



ANDEAN MOTMOT BY DEBBIE JORDAN



HIGH INTENSITY!

This program is for serious birders. Expect at least 6-8 hours of birding each day.

COLOMBIA

COLOMBIA'S CENTRAL ANDES FLYWAY EXPEDITION

with Jacqui Sulek

January 25 – February 2, 2021

With more than 1,900 avian species, more than any other country in the world, Colombia is a birder's paradise waiting to be discovered. This 9-day program focuses on the Central Andes region, famed for its high level of species diversity, including the Tinamú Reserve, Nevado del Ruiz, Rio Blanco Reserve, and Otún Quimbaya Flora and Fauna Sanctuary. Throughout your journey, meet community members and learn about their conservation efforts, bird-based tourism, and the importance of using birding as a sustainable development resource.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Support hemispheric conservation while seeking out a wide variety of Colombia's endemic species, such as the Multicolored Tanager, White-mantled Barbet, Magdalena Antbird, and Buffy Helmetcrest.
- Go birding in the Tinamú Reserve, where approximately 260 avian species have been recorded.
- Enjoy impressive views of the Nevado del Ruiz Volcano while exploring high-elevation páramo habitat, with the possibility of seeing the endangered Andean Condor.
- Visit the antpitta feeders in Rio Blanco Natural Reserve and look for large mixed flocks in this area.
- Walk the forest paths of Otún Quimbaya Flora and Fauna Sanctuary by day, and by night for the chance to see a variety of owls, including the endemic Colombian Screech-Owl.

For more information or to enroll: holbrook.travel/sulek-co21



Support Audubon and its partners to advance sustainable development in bird hot-spots

Holbrook Travel is a supporting partner in Audubon's conservation work in Latin America and in the Caribbean. One aspect of that work is the strengthening of **bird-based tourism** as a conservation and sustainable development tool. As part of our **Flyway Expeditions** series, this program is designed to help protect key areas along the flyways for migratory and local species. As a participant on this trip, you'll have a direct economic impact on local people and communities, help preserve IBAs, and nurture an emerging ecotourism industry.

Learn more at holbrook.travel/flywayexpeditions

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BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

JANUARY 25 - BOGOTÁ

Arrive at Bogotá International Airport where you'll be met and transferred to the hotel. This is an arrival day and no meals are included. Check-in time starts at 3 pm. *Overnight at Hilton Garden Inn.*

JANUARY 26 - OTÚN QUIMBAYA

Program orientation early this morning. Then after breakfast, transfer to the airport for a domestic flight to Pereira. Upon arrival, continue approximately one hour to Otún Quimbaya National Park, with birding en route. In Otún it is possible to see Cauca Guan, Chestnut Wood-Quail, Torrent Duck, Colombian Screech-Owl, Emerald Toucanet, Hooded Antpitta, Rufous-breasted Flycatcher, Flame-rumped Tanager, Scrub Tanager, Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Multicolored Tanager, Crested Ant-Tanager, and White-capped Tanager, just a few of the 400 species recorded here. Located on the western slope of the central mountain range, Otún protects the middle basin of the Otún River and the Andean and high Andean forests surrounding it. The site has been reforested for more than 40 years, creating connectivity with the well-preserved forests of the upper part of the natural park, Los Nevados, a biological corridor of great importance in the central Andes. It is common to see large Andean mammals such as mountain tapir and sometimes spectacled bear. The Otún Quimbaya Wildlife and Flora Sanctuary is managed by the Yarumo Blanco Foundation, a national example of community and bird-based tourism. All members of the foundation are local farmers who have made an unparalleled effort to make Otún one of the best sanctuaries in the country. Elevation: 7,382 feet. Walking conditions: Easy, unpaved rural road, little inclination. Temperature: 60-79°F. *Overnight at Otún Quimbaya. (BLD)*

JANUARY 27 - OTÚN QUIMBAYA

Spend the day birding in Otún Quimbaya with owling at night around the lodge. Bird along the main road to La Pastora and the garden around the main house, occasionally entering the forest using the national park trails. Meet with members of the Yarumo Blanco Foundation. This communitarian association was heavily involved with the Audubon International Alliances Program training and development of the Andean Birding Trail. Learn about their award-winning work in communitarian conservation and social development. If time and schedules

permit, also meet a national park ranger who will explain a bit about the activity of national parks and the government's role in conservation. *Overnight at Otún Quimbaya. (BLD)*

JANUARY 28 - MANIZALES

Morning birding on the road to Pereira, with stops by the Otún River to look for Torrent Duck, Black-capped Dipper, and Torrent Tyrannulet. After lunch, continue to Tinamú Reserve, located one hour from the city of Manizales, in the village of San Peregrino, an area that is focused on the production of shade-grown coffee and other agricultural products. The Tinamú Nature Reserve is a mosaic of coffee with shade, secondary growth and patches of native forest and has feeders for different species. Inside the reserve is a network of trails with a medium level of difficulty that offers great opportunities to view species not seen on the feeders. Elevation: 4,265 feet. Walking conditions: easy, unpaved rural road, trails within the reserve. Temperature: 75-84° F. *Overnight at Tinamú Lodge. (BLD)*

