With over 1,900 avian species—more than any other country in the world—Colombia is a birder’s paradise waiting to be discovered. This 10-day program focuses on the highlights of the Central Andes region, famed for its high level of species diversity, including Chingaza National Park, Tinamu Private Reserve, Rio Blanco Reserve, and Otún Quimbaya Flora and Fauna Sanctuary. Explore high elevation mountains, humid tropical forest, páramo, wetlands, and highland savanna habitats in search of an array of tropical avifauna, including flycatchers, hummingbirds, tanagers, toucans, and more. Throughout your journey, meet members of the local community and learn about conservation efforts to use birding as a sustainable development resource.

- Seek out a variety of Colombia’s rare and endemic species, such as the Bronze-tailed Thornbill, Longuemare’s Sunangel, Coppery-bellied Puffleg, and Rufous-browed Conebill.
- Watch the antpitta feeders in Rio Blanco Natural Reserve and look for large mixed flocks in this area.
- Hike the forest paths of Otún Quimbaya Flora and Fauna Sanctuary by night for the chance to see a variety of owls, including the endemic Colombian Screech-Owl.
- Explore the large mountainous highlands of the Eastern Andes at Cordillera Chingaza National Park, home to the threatened endemic Green-bearded Helmetcrest.
NOVEMBER 9 - BOGOTÁ
Arrive at the El Dorado International Airport, Bogotá, Colombia, and transfer to the hotel. Group lunch and program orientation. Dinner on own. Elevation Bogotá: 8,361 ft. Overnight at Hilton Garden Inn. (L)

NOVEMBER 10 - BOGOTÁ
Rise early this morning for birding in the Chingaza National Park, a large mountainous area in the highlands of the Eastern Andes Cordillera. The habitat consists of montane cloud forest, high elevation lakes and specialized páramo covered by a vast expanse of Frailejones, a type of perennial subshrub in the sunflower family, and a staple of the páramo ecosystem. The key target is the threatened and endemic Green-bearded Helmetcrest, a hardy little hummingbird with a spiky crest that feeds on the flowers of Frailejones. Breakfast and lunch will be in the field, allowing you to focus on birding in the Elfin Forest, an enormous national treasure. Birding is primarily along the main access road. About 28 km from Bogotá the road traverses temperate scrub mixed with Chusquea bamboo. This habitat is home to Bronze-tailed Thornbill, Longuemare’s Sunangel, Coppery-bellied Puffleg, and Rufous-browed Conebill, all near-endemics found only in the highlands of Colombia and Venezuela. In the afternoon, visit La Calera Hummingbird Garden, situated in the cloud forest, to see some great species of hummingbird including the Sword-billed Hummingbird, Glowing Puffleg, and Black-billed and Green-tailed Trainbearers. Other interesting birds of the day include: Purple-backed Thornbill, Páramo Seedeaer, Plushcap, Pale-naped Brush-Finch, Smoky Bush-Tyrant, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, Black-headed Hemispingus, and many more. Eastern Andes - western slope: 4,265 - 8,540 ft / 53.6 - 77 °F. Overnight at Hilton Garden Inn. (BLD)

NOVEMBER 11 - MANIZALES
Depart for the airport this morning to fly to Pereira. Upon arrival, transfer to Tinamu Lodge situated in the privately owned Tinamu Reserve via a stop at Cameguadua Reservoir for birding. A variety of waterfowl can be seen here including Bare-faced Ibis and Blue-winged Teal. Next continue to Tinamu Reserve and Lodge. Tinamu is a former farm that has been owned by the same family for 40 years. They have worked to restore the forest which now offers an abundance of bird life including hummingbirds and tanagers that come to the nectar and fruit feeders. Birding along the trails is also worthwhile with the possibility of seeing the difficult Little Tinamou for which the lodge is named. Additionally, an isolated Colombian population of Grey-headed Dove can be found here, as can several specialties like the Colombian Chachalaca, Grayish Piculet, and a variety of antbirds like the Parker’s Antbird, which is difficult to find, but also the much easier to find Jet Antbird and Blue-lored Antbird. After checking in, the afternoon will be spent birding in the reserve. Central Andes: 3,930-4,495 ft / 57 - 72 °F. Overnight at Tinamu Lodge. (BLD)

