



# Cloud Forest Explorer

This is our most well-rounded Ecuador birding tour—a guided five-day deep dive into the eastern slope cloud forests of the Andes, designed to make your life easy and your life list longer. From hummingbird havens and mossy ridgelines to secret leks and riparian trails, we've got the route mapped and the snacks packed.



# Up and Over

Day 1

We'll take off in the morning and work our way east heading over papallacta pass. Making a couple of biriding stops along the way and have a great lunch at Guango Lodge.

Potential species: Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Gray-breasted Mountain Toucan, Superciliaried Hemispingus, Rufous-collared Sparrow

**Lodging: Cabañas Tamiaju**



# Ridge and Reserve

## Day 2

We're up early to hit Guacamayos Ridge, one of the most iconic birding trails in Ecuador. We'll go as long as our legs and lifers allow (snacks provided, of course), then head back to Tamiaju for lunch and a nap. In the afternoon, we visit Chontas Birdwatching Spot, a private reserve known for mixed flocks, great tanagers, and killer views.

Potential Species: Greater Scythebill, Olivaceous Piha, Dusky Piha, Peruvian Antpitta, Rufous Collared Sparrow

**Lodging: Tamiaju**



# Narupa and Nectar

## Day 3

We're going down the hill a little! First stop: Narupayaku Hummingbird Garden, a buzzing hotspot for species like the Napo Sabrewing and Violet-headed Hummingbird. Next up Cliff Flycatchers! After lunch, we wrap up the day at the Jocotoco Narupa Reserve—a great place to round out your list with canopy dwellers and Amazonian edge birds.

Potential Species: Maroon-tailed Parakeet, Spotted Tanager, Violaceous Jay, Lafresnay's Piculet, Lined Antshrike, Rufous Collared Sparrow

**Lodging: Tamiaju**



# Ducks and Display

## Day 4

We start at Río Quijos Ecolodge for a morning of feeders and rivers. After lunch at the lodge, we drop into La Vida del Kinde with top-shelf hummingbirds like the Wire-crested Thorntail. Finally, we'll hit the Cock-of-the-rock lek in the late afternoon to witness one of Ecuador's most unforgettable bird displays.

Potential Species: Golden Tanager, Southern Emerald Toucanet, Golden-olive Woodpecker, Crested Quetzal, Rufous-collared Sparrow

**Lodging: Tamiaju**



# One more for the Road

Day 5

Our last morning is spent right here at Tamiaju. We'll hit the Tamiaju trails, watch the feeders, and soak up the last cloud forest vibes over a farewell lunch. Then it's back on the road and off to wherever your wings take you next.

Potential Species: Peruvian Racket-tail, Green-backed Hillstar, Saffron-crowned Tanager, Blue-winged Mountain Tanager, White-capped Dipper, Rufous-collared Sparrow



# The details:

## **WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?**

Flights  
Alcoholic Beverages  
Tips  
Travel Insurance  
Your nemesis bird

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED?**

All lodging indicated  
All meals  
Guides  
Transport  
Boots and umbrellas  
Snacks

## **COST**

**\$1780 / person  
based on 2 people in  
shared  
accommodation**