



# Discover the Magic of Colombia:

*Explore Its Feathered Wonders*

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## **Caribbean Birds**

*From Caribbean shores to lush forest 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*

With over 1,900 recorded species, Colombia is the country with the greatest diversity of birds in the world. Its strategic location and variety of ecosystems, which include three mountain ranges, two inter-Andean valleys, and the basins of the Pacific and Caribbean oceans, make the country an essential destination for birdwatching enthusiasts.





# Colombia's Northern Caribbean birding experience

A luxurious birdwatching adventure through Colombia.

## Discover a World of Avian Wonders

- Coastal Paradise: Explore the stunning coastal wetlands and mangroves of the Caribbean coast, where you'll encounter a diverse array of shorebirds, wading birds, and migratory species.
- Mountain Majesty: Ascend the majestic Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, a biodiversity hotspot renowned for its endemic bird species. Immerse yourself in the lush cloud forests and pristine paramo ecosystems.
- Cultural Immersion: Experience the rich cultural heritage of Colombia, from the vibrant coastal towns to the indigenous communities of the Sierra Nevada.

## A Luxurious Journey

- Handpicked Accommodations: Stay in a selection of luxurious accommodations, offering comfort and style.
- Private Transportation: Enjoy the convenience of private transportation throughout your journey.
- Expert Guides: Benefit from the expertise of our knowledgeable guides, who will share their insights into the local birdlife and culture.
- Gourmet Dining: Savor the flavors of Colombia, from fresh seafood to traditional mountain cuisine.

*Dubusia taeinata*  
Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager



## Itinerary description:

### Duration

5 Days

### Location

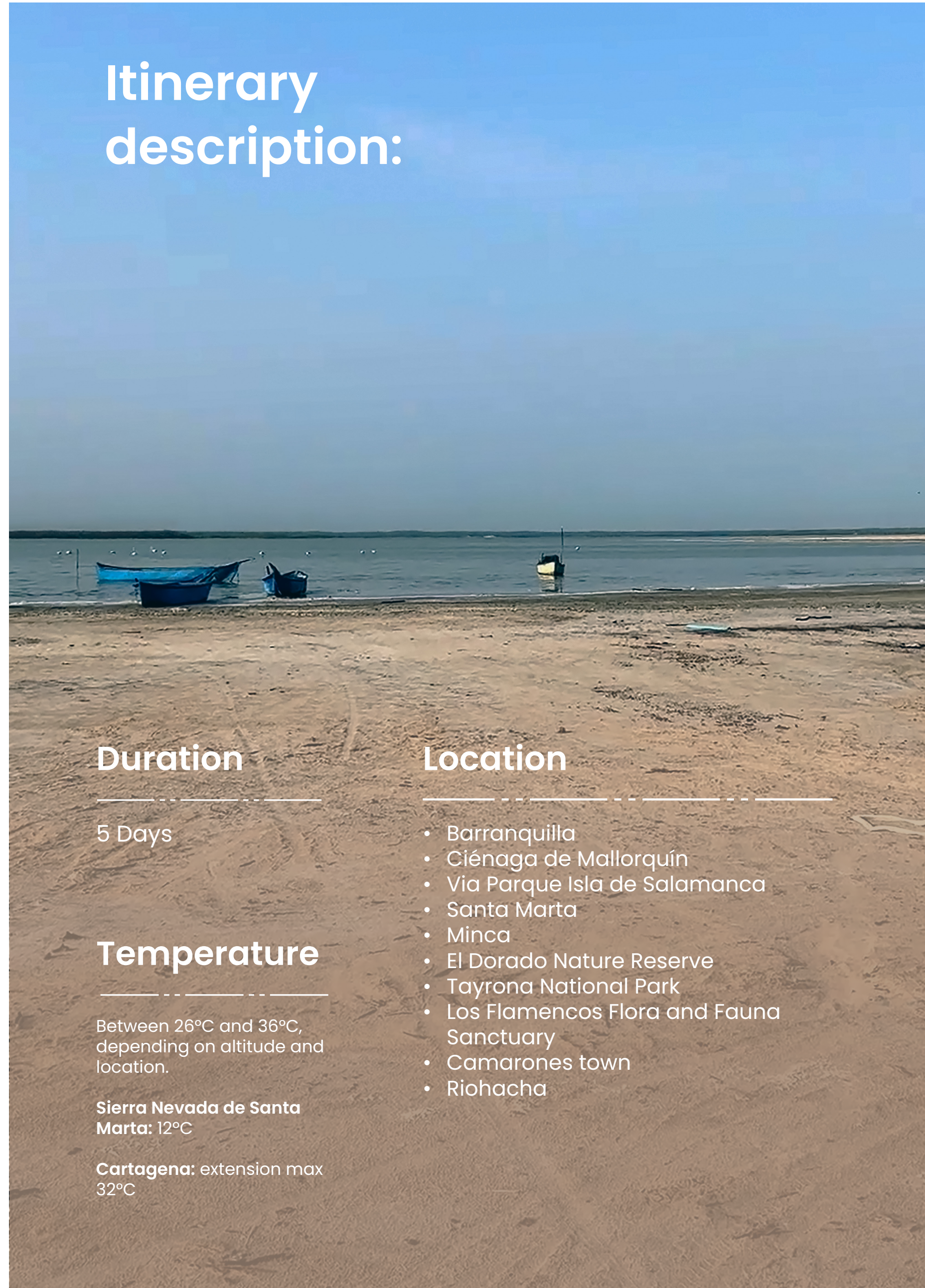
- Barranquilla
- Ciénaga de Mallorquín
- Via Parque Isla de Salamanca
- Santa Marta
- Minca
- El Dorado Nature Reserve
- Tayrona National Park
- Los Flamencos Flora and Fauna Sanctuary
- Camarones town
- Riohacha

