



# Discover the Magic of Colombia:

*Explore Its Feathered Wonders*

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***Northern Colombia's coastal birdwatching journey***

*From Caribbean shores to hidden paradises*

*Cardinalis phoeniceus*  
Vermilion Cardinal

*Egretta tricolor*  
Tricolored Heron



# Wingbeats

## Feathered Wanderlust Expeditions

*Unleashing your wanderlust with unique birdwatching experiences. A new way of birdwatching.*

Driven by our passion for birds, Wingbeats was born. Our team of expert ornithologists and travel industry specialists is committed to providing you with exceptional birding experiences. With our customized itineraries, we ensure that your birdwatching adventure is both unique and unforgettable.

# COLOMBIA

## *A Birdwatcher's Paradise*

Immerse yourself in Colombia's rich biodiversity with a luxury birdwatching experience, thoughtfully crafted for nature lovers seeking a relaxing yet enriching escape. This journey blends birdwatching with the vibrant cultures of the region, perfect for those who enjoy capturing nature's beauty through their lens and souls, experiencing diverse local traditions, and soaking in the serenity of Colombia's most exclusive birding locations.



## Northern Colombia's coastal birdwatching journey

From Caribbean shores to hidden paradise.

From the Caribbean coast to the misty Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta mountains the pristine beaches of Tayrona and the coastal lagoons of La Guajira, this tour offers a seamless blend of stunning bird species and the charm of Colombia's varied landscapes. Whether you're a casual birder or enjoy nature at a relaxed pace, this itinerary balances discovery with leisure.

Against the backdrop of diverse ecosystems—from coastal wetlands to lush mountain forests—you'll have the opportunity to spot some of the country's most colorful and unique birds while enjoying the comfort of handpicked luxury accommodations and private transport. With unforgettable photography moments and the natural beauty of the Caribbean as your canvas, this experience promises to showcase the very best of Colombia's wildlife and scenery.

