



Photo by John Winnie Jr.



ECUADOR

PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR with JOHN WINNIE JR

August 3 - 15, 2018

Per square mile, Ecuador has the highest biodiversity in the world, including over 1,600 species of birds, many rare and endemic. Sample the amazing bird life of the mid- to high-altitude Andean cloud forest on this 13-day photography adventure. With assistance from an expert photographer, capture a variety of birds, including hummingbirds, jays, toucanettes, and tanagers, while experiencing this special selection of Ecuador's Andean ecosystems.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Photography guidance and review from an expert photographer.
- Explore diverse habitats at varying elevations in private reserves including west slope Andean cloud forest at Mirador Rio Blanco, Mindo Loma and Bellavista, and east slope high elevation forests around Sumaco and Guango area lodges.
- Outstanding photographic and birding opportunities at lodges and reserves that specifically cater to ecotourists.

ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

AUGUST 3 - PUEMBO

Upon arrival at the Mariscal Sucre International Airport, we will be met and transferred to our hotel in Puenbo for overnight. *Overnight at Rincon de Puenbo.*

AUGUST 4 - SAN MIGUEL DE LOS BANCOS

This morning we will depart with our driver and guide for Los Bancos. Los Bancos has the smallest grounds of any of the lodges we will visit, but they make up for it with a great variety of birds and an outstanding view out across the Rio Blanco valley. *Overnight at Mirador Rio Blanco - Standard. (BLD)*

AUGUST 5 - SAN MIGUEL DE LOS BANCOS

We'll have a full day for photography in the Los Bancos area and on the grounds of Mirador Rio Blanco. *Overnight at Mirador Rio Blanco - Standard. (BLD)*

AUGUST 6 - MINDO LOMA CLOUD FOREST

This morning we'll drive to the Mindo Loma Cloud Forest. Mindo has an excellent elevated deck that gives great opportunities to photograph birds that prefer to be higher in the canopy. In addition, there is a local trail network, and several lower level feeders. *Overnight at Mindo Loma - Standard. (BLD)*

AUGUST 7 - MINDO LOMA CLOUD FOREST

We will have a full day for photography in the Mindo Loma Cloud Forest. *Overnight at Mindo Loma - Standard. (BLD)*

AUGUST 8 - TANDAYAPA

This morning we'll drive to the Bellavista Cloud Forest Reserve & Lodge. Bellavista has an excellent trail system, combined with great feeders and of course, great birds. *Overnight at Bellavista Cloud Forest Reserve & Lodge - Standard. (BLD)*

AUGUST 9 - TANDAYAPA

We'll have a full day for photography in the Bellavista Cloud Forest Reserve. *Overnight at Bellavista Cloud Forest Reserve & Lodge - Standard. (BLD)*

AUGUST 10 - SUMACO

This morning we'll drive to the east side of the Andes, where you will have the opportunity to make great photographs of the Sumaco area birds. *Overnight at WildSumaco Lodge. (BLD)*



AUGUST 11 - SUMACO

You will have a full day for photography, birding and hiking in the area of WildSumaco Lodge. *Overnight at WildSumaco Lodge. (BLD)*

AUGUST 12 - PAPALLACTA

After breakfast we will have more photography opportunities around the WildSumaco Lodge. After lunch we will depart for Thermas de Papallacta for dinner and overnight. *Overnight at Thermas de Papallacta. (BLD)*

AUGUST 13 - PAPALLACTA

This morning after breakfast, we will spend time in the Guango area. Guango is situated right on the Rio Quijos, has a couple of good hikes and a high concentration of birds. In addition, Andean Torrent ducks can sometimes be seen along the river. We will have a boxed lunch with us today. *Overnight at Thermas de Papallacta. (BLD)*

AUGUST 14 - PUEMBO

This morning you will be transferred back to Puenbo and visit Puenbo Birding Garden for some birding and shooting time, with lunch there as well. You will then proceed to Rincon de Puenbo with the remainder of the day at leisure. Early this evening, we'll have a farewell dinner at the hotel. If your flight home departs late this evening, you will be transferred back to the airport after dinner. Otherwise, you will overnight at Rincon de Puenbo. *Overnight at Rincon de Puenbo. (BLD)*

