An extraordinary abundance of bird life inhabits the forests of northern Ecuador and the Ecuadorian Amazon. Amid cloud forest, rainforest, páramo, and the eastern slopes of the Andes Mountains, you’ll seek out as many of the country’s 1,640-plus species as possible with assistance from your expert guide. Explore the eastern foothills of the Andes Mountains, before descending into the primary forests of a private ecological reserve in the heart of the Amazon Basin. Seek out a variety of neotropical resident and migrant avian species, plus mammals, amphibians, insects, and more.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore northern Ecuador across a variety of protected areas, including Antisana Ecological Reserve, San Isidro Lodge and lush cloud reserve, Sacha Lodge’s 5,000-acre private ecological reserve, and others.
- Search for a mix of high- and low-elevation species in Sumaco, including the Blue-browed Tanager, Yellow-breasted Antwren, Coppery-chested Jacamar, and over 30 species of hummingbirds.
- Take a canopy walk high in the treetops and observe birds such as Scarlet and Red-bellied Macaws, Many-banded Aracari, Magpie Tanager, Gilded Barbet, and Yellow-rumped Cacique.
- Canoe through the flooded Amazon forest while watching for birds, monkeys, sloths, caimans, river otters, and other wildlife.
- Trek through trails of pristine terra firme forest, orchids, bromeliads, palm trees, and 150-foot kapok trees.

**WHAT’S INCLUDED?**

- Bilingual local birding expert
- Accommodations
- Activities
- Private transportation
- Meals
- Beverages with meals
- Carbon offsetting

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