NOVEMBER 12 - MANIZALES
Depart early this morning for Rio Blanco Reserve arriving in time for breakfast. The day will be spent here birding. Over 348 bird species have been recorded, which includes 30 migratory species and 13 endemics or near-endemics in the reserve. The forest was originally preserved to maintain water flow for a local water company. Rio Blanco is high enough that it holds montane forests with a mix of species entirely different from the lower elevations. If you had to describe what makes Rio Blanco unique, the answer is decisive and clear: antpittas. Nine species have been recorded here. These birds are very difficult to see. Walking along the forest floor, they are typically heard but not seen. What makes this site special is the fact that here you can actually see them due to a generous supply of worms provided locally. Four species are seen regularly, including the Chestnut-crowned, Bicolored, and Slate-crowned Antpittas and the endemic Brown-banded Antpitta. The montane forests also have many other species including the White-crowned Tanager, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, Rusty-faced Parrot, and Golden-plumed Parakeet. Return to Tinamu Lodge for dinner and overnight. Central Andes: 4,265 - 7,546 ft / 65 - 80 °F. Overnight at Tinamu Lodge. (BLD)

NOVEMBER 13 - MANIZALES
Spend today birding in Tinamu Reserve which has almost two miles of trails. Approximately 260 species have been recorded in the reserve, of which 208 are resident, 33 are migratory, 3 are endemic and 2 are near-endemic. Overnight at Tinamu Lodge. (BLD)

NOVEMBER 14 - OTÚN QUIMBAYA SANCTUARY
After breakfast, depart for Otún Quimbaya Fauna and Flora Sanctuary. This 1,200-acre park offers different elevations and the best-preserved subtropical forests in the region. After lunch explore the trails surrounding the lodge. Otún is very good for owling, so this evening you’ll have the opportunity to explore the reserve at night. Central Andes: 4,265 - 7,546 ft / 65 - 80 °F. Overnight at Tinamu Lodge. (BLD)

NOVEMBER 15 - OTÚN QUIMBAYA SANCTUARY
Today will be spent birding in the Otún Quimbaya Fauna and Flora Sanctuary. The reserve is home to some very important and rare birds. Some interesting birds on the checklist for today include Cauca Guan, Chestnut Wood-

Overnight at Lodge at Otún-Quimbaya. (BLD)

NOVEMBER 16 - OTÚN QUIMBAYA SANCTUARY
Spend today birding in Otún Quimbaya Fauna and Flora Sanctuary on little-used roads at different elevations. The reserve is home to 250 species of birds. The farther up the road or trails you go, the more you will see. This evening take another nocturnal walk in search of owls. Overnight at Lodge at Otún-Quimbaya. (BLD)

NOVEMBER 17 - BOGOTÁ
Before breakfast, you’ll have time for birding around the lodge trails one last time. After breakfast, journey toward Pereira for your mid-day flight to Bogotá, with some birding en route. Lunch will be at the Bogotá airport upon arrival. Then transfer to La Florida Park, a wetland ecosystem in Bogotá to see some important highland savanna species, such as the Bogotá Rail, Apolinar’s Wren, Silvery-throated Spinetail, Noble Snipe, Subtropical Doradito, and more. Transfer to the hotel late in the afternoon and check in. Gather with your fellow travelers for a final checklist review at the hotel before sharing a farewell dinner. Overnight at Hilton Garden Inn. (BLD)

NOVEMBER 18 - DEPART
Transfer to the airport for flight back to U.S. (B)

LAND PRICING
$3,710 (based on 8 participants)

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