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North Peru is famous for its density of special and spectacular birds – Peruvian and regional endemics, Globally Threatened species, and widespread enigmas – and this tour is designed to take full advantage of the area’s diversity. Join **David Geale** for 22 days of spectacular birding on – and off – one of the world’s best birding circuits.

In addition to the obvious daily descriptions and **target bird listings**, below you’ll find the approximate **travel time** and **number of nights in the accommodation** for each day. Though 5 hours (for example) might seem like a lot of driving time, remember that we’ll take all day to do it, breaking it up with lots of time birding – it’s not 5 hours straight!

Day 0 (November 20, 2010) 1 of 2 nights

We’ll begin the tour with a late afternoon flight to Cajamarca, where we’ll spend the night.

Day 1 (Nov. 21) 3 hr 2 of 2 nights

Today we’ll enjoy the birds around Cajamarca, returning there for the night. Our main destinations will be San Marcos and the Rio Chonta; others may be added if time allows.

**Great Spinetail [E], Grey-bellied Comet [E], Spot-throated Hummingbird [E],
Black Metaltail [E], Andean Tinamou, White-winged Black-Tyrant,
White-winged Cinclodes**

Day 2 (Nov. 22) 5 hr 1 of 1 night

Leaving the fertile valley around Cajamarca, we’ll bird moderately high Andean habitats en route to Celendín, where we’ll spend the night in a relatively basic, but clean, hotel.

**Rufous-eared Brush-Finch [E], Plain-tailed Warbling-Finch [E], Baron’s Spinetail [E],
White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant [vu], Jelski’s Chat-Tyrant [NE], Black-crested Tit-Tyrant [NE],
“Cajamarca” Rufous Antpitta [E subspecies]**

Day 3 (Nov. 23) 6 hr 1 of 1 night

Today we’ll make a spectacular transverse of the Marañon Valley before climbing to the misty Abra Barro Negro and descending to the pleasant Andean village of Leimebamba for the night.

**Grey-winged Inca-Finch [E], Chestnut-backed Thornbird [E],
Yellow-faced Parrotlet [E], Buff-bridled Inca-Finch [E],
Marvelous Spatuletail [E], Rainbow Starfrontlet [NE],
Purple-throated Sunangel [NE], Sword-billed Hummingbird**

Day 4 (Nov. 24) 5 hr 1 of 1 night

This morning we’ll scour the depressingly degraded habitat near Abra Barro Negro for a few special endemics before journeying down the Utcubamba Valley to our beautiful *hacienda*-style accommodations at El Chillo.

**Russet-mantled Softtail [E], Coppery Metaltail [E],
Moustached Flowerpiercer [NE], Red-hooded Tanager,
Grey-breasted Mountain-Toucan [nt], Koepcke’s Screech-Owl [E]**



Day 5 (Nov. 25) 4 hr 1 of 1 night

We'll spend most of the day working our way down the semi-arid Utcubamba Valley, before moving into more humid habitats at Pomacochas in the afternoon.

**Marañon Thrush [NE], Peruvian Pigeon [NE],
Buff-bellied Tanager [NE], Mitred Parakeet,
Speckle-chested Piculet [E],
Golden-rumped Euphonia,
Marvelous Spatuletail [E]**



Day 6 (Nov. 26) 2 hr 1 of 2 nights

Today we'll begin our exploration of the spectacular Abra Patricia area, concentrating on the area around the comfortable and well-placed Owlet Lodge, where we'll spend the night.

**Johnson's Tody-Flycatcher [E], Chestnut Antpitta [E], White-capped Tanager,
Chestnut-crested Cotinga, Ochre-fronted Antpitta [E - rare], Rufous-vented Tapaculo [E],
Emerald-bellied Puffleg, Long-whiskered Owlet [E - very rare]**

Day 7 (Nov. 27) 1 hr 2 of 2 nights

Abra Patricia has endless birding potential, and today we'll focus on slightly lower elevations – though we'll have a second chance for most of yesterday's targets as well.

**Royal Sunangel [NE], Bar-winged Wood-Wren [NE], Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant [NE],
Rusty-tinged Antpitta [E], Yellow-scarfed Tanager [E], Inca Flycatcher [E]**

Day 8 (Nov. 28) 4 hr 1 of 2 nights

We'll leave Abra Patricia behind and bird the Afluentes area this morning, looking for yet more tantalising target species. In the afternoon we'll concentrate on marshes and secondary forest in the Mayo Valley before settling into our hotel in Moyobamba.

**Vermilion Tanager, Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, Red-ruffed Fruitcrow,
Sickle-winged Guan, Black-bellied Tanager [E], Black-billed Seed-Finch,
Pale-eyed Blackbird**

Day 9 (Nov. 29) 0.5 hr 2 of 2 nights

Today's birding will be at one of Peru's most interesting foothill sites – Mishquiyacu. This private reserve just outside of Moyobamba is home to a great set of rarely-seen species, and we hope to see a variety of them today. For some species, a strenuous hike is required, and we'll decide what to do depending on the group's fitness level. We'll return to Moyobamba for the night.

**Ash-throated Antwren [E], Fiery-throated Fruiteater, Mishana Tyrannulet [E],
Striped Manakin [E subspecies], Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant [nt], Blue-rumped Manakin,
Zimmer's Antbird, Red-shouldered Tanager, Shrike-like Cotinga [very rare]**

Day 10 (Nov. 30) 5 hr 1 of 2 nights

We'll bird our way down the Mayo Valley in the morning before spending the afternoon and evening around our lodge-style accommodations at Pumarinri.