### Temperature

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

**Sierra Nevada de Santa  
Marta:** 12°C

**Cartagena:** extension max  
32°C





# What's Included:



## Private transportation

Comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles transfers for a stress-free journey.



## Luxury accommodations

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



## Birdwatching experiences

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



## Gourmet meals

Enjoy culinary experiences with meals featuring fresh ingredients and the local flavor.



## Cultural explorations

Besides birdwatching, explore local highlights such as Barranquilla's Malecón and the pristine beaches of Tayrona National Park in an amazing time to relax and soak in the Caribbean.

## 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 the city of Cartagena, with accommodation at Movich Cartagena de Indias and sightseeing experiences around the city for an experience that offers the best of both worlds.**

**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

Embark on a visit to the Ciénaga de Mallorquín, a vital wetland ecosystem known for its exceptional biodiversity, including over 160 bird species.

## Day 2

### From sea to the mountain

*Barranquilla to the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta*

Begin your day with an early departure from Buró 51, embarking on a scenic journey towards the verdant mountains of Minca.

## Day 3

### Sunrise at Cerro Kennedy

*Exploring Sierra Nevada's Lush Forests*

Your day begins before dawn as you depart from El Dorado Nature Reserve, embarking on an ascent to the summit of Cerro Kennedy.

## Day 4

### Last day in the Sierra Nevada

*with a Tayrona Park Beach Escape*

Begin your day with a leisurely birdwatching excursion along the scenic trails of El Dorado Nature Reserve. As the morning light filters through the canopy, the forest comes alive with a symphony of bird call.

## Day 5

### Flamingos' Sanctuary

*the northern birdwatching paradise*

Begin your final day with an early morning transfer to the Santuario de Fauna y Flora Los Flamencos, a protected haven renowned for its diverse birdlife and stunning coastal lagoons.



