



Lima Foothills and Santa Eulalia Road – 3D2N

Day 1: This first morning, we will have the chance to choose among two well - known birding destinations around Lima, before heading to the foothills of the Andes where we will focus our efforts to document all possible and unique bird species of this Andean region near Lima. The first part of the morning will work as a bonus to our experience.

If we chose to go north of Lima (65 miles), then we will visit the hilly part of the coastal desert, including the Lomas de Lachay National Reserve and the surrounding valleys in search of certain bird species and specialties like: *Least Seedsnipe*, the endemic *Coastal Miner*, *Fulvous-faced Scrub-Tyrant*, *Peruvian Thick-knee*, *Peruvian Meadowlark*, *Rufescent Flycatcher* among others.

If we chose to go south of Lima (38 miles), then we will visit a wetland on the way and the fishing village of Pucusana located inside a small cove and protected by an island just in front of the town. From here we will take a boat to navigate the waters around the island where we will have close views of some of the *Humboldt current specialties* like *Peruvian Pelican*, *Peruvian Boobie*, *Guanay Cormorant*, *Red-legged Cormorant*, *Blackish Oystercatcher*, *Belcher's Gull*, the endemic *Surf Cinclodes*, *Humboldt Penguins* and the stunning *Inca Terns*.

After achieving our objectives, we will head towards the mountains above Lima - entrance of the Santa Eulalia valley. **Overnight in Santa Eulalia.**



Least Seedsnipe



Inca Tern

The Santa Eulalia Road gives us the opportunity to reach the high mountain located above Lima city. The road goes up through the massive Andean Cordillera offering an impressive landscape and good birding spots. The excursion starts at 840m (2,755 feet) of elevation reaching up to 4,500m (14,700 feet) near the Puna plateau, over a lower pass to begin descending into the east slope foothills.

Day 2: Early departure to the highest spot of the road. This morning, we will drive up to 4,500m in elevation towards the base of the snow-capped where Andean bogs, lakes and Puna grasslands dominated the landscape, here we will focus on the enigmatic and very handsome *Diademed Sandpiper-Plover*. *Olivaceous Thornbill*, *Puna Tinamou*, *Grey-breasted Seedsnipe*, *Giant Coot*, *Black Siskin*, *Glacier Finch*, *Streak-backed Canastero*, *Dark-winged Miner* and the endemics *White-bellied Cinclodes*, *Black-breasted Hillstar* and *Junin Canastero* are other species we hope to find.



Diademed Sandpiper- Plover

Day 3: The third day we will explore the lower part of the valley reaching up to 2,920 m (9,580 feet) looking for some species that are confined to this section. The diversity of habitats and scenery in these first transect of the road creates an astonishing diversity of birds like: *Peruvian Sheartail*, *Peruvian Pygmy-Owl*, *Mountain Parakeets*, *Blue and yellow Tanager*, the endemics *Great Inca-finch*, *Rusty-bellied Brush-finch*, *Rufous-breasted Warbling Finch*, *Bronze-tailed Comet* and *Black-necked Woodpecker* among others potential species like *Canyon Canastero*, *Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail*, *Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant* and with luck *Andean Condor* soaring above the mountains.



Great Inca- Finch

After seeing the key species, we start our journey back to Lima city.

# PAX	1	2	3	4	5	6
Price per pax	2,025	1,350	1,050	966	930	920

Includes: Transportation - private truck/VAN, birding guide, lodging and meals, entrances fees, water.

Not included: Tips and extras

End of services