

Orinoco Goose



ORINOCO BIRDING

CEJAL ISLAND - VICHADA
COLOMBIA

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BIRDWATCHING IN THE DEEP EAST OF COLOMBIA

Welcome to the **hidden world** of birdwatching in the eastern region of Colombia!

Stretching along 250 kilometers of the majestic Orinoco River, the Vichada department offers an unparalleled sanctuary for bird lovers.

From the mouth of the Guaviare River to the Meta River, this landscape boasts navigable waters, with the exception of the areas around the Atures and Maipures streams, which Humboldt considered the eighth wonder of the world.

With an astounding variety of approximately **650 bird species**, the Orinoquia region has richness and diversity.

This bird paradise owes its allure to the abundance of plants and insects that thrive within its ecosystem, creating a haven for birdwatchers and nature lovers!

ITINERARY

Day 1

Flight from Bogota to Puerto Carreño and transfer to Orinoco Lodge

Day 2

Birding around the Tomo River

Day 3

Visit to Pedro Camejo Island and the Maipure rapids

Day 4

Birding around the Tuparro River

Day 5

Safari through savannahs and visit Rancho Barú

Day 6

Free morning & Flight from Puerto Carreño - Bogotá



Orinoco River



Day 1: Arrival Day

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Flight from Bogota to Puerto Carreño and transfer to Orinoco Lodge

You will take the flight from Bogotá to Puerto Carreño that takes about 1.5 hours. Our host will be waiting for you at Puerto Carreño's airport to welcome you and guide you to the local restaurant to have lunch. *(Depending on the flight arrival, it's possible that you should stay that night in Puerto Carreño)*

We will have a 3.5 hour trip on our 4x4 landcruiser where we will cross over 100 km of natural Savannah and using ferries to cross rivers along the way.

During this transfer, we might see species such as **Large-billed Tern, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Eared Dove and Southern Lapwing.**

Our staff will be waiting to welcome you at Orinoco Lodge with an appetizer, the safety briefing and the whole instructions for the following days.

Day 2

Birding around Tomo River

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Begin the day early as we depart the lodge for an exciting expedition along the Tomo River.

The skiff trip will take approximately one hour to reach this stunning location situated on the edge of the El Tuparro National Park.

Here we'll find beautiful species such as the **Violaceous Jay, Tropical Gnatcatcher, Green-tailed Jacamar, Black-collared Hawk, Yellow-crowned Manakin, and Gray-fronted Dove.**

Caño Peinillas will be the perfect place to take a delicious and refreshing bath under its crystal-clear waters and the perfect scenery for a traditional lunch



Day 3

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Visit to Pedro Camejo Island and the Maipures rapids

We will leave the lodge at 6:00 am and we will head towards the Maipures streams. During our trip over the rocks jutting out of the river we might see **Large-billed Tern, Black Skimmer, Snowy Egret and Little-blue Heron.**

Upon reaching the rapids of the Maipures, we will walk a few meters to an island where we can find interesting species such as **Brown-crested flycatcher, Neotropic cormorant, Glittering-throated Hummingbird and Squirrel cuckoo.**

We will have a special lunch time where our chef will surprise us with one of his best preparation at the edge of the river

Here we will have a camping lunch and after to enjoy this magic place with a relaxing time, we will continue with an exciting hike to the rock formations of the Guiana shield







