



Sabrewing Nature Tours

Colombia *Santa Marta and* *Central Andes Extension*

Main Tour: January 23 – 31, 2021
Extension: January 31 – February 6, 2021



Edison Buenaño

Colombia is one of the most exciting countries in South America for birding, and for this trip we have special guest leaders! **Join Kenn and Kim Kaufman as we raise funds for Black Swamp Bird Observatory in Ohio** while visiting the incredible Santa Marta region of Colombia. After exploring this fantastic region, you can also choose to continue on our extension to the Central Andes to experience more of the diversity that this country has to offer. Throughout the tour, we'll visit a variety of elevations and habitats which is sure to lead to a long and diverse list of species including many Colombian endemics. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to explore Colombia with the Kaufmans!

Itinerary Overview

Saturday, January 23: Arrival in Barranquilla, Colombia and Transfer to Hotel
Sunday, January 24: Salamaca Wetlands and Transfer to Riohacha
Monday, January 25: Los Flamencos National Park and Cari-Cari Road
Tuesday, January 26: Birding around Riohacha and Transfer to Minca
Wednesday, January 27: Birding while driving to the Santa Marta Mountains
Thursday and Friday, January 28-29: Birding in the Santa Marta Mountains
Saturday, January 30: Birding and Transfer to Barranquilla
Sunday, January 31: Depart for Home or Continue on Flight to Bogota for the Extension
Monday, February 1: Florida Park and Transfer to Libano with Birding Stops
Tuesday, February 2: Birding around Libano and Transfer to Manizales
Wednesday, February 3: Birding Rio Blanco
Thursday, February 4: Birding Nevado del Ruiz and Transfer to Otún Quimbaya
Friday, February 5: Birding Otún-Quimbaya and Flight to Bogota
Saturday, February 6: Depart for Home

Detailed Itinerary

Saturday, January 23: Arrival in Barranquilla, Colombia and Transfer to Hotel

You will be met by your guides upon your arrival at Ernesto Cortissoz International Airport (BAQ) in Barranquilla. From here, we will make the drive to our hotel in Barranquilla for the night. We'll enjoy a wonderful welcome dinner and then will have time to relax as we prepare for an early start the following day.

Overnight in Barranquilla

Sunday, January 24: Salamaca Wetlands and Drive to Riohacha

Our day will begin early in order to go for our first Columbian endemic, the Chestnut-winged Chachalaca. From there, we'll have a short drive to Salamaca Wetlands. Here we'll look for Russet-throated Puffbird, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, Pearl Kite, Northern Screamer, and Bicolored and Stripe-backed Wrens. After a wonderful morning of birding, we'll drive to Riohacha and enjoy a delicious Colombian style lunch along the way. During our drive, stops will be made to look for White-bellied Antbird, Lance-tailed Manakin, and maybe the difficult to see Gray-capped Cuckoo.

Overnight in Riohacha

Monday, January 25: Los Flamencos National Park and Cari-Cari Road

Today will start with a visit to Los Flamencos National Park. This park is a dry forest habitat which is home to species such as White-whiskered Spinetail, Chestnut Piculet, Bare-eyed Pigeon, Northern Scrub-Flycatcher, Buffy Hummingbird, Orinocan Saltator, Vermilion Cardinal, and Pale-tipped and Slender-billed Tyrannulet. We'll stop at the lagoon to check for Scarlet Ibis, many terns, American Flamingo, and more. We'll enjoy our lunch while overlooking the Caribbean Sea. After lunch, we'll explore Cari-Cari Road looking for the Tocuyo Sparrow among other more common species.

Overnight in Riohacha

Tuesday, January 26: Birding around Riohacha and Transfer to Minca

We'll spend the morning birding around Riohacha for any species we may have missed the previous day. After lunch, we'll drive to Minca. Upon arrival, we'll watch the hummingbird feeders at the hotel looking for species such as White-vented Plumeleteer, Steely-vented Hummingbird, White-necked Jacobin, and others.



Overnight in Minca

Wednesday, January 27: Birding while driving into the Santa Marta Mountains

Our search for endemic species will start soon after we climb into our 4x4 vehicles that will take us deep into the Santa Marta Mountains. We'll stop to look for Golden-winged Sparrow, Scaled Piculet, and Black-chested Jay. Perhaps we'll also find a Black-and-white Owl roosting.

