

Birdwatching Routes

📍 YASUNI - LIMONCOCHA



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BIRDWATCHING

🕒 5 - 7 - 10 Days

Day 1: The tour starts from the city of Francisco de Orellana El Coca. The person responsible for receiving you is Mr. Luis Zapata, Administrator of Selva Verde Tours. If you arrive by plane from Quito to Coca, you will be collected at the city airport. If you travel by bus or with a private vehicle, the marina of the port of the city of El Coca will be the meeting point. Or if you stay in a hotel in the city of El Coca, we will pick you up at 9 am after your breakfast. We will give you a talk in general before leaving. Then, we will navigate in a motorized canoe for about 75 kilometers for 3 hours until the station of the Yasuni's park rangers, where we will camp 3 nights in comfortable tents. After a lunch at 4 pm, we will navigate for 15 minutes. Then, walk for 25 minutes until reaching the first tower of 45 meters high where different species of birds will be observed. Return, dinner and rest.

Day 2: At 6 am, breakfast. At 6h30 am, navigation in canoe until reaching the first Saladero of parrots. In this Saladero, there is the possibility to observe from 5 to 7 species of parrots depending on a good timing and sunny weather. After, we will walk for one hour until we get to the second Saladero of parakeets. From the months of September to February of each year, Scarlet macaw arrive. To observe parakeets, it's all year round. To observe these species of birds, you will need a lot of patience and be persevering to wait within a refuge between 2 to 3 hours. Returning to the camp we will pass through another path where we will visit a pair of owls. After a lunch and a rest in the afternoon, we will make a 2 hours and a half walk in the jungle to find other species of birds that inhabit the mainland. Return to the campsite and rest.

Day 3: At 5 am, breakfast. At 6h30 am, walk for 2 hours in an open field where many species of birds will be observed. Arrival at a second tower where different birds will be observed. Return to the campsite in canoe where a tasteful lunch will await us. In the afternoon, we will raise the camp and continue the trip down the river for 3 hours until reaching the canyon of the Pañayacu River where it is possible to observe prehistoric birds like the Hoatzin, the Osprey and other species. Arrival at the sector of Piguali Cocha where we will make our base camp to spend 2 nights. After dinner, rest.

Day 4: Before breakfast, at 6 am, navigation in canoe by the shores of the lagoon to observe blue and yellow Macaws, toucans, Red-capped cardinal, Golden-headed manakin, Cocoi heron, Fasciated Tiger Heron, Neotropic cormorant, Anhinga, Woodpecker, monkeys and with a lot of luck, giant otter. After a comforting breakfast, we will navigate by the canyon of the Pañayacu River until the upper part where other species of birds will also be observed. Walk in the jungle until we get to a site where the Golden-headed manakin lives. Return to the campsite. After a lunch in the afternoon, we will take a tour in canoe. After dinner, rest.

Day 5: After breakfast, we will raise all the camp and leave in canoe until reaching the Napo River to ride against the currents for 3 hours until we get to the sector of Pompeya. From there, we will travel in private vehicle to the Limoncocha scientific station where we will cross by the lagoon in canoe until the Cabañas Supay Cocha where we will spend 2 nights in the rooms. After a little rest, we will navigate in canoe to observe birds. Then, dinner and rest.

Day 6: At 5 am, navigation in canoe around the giant lagoon for 3 hours where monkeys and many species of birds will be observed (Guan, Snail kite, Anhima cornuta, Jacana jacana, Greater ani, Limpkin, Red-capped cardinal, Kingfisher, Cocoi heron, Fasciated tiger heron, Neotropic cormorant, Anhinga, etc.). In this place, there are sometimes so many birds that you don't have time to admire all of the species. Returning to the cabin will await us a tasteful breakfast. During the middle of the day, some activity will be coordinated with the tourists. After dinner, there will be the possibility of doing a night navigation around the giant lagoon to observe small and big black alligators as well as seeing a full illumination of fireflies and listening to frogs' noises. Then, return and rest.

Day 7: In the morning, there is a flexible 3 hours walking tour in primary jungle until getting to a giant Ceiba tree. Or we can do another navigation around the lagoon for a last observation of birds. Returning to the cabin will await us a tasteful breakfast. Then, we will leave in canoe until reaching the scientific station where we will travel in private vehicle to the city of El Coca where the 5, 7 or 10 days tour will end.

Tour includes:

Motorized river transport and private vehicle; purified water to drink; accommodation in tents (camping) or cabins; food; entry to all sites; a bilingual naturalist certificated guide (English – Spanish); scheduled excursions with full activities; electric generator to load cameras and flashlights; rubber boots (up to size 44).

Not included:

Personal equipment; flashlights; raincoat; binoculars or bird books; breakfast of the first day of the tour and dinner of the last day of the tour; 12% taxes; extra food and drinks; tips or alcoholic beverages; rubber boots (larger than size 44); air or terrestrial transport from Quito to Coca and Coca to Quito.

Description of the accommodation in tents:

2 people tent with mattresses, sheets, bedspreads, pillows.

Description of the accommodation in the cabins:

Double, triple or quadruple rooms, beds with mattresses, pillows, nets, private bathroom and shower, restaurant, electric generator.



PRIVATE TOURS

NUMBER OF PASSENGERS

PRICE PER DAY AND PER PERSON

3 PASSENGERS	\$ 195 p.p.
4 - 5 PASSENGERS	\$ 165 p.p.
6 - 8 PASSENGERS	\$ 145 p.p.