Day 4

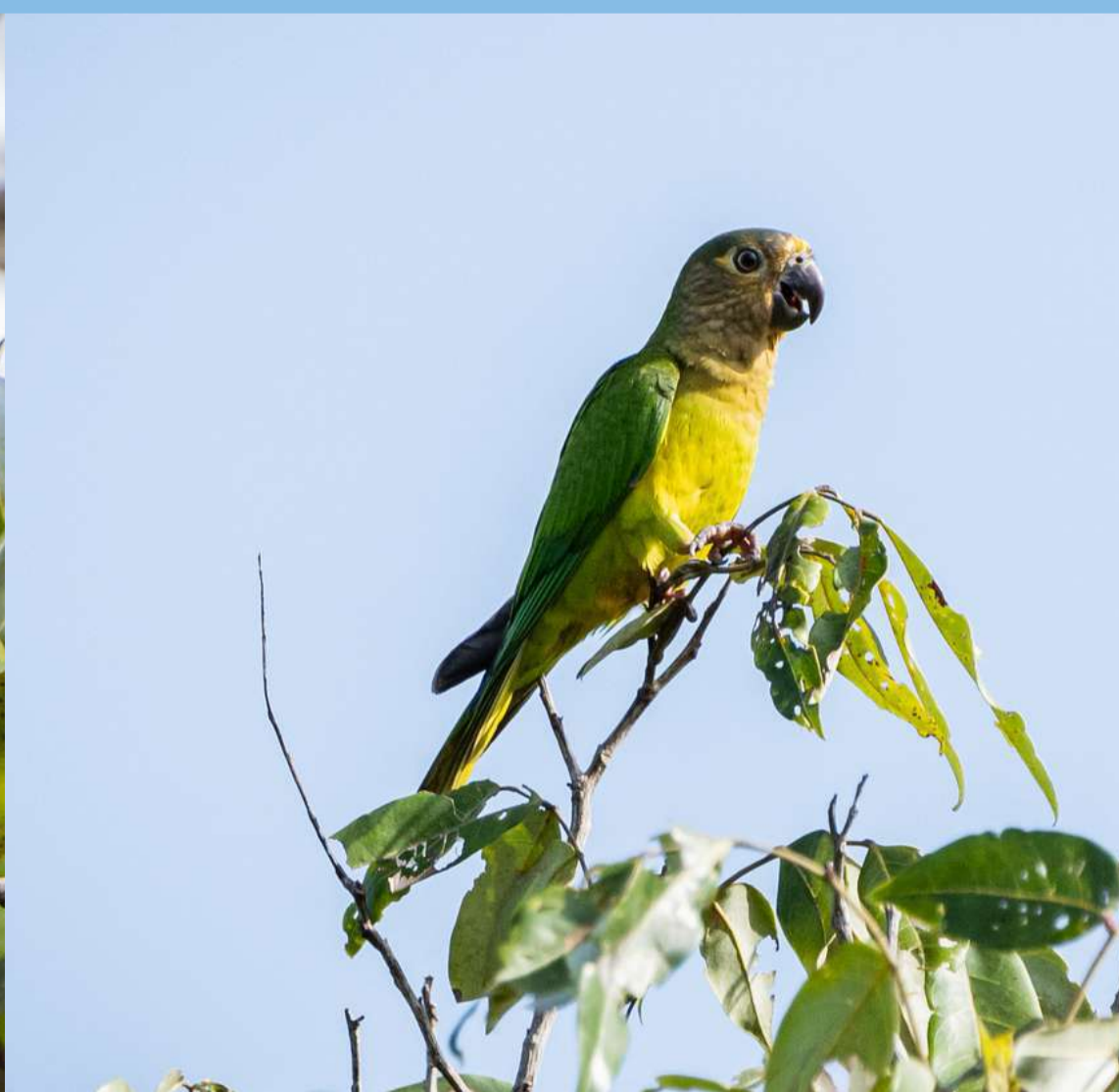
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Birding around the Tuparro River

Early in the morning, our journey begins on the pristine waters of the Tuparro River.

As we navigate, keep your eyes on the wonderful **Black-and-white Hawk-eagle** and **Black-collared Hawk**.

The unique ecosystem surrounding these waters is home to a multitude of remarkable species, including the **Muscovy Duck**, **Pied Lapwing**, **Amazonian-black Tyrant**, **Ruddy Pigeon**, **White-throated Toucan**, **Cobalt-winged Parakeet** and **Yellow-crowned Manakin**.



Day 5

Safari through savannahs and visit Rancho Barú

Starting the day very early in the morning, we will go from Orinoco Lodge to Puerto Carreño. During the journey, we will explore the natural savannah aboard our 4X4 Landcruiser until we reach Rancho Baru.

