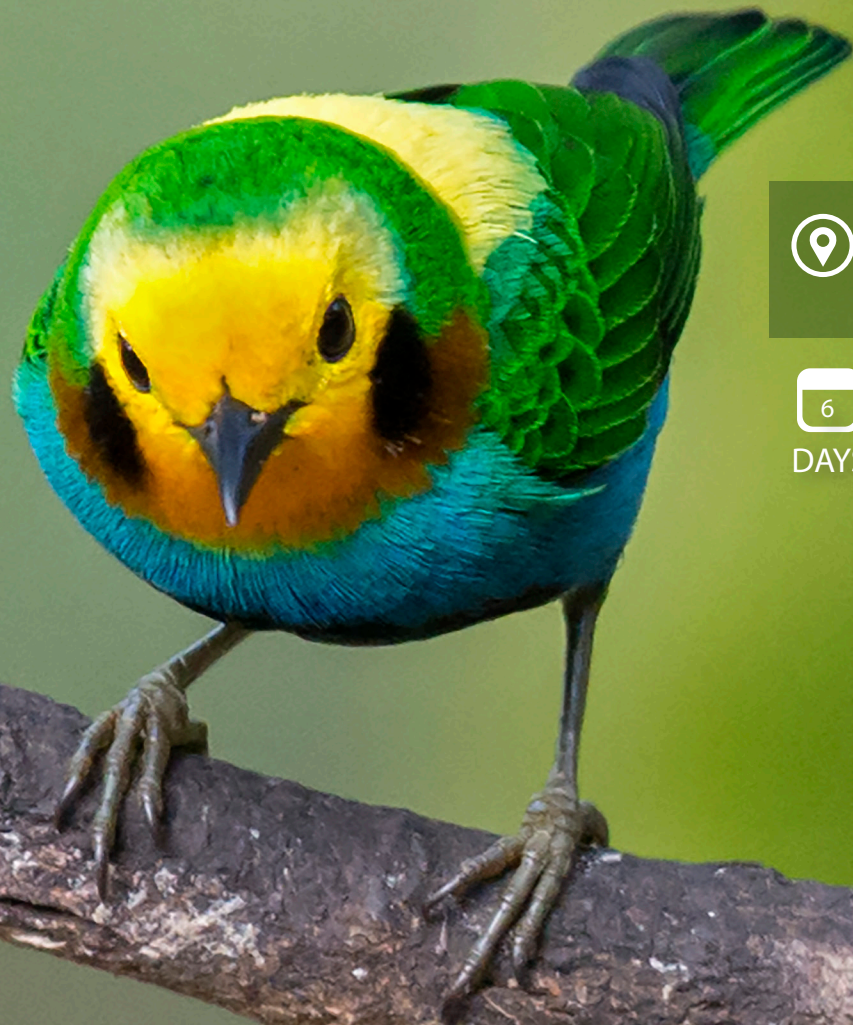


ARAUCANA



COLOMBIA IS MAGICAL REALISM

ARAUCANA LODGE PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR



KM 18 - La Florida - Araucana Lodge - Hummingbird Paradise - Doña Doras - San Felipe Birding



DAYS

NOVEMBER 20 - NOVEMBER 25 2025

NOVEMBER 14 - NOVEMBER 19 2026

STARTS AND ENDS IN THE CITY OF CALI

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 6 PHOTOGRAPHERS

\$2,295 USD

Double Occupancy

Single Supplement: \$595 USD



BLACK-THROATED MANGO AT
ARAUCANA LODGE

Juan Jose Arango

WHY COLOMBIA

Colombia is the birdiest country on earth. There are more species of birds in this country than on any other. It is easy to see why. Colombia is tropical, yet it also has ample elevation changes due to the Andes, furthermore it has both the Pacific and Caribbean coasts. Lots of different habitats ensure an abundance of bird species. To be exact, 1.970 species (almost 20% of the world's total in 1% of the landmass), with new species still being discovered. and new records being announced often.

ABOUT THIS TOUR

The KM 18 and San Antonio Cloud Forest provides an excellent introduction to bird photography in the Colombian Andes. Some of the best bird feeder set ups in Colombia are found within one hour of the Araucana lodge, each with very unique perches and variety of birds. In addition, for those who enjoy photographing in natural environments this portion of the western Andes offers some very well-preserved habitat. At feeder sites, this tour targets species such as the endemics Multicolored Tanager and Colombian Chachalaca and near endemics such as Scrub, Flame-rumped, Golden-naped, Saffron-crowned, and Rufous-throated tanagers. In terms of hummingbirds, more than 20 species occur at the feeders including Blue-headed Sapphire, Purple-throated Woodstar, Long-tailed

Sylph, Long-tailed Sylph, Black-throated Mango, Green Hemit, Booted Rackettail and many more!

