

1-Day Birding Papallacta Pass and Cloud Forest



Arrive at the entrance of the Cayambe-Coca National Park Eastern Andes. The income is over 4,000 msl / 13,123 feet. The place is full of natural lagoons and surrounded by Andean vegetation or Paramo. Perfect place to record one of the best species Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe (*Attagis gayi*).

Guango Cloud Forest, located in the rim of the Andes at 2,800 msl / 9,000 feet. By the famous thermal springs of Papallacta. Paradise of the hummingbird lovers and photographers. Spotting 14 species of hummingbirds within at glance. Sword-billed hummingbird, its celebrity is in the menu. Dramatic landscape surrounding the reserve. Natural trenches lead us to explore of this fascinating cloud forest.

Itinerary:

Birding in Papallacta Pass: (4,000 msl / 13,123 feet)

First stop to observe the best species of the high Andean mountains. Frequent birds found are the Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe, the Bar-winged Cinclodes, the Stout-billed Cinclodes, the Many-striped Canastero, the Variable Hawk, and the Tawny Antpitta. Go down to the lakes, it is accessible to spot the Yellow-billed Pintail, the Andean Teal, and the Andean Gull.

Visiting the Guango protective reserve, the entrance to the Rainforest:

Some birds of particular interest that we have seen regularly at Guango include the Andean Guan, Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan, Turquoise Jay, Scarlet-bellied, Lacrimose, Buff-breasted and Hooded Mountain-Tanagers, Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager, Black-headed, Black-capped and Black-eared Hemispingus, and Slaty Brush-Finch.

The tour includes:

- Guide/Driver (English-speaking)
- Entrance fees for the mentioned activities
- Snacks

The tour doesn't include:

- Travel insurance
- Meals (Lunch)
- Tips and personal expenses
- Optional activities

What to bring?

Comfortable color dark clothing, hiking shoes, light rain poncho, rain/wind jacket, a cap, sun protector, sun glasses, binoculars, photography equipment.