*Dubusia taeinata*  
Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager



## Itinerary description:

### Duration

5 Days

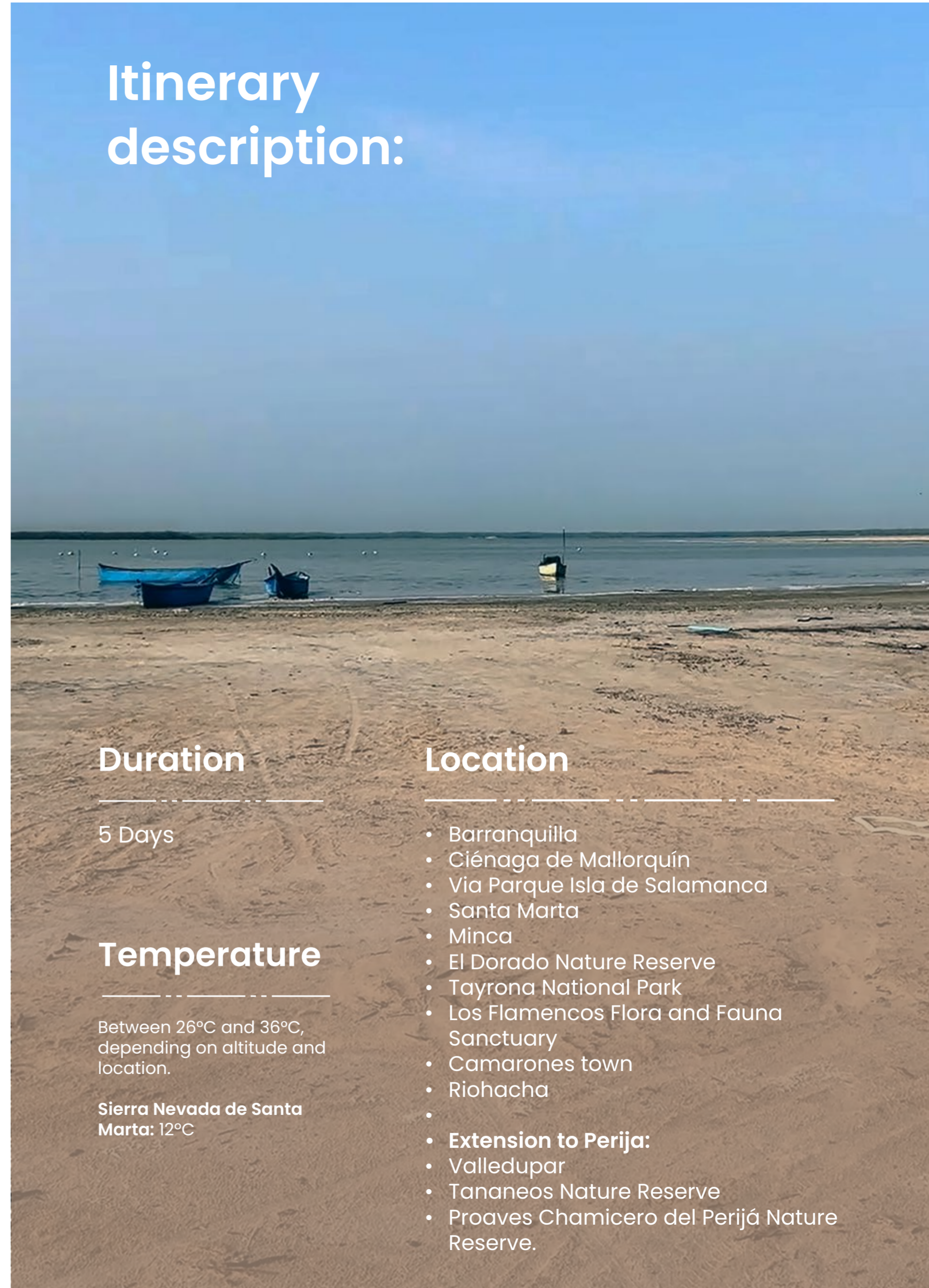
### Temperature

Between 26°C and 36°C, depending on altitude and location.

Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta: 12°C

### Location

- Barranquilla
- Ciénaga de Mallorquín
- Via Parque Isla de Salamanca
- Santa Marta
- Minca
- El Dorado Nature Reserve
- Tayrona National Park
- Los Flamencos Flora and Fauna Sanctuary
- Camarones town
- Riohacha
- **Extension to Perija:**
- Valledupar
- Tananeos Nature Reserve
- Proaves Chamicero del Perijá Nature Reserve.



# What's Included:



## Private transportation

Seamless transfers between all destinations in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles.



## Luxury accommodations

A selection of high-end hotels and ecolodges, including Buró 51 in Barranquilla, El Dorado Lodge in the Sierra Nevada, and Casa del Mar in Riohacha.



## Birdwatching experiences

Led by expert guides, enjoy tailored birding expeditions, designed to highlight key species at a leisurely pace.



## Gourmet meals

Enjoy culinary experiences with meals featuring local, fresh ingredients, ensuring a blend of authentic flavors and elegance.



## Cultural explorations

In addition to birdwatching, enjoy time to explore local highlights such as Barranquilla's Malecón and the pristine beaches of Tayrona National Park.

## Not Included:

International and domestic flights, travel insurance, personal expenses, and optional activities not listed in the itinerary are not included. Gratuities are at your discretion.

### OPTIONAL:

**Extended birdwatching in Serranía del Perijá:** Take an additional trip to the Perijá mountains for a deeper exploration of Colombia's bird species, staying in a remote, picturesque local lodge.

**Private photography guide:** Add an optional professional guide to help you capture the perfect images of the stunning landscapes and birdlife throughout your journey.



# A Symphony of Birds and Nature

Caribbean Sea  
from El Dorado Reserve

**Day 1**

## Birding in Barranquilla

Experience the biodiversity of the Ciénaga de Mallorquín, home to over 160 bird species.

**Day 2**

## From sea to the mountain

*Barranquilla to the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta*

Travel from Buró 51 to Minca, birdwatching at Vía Parque Isla Salamanca before arriving at El Dorado Nature Reserve for rare species and a gourmet dinner.

**Day 3**

## Sunrise at Cerro Kennedy

*and explore Sierra Nevada lush forests*

Experience a pre-dawn ascent to Cerro Kennedy for stunning sunrise views, followed by birdwatching for endemic species on the descent, and relax with an evening stroll and cozy night at El Dorado.

**Day 4**

## Last day in the Sierra Nevada

*and Tayrona Beach escape*

Enjoy a relaxing morning birdwatching at El Dorado Reserve, then head to Tayrona National Park for beach time before traveling to Riohacha.

**Day 5**

## Birdwatching at the Flamingos' sanctuary


Start your final day with a transfer to the Santuario de Fauna y Flora Los Flamencos for a rewarding birdwatching adventure, focusing on the American Flamingo and various shorebirds.