# Route map

- Day 1

From Hotel Movich Buró 51 >>  
to Ciénaga de Mallorquin
- Day 2

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

From Islas Salamanca >>  
to Minca
- Day 2

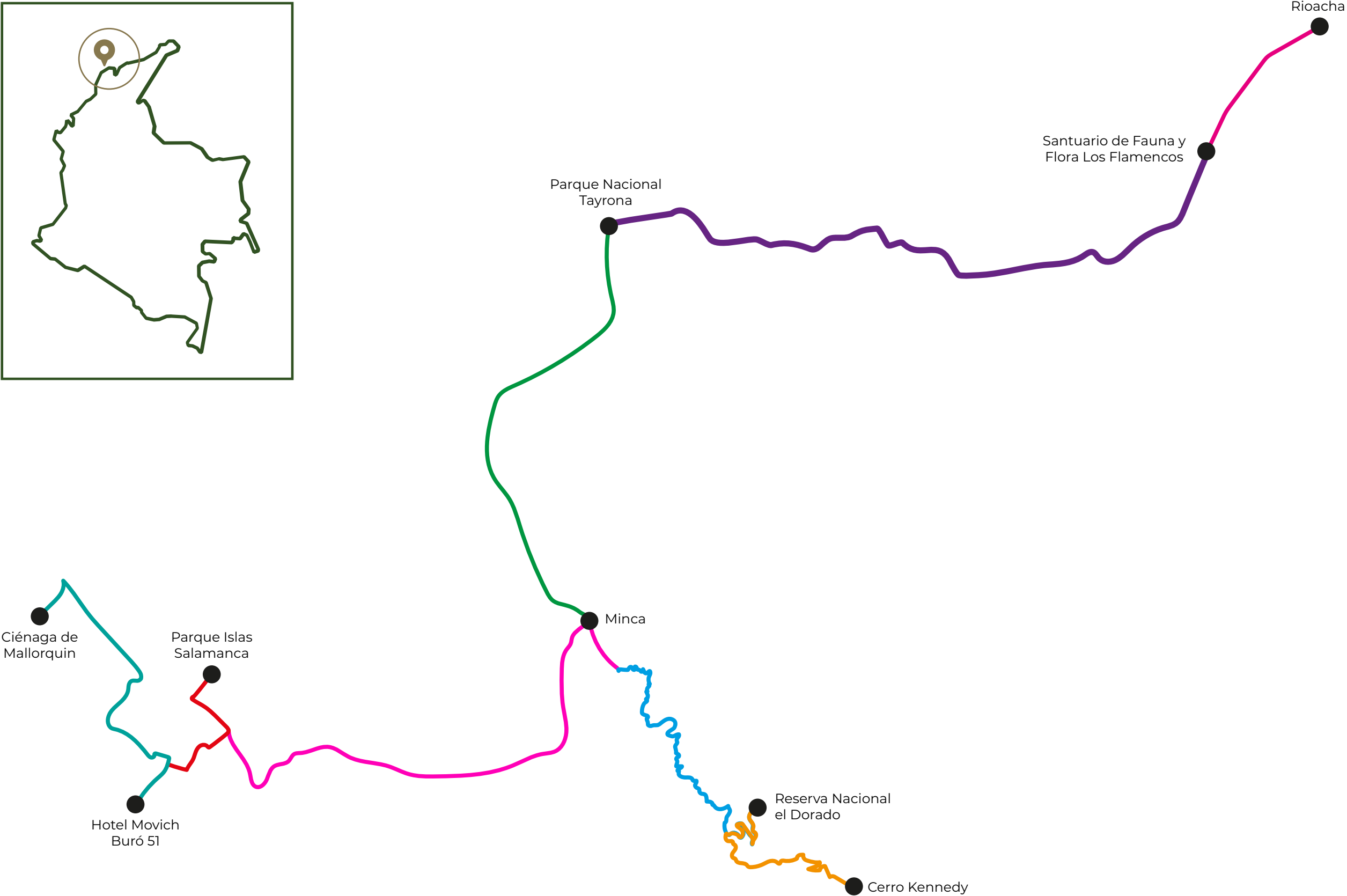
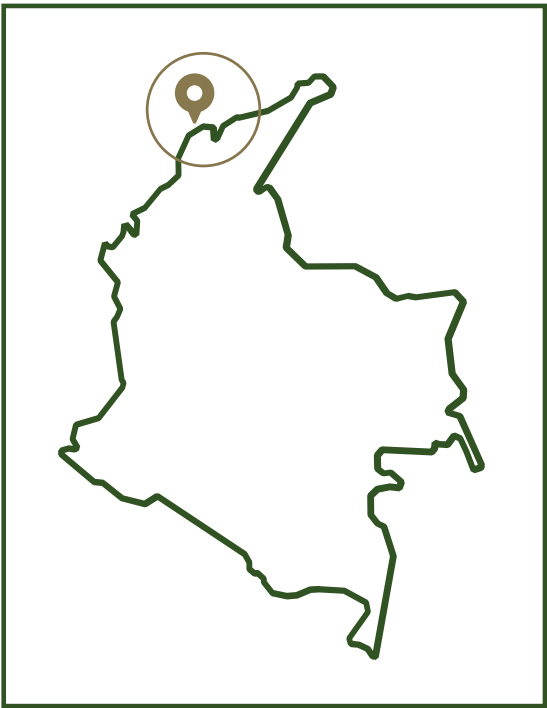
From Minca >>  
to Reserva Nacional el Dorado
- Day 3

