



BIRDWATCHING & PHOTOGRAPHY TOURS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Chaparrí Dry-Forest Birding

Peru's flagship dry-forest reserve — the last stronghold of the White-winged Guan, a cast of Tumbesian endemics and wild Spectacled Bears, an easy flight north of Lima.

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DURATION

3 days / 2 nights (4-day option)

DEPARTURE

Chiclayo airport, any day of the week

ELEVATION

~200–1,400 m

GROUP SIZE

2–6

FROM

\$820

per person

2 pax \$980 · 3+ pax \$820

Two hours inland from Chiclayo, at the foot of the Cerro Chaparrí, lies the finest tract of equatorial dry forest left in Peru. The 34,000-hectare Chaparrí Private Conservation Area — Peru's first community-run reserve, established by the people of Santa Catalina de Chongoyape — protects a bird community found almost nowhere else on Earth: the Tumbesian endemism centre, where the arid Pacific slope meets the Andes.

Chaparrí is best known for two flagships. It holds the largest protected population of the Critically Endangered White-winged Guan — a turkey-sized endemic once thought extinct — and its breeding-and-release program is one of South America's great conservation stories. And on its wilder upper trails roam wild Spectacled Bears, the only bear in South America, alongside a rescue-and-rehabilitation centre for animals recovered from illegal captivity.

TARGET SPECIES

- **White-winged Guan**
- **Rufous Flycatcher**
Elegant Crescentchest
Tumbes Hummingbird
Collared Antshrike
Sulphur-throated Finch
Baird's Flycatcher
Red-masked Parakeet
Apomado Falcon
White-cheeked Pintail
- **White-tailed Jay**
- **Peruvian Plantcutter**
Tumbes Tyrant
Peruvian Pygmy-Owl
Superciliated Wren
- **Cinereous Finch**
Andean Tinamou
Pacific Parrotlet
Peruvian Thick-knee
Comb Duck

· endemic to Peru

DAY BY DAY

Day 1 — Chiclayo to the Chaparrí Reserve

Fly into Chiclayo and meet your guide. We drive around 1.5 hours southeast through Chongoyape into the Chaparrí conservation area, settle into the ecolodge and bird the Enchanted Garden and lodge trails in the soft afternoon light — first Tumbesian specialities: White-tailed Jay, Collared Antshrike, Superciliated Wren and, at dusk, the diminutive Peruvian Pygmy-Owl. Night at Chaparrí Ecolodge.

Day 2 — The White-winged Guan & the dry forest

A full day in the reserve, dawn to dusk. We visit the White-winged Guan breeding program — Chaparrí's conservation flagship — and work the quebradas and thorn scrub for the region's endemics and near-endemics: Rufous Flycatcher, Peruvian Plantcutter, Elegant Crescentchest, Sulphur-throated Finch, Cinereous Finch, Tumbes Tyrant and Tumbes Hummingbird. In the afternoon we call at the Spectacled Bear rescue area, where rehabilitated Andean Bears await release. Night at Chaparrí Ecolodge.

Day 3 — Upper trails, Tinajones & Chiclayo

An early start on the wilder upper trails, where wild Spectacled Bears, Collared Peccary and Andean Tinamou range and raptors ride the first thermals. After a final reserve session we transfer back toward the coast, pausing at the Tinajones Reservoir for waterbirds and migrant shorebirds — grebes, herons, White-cheeked Pintail, Comb Duck and Peruvian Thick-knee — before reaching Chiclayo for your afternoon flight home.

4-day option — Spirit of the Andes & Bosque de Pómac

Prefer more time? A four-day version adds a full day for the strenuous 'Spirit of the Andes' high trek into the remote upper reserve, plus the Bosque de Pómac dry forest with its Sicán pyramids and a further round of Tumbesian birding — including the best Peruvian Plantcutter site anywhere.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- 2 nights at the Chaparrí Ecolodge, inside the reserve
- All meals from Day 1 lunch to Day 3 lunch
- Chaparrí reserve entry, community-guide and conservation fees
- Private ground transport, Chiclayo airport → reserve
- Expert English-speaking bird guide throughout
- Tinajones Reservoir birding stop on Day 3

NOT INCLUDED

- Return flights Lima → Chiclayo (we can book these for you; roughly \$120–180 per person round-trip)
- Travel insurance
- Drinks, gratuities and personal expenses
- The optional 4-day 'Spirit of the Andes' trek extension

Ready to book, or want it tailored?

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