As we continue climbing to El Dorado Lodge located at 8,200 feet, we'll try to find Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner, Santa Marta Blossomcrown, Santa Marta Woodstar, and more. We will enjoy lunch at the lodge and spend a relaxing afternoon around the lodge looking for more of the special species that call this incredible mountain range home.

Overnight at El Dorado Lodge



White-tailed Starfrontlet

Edison Buenafino

Thursday/Friday, January 28/29: Birding in the Santa Marta Mountains

Each morning, we will enjoy the incredible sunrises that can be seen from El Dorado Lodge. After breakfast, we will spend these two days exploring all of the wonderful habitat here in the mountains. This mountain range has the tallest peaks in Colombia. Nineteen endemic bird species are currently recognized here as well as more than seventy subspecies, some of which will likely be raised to species level in the near future.

We'll make the most of our time here, covering all the elevations accessible by road and having picnic lunches in the field. The higher elevations hold flocks of screeching Santa Marta Parakeet, Yellow-crowned Redstart, Santa Marta Warbler, Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant, Brown-rumped Tapaculo, Rusty-headed Spinetail, and the "soon to be split" local race of Rufous Antpitta. At the feeders, we will see the beautiful White-tailed Starfrontlet, Streak-capped Spinetail, Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager, and Santa Marta Antpitta. The clearing around the lodge is the best spot for Santa Marta Brush-Finch and lots of endemic subspecies including Cinnamon Flycatcher, Black-hooded Thrush, Blue-capped Tanager, and Southern Emerald-Toucanet. We will also hope to see Santa Marta Tapaculo, Santa Marta Woodstar and Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner. Other feathered gems include White-tipped Quetzal, Golden-breasted Fruiteater, and Rusty-breasted Antpitta.

Overnights at El Dorado Lodge

Saturday, January 30: Birding and Transfer to Barranquilla

Our final day of birding in the Santa Marta Mountains will be spent trying to see some species that we had missed during our previous days. We'll make the drive from EL Dorado Lodge back to Barranquilla. In the afternoon, we'll visit Salamanca to look for Bicolored Conebill, Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird, and others. The day will end by having a fabulous celebratory group dinner as we bid farewell to those not continuing on the extension.

Overnight in Barranquilla

Sunday, January 31: Depart for Home

Extension:

Sunday, January 31: Continue with Flight to Bogota for the Extension and Birding in Bogota

After breakfast, we'll take a flight to Bogota and then drive to Observatorio de Los Colibris. Here we'll hope to see Blue-throated Starfrontlet, White-bellied Woodstar, Black-tailed and Green-tailed Trainbearer, Glowing and Coppery-bellied Puffleg, Sword-billed Hummingbird, and many more.

Overnight in Bogota

Monday, February 1: Florida Park and Transfer to Libano with Birding Stops

We'll start today with an early morning to visit Florida Park in Bogota. This park has wonderful marshes and is home to some special species including Silvery-throated Spinetail, Bogota Rail, and Apolinar's Wren, all of which are Colombian endemics. Other species we could see include Yellow-hooded Blackbird, Southern Lapwing, Wattled Jacana, and more.

Around mid-morning, we'll start driving to San Francisco where we'll visit Jardin Encando. Here we'll enjoy the hummingbird feeders as we search for Indigo-capped Hummingbird, Lazuline Sabrewing, White-bellied and Gorgeted Woodstar, White-vented Plumeleteer, Brown and Sparkling Violetear, and with luck Ruby-topaz Hummingbird.

Our lunch will be in a nice restaurant in town before we drive to Libano. Along the way, we'll make a stop at Laguna de Hato to search for Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Velvet-fronted Euphonia, and Apical Flycatcher which area all endemics.

Overnight in Libano

Tuesday, February 2: Birding around Libano and Transfer to Manizales

Early this morning, we'll visit a nice forest close to town looking for the endemic Yellow-headed Brushfinch, Crested Ant-Tanager, and Tolima Dove plus other specialties like Black-headed Brushfinch, Highland Motmot, Crowed Woodnymph, Golden-winged Manakin, Tropical Parula, and White-naped Brushfinch. After lunch, we'll transfer to Manizales.