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

Commence your journey with an exploration of the Ciénaga de Mallorquín, a significant wetland ecosystem renowned for its rich biodiversity. With over 160 avian species recorded, including the impressive Wood Stork, the elegant Tricolored Heron, and the distinctive Chestnut-winged Chachalaca, this natural sanctuary offers unparalleled opportunities for birdwatching. Following a leisurely lunch, embark on a cultural tour of Barranquilla's iconic landmarks, such as the Malecón and the colorful Ventana al Mundo. Return to Buró 51 in the evening to relax and prepare 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 with an early departure from Buró 51, embarking on a scenic drive toward the lush mountains of Minca. Along the way, you'll pass through the ecologically rich Vía Parque Isla Salamanca, a vital wetland and mangrove habitat teeming with birdlife. Continuing through the biodiverse Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, you'll arrive in Minca, a charming mountain village. After checking into El Dorado Nature Reserve, a renowned birdwatching haven, enjoy the serenity of the surroundings before concluding your day with a gourmet dinner, immersed in the tranquil beauty of the reserve.

## Species



Wood Stork



Tricolored Heron



Chestnut-winged  
Chachalaca



*Glaucidium brasilianum*  
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl



## DAY 3

# Sunrise at Cerro Kennedy

and Exploring Sierra Nevada's Lush Forests

Your day begins before dawn with a departure from El Dorado Nature Reserve, as you ascend to the summit of Cerro Kennedy. Arriving at the peak with the first light of day, you'll be rewarded with a stunning panoramic view, stretching from the Caribbean Sea to the snow-capped peaks of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. After a fulfilling morning, return to El Dorado for a relaxing lunch and afternoon at leisure. As evening falls, enjoy a birdwatching walk along the reserve's trails, where you may spot nocturnal species and embrace the tranquil beauty of the mountain night.

## Species



*Santa Marta  
Parakeet*



*The White-tailed  
Starfrontlet*



*The White-lored  
Warbler*



*White-tipped  
Quetzal*

## DAY 4

# Last day in the Sierra Nevada

with a Tayrona Park Beach Escape

Begin your day with a leisurely birdwatching excursion along the scenic trails of El Dorado Nature Reserve. As the morning light filters through the canopy, the forest comes alive with a symphony of bird calls. After a light snack at the lodge, check out and embark on a scenic drive towards the stunning Tayrona National Park. As you descend from the cool mountain air, you will be greeted by the warm embrace of the Caribbean coast. Spend the afternoon relaxing on the pristine beaches, soaking up the sun, and refreshing yourself in the crystal-clear waters.

## Species



*Wood Stork*



*Tricolored Heron*



*Chestnut-winged  
Chachalaca*



*Phoenicopterus ruber*  
American Flamingo



DAY 5

# Flamingos' Sanctuary

the northern birdwatching paradise

On your final day, begin with a transfer to the Santuario de Fauna y Flora Los Flamencos, a birdwatching haven known for its diverse shorebirds and coastal lagoons. After the excursion, enjoy a traditional lunch in Camarones, a coastal village, and immerse yourself in local culture. In the afternoon, visit an indigenous community in La Guajira to learn about their traditions, enjoy a dance performance, and shop for authentic handicrafts.

*If you are taking the Cartagena Extension: you will take an air transfer from Riohacha to Cartagena in the late afternoon to spend the night at Movich Cartagena de Indias, a Small luxury hotel.*

## Species



Ferruginous  
Pygmy-Owl



The Slender-billed  
Tyrannulet



striking Vermilion  
Cardinal



Chestnut  
Piculet



Russet-throated  
Puffbird



Tocuyo  
Sparrow

# A memorable Colombian birding adventure: Key recommendations

To ensure a seamless and rewarding birding experience in Colombia, consider these essential tips:

## Packing Essentials:

- **Clothing:** Lightweight, breathable clothing suitable for warm, tropical climates. Pack layers for varying temperatures, especially for higher elevations in the mountains.
- **Footwear:** Sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots are ideal for exploring diverse terrains. For Cienaga de Mallorquin, water shoes like sandals or beach shoes to get wet and look for the birds from the water.
- **Accessories:** A wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen are essential for protecting yourself from the sun, and a quick drying/microfiber small towel.
- **Gear:** Binoculars are a must. Cameras are optional. A field guide to Colombian birds will enhance your identification skills, maybe an e-bird account and Merlin bird ID will help in your birdwatching journey.
- **Personal Items:** A reusable water bottle, small fan, snacks, insect repellent, any necessary medications, ID documents, and your Phone.

