



BIRDWATCHING & PHOTOGRAPHY TOURS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Santa Eulalia Canyon

A desert-to-Andes elevation gradient 90 minutes east of Lima, packed with central-Peru endemics.

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DURATION	DEPARTURE	ELEVATION	GROUP SIZE
Full Day (16 hours)	4:30–5:00 AM from Lima	~800–2,700 m	1–4

FROM

\$275 per person
1 pax \$660 · 2 pax \$365 · 3+ pax \$275

Our Santa Eulalia Canyon tour is a full day in the dry Andean foothills just 90 minutes east of Lima, and one of the most rewarding day trips for central-Peru endemics anywhere near the capital. From the edge of the coastal desert we follow the Santa Eulalia road up the canyon, climbing from around 800 metres to roughly 2,700 metres through a fast-changing mosaic of habitats — river gorge, columnar-cactus slopes, dry riverside woodland and arid montane scrub. Each band of elevation swaps one set of birds for another, and the endemics come thick and fast; it is a long but hugely productive day, run at an easy pace with an expert guide.

The canyon is the classic site for a cluster of Peruvian endemics found almost nowhere else on a Lima day trip. The cactus slopes and rocky gorges hold the smart Great Inca-Finch and the endemic Black-necked Woodpecker, while flowering trees and scrub draw the tiny Bronze-tailed Comet and Black Metaltail — two endemic hummingbirds — alongside Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail, Rufous-breasted Warbling-Finch and, on the arid slopes, Thick-billed Miner and Raimondi's Yellow-Finch. Peruvian Sheartail, Oasis and Amazilia Hummingbirds, Bare-faced Ground Dove and Pacific Pygmy-Owl round out the specialities.

TARGET SPECIES

- Great Inca-Finch
- Black-necked Woodpecker
- Rufous-breasted Warbling-Finch
- Thick-billed Miner
- Peruvian Sheartail
- Andean Condor
- Torrent Duck
- Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle
- Bronze-tailed Comet
- Black Metaltail
- Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail
- Raimondi's Yellow-Finch
- Pacific Pygmy-Owl
- Band-tailed Seed eater
- Peruvian Sierra-Finch

· endemic to Peru

DAY BY DAY

4:30–5:00 AM — Pickup in Lima

We collect you from your hotel before dawn and drive east out of the city, reaching the mouth of the Santa Eulalia canyon in about ninety minutes as the sun comes up. Birding starts almost as soon as the desert gives way to the first green of the valley.

Early morning — the lower canyon

We work the lower canyon — river gorge, riverside woodland and the first cactus slopes — for Great Inca-Finch, Black-necked Woodpecker, Croaking and Bare-faced Ground Doves, Amazilia Hummingbird and Peruvian Sheartail. A boxed breakfast is set up in the field while we bird.

Late morning — the endemic scrub

As we climb, the cactus slopes and arid montane scrub bring the canyon's hummingbird specialities — the endemic Bronze-tailed Comet and Black Metaltail — along with Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail, Rufous-breasted Warbling-Finch, Thick-billed Miner and Raimondi's Yellow-Finch. We bird slowly through the richest stretch of the day.

Midday — river & raptor scanning

We check the Río Santa Eulalia for Torrent Duck on the rapids and scan the thermals and cliffs for raptors — Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Variable Hawk and, at the condor viewpoint, the chance of Andean Condor. We reach the top of the day's route at around 2,700 metres before turning back.

Afternoon — descent & return to Lima

We bird our way back down the canyon, picking up anything we missed on the way up as the light softens on the slopes. We aim to have you back at your Lima hotel by around 4:00–5:00 PM.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- Private transportation from Lima
- Expert guides
- Fully customizable itinerary (half-day extensions, high-elevation add-ons, photography focus)
- Boxed breakfast
- Picnic lunch

NOT INCLUDED

- Dinner
- Accommodation

Ready to book, or want it tailored?

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