# Route map

 Day 1  
From Hotel Movich Buró 51 >>  
to Ciénaga de Mallorquin


 Day 2  
From Hotel Movich Buró 51 >>  
to Parque Islas Salamanca

 Day 2  
From Islas Salamanca >>  
to Minca

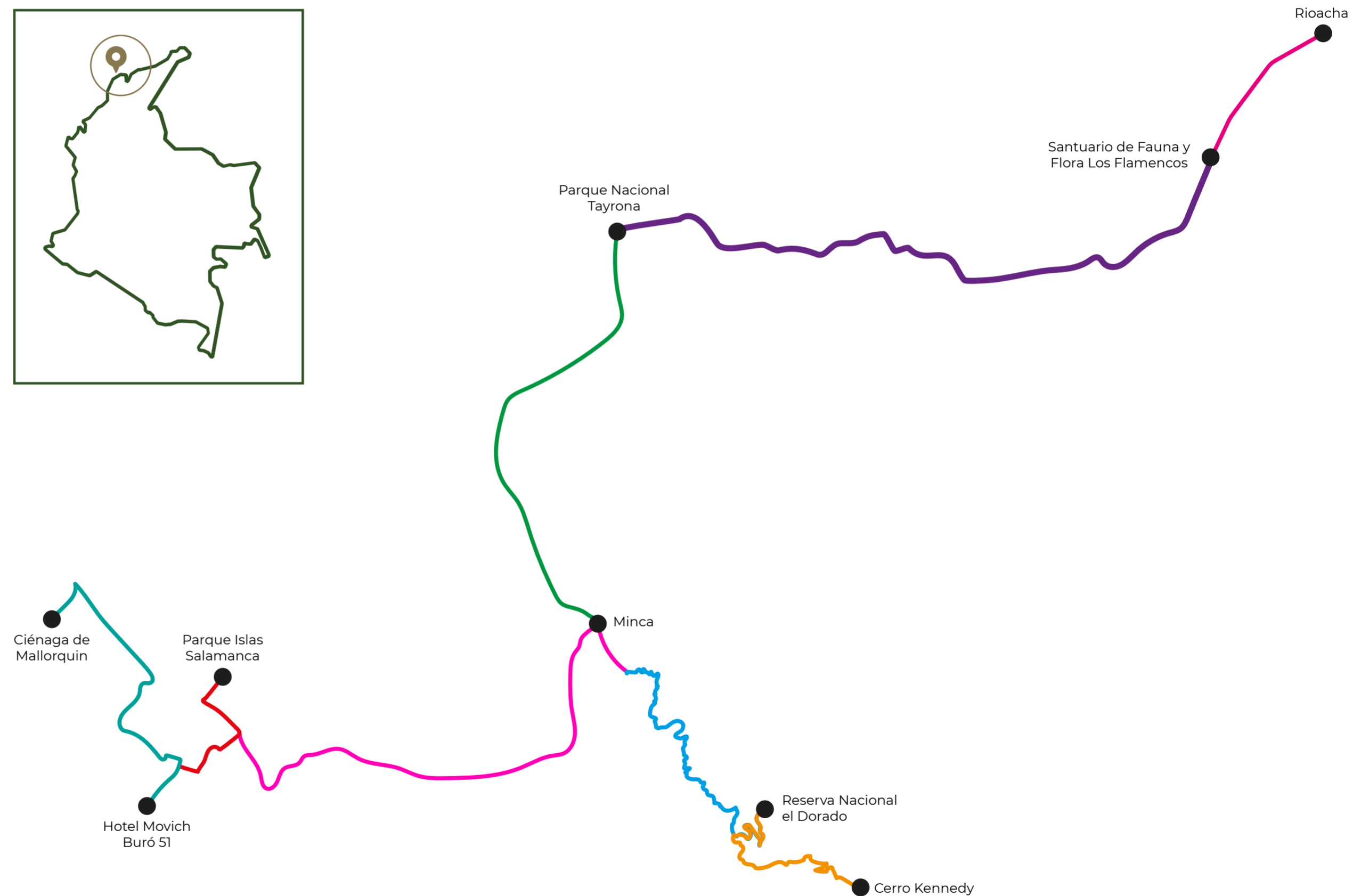
 Day 2  
From Minca >>  
to Reserva Nacional el Dorado

 Day 3  
From Reserva Nacional el Dorado >>  
to Cerro Kenedy

 Day 4  
From Reserva Nacional el Dorado >>  
to Parque Nacional Tayrona

 Day 4  
From Parque Nacional Tayrona >>  
to Riohacha

 Day 5  
From Casa del Mar Riohacha >>  
to SFF Los Flamencos



*Chloroceryle aenea*  
American Pygmy Kingfisher



## DAY 1

# Birding in Barranquilla

Start your adventure with a visit to the Ciénaga de Mallorquín, an expansive wetland ecosystem renowned for its rich biodiversity within the city of Barranquilla! With over 160 bird species registered in this area, you'll explore tropical trails and spot a variety of local species. After a refreshing lunch back at the hotel, the afternoon offers a cultural tour of Barranquilla's highlights, including the Malecón and the colorful Ventana al Mundo. Return to Buró 51 in the evening to unwind and relax, preparing for the next day's adventures.