AUGUST 15 - DEPARTURE

This morning you will be transferred to the Mariscal Sucre Intl. Airport for your flight home. For those staying in Quito to join John on his Galapagos Islands Photography Tour, you will have the day at leisure. (B)

ABOUT YOUR LEADER

JOHN WINNIE JR. is an award-winning wildlife and landscape photographer whose work has been widely published in books, magazines, calendars, posters and postcards, including in Smithsonian, Canadian Geographic, National Wildlife, Discover, Montana Outdoors, Wildlife Conservation, and American Birds magazines. In addition, he authored and made the photos for the book, “High Life, Animals of the Alpine World,” and was co-photographer for the book, “The Rockies: Canada’s Magnificent Wilderness.” His work, including photos from many of the places his Holbrook tours will be visiting, can be seen at: <http://www.johnwinniejr.com>.

John is also a conservation ecologist and Associate Teaching Professor in the Ecology Department at Montana State University in Bozeman. He teaches a wide variety of subjects ranging from introductory biology, to upper division and graduate ecology, to intensive field biology classes. John’s students consistently rate him among the top professors at MSU, earning him a Teaching Merit Award in 2015. His conservation work and research have taken him from the remote Wakhan Corridor in Afghanistan while working for USAID and the Wildlife Conservation Society, to Tajikistan working for Panthera, to the wilds of the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem. Nature photography allows John to merge his two passions, photography and gaining understanding of the natural world, and these tours let him share these passions with you.



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LAND PRICING

\$3,775 (10-13 participants)

Cost includes meals, accommodations, activities as indicated in the itinerary, in-country transportation, full-time guide, bottled water on the bus, carbon offset, and departure tax.

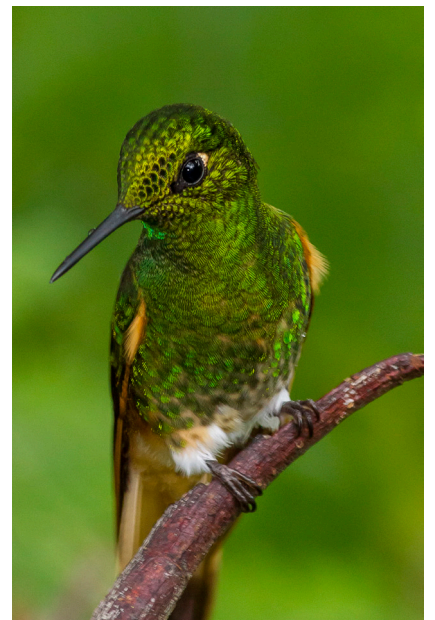
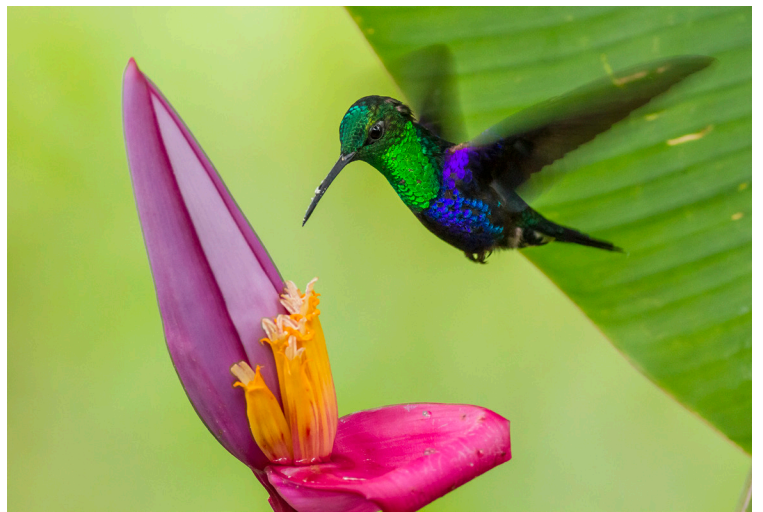
Does not include international airfare, gratuities for guide or driver, or items of a personal nature.

THE FINE PRINT

Cost is based on double occupancy; for a single room throughout the trip add \$290 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 May 20, 2018, at which time non-refundable final payment is due. Travel/trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. For more information call Travel Insured at 800-243-3174 or visit www.travelinsured.com. Holbrook Travel's agency number is 15849.



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