

The Lima Layover Birding Plan

How to turn an airport connection into 40-80 species - a one-page field plan

How much time do you need?

5-6 hour layover

Ventanilla marshes only (20-30 min away). Expect 35-50 species: Plumbeous Rail, Many-colored Rush-Tyrant, Wren-like Rushbird, Great Grebe, herons and shorebirds.

7-8 hour layover

Ventanilla plus the La Punta seafront: add Inca Tern, Peruvian Booby, Peruvian Pelican, Blackish Oystercatcher - a 60-80 species morning is normal.

10+ hours / overnight

Everything above plus Pantanos de Villa or a Pucusana boat run for Humboldt Penguin. Eighty-plus species and a real Peruvian day list.

The golden rules

- Under 5 hours between international flights? Stay in the terminal - re-check-in queues are slow.
- We plan your return at least 2.5 hours before an international departure.
- Luggage stays locked in the vehicle; you keep passport and boarding pass.
- Most nationalities enter Peru visa-free as tourists - leaving the airport on a layover is routine.

What to bring

Binoculars, camera, a light layer for garua mornings, comfortable shoes. Water, scope and field guides are in the vehicle.

Free personalized plan: send your flight times via wildandestours.com/lima-layover-birding-tour and we reply within a day with exact timings for your connection.