray breasted Mountain Tanager (Andigena hypoglauca), Chestnu tBreasted Wren (Cyphorhinus thoracicus), ***Bay Antpitta (Grallaria capitalis), Yellow Scarf Tanager (Iridosornis reinhardti), Long Tailed Antbird (Drymophila caudate), Powerful Iwoodpecker (Campephilus pollens), Crimson Bellied Woodpecker (Campephilus haematogaster), ***Chestnut antpitta (Grallaria blakei), ***peruvian tyrannulet (Zimmerius viridiflavus), Huanuco Fruiteater, streaked Tufted cheeked (Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii), among others, later at Carpish tunnel we will observe birds such as: peruvian wren (Cinnycerthia peruana), ***Chestnut Antpitta (Grallaria blakei), Golden Faced Chat tyrant, yellow scarf tanager (Iridosornis reinhardti), Barred Fruiteater (Pipreola arcuata), Black Capped Hemispingus (Hemispingus atropileus) and more. We will spend the night at Huánuco.

Day6: Huánuco - Tingo Maria

Today we will drive towards Tingo Maria, along the route we will stop in order to odserve bird species like: Andean cock of rock (Rupicola peruvianus)

Black Bellied Tanager (Ramphocelus melanogaster), Red Rumped Cacique (Cacicus haemorrhous), White eyed parakeet (Psittacara leucophthalma), Blackish Rail (Pardirallus nigricans), Amazon King Fisher (Chloroceryle amazona), Orange bellied Euphony (Euphonia xanthogaster), Blue headed parrot (Pionus menstruus), Sapphire Spangled Emerald (Amazilia lacteal)(, Black throated Mango (Anthracothorax nigricollis), among others. We will spend the night in a local hotel at Tingo Maria.

Day7: Tingo Maria – Huánuco

Today we will leave our Hotel early in the morning and drive 40min away from the town in order to observe species like: Black eyed pale bird, Dendrocygna autumnalis, Blackish Rail (Pardirallus nigricans), and Green Ibis (Mesembrinibis cayennensis). Later we will visit the cave of owls in order to see the Oilbirds

Day8: Huánuco – Junín

In the Morning we will do some birding in the jungle of Huanuco, there we can pbserve bird species like: Inca Rufous backed finch (Incaspiza personata), Little woodstar (Chaetocercus bombus), Black crested títtyrant, Giant Hummingbird (Patagona gigas), White bellied Hummingbird (Amazilia chionogaster), White-browed Chat-Tyrant (Ochthoeca leucophrys). After some birding we will continue with our journey towards Juning having the oportunity to observe along the way species like: Black breasted Hillstar, (Oreotrochilus melanogaster), Ornate tinamou (Nothoprocta ornate), puna miner (Geositta punensis), Cordilleran canastero (Asthenes modesta), ***Junin canastero (Asthenes virgata), andean negrito among others (Lessonia oreas).

Day9: Junín - Lima

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Today in our way to Lima we will have the chance to observe species like: ***White bellied cinclodes (Cinclodes palliates), olivaceous thornbill (Chalcostigma olivaceum), Rufous bellied seedsnape (Attagis gayi), Gray breasted Seed Snape (Thinocorus orbignyianus), diademed plower (Phegornis mitchellii), crested Duck. Lunch at San Mateo. We will reach Lima in the afternoon where our services will end.

The Tour Includes:

- Tour guide with binoculars and Swarovski spotting scope
- Bird Check List
- Accommodations in local hotels as well as tents
- Meal during the tour except last dinner
- Round way transportation from Lima to Junín
- Entrance fee to all natural and private reserves.
- 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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