









### Day 3. Birding the Quillabamba road

Today we will focus on species that occur at the lowest parts of the Abra Malaga mountain pass along the Quillabamba road. We will look for the endemics **Parodi's Hemispingus**, **Inca Wren**, **Cuzco Brushfinch**, **Marcapata Spinetail**, and **Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant**, and for **Golden-collared Tanager**, **Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager**, **Grass-green Tanager**, **Plushcap**, **Black-eared Hemispingus**, **Three-striped Hemispingus**, **Puna Thistletail**, **Diademed Tapaculo** and **Yungas Pygmy Owl**.

Overnight: Hotel Pakaritampu, Ollantaytambo



*The attractive Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager can be seen near Ollantaytambo.*

### Day 4. Visit to Machu Picchu and birding the area

After a 1.5-hour train ride from Ollantaytambo we will reach Aguas Calientes, the gateway to the world-famous Machu Picchu ruins. We will spend a couple of hours visiting the ruins and looking for the endemic **Inca Wren** and for **Pale-legged Warbler**. In the afternoon we will walk along the railway, looking for **Highland Motmot**, **Torrent Duck**, **White-capped Dipper**, **Saffron-crowned** and **Blue-necked Tanagers**, **Azara's Spinetail**, **Grey-breasted Wood Wren**, **Torrent Tyrannulet**, **White-bellied Hummingbird**, **Slate-throated Whitestart**, and others.

Overnight: Casa Andina Classic Machu Picchu

### Day 5. Birding the Mandor Valley, transfer to Cusco

We have a full morning to explore the lush forest on the way to the Mandor Valley near Aguas Calientes, looking for the endemic **Masked Fruiteater**, **Versicolored Barbet**, **Golden-naped**

and **Silver-backed Tanagers**, **Blue-naped Chlorophonia**, **White-eared** and **Andean Solitaires**, **Ashy-headed**, **Plumbeous-crowned**, **Mottle-cheeked**, and **Sclater's Tyrannulets**, **Ocellated Piculet**, **Chestnut-capped Brushfinch**, **Mitred Parakeet**, **Plum-crowned Parrot**, **Slaty Tanager**, **Barred Becard**, **Golden-olive Woodpecker**, **Capped Conebill**, the endemic **Green-and-white Hummingbird**, and **Dusky-green Oropendola**. In the afternoon we will return to Ollantaytambo by train and then transfer to Cusco.

Overnight: [Casa Andina Cusco Hotel](#)

### Day 6. Andean Condor and Limatambo

We will drive to Limatambo and explore the condor viewpoint at Chonta, where we will have close-up encounters with **Andean Condor**. Other birds in the area include **American Kestrel**, **Variable Hawk**, **Aplomado Falcon**, and **Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle**. Our lodge grounds are good for the seldom-seen **Buff-fronted Owl** (which will be the main target here), **Pacific Pygmy Owl**, and the localized subspecies of the endemic **Koepcke's Screech Owl** (sometimes called 'Apurimac Screech Owl').

Overnight: Yoga Limatomba Guesthouse, Limatomba



*Aplomado Falcon can be seen while looking for Andean Condor.*

### Day 7. Birding the Mollepata area

Today we will explore the Mollepata valley, looking for the endemics **Vilcabamba Tapaculo**, **Creamy-crested Spinetail**, **Apurimac Brushfinch**, and **Apurimac Spinetail** and for the

localized **Chestnut-capped Brushfinch**, **Tyrian Metaltail**, and others. Here we also will have a second chance for **Buff-fronted Owl** after dusk.

Overnight: Yoga Limatomba Guesthouse, Limatomba

### Day 8. Departure

After an exciting week of birding in the Andes we will return to Cusco to connect with our domestic flight back to Lima, where the tour ends.

*Please note that the itinerary cannot be guaranteed as it is only a rough guide and can be changed (usually slightly) due to factors such as availability of accommodation, updated information on the state of accommodation, roads, or birding sites, the discretion of the guides and other factors. In addition, we sometimes have to use a different international guide from the one advertised due to tour scheduling.*

<b>Duration:</b>	8 days
<b>Limit (Group size):</b>	4 - 8
<b>Dates:</b>	22 – 29 June 2025
<b>Start:</b>	Lima
<b>End:</b>	Lima
<b>Price:</b>	US\$4,229 per person sharing (4 - 8 participants) plus US\$371 for domestic flights, which we will book for you (2025)
<b>Single Supplement:</b>	US\$577 (2025)

### Price includes:

Accommodation in hotels and lodges (except where indicated)  
Transfer Lima hotel to airport on day 1  
Private transport  
Private tour leader  
Meals (except where indicated)  
Bottled water (during activities in the field)  
Train tickets Ollantaytambo – Aguas Calientes – Ollantaytambo  
Bus ticket Aguas Calientes – Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes  
Admission fees

### Price excludes:

International and domestic flights

Accommodation in Lima before the tour starts and on day 8

Transfer from the airport to the hotel before the tour starts

Any meals before the tour starts and all meals on day 8 except breakfast

Personal expenses such as drinks, laundry, internet access, phone calls, etc.

Gratuities (please see our [tipping guidelines blog](#))

Any activities that are not described in the itinerary, such as city tours, museum visits, markets, etc.

### **Trip Notes**

This tour starts early in the morning on day 1; therefore, clients need to arrive in Lima the day before.

We will stay at comfortable and nice accommodations during the trip, but they are not luxurious. We will use the Pakaritampu Hotel for three nights and the Casa Andina chain for two different nights in Cusco and Aguas Calientes. Our small lodge in Limatambo is basic but charming; they serve only vegetarian food there. We will have many breakfasts and lunches in the field while birding, but always a hot dinner at the hotels.

The trip involves early starts every day with not many breaks during the first days. We will walk and hike near the vehicle quite often. We have to walk some steep terrain throughout the trip (even though we will try to do so as little as possible), including a short hike at 4200 – 4400 meters at the Abra Malaga pass. Visiting Machu Picchu also requires dealing with steep terrain and quite a few steps.

Snacks and hot coffee and tea are always available in the car.