## Species



*Wood Stork*



*Tricolored Heron*



*Chestnut-winged  
Chachalaca.*

## DAY 2

# From sea to the mountain

Barranquilla to the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Start your day early as you depart from Buró 51, heading toward the lush mountains of Minca. En route, you'll pass through the protected area Vía Parque Isla Salamanca, a unique ecosystem of mangroves and wetlands. This rich environment is home to a variety of intriguing bird species, enjoy the opportunity to witness them in their natural habitat before continuing your journey to Minca. Keep your binoculars ready for birdwatching stops along the way, with the Ramsar site Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta and the Caribbean coastline providing stunning views and excellent birding opportunities. Finish the day at El Dorado reserve with amazing views.

## Species



*Wood Stork*



*Tricolored Heron*



*Chestnut-winged  
Chachalaca.*

*Glaucidium brasilianum*  
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl



### DAY 3

## Sunrise at Cerro Kennedy

and explore Sierra Nevada lush forests

Your day begins with a pre-dawn departure from El Dorado, heading straight to the summit of Cerro Kennedy. Though it's still dark as you ascend, the reward is well worth it—arriving at the peak just in time to witness one of the most breathtaking sunrises in Colombia. From this vantage point, you'll enjoy panoramic views that stretch from the Caribbean Sea to the snow-capped peaks of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, creating an unforgettable moment.

### Species



*Santa Marta Parakeet*



*The White-tailed Starfrontlet*



*The White-lored Warbler*

*White-tipped Quetzal*

### DAY 4

## Last day in the Sierra Nevada

and Tayrona Beach escap

Start the day with a relaxed birdwatching session along the scenic trails of El Dorado Reserve, where the morning light brings the forest to life. This final opportunity to explore the reserve's unique ecosystems is perfect for spotting more of the region's rare species while enjoying the tranquil beauty of the Sierra Nevada.

After a light snack back at the lodge, it's time to check out and begin the journey towards the coast. A scenic drive will take you from the cool mountain air down to the Tayrona National Park, where you can unwind on the pristine beaches, soaking in the Caribbean sun and refreshing yourself by the sea.

### Species



*Wood Stork*



*Tricolored Heron*



*Chestnut-winged Chachalaca.*



*Phoenicopterus ruber*  
American Flamingo



**DAY 5**

## Birdwatching at the Flamingos' sanctuary

Begin your final day with an early morning transfer from Casa del Mar in Riohacha to the Santuario de Fauna y Flora Los Flamencos, a protected area celebrated for its diverse birdlife and rich coastal lagoons. Here, you'll embark on a rewarding birdwatching adventure with a special focus on spotting the graceful American Flamingo. The sanctuary is renowned for its rich variety of shorebirds and migratory birds, including plovers, sandpipers, and oystercatchers. The serene waters and striking landscapes provide perfect conditions for photography and immersive nature experiences.

### Species



Ferruginous  
Pygmy-Owl



The Slender-billed  
Tyrannulet



striking Vermilion  
Cardinal



Chestnut  
Piculet



Russet-throated  
Puffbird



Tocuyo  
Sparrow

## Recommendations

To fully enjoy this journey, we recommend bringing lightweight, breathable clothing suitable for warm and tropical climates and sturdy walking shoes for nature trails. Colombia's weather can be quite diverse, with extremely hot temperatures along the coast, so it's important to stay hydrated and use sun protection. In contrast, the mountains of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta can be much cooler, especially in the evenings, so pack a warm layer for your time in the higher elevations.

Don't forget your binoculars and camera to capture the extraordinary birdlife and scenic landscapes. A good field guide on Colombia's bird species is also a great companion for a deeper appreciation of the unique birds you'll encounter along the way.