JANUARY 29 - MANIZALES

Spend a full day searching for birds in Tinamú Reserve and exploring the action at the amazing hummingbird feeders around the rooms and inside the forest. Some important species in Tinamú include Guira Tanager, Moustached Puffbird, Common Potoo, Golden-collared Manakin, Andean Motmot, Jet Antbird, Great Antshrike, Bay-headed Tanager, Scrub Tanager, Blue-necked Tanager, Gray-fronted Dove, Scaled Antpitta, Spectacled Parrotlet, Red-headed Barbet, and Colombian Chachalaca. *Overnight at Tinamú Lodge. (BLD)*

JANUARY 30 - NEVADO DEL RUÍZ

Rise early to visit Rio Blanco Reserve, an IBA (Important Bird Area) and one of the most famous in the world for antpittas. The reserve is in a cloud forest that belongs to the city of Manizales, protected for years to conserve the water resources that supply the city. No less than 450 species of birds have been recorded here, many of them endemic and with ranges of restricted distribution. Some of the most important birds to see include: Brown-banded Antpitta, Bicolored Antpitta, Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, Slate-Crowned Antpitta, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, Powerful Woodpecker, Long-tailed Sylph, Wedge-billed Hummingbird, White-capped Tanager, White-capped Dipper, and Dusky Piha. Have lunch here and enjoy the hummingbird and tanager feeders. Next, continue to the high elevations (13,000 feet) of Los Nevados National Park (Nevado del Ruíz), an incredible páramo in the central Andes with many special birds and amazing landscapes. Later in the afternoon

arrive at Termales Del Ruíz with birding around the lodge trails and feeders for a chance to see hummingbirds unique in the country, and bathe in the magnificent thermal baths. Elevation: 11,150-12,200 feet. Walking conditions: easy, unpaved and paved rural road, trails within the reserve. Temperature: 42-58°F. *Overnight at Hotel Termales Del Ruíz. (BLD)*

JANUARY 31 - NEVADO DEL RUIZ

Today search for birds in Los Nevados National Park. Some of today's specialties include Buffy Helmetcrest, Many-striped Canastero, White-chinned Thistletail, Tawny Antpitta, Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, Stout-billed Cinclodes, Glossy Flowerpiercer, Andean Lapwing, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Rainbow-bearded Thornbill, Greater Saphirewing, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, and Black-thighed Puffleg. The majestic Los Nevados National Park is located in Colombia's northern volcanic complex formed by El Ruíz, Santa Isabel, and Tolima. It was created for the conservation of its glaciers, páramo ecosystems, high Andean wetlands and Andean and high Andean forests. The park is central in articulating biological connectivity at a regional level, interacting with regional, departmental and local environmental entities. *Overnight at Hotel Termales Del Ruíz. (BLD)*

FEBRUARY 1 - BOGOTÁ

This morning, go birding in the cloud forest at a new birding reserve, Hacienda El Bosque. Then learn about the CHEC community project. The reserve is characterized by having large patches of high Andean cloud forest mixed with livestock paddocks and potato fields. There is a chance to see Purple-backed Thornbill, Crescent-faced Antpitta, Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan, Golden-breasted Puffleg, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Bar-bellied Woodpecker, Golden-plumed Parakeet, Ocellated Tapaculo, Black-collared Jay, Rufous Wren, Hooded Mountain-Tanager, Plushcap, and Capped Conebill. This afternoon, travel to Pereira for your flight back to Bogotá. Transfer to the hotel and have some time to relax before dinner *Overnight at Hilton Garden Inn. (BLD)*

FEBRUARY 2 - DEPART

Transfer to the airport for your return flights home to the U.S. Check-out starts at 12 pm. (B)



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MEET YOUR LEADER



Jacqui Sulek has been with Audubon for 15 years. As Chapter Conservation Manager for Florida, she supports and coordinates with the 45 Florida Audubon chapters from the Panhandle to Key West. She also coordinates a robust Plants for Birds program and Jay Watch, the statewide Scrub Jay citizen science project.

Jacqui's first passport photo was taken while just a few months old in anticipation of a family move to Venezuela, where she grew up. She has had a variety of careers including Park Ranger, Executive Chef, and Yacht Captain. Her interest in birds has taken her on numerous trips to Central and South America, keeping her fluent in Spanish. The common thread throughout her life has been a passion for Latin America, natural history and connecting people with the outdoors. Jacqui admits to being a serious BIRDER!

LAND PRICING

\$2,995 (10-12 participants)

Cost includes meals, accommodations, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, in-country flights, private transportation, bottled water on the bus, full-time guide, donation to Audubon International Alliances Program, and carbon offset.

Does not include international airfare (estimated approx. \$500-\$700 depending on Florida departure city), gratuities, alcoholic beverages, or items of a personal nature.

TRAVEL PROTECTION

Holbrook Travel purchases Travel Protection on behalf of all participants. These plans help provide coverage once the trip has departed and offer benefits for Baggage/Personal Effects, Accident & Sickness Medical Expenses, Emergency Evacuation and more. Refer to the Plan Document for more details.

Optional additional coverage is available in the form of the Group Deluxe Plan, which offers benefits for Trip Cancellation/Interruption, in addition to many other insurance benefits and non-insurance assistance services. If interested in this optional plan, we can provide you with rates and plan details.

THE FINE PRINT

Cost is based on double occupancy; a limited number of single rooms may be available for an additional cost of \$415 per person. A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form are required to reserve your space on the trip. This deposit is refundable excluding a \$100 cancellation fee until November 26, 2020, at which time non-refundable final payment is due.



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WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN BY DEBBIE JORDAN



BLUE-WINGED MOUNTAIN TANAGER BY DEBBIE JORDAN

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