Overnight at Recinto el Pensamiento Manizales or similar

Wednesday, February 3: Birding Rio Blanco

Our day will begin at Rio Blanco Reserve. At this incredible reserve, the rangers are feeding Brown-banded, Chestnut-crowned, Slate-crowned, and Bicolored Antpittas. We will spend the rest of the day exploring the trails and hoping to find a mixed flock of tanagers. Other birds we may see include White-capped Tanager, Sickle-winged Guan, Black-collared Jay, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, and Dusky Piha. We will also search for Ocellated Tapaculos and watch the hummingbird feeders in the afternoon.

Overnight at Recinto el Pensamiento Manizales or similar



Buffy Helmetcrest

Thursday, February 4: Birding Nevado del Ruiz and Transfer to Otún Quimbaya

Today, our birding we be at a high elevation between 10,500 and 13,000 feet. The main target today is the amazing Buffy Helmetcrest. As we start our journey up the mountain for this incredible hummingbird, we'll stop at Laguna Negra which will provide us with a location to look for Andean Duck and Andean Teal. The Elfin Forest that we come across provides an opportunity to see Crowned Chat-Tyrant, Paramo Tapaculo, Golden-breasted Puffleg, Sedge Wren, Plain-colored Seedeater, Andean Tit-Spinetail, Crowned Chat-Tyrant, White-chinned Thistletail, and Black-backed Bush Tanager. Once we reach the best elevation for the helmetcrest, we'll spend time searching for this species. Throughout the day, we'll keep an eye out for the endemic Rufous-fronted Parakeet, as this is the best place to look for this scarce and difficult-to-see parakeet.

Once we are finished birding these locations, we'll visit the hummingbird feeders at Hotel Terales de Ruiz. Target birds at the feeders include Black-thighed Puffleg, Shining Sunbeam, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Rainbow-bearded Thornbill, and Great Sapphirewing. We'll also keep an eye out for any mixed flocks that might move through the property. Later in the day, we'll make the drive to Otún Quimbaya Reserve. We hope to arrive in time to bird before dark looking for targets such as Cauca Guan and Red-ruffed Fruitcrow.

Overnight at Otún Quimbaya Reserve

Friday, February 5: Birding Otún Quimbaya and Flight to Bogota

We'll spend the morning birding around Otún Quimbaya looking for Grayish Piculet, Multicolored Tanager, Canada Warbler, Torrent Duck, White-capped Dipper, Cauca Guan, Bronze-winged Parrot, and Chestnut Wood-Quail. Later in the day, we'll transfer to Pereira to take our flight back to Bogota. We'll have a wonderful farewell dinner back in Bogota and have time to prepare for our flights home the following day.

Overnight in Bogota

Saturday, February 6: Depart for Home

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the international airport in time for your flights back to the United States.



Red-ruffed Fruitcrow

Trip Details

Costs:

Main Tour

Price per Person (double occupancy), from Barranquilla (BAQ): \$4,199

Single Supplement: \$400

Extension

Price per Person (double occupancy), arrive in Barranquilla (BAQ), depart from Bogota (BOG): \$3,599

Single Supplement: \$400

Minimum Participants: 8 main tour, 6 extension

Maximum Participants: 12

Price Includes:

Expert Guides

Ground Transportation in Colombia

Flights within Colombia during extension

All Lodging

All Meals

Park Entrance Fees

Donation to Black Swamp Bird Observatory (\$300 per trip segment)

Price Does Not Include:

Flights to Barranquilla, Colombia and from either Barranquilla (main tour) or Bogota (extension)

Visa and Passport Fees

Alcoholic Beverages

Personal Items

Tips

Travel Insurance

Deposit:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to hold your spot on this tour. The remaining balance is due no later than 3 months prior to the scheduled start date of the tour (October 23, 2020).

If you have any questions about this tour or would like to sign up for it, please contact us at info@sabrewingnaturetours.com or by phone at 317-324-8505.



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REGISTRATION **BSBO Colombia 2021**

Main Extension Both

Participant 1:

Name (As it appears on Passport)

Address

City, State, Zip

Email

Phone

Passport Number – Expiration - Country of Origin

List current health and physical limitations: _____

List any allergies: _____

List any medications: _____

List any dietary restrictions or preferences: _____

In Case of Emergency Please Notify:

Name: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

Participant 2:

Name (As it appears on Passport)

Address

City, State, Zip

Email

Phone

Passport Number – Expiration - Country of Origin

List current health and physical limitations: _____

List any allergies: _____

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Terms, Conditions, and Waiver

TERMS: To register for a tour or workshop please complete the above registration form and sign below to acknowledge the terms. Send this form along with you Tour/Workshop Registration Form and your deposit or full tour amount to Sabrewing Nature Tours (SNT) at the below address. Registrations will be processed on a first come first served basis. We will place your name on the waiting list if your tour is full.

