

BIRDWATCHING TRIP (4 days / 3 nights)

Muyuna offers birdwatching excursions, by day and by night, allowing us to enjoy the most exotic species of fauna in the Peruvian Amazon. Expert naturalist bilingual guides take us deep into the heart of the jungle showing different ecosystems - varzea and tierra firme rainforests & river islands - creating the most complete birdwatching tour in the whole Amazon.

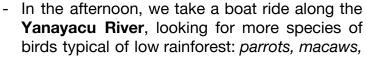
Day 1: Iquitos - Muyuna (lunch / dinner)

- Transfer from Iquitos airport to Iquitos (or hotel to the office) for shopping and last-minute coordination.
- Transfer to the port.
- 9.30am: Transfer in a speedboat for 3 hours, 140 km upriver from Iquitos on the Amazon River.
- 12pm approx: Check-in to lodge
- Lunch.
- **Leoncito Hike**: to appreciate the immense variety of flora around the Muyuna area, including the huge ceiba tree. The guides will point out those flowers such as of the beautiful *Heliconia* that attract birds.
- After watching a sunset over the *Forest of Mirrors*, we return to Muyuna.
- Dinner.



Day 2: Muyuna Excursions: Wattled Curassow (breakfast / lunch / dinner)

- Early this morning we venture into remote rainforest to look for the critically-endangered **Wattled Curassow** (*Crax globulosa*). It can only be found in western Amazonia ... in the jungle around Muyuna Lodge





jacanas, kingfishers, herons, seedeaters, flycatchers, antbirds, tinamus, doves, pigeons, screamers, muscovy ducks, cormorants, among many others.

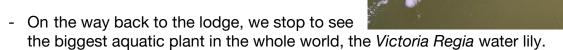
- After dinner, we investigate the Amazon Rainforest by night, which is a hive of activity and sounds. There are a number of nocturnal birds, such as potoos, pauraques, night herons, owls, and hawks to be spotted, along with mammals, such as bats; and reptiles, such as caiman.

Day 3: Muyuna Excursions: Tahuayo River Trek & Lake Corrientillo (breakfast / lunch / dinner)

- After breakfast, we have the option of a long trek deep into the jungle, towards towards the Tahuayo River. On the way, our guide will point out more birds, such as chachalacas, hummingbirds, cuckoos, nunbirds, woodpeckers, fruit crows, tinamus, doves, and even pigeons!
- As well as birds, we are also like to see tamarin and squirrel monkeys, pygmy marmosets, numerous butterflies, and if we are lucky, an anaconda.
- In the afternoon we take the boats to Lake Corrientillo, in search of white throated toucans, yellow ridged toucans, aracaris, egrets, herons, kingfishers, oropendolas, horned screamers, caciques, cormorants, anhingas, vultures, antbirds, black collared hawks, antshrikes, antpittas, tapaculos, barbets, woodpeckers, togons, hummingbirds, and more.
- At night, we can go another night walk to spot more nocturnal birds.

Day 4: Morning Excursions; Muyuna - Iquitos in afternoon (breakfast / lunch)

- Early this morning we visit the islands in the Amazon River to look for endemic birds, such as Parker's Spinetail, White-bellied Spinetail, Leaden Antwren, Riverside Tyrant, Festive Parrot, Olive-spotted Hummingbird, Little Woodpecker, Red & White Spinetail, the rare Black-tailed Antbird, and Black & White Antbird.
- We then take the motorboat to the other side of the Amazon River. This is a different type of rainforest - high jungle - with different bird species, such as *cushuris* (a type of duck).
- While here, we should witness <u>Amazon River</u> dolphins playing around the boat.



- Lunch at the lodge.
- With your guide, you can count all the birds seen in your Checklist.
- 1pm approx: Your experience of the jungle comes to an end and you will take the three-hour speedboat ride back to Iquitos
- 4pm approx: Transfer to Iquitos airport or your city hotel.

Please note that itineraries can vary according to weather and water level.

INCLUDED

- Taxes.
- Transfer from the airport to the port or hotel in Iquitos.
- Boat transfers between Iquitos and Muyuna Lodge on the Amazon River: 140 km taking about 3 hours.
- Drinking water.
- Rubber boots.
- Electric supply for batteries from cameras, laptops, etc. at certain times.
- All meals mentioned in itinerary. (Please let us know any dietary restrictions in advance).
- Fruit basket and tea/coffee 24/7.
- Private bungalow with private bathroom and terrace with hammock facing the river or the jungle.
- Excursions, as stated.
- Expert bilingual, naturalist guides.
- A list of animals that can be found in the area.
- First aid kit.
- Biodegradable amenities: shampoo, conditioner, body lotion and liquid soap.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Flights & airport taxes
- Tips
- Travel insurance or health insurance.
- Liquors & beverages.
- Laundry. NB. This can be done, in coordination with the lodge manager at extra cost.