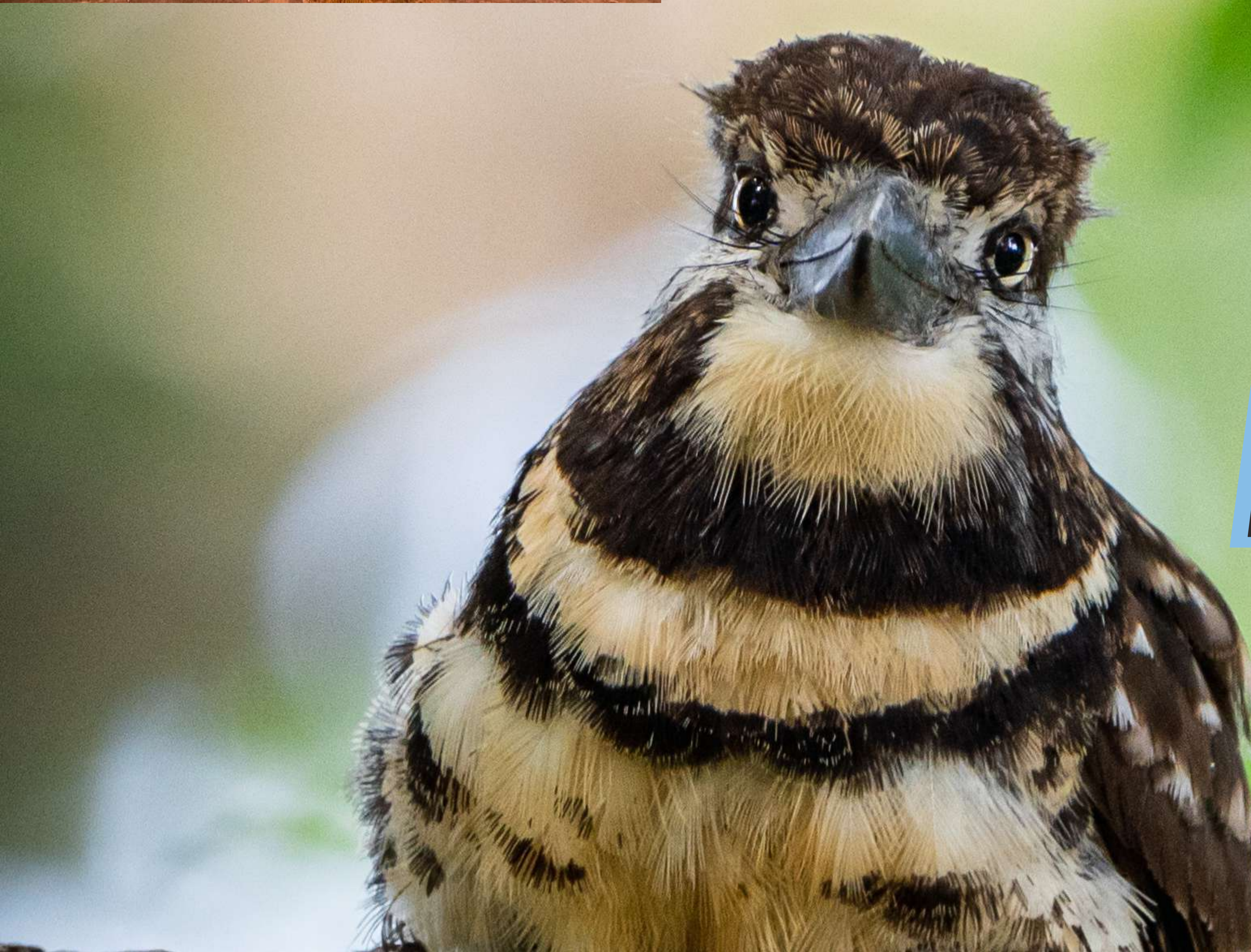
The vast expanse of white sands is home to species such as the **Ferruginous Pygmy-owl, Sulphury Flycatcher, Gray Elaenia, South American Snake, Red-and-green Macaw, and Rufous-browed Peppershike.**

By around noon, we will arrive at Rancho Baru, where you will be welcomed with a traditional lunch and a brief cultural presentation.