## Health Considerations:

- **Hydration:** Stay hydrated, especially in hot and humid conditions.
- **Altitude Sickness:** If you're planning to visit high-altitude areas like the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, be prepared for potential altitude sickness. Ascend gradually and consult with a healthcare professional if you have concerns.
- **Malaria Prevention:** Consult with a healthcare provider to determine if malaria prophylaxis is necessary for your specific itinerary.

By following these recommendations, you'll be well-prepared to embark on an unforgettable birding adventure through Colombia's diverse landscapes, encountering a dazzling array of avian wonders.





*Picumnus cinnamomeus*  
Chestnut piculet



## EXTENSION TO CARTAGENA

### DAY 6

## Morning in Movich Cartagena de Indias and transfer to Turbaco

The day starts in our boutique hotel in Cartagena, with a very special buffet breakfast. You will have the whole morning to enjoy the hotel, the pool, and the views and even go out and walk the historic center of Cartagena, UNESCO's world heritage site.

After lunch at the hotel, around 2 pm, we will transfer from Movich Hotel to the nearby town of Turbaco to check in at Agrícola las Camelias, just 1 hour away from Cartagena. In the afternoon we will do our first outing to find some birds, walking around the trails until sunset. Later dinner and resting after a long day.

### Species



*Gray-capped Cuckoo*



*Ruby-topaz Hummingbird*



*Rufous Nightjar*

### DAY 7

## Birding in the unique dry forest

Starting the day very early in the morning with some coffee or tea and fruits, we will go out to find the birds. Mid morning we will stop to get breakfast, and get back out. The tour takes place along various private trails in the tropical dry forest, aiming to locate the target species. During the tour, at least one stop is made at a hide with chairs and accommodations, where guests can rest and enjoy a menu of cold drinks, snacks, and fruits provided in an ice-filled cooler to refresh. Around noon, we will return to the lodge for lunch; then we will have some time to rest and sit back in the hammocks. By mid afternoon we take the last birdwatching time close to feeders for pictures. By the end of the day, we will return to Cartagena to our Movich Hotel where you can stay an extra night or book your flights to return home from Cartagena at night or connections through Bogotá.

### Species



*Collared Forest-Falcon*



*Golden-winged Sparrow*



*Red-throated Ant-Tanager*



# 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
- Oxypogon*
- 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
- Chrysolampis*
- mosquitus*
- | Ruby-topaz Hummingbird
- Colibrí Rubitopacio
- Antrostomus*
- rufus*
- | Rufous Nightjar
- Guardacaminos Colorado

- Driophlox*

*fuscicauda*

| Red-throated Ant-Tanager

Habia fuscicauda
- 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 barbiblanco
- 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 coliblanco
- Arremon*
- basilicus*
- | Sierra Nevada Brushfinch
- Gorrión montés colombiano
- Coccyzus*
- lansbergi*
- | Gray-capped Cuckoo
- Cuco Canelo
- Micrastur*
- semitorquatus*
- | Collared Forest-Falcon
- Halcón-montés Collarejo
- Arremon*
- schlegeli*
- | Golden-winged Sparrow
- Pinzón Alidorado







## 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 will take you to the dry forest ecosystem close to Cartagena, departing from our Movich Cartagena de Indias Boutique Hotel, to enjoy interesting species that will close the trip in the best way.



## 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





## A Balanced Pace for Birdwatching Enthusiasts

This birdwatching tour offers a balanced pace, combining structured birding with ample rest and exploration. It includes daily walks through diverse habitats like forests, wetlands, and mountains, with trails suitable for most fitness levels. Each day features early morning birding, followed by relaxation, afternoon birding, and evening relaxation at the lodge. The tour focuses on providing an enjoyable and rewarding birding experience at a comfortable pace.



## A Variety of Birding Experiences

The tour offers a wide range of birding experiences, catering to various skill levels. Coastal and wetland locations like Los Flamencos and Isla Salamanca provide easy birding with open habitats, abundant birdlife, and clear sightlines. In contrast, forest habitats like El Dorado require more patience and skill due to dense vegetation that can obscure birds, making keen observation and a sharp ear essential. However, the rich biodiversity of these forests makes the challenge rewarding. Throughout the tour, experienced guides will offer support, share their knowledge, and help participants make the most of their birding opportunities.



## A Diverse Avian Tapestry

On your Colombian birding adventure, you'll encounter a stunning array of 150 to 200 bird species, many of which are endemic to the region, particularly in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta mountains. These ecosystems, known for their high levels of endemism, offer a rich variety of bird families, including waterbirds like herons and ibises, shorebirds such as plovers and sandpipers, forest birds like hummingbirds and tanagers, and rare endemic species such as the Santa Marta Brushfinch and the White-tipped Quetzal. With expert guides leading the way, you'll have the opportunity to observe these incredible birds and create unforgettable memories.