In the surrounding forests your photographic targets will range from Scaled and Green-and-black Fruiteaters to Golden-headed and Crested Quetzals.

Green Honeycreeper

Juan Jose Arango





Blue-winged Mountain Tanager
Juan Jose Arango

Little Tinamu
Juan Jose Arango





Andean Emerald
Juan Jose Arango



Multicolored Tanager
Juan Jose Arango

DAY 1

Arrive in Cali

Guests will be picked up at the airport and driven to the Araucana Lodge.

Lodging: Araucana Lodge

DAY 2

La Florida Feeders and Hummingbird Paradise

Today you spend the morning capturing images at 2,000 meters (6,000 feet) in elevation at the famed Km 18 area, along the road that connects Cali with the port city of Buenaventura. You can now have their pick from more than six private residences in this area that have set up feeders with bird photographers in mind. At Km 18, star of the show is the spectacular Multicolored Tanager, with other endemics like the elusive Chestnut Wood-quail and Colombian Chachalaca also making an appearance. Each residence you can visit is unique and offers its own charm, and all provide an amazing diversity of hummingbirds and tanagers. Chances are good of capturing Flame-rumped, Golden, Saffron-crowned, Golden-naped, Black-capped, and Blue-winged Mountain-Tanagers. More than sixteen species of hummingbirds can be photographed at feeders, including the beautifully ornate Long-tailed Sylph, Booted Rackettail, Blue-headed Sapphire, Sparkling Violetear, Fawn-breasted Brilliant, Speckled Hummingbird, White-necked Jacobin and Brown Violetear.

Lodging: Araucana Lodge



Chestnut-capped Brush-finch
Juan Jose Arango

Orange-billed Nightingale Thrush
Juan Jose Arango





Saffron-crowned Tanager
Juan Jose Arango

Toucan Barbet
Juan Jose Arango





DAY 3

Doña Dora Feeders

The Anchicaya watershed is located in the Farallones National Park, one of the most bio diverse parks on the planet. Only 50 minutes from Araucana Lodge, the photography begins with a stop at a roadside lamp which attracts a plethora of species that feed on moths that are attracted to the light. The feeding frenzy is fun to watch, and photographic targets include the endemic Crested Ant-tanager, Collared Trogon and several species of Woodcreepers. At Dona Dora's place, where the three-story feeder set up allows provides subjects such as Toucan Barbet, Rufous-throated Tanager, Silver-throated Tanager, Empress Brilliant, Violet-tailedd Sylph, Rufous-gaped Hillstar, and Green Thorntail.

One of the main targets at Doña Dora's is Toucan Barbet, sporting 5 different colors elegantly while still having a tough demeanor.

Lodging: Araucana Lodge



Rufous-throated Tanager
Christopher Calonje



Black-chinned Mountain-tanager
Juan Jose Arango

Crimson-rumped Toucanet
Christopher Calonje

DAY 4

Araucana Lodge

A day is spent at the Araucana Lodge feeders, whose visitors include Crimson-rumped Toucanet, Black-winged Saltator, White-lined Tanager, Green Jay, Yellow-backed Oriole, and Lined Woodpecker. The vast acreage of ornamental and vegetable gardens at the lodge also afford good habitat for hummingbirds such as Purple-throated Woodstar, Black-throated Mango, Andean Emerald and Steely-vented Hummingbird. The lighting and background at the feeder kiosk is well thought out, and they provide stands and perches and a variety of flowers to create amazing images.

Lodging: Araucana Lodge

DAY 5

San Felipe Birding

Guests will have another day to enjoy bird photography in the Km 18 Area at San Felipe Birding, where we have a second chance to photograph 2 endemics: Chestnut Wood-quail and Multicolored Tanagers. The site has three different hides for photography, with one having Orange-billed Nightingale Thrush as a regular visitor. We will have chances for Chestnut-capped Brush-finch as well as the colorful tanagers of the Andean cloud forest.

Lodging: Araucana Lodge

Purple-throated Woodstar
Juan Jose Arango





Chestnut-Wood-quail
Juan Jose Arango

Red-headed Barbet
Juan Jose Arango





DAY 6

Depart Cali

Guests will be taken to the airport in private vehicle for flights home

THIS TRIP INCLUDES

Professional Bilingual Bird Guide

All Lodging (Double Occupancy) 5 Nights

Bottled Water Throughout the Trip

All Meals From Dinner on Day 1 to Breakfast on Day 6

Snacks Throughout the Trip

Entrances to Parks and Reserves

Local Guides

Internal Terrestrial Transport From Airport Pickup to Airport Drop-off

Limited Medical and Accident Insurance

THIS TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE

Gratuities

Alcoholic Beverages

Airfare to Colombia

Items of Personal Nature

Long-tailed Sylph

Juan Jose Arango