**Napo Sabrewing [NE], Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher, Black-goggled Tanager,
Lafresnaye's Piculet, Rufous Nightjar, Band-bellied Owl**

Day 11 (Dec. 01) 3 hr 2 of 2 nights

The Middle Huallaga Valley is a pocket of relatively dry forest surrounded by humid foothills and Amazon rainforest; we'll explore this unique habitat's avifauna today before returning to Pumarinari for the night.



Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-Manakin, Mishana Tyrannulet [E], Planalto Hermit, Ashy-headed Greenlet, Rufous Casiornis, Chestnut-headed Crane

Day 12 (Dec. 02) 5 hr 1 of 1 nights

Making an early departure, we'll return to some humid foothill habitat before driving back up the Mayo Valley, looking for any species we may be missing. We'll spend the night in a basic, but again clean, hotel in Nueva Cajamarca.

Koepcke's Hermit [E], Dotted Tanager, Lanceolated Monklet, Blackish Pewee [NE], Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo, Point-tailed Palmcreeper

Day 13 (Dec. 03) 5 hr 1 of 2 nights

We'll spend the morning in the lower Afluentes area today before working our way back over Abra Patricia and into the dry middle Marañon drainage. Night in Jaen.

Equatorial Greytail [NE], Ecuadorian Tyrannulet [NE], Ecuadorian Piedtail [NE], Amazonian Umbrellabird, Versicoloured Barbet [NE], Olive-chested Flycatcher [NE]

Day 14 (Dec. 04) 2 hr 2 of 2 nights

We'll have a full day to explore the scrubby habitats in the Jaen area; we'll be in the same hotel again.

Marañon Crescentchest [NE], Marañon Spinetail [NE], Necklaced Spinetail [E subspecies], Little Inca-Finch [E], Northern Slaty-Antshrike [NE subspecies], Ecuadorian Ground-Dove [NE]

Day 15 (Dec. 05) 4 hr 1 of 2 nights

Making a very early start, our focus today will be on the Abra Porcuya area, where we'll find our first Tumbesian species. In the afternoon we'll bird the dry forests of the Olmos area before spending the night in that town.

Piura Chat-Tyrant [E], Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner [NE], Three-banded Warbler [NE], Black-hooded Saltator [NE], Chapman's Antshrike [NE], Bay-crowned Brush-Finch [NE]

Day 16 (Dec. 06) 4 hr 2 of 2 nights

We'll make a day trip today to the *Acacia* forests of Bosque Pomac, where we're sure to compile a long list of Tumbesian dry forest endemics before returning to Olmos for the night.

Peruvian Plantcutter [E], Rufous Flycatcher [E], Cinereous Finch [E], Necklaced Spinetail [NE], Superciliated Wren [NE], Grey-and-white Tyrannulet [NE], White-edged Oriole [NE], Tumbes Swallow [E], Tumbes Tyrant [NE]

Day 17 (Dec. 07) 6 hr 1 of 1 nights

Today we'll try for our last Peruvian endemics at Quebrada El Limon before beginning our drive north towards the Ecuador border, spending the night in Piura.

White-winged Guan [E], Tumbes Hummingbird [E], Sulphur-throated Finch [NE], Elegant Crescentchest [NE], Black-capped Sparrow [NE], White-headed Brush-Finch [NE]

Day 18 (Dec. 08) 5 hr 1 of 1 nights

This will be a relaxing day, birding along the coast on the way to Tumbes where we'll spend the night. Late in the day we'll make a first visit to some nearby mangroves.

**Peruvian Pelican, Magnificent Frigatebird, White Ibis,
"Mangrove" Yellow Warbler**

Day 19 (Dec. 09) 4 hr 1 of 3 nights

This morning we'll tackle the mangroves more seriously before driving in to the Tumbes Reserved Zone (TRZ) around mid-day, starting our birding there in the afternoon. We'll stay at the well-placed biological station at TRZ.

**Rufous-necked Wood-Rail, Bare-throated Tiger-Heron, Common Black-Hawk,
Saffron Siskin [NE], Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner [NE]**

Days 20-21 (Dec. 10-11) 1 hr total 2-3 of 3 nights

We'll have two full days to explore the TRZ – and we'll only cover a small part of this beautiful reserve which represents the largest remaining patch of Tumbesian forest. Nights at the same biological station.

**Grey-backed Hawk [NE], Grey-and-gold Warbler [NE], Ochre-bellied Dove [NE],
Pale-browed Tinamou [NE], "Pacific" Royal Flycatcher [NE subspecies], Watkins's Antpitta [NE],
Blackish-headed Spinetail [NE], Black-and-white Tanager [NE], Grey-cheeked Parakeet [NE],
Grey-breasted Flycatcher [NE], Rufous-headed Chachalaca [NE], Rufous-winged Tyrannulet**

Day 22 (Dec. 12) 3 hr

After a few more morning hours in TRZ (targets above), we'll return to Tumbes to catch a flight to Lima, arriving in the Peruvian capital around 4 PM.

Price Information

Price per person: *Group of 4 (min.)* – US\$3870 / *Group of 8 (max.)* – US\$2650

Includes: Guiding, transport, lodging, meals & drinking water Cajamarca-Tumbes.

Does not include: Tips, extra drinks, flights & airport taxes (however we can help you buy domestic flights; current prices can be checked at <http://www.lan.com/>).

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