*Himantopus mexicanus*  
Black-necked Stilt



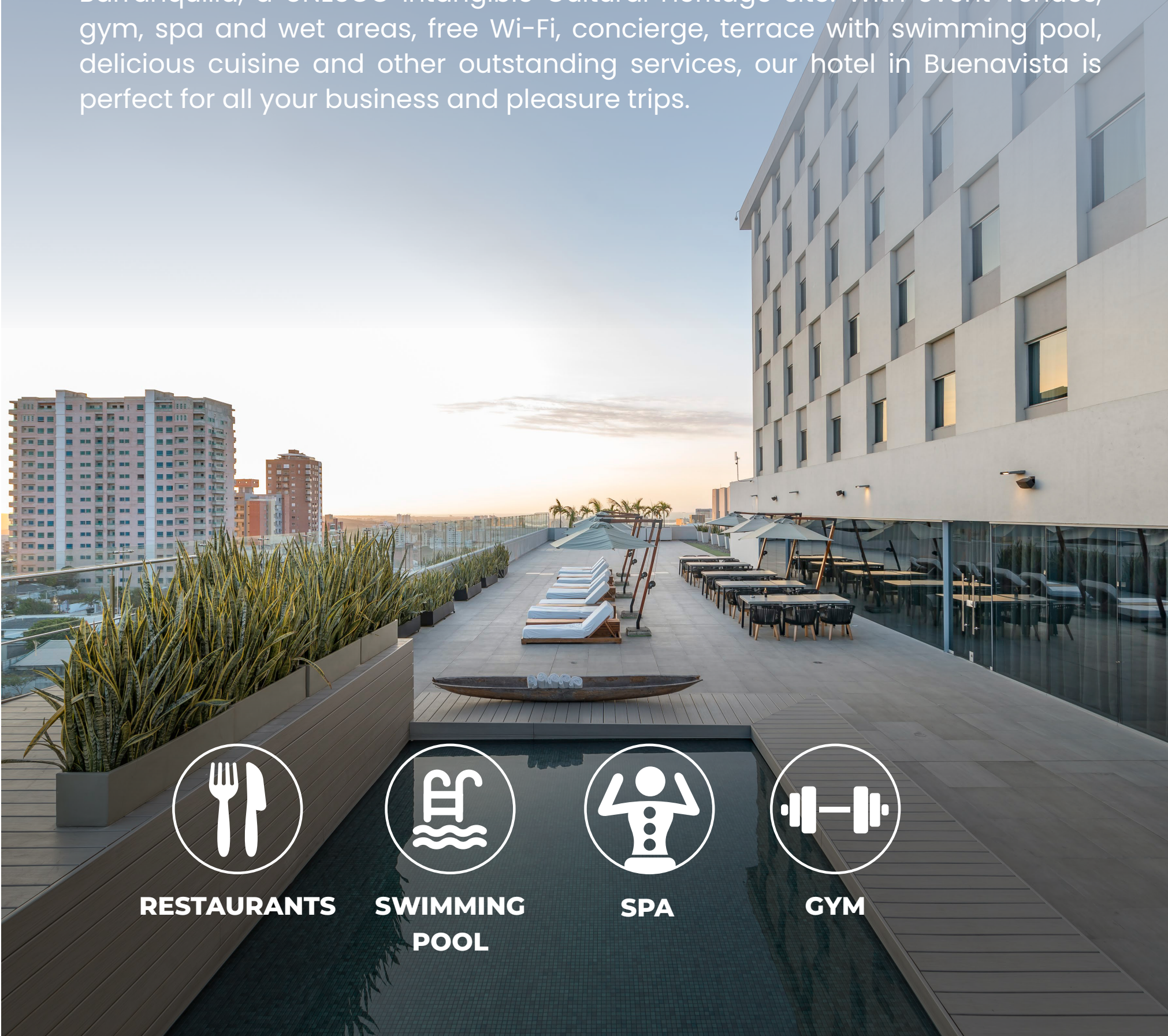


# HOTEL MOVICH BURÓ 51

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.



RESTAURANTS



SWIMMING  
POOL



SPA



GYM





## EMBARK ON A UNIQUE BIRDING EXPEDITION IN COLOMBIA

*where your comfort will create an exceptional experience.*

*Crax alberti*  
Blue-billed Curassow

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