The deposit for this trip is \$1,000 per participant. Deposits and all signed forms are required to secure registration of your spot on the tour. Deposits are refundable less a 20% processing fee ONLY if the spot can be filled with another participant at the full tour price. Deposits received after a tour has filled will be returned and your name will be placed on a waiting list. Payment in full is due at least 90 days prior to the start of the tour. Registrants who have not paid their remaining balance will forfeit their deposit and their place on the tour. Payment by personal check is strongly preferred. If you would like to pay with a credit card, additional fees will apply. We strongly suggest you consider trip insurance to cover you in the event of a medical or other emergency that would prohibit you from joining the tour.

The activity level required for each tour will be described on the tour page. If in doubt please contact SNT to determine if a tour is right for you. Any physical or medical concerns including allergies and/or dietary restrictions should be communicated to SNT. All tours will be non-smoking during group activities including but not limited to meals, slide programs, vehicle travel and when birding/photographing in close proximity to other participants. Tour groups will be kept small for the enjoyment of all participants. Target group sizes are listed in each tour description on our web site. SNT reserves the right to exceed the target group size by no more than one participant.

Tours will be held regardless of weather conditions. Severe weather may dictate informal discussion and/or a slide program while we wait for the weather to break. Tours will begin at the scheduled time. Tardiness may result in missing the boat, or van so to speak. There are no guarantees in nature. Tours are designed to coincide with excellent nature viewing opportunities. Decisions will be made daily to determine where the group should be to maximize opportunities. Deviation from the scheduled itinerary may be necessary.

It is imperative that all participants follow rules and suggestions set forth by the leaders and/or local guides. Failure to comply could pose a safety risk to you or other tour participants. For the safety of all clients we reserve the right to restrict access to tour functions at any time.

Airfare is NOT included in the price of the tour unless otherwise noted on the tour page. Registered participants will receive more specific details of what to bring as well as a more detailed outline of what can be expected on the tour upon payment in full and no later than 60 days prior to the start of the tour.

Photo tour participants wishing to get the most from their tour will have a working knowledge of their camera equipment prior to the tour. Suggestions on exposure modes, camera settings and a variety of techniques will be verbalized throughout the tour. Do bring your camera's manual. Every camera is unique in its operation thus it is impossible to know every feature of every camera model. Participants will be put in the best locations to take advantage of the light, wind, and habitat. We will work to improve compositions and make suggestions to vary your perspective that will improve your resulting images. Participants will also learn techniques to successfully capture action and behavior images.

Waiver: I am aware that certain risks and dangers are inherent to nature travel and photography and may occur during a Sabrewing Nature Tours event and that such risk and dangers cannot be eliminated without diminishing the quality of the workshop/tour for which I have registered. Risks include, but are not limited to theft or other loss of equipment or personal belongings; illness, injury, accident or death; travel hazards by air, boat, automobile or other vehicle; exposure to elements and other forces of nature and acts of God; both native and non-native wildlife, insects and flora as well as political, civil or military disturbance, strike, quarantine, government restriction and terrorist threat. I understand on or off trail hiking can present risk of falls that may result in damage to camera equipment, or significant personal injury or death. I understand Sabrewing Nature Tours is not responsible for inclement weather and cannot and does not guarantee subject matter will be available for photography on any given date or location. I further understand I am solely responsible for additional expenses incurred by me due to medical emergency or other travel delays, including but not limited to the expense of extra nights lodging or flight itinerary changes. I voluntarily assume all risks and will hold Sabrewing Nature Tours, its partners and cooperating agents, the workshop leader(s), any and all co-leaders, assistants and other participants harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, claims, debts, and demands which arise in connection with the tour. The terms hereof shall serve as a release and assumption of risk for my heirs, administrators, and executors, and for all members of my family, including any minors accompanying me. In the event a lawsuit is filed; the enrolling participant agrees to do so solely in Hamilton County in the State of Indiana.

I have read and agree with the above terms and conditions.

Participant 1: Signature

Date

Participant 2: Signature

Date

Please complete forms, sign the second form, and send them with your deposit or full tour amount.