### Recommended Packing List

- *Hydration: Bring a reusable water bottle*
- *Comfortable, breathable clothing*
- *Sunglasses*
- *Hat or cap*
- *Comfortable shoes: sneakers or trekking shoes*
- *Energy snacks and fruit*
- *Binoculars and/or camera*
- *Any necessary medications*
- *Small backpack*
- *Identification documents*
- *Phone*

# Top Birds

*Ara militaris* | Military Macaw  
Guacamayo verde

*Ortalis garrula* | Chestnut-winged Chachalaca  
Guacharaca caribeña

*Sarcoramphus papa* | King Vulture  
Cóndor de la selva

*Chiroxiphia lanceolata* | Lance-tailed Manakin  
Saltarín lanceolado

*Anisognathus melanogenys* | Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager  
Tangara de Santa Marta

*Oxygogon cyanolaemus* | Blue-bearded Helmetcrest  
Colibrí chivito de Santa Marta

*Dubusia taeniata carrikeri* | Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager  
Tangara pechifulva

*Grallaria bangsi* | Santa Marta Antpitta  
Tororoi de Santa Marta

*Anthocephala floriceps* | Santa Marta Blossomcrown  
Colibrí florido de Santa Marta

*Atlapetes melanocephalus* | Santa Marta Brushfinch  
Gorrión montés de Santa Marta

*Clibanornis rufipectus* | Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner  
Ticotico de Santa Marta

*Megascops gilesi* | Santa Marta Screech-Owl  
Autillo de Santa Marta

*Scytalopus sanctaemartae* | Santa Marta Tapaculo  
Churrín de Santa Marta

*Myiothlypis basilica* | Santa Marta Warbler  
Arañero de Santa Marta

*Chaetocercus astreans* | Santa Marta Woodstar  
Rumbito de Santa Mart

*Henicorhina anachoreta* | Santa Marta Wood-Wren  
Cucarachero Ermitaño

*Troglodytes monticola* | Santa Marta Wren  
El cucarachero de Santa Marta

*Drymophila hellmayri* | Santa Marta Antbird  
Tiluchí de Santa Marta

*Myiotheretes pernix* | Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant  
El birro de Santa Marta

*Pyrrhura viridicata* | Santa Marta Parakeet  
La cotorra de Santa Marta

*Pharomachrus fulgidus* | White-tipped Quetzal  
El quetzal fúlgido

*Phoenicopterus ruber* | American Flamingo  
El flamenco del Caribe

*Patagioenas corensis* | Bare-eyed Pigeon  
La paloma aliblanca

*Synallaxis candei* | White-whiskered spinetail  
El pijuí barbibranco

*Glaucidium brasilianum* | Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl  
El tecolote bajoño

*Inezia tenuirostris* | Slender-billed Tyrannulet  
El piojito picofino

*Cardinalis phoeniceus* | Vermilion Cardinal  
El Cardenal coriano

*Picumnus cinnamomeus* | Chestnut Piculet  
Carpinterito castaño

*Hypnelus ruficollis* | Russet-throated Puffbird  
El bobito punteado

*Arremonops tocuyensis* | Tocuyo Sparrow  
El cerquero de El Tocuyo

*Athene cuniculria* | Burrowing Owl  
Buho Terrestre

*Egretta tricolor* | Tricolor Heron  
Garceta Tricolor

*Chloroceryle aenea* | American Pygmy Kingfisher  
Martín Pescador Pigmeo Americano

*Dubusia taeinata* | Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager  
Tangara Montana Pechianteada

*Himantopus mexicanus* | Black-necked Stilt  
Cigüeñuela Cuellinegra

*Crax alberti* | Blue-billed Curassow  
Pavón Piquiazul

*Myiothlypis conspicillata* | White-lored Warbler  
El arañero embridado

*Coeligena phalerata* | White-tailed Starfrontlet  
El inca colibranco

*Arremon basilicus* | Sierra Nevada Brushfinch  
Gorrión montés colombiano

*Athene cunicularia*  
Burrowing Owl





## Habitat Covered

The trip covers a wide range of ecosystems, starting with the coastal wetlands and mangroves of Ciénaga de Mallorquín and Vía Parque Isla Salamanca, both offering prime habitats for shorebirds, wading birds, and migratory species. At Santuario de Fauna y Flora Los Flamencos (SFF Los Flamencos), you'll explore coastal lagoons and dry tropical forests, home to flamingos, shorebirds, and unique desert-adapted species like the Vermilion Cardinal.