This privileged area offers the opportunity to explore **Caño Mesetas** and take a refreshing bath in its waters while observing wonderful species such as the **Ringed Kingfisher, Snowy Egret, Ruddy Pigeon, Southern Lapwing,** and others.

At the end of the day, we will reach Carreño Plaza, where you will have a free evening to rest and reflect on the exciting journey you have had.





Day 6

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Flight Back to Bogotá

After breakfast, we will have free time to enjoy the warm morning and prepare to say goodbye to this paradise.

Our host will pick you up at the hotel to take you to the airport and take your flight back to Bogotá.



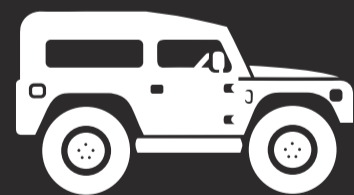
PRICE INCLUDES



DOMESTIC FLIGHT
BOGOTÁ - PUERTO CARREÑO
ROUND TRIP



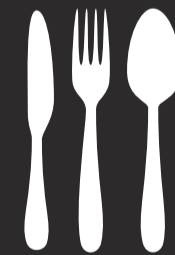
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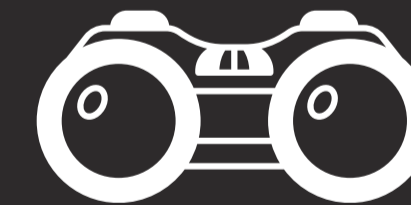
LOCAL TRANSFERS



2 NIGHTS IN BOGOTÁ
4 NIGHTS IN ORINOCO LODGE
1 NIGHT IN PUERTO CARREÑO



ALL MEALS AND SNACKS



PROFESSIONAL AND BILINGUAL
GUIDE ALL THE TIME



BASIC TRAVEL INSURANCE

PRICE EXCLUDES

MEALS FIRST AND LAST NIGHT IN BOGOTÁ | TIPS (RECOMMENDED 10% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE TRIP) | LOCAL TAXES (APROX 10 USD) | INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

IMPORTANT TRIP INFO

Commercial establishments in Colombia cannot receive USD/EUR due to exchange restrictions for locals, please make sure to have Colombian pesos when buying locally.

No cell connection on the river but sometimes guests will have access to a satellite phone if an emergency arises.

Currency: Colombian Peso. Please make sure you bring enough to settle extra expenses in town and tips. Tips can be done in Dollars, but pesos are more convenient for the staff.

Wilderness camping: While we try to make the lodge as comfortable as possible, guests are advised that this trip is aimed at the adventurous with a bare minimum level of fitness required.

A 50% deposit is required to book and the balance to be paid 45 days before the trip.

It is important that clients have adequate travel and medical insurance that includes Medical Evacuation from point of Injury. Global Rescue offers the most comprehensive and inclusive insurance.

CANCELATION PROCEDURE

Cancellation by client:

Cancellation notification must be in writing and is effective from the date it is received by Colombian Safaris.

- If Colombian Safaris has **more than 180 days notice**, deposit is forfeited unless dates can be resold, in which case a 10% admin fee will apply.
- If Colombian Safaris has **between 179 and 91 days notice**, 70% of tour costs are forfeited, unless the client can find a replacement. In which case a 10% admin fee will apply.
- If Colombian Safaris has **less than 90 days notice**, 100% of our costs are forfeited, unless the client can find a replacement in which case a 10% admin fee will apply.
- **If you fail to join a tour, or join after departure, or leave prior to its completion, no reimbursement whatsoever will be made.**
- In the event of force majeure, fortuitous event or incapacity of the holder of the reservation or a relative in the first degree of consanguinity. The request for exoneration must be accompanied by the corresponding support (s) and submitted within 15 current days from the initial date of the trip, otherwise the established policies apply.

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