



BIRDWATCHING & PHOTOGRAPHY TOURS IN SOUTH AMERICA

9-Day Spatuletail & Owlet

Nine days in the Alto Mayo for the two birds everyone comes north for — Marvelous Spatuletail and Long-whiskered Owlet.

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DURATION

9 days / 8 nights

ROUTE

Tarapoto to Tarapoto,
round trip

DEPARTURE

Fly Lima–Tarapoto
and back

GROUP SIZE

2–6 travellers

FROM

\$4,200 per person

2 pax \$5,200 · 3–4 pax \$4,600 · 5+ pax \$4,200

This is the concentrated version of northern Peru: nine days on the Amazon slope, between Tarapoto and Abra Patricia, where the region's two most wanted birds live within a few hours of each other. The Marvelous Spatuletail displays at the Huembo feeders, the male swinging two iridescent rackets on wires longer than his body. The Long-whiskered Owlet lives in the ridge forest above the Owlet Lodge — a bird described in 1978, placed in a genus of its own, and not seen alive again for thirty years.

TARGET SPECIES

- Marvelous Spatuletail
- Royal Sunangel
- Rusty-tinged Antpitta
- Cinnamon Screech-Owl
- Yellow-scarfed Tanager
- Rufous-crested Coquette
- Masked Duck
- Oilbird
- Blue-rumped Manakin
- Long-whiskered Owlet
- Ochre-fronted Antpitta
- Lulu's Tody-Tyrant
- Bar-winged Wood-Wren
- Koepcke's Hermit
- Golden-tailed Sapphire
- Cinereous Tinamou
- Dotted Tanager
- Andean Cock-of-the-rock

· endemic to Peru

DAY BY DAY

Day 1 — Arrive Tarapoto

You are met at Tarapoto airport. If the flight lands in time we head straight up to the ACONABIKH feeders on the edge of town for a first afternoon of Amazonian hummingbirds and tanagers.

Day 2 — Cordillera Escalera, then Moyobamba

A full morning in the foothill forest above Tarapoto for Dotted Tanager, Blue-rumped and Painted Manakins and the local hummingbirds, with a stop at the Ricuricocha hide, before the drive west to Waqanki.

Day 3 — Waqanki

The hummingbird garden at dawn — Rufous-crested Coquette, Koepcke's Hermit, Golden-tailed Sapphire — then the Masked Duck hide and the Mishquiyaquillo ridge trail for foothill specialities and a chance of Blackish Pewee.

Day 4 — Arena Blanca, up to Abra Patricia

The morning in the Arena Blanca hides, where Little and Cinereous Tinamous and quail-doves walk in to the feeders at a few metres, then the climb into the cloud forest to the Owlet Lodge for four nights.

Day 5 — Abra Patricia

The Owlet Trail and the canopy tower for mixed flocks — Yellow-scarfed and Grass-green Tanagers, Bar-winged Wood-Wren, Rufous-vented Tapaculo — and the first night session for the Long-whiskered Owlet.

Day 6 — Fundo Alto Nieva

The antpitta feeding stations for Ochre-fronted and Rusty-tinged Antpittas at close range, the Royal Sunangel lek in the stunted ridge forest, and Lulu's Tody-Tyrant in the bamboo. A night search for Cinnamon Screech-Owl.

Day 7 — Huembo & the Marvelous Spatuletail

Down the west side to the Huembo reserve, where male Marvelous Spatuletails work the feeders through the morning and display in the scrub behind. Birding the Pomacochas basin on the way back up to Abra Patricia.

Day 8 — Afluentes & down to Moyobamba

A last dawn on the ridge, then the descent through the Afluentes forest for foothill mixed flocks, an Oilbird colony, and the white-sand forest of Morro de Calzada in the afternoon.

Day 9 — Return to Tarapoto

A final morning of birding on the road east, then the transfer to Tarapoto airport for the flight to Lima.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- 8 nights accommodation, including four at the Owlet Lodge
- All meals from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 9
- Specialised bird guide throughout, plus local reserve guides
- Private vehicle and driver
- All reserve entrance fees and feeder-station contributions
- Tarapoto airport transfers
- Our downloadable eBird checklist for every site on the route

NOT INCLUDED

- Lima—Tarapoto flights
- Single supplement (\$520) if you want a room to yourself
- Alcoholic drinks and meals off the set menu
- Travel insurance, personal expenses and tips

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