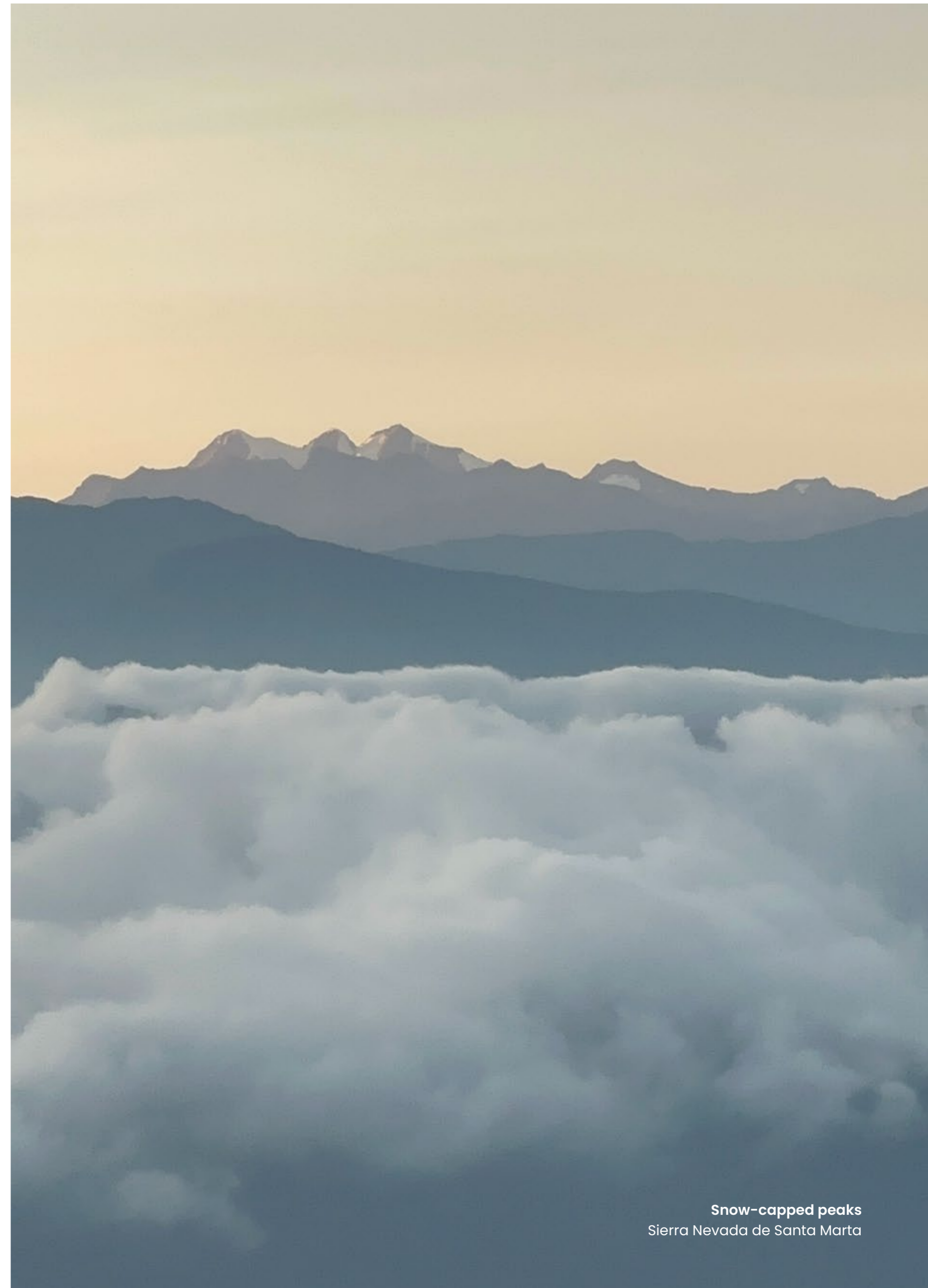
As the tour progresses, you'll ascend into the tropical dry forests around Minca, where you can observe a blend of lowland and montane bird species. In the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, you'll explore lush cloud forests, which harbor many of Colombia's endemic bird species.

If you decide to extend your journey, the final days take you to the high-altitude paramo and montane forests of the Serranía del Perijá, a region known for its unique birdlife and astonishing landscapes. These varied habitats offer a rich diversity of birdwatching opportunities across the trip.



## Weather conditions

The tour spans a variety of climates, starting with hot and humid conditions at coastal locations like Barranquilla and Vía Parque Isla Salamanca. As you move inland and ascend into the Sierra Nevada and Perijá mountains, temperatures become cooler, especially at higher altitudes. Expect mild, cool mornings and potentially chilly evenings, particularly in cloud forest areas like El Dorado Reserve and Cerro Kennedy.



**Snow-capped peaks**  
Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta



## Tour Pace and Walking

This tour follows a moderate pace, combining structured birding excursions with time for rest and exploration. Daily walks on forest trails are required, some of which may be uneven or mildly strenuous, particularly at higher altitudes. However, there will be frequent stops to enjoy bird sightings and the scenery. Most days will feature morning and afternoon birding sessions, with breaks for meals and optional evening excursions.



## Ease of Birding

While the tour offers access to rich birding environments, the ease of birding varies by location. Coastal and wetland birding (e.g., Los Flamencos and Isla Salamanca) provides relatively easy access and clear sightlines, while forested areas like El Dorado and Perijá may require more patience to spot elusive species. The diverse ecosystems increase the chances of excellent sightings, though forest birding often requires more attention to movement and sound.



## Number of Species Expected

Throughout the tour, you can expect to encounter between 250 and 300 species of birds, including a significant number of endemic species. The Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and Perijá mountains, in particular, are home to a rich variety of species found nowhere else in the world. In addition to the many tropical species, you'll also spot a variety of shorebirds, migratory species, and forest specialists.

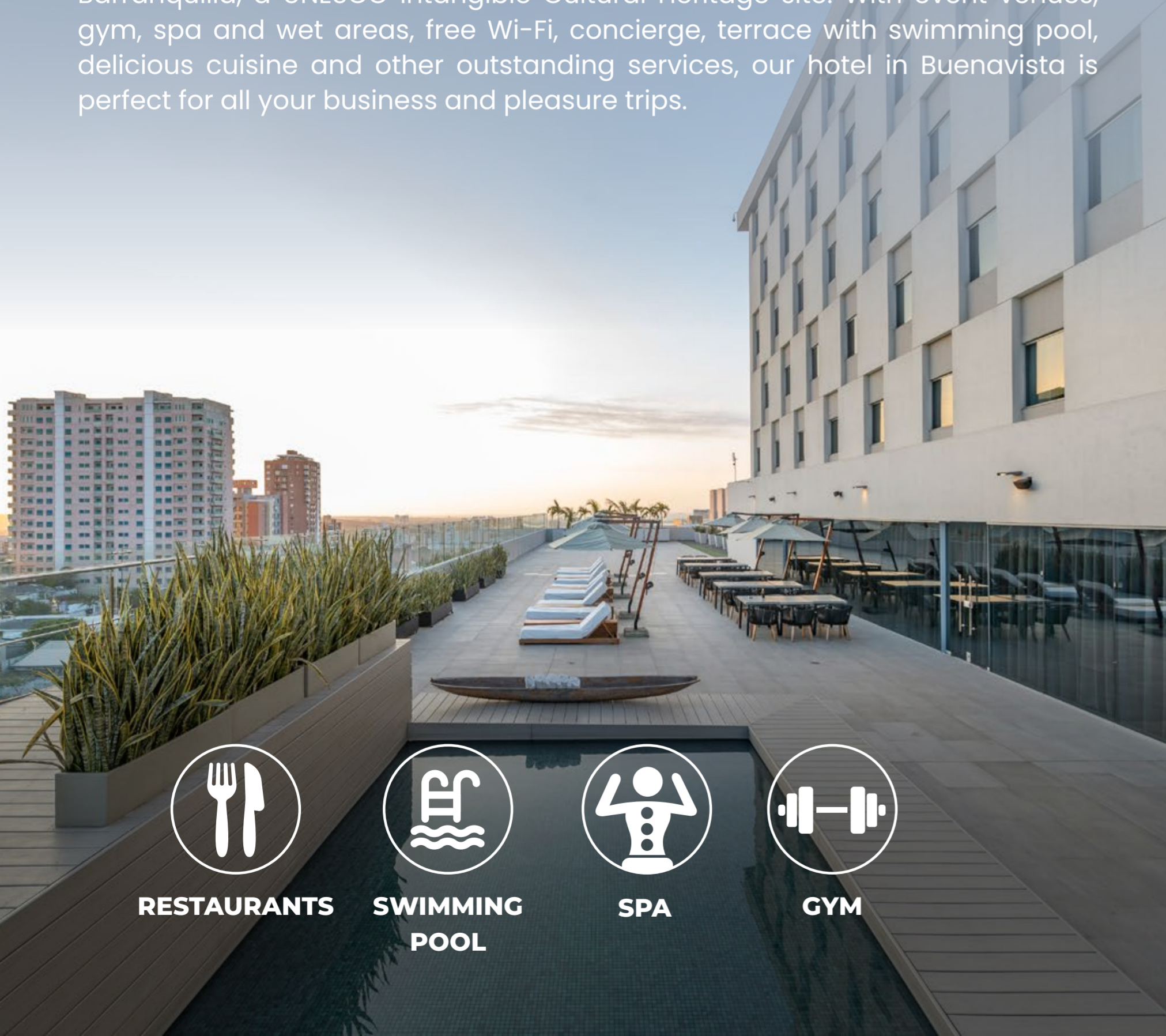
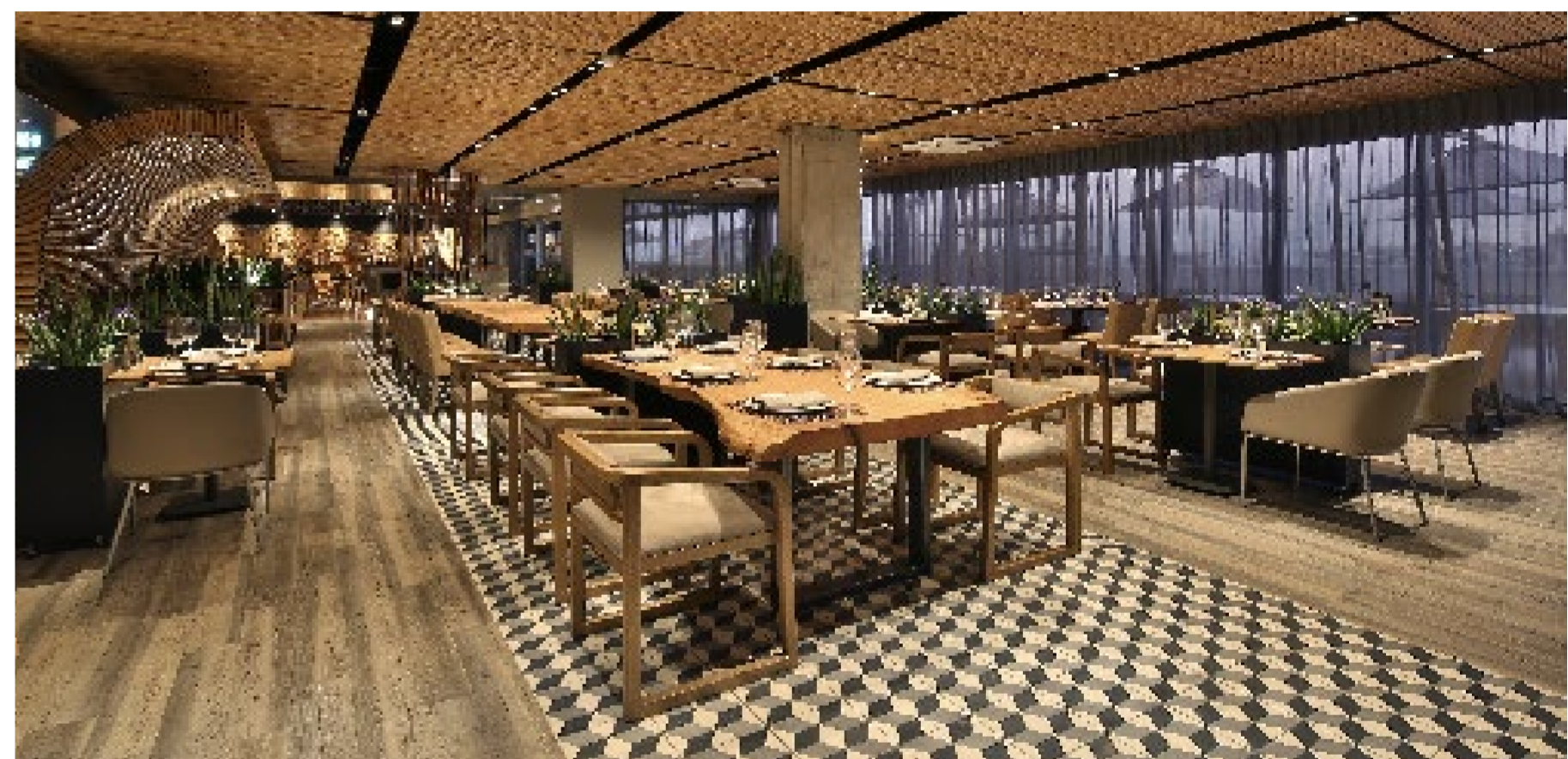


# HOTEL MOVICH BURÓ 51

BARRANQUILLA

The Hotel Movich Buró 51 welcomes you to one of the best hotels in the city of Barranquilla, located in the Buró 51 business complex.

Designed to reflect the elegance of Barranquilla's traditional culture, Barranquilla's Hotel Movich Buró makes reference to the Carnival of Barranquilla, a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage site. With event venues, gym, spa and wet areas, free Wi-Fi, concierge, terrace with swimming pool, delicious cuisine and other outstanding services, our hotel in Buenavista is perfect for all your business and pleasure trips.



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*Crax alberti*  
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