

## **NORTH PERU ITINERARIES**

### **Tour for OCT-NOV 2023**

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### **MAIN TOUR – TARAPOTO to CHICLAYO - 23 days from 17 October 2023**

#### **Tues 17 October – PUMARINRI**

Arrive Tarapoto Airport from Lima. Transfer by minibus to Pumarinri Amazon Lodge, about a 40 minute journey. Transfers from the airport at any pre-arranged time. Local birding or sightseeing for anyone arriving in daylight.

**o/n Pumarinri**

#### **Wed 18 October – PUMARINRI – trails, boat trip.**

Birding on the slopes of the Huallaga River at c.230 metres altitude. Local trails. Boat trip upriver in the afternoon, chance of Hoatzin & Fasciated Tiger Heron. Spot lighting by the Lodge in the evening for owls (7 species are in the area).

**o/n Pumarinri**

Possible birds: Yellow-rumped Cacique, Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper, Black-fronted Nunbird, Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher, Blue-grey, Palm, Turquoise & Paradise Tanagers, honeycreepers, various parrots, White-winged & White-banded Swallows, Drab Water-Tyrant, Black Phoebe, Chestnut-eared Aracari, Green-backed Trogon, Hoatzin, Ladder-tailed Nightjar, Fasciated Tiger-Heron, Pied Lapwing. Evening: Tropical Screech Owl, Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, Black-banded, Band-bellied & Crested Owls.

#### **Thurs 19 October – PUMARINRI – Pucayaquillo Waterfall &/or Cave Trail**

All day at Pumarinri. Walk trails to Pucayaquillo Waterfall or other nearby trails, good forest birding with chance of antbirds & many tanagers, opportunity to swim in the waterfall pool. Spot lighting around the lodge in the evening.

**o/n Pumarinri**

Possible birds: Peruvian Warbling, Black-faced, Spot-winged and Chestnut-tailed Antbirds, Fiery-capped Manakin, White Hawk, Swallow-tailed Kite, Red-necked & Crimson-crested Woodpeckers, White-browed Purpletuft, White-winged Becard, White-collared Swift, woodcreepers, Fulvous Shrike-tanager, Yellow-crested, Paradise, Turquoise & Opal-crowned Tanagers, Chestnut-eared & Lettered Aracaris. Evening: owls, Pauraque.

#### **Fri 20 October – QUEBRADA UPAQUIHUA & HUALLAGA RIVER**

Leave Pumarinri for the day & drive south to village of Buenos Aires, close to the river. Head north-west from there to some good areas of dry forest at Quebrada Upaquihoa. Lunch at Buenos Aires. Return from Puerto Sangama to Pumarinri by boat, check sand islands for terns, perhaps skimmers, roosting nighthawks & nightjars.

**o/n Pumarinri**

Possible birds: Wattled Jacana, Green Kingfisher, Black-capped Donacobius, Cobalt-winged & Canary-winged Parakeets, Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant, Bluish-fronted Jacamar, Great & Barred Antshrikes, Violaceous Jay, White-browed Antbird, Northern Slaty Antshrike, Chestnut Woodpecker, Blue-crowned Trogon, Mishana Tyrannulet, Lafresnaye's Piculet, Ashy-headed Greenlet, Comb Duck, Pied Lapwing, Sand-coloured Nighthawk, Ladder-tailed Nightjar, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Stripe-chested Antwren.

#### **Sat 21 October – JUAN GUERRA, TARAPOTO**

Leave Pumarinri & drive back in direction of Tarapoto, spend morning at the dry forest at Juan Guerra. Late lunch at Tucan Suites, local birding in the afternoon or relax, tour the town, etc.

**o/n Tucan Suites**

Possible birds: Troupial, Short-crested Flycatcher, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, Blue-crowned Motmot, Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant, Hook-billed Kite, Rufous Casiornis, Chestnut-capped Puffbird, White-browed Antbird, Green Jay, Lettered Aracari, Speckled Chachalaca, Black-throated Mango, Great Antshrike.

#### **Sun 22 October – THE TUNNEL at CERRO ESCALERA**

Day trip north-eastwards from the town to the high forested ridge (c.1,000m) at Cerro Escalera and the 100 metre 'Tunnel'. Cloud forest birding. Hummingbird feeders & trail at Aconabikh on the north side of the ridge, then down to the lowlands on the Yurimaguas road in the afternoon.

#### **o/n Tucan Suites**

Possible birds: White-tipped Swift, Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, Yellow-crested, Yellow-bellied, White-winged & Dotted Tanagers, Short-billed & Purple Honeycreepers, Blue-naped Chlorophonia, Black-faced Dacnis, Lineated & Red-stained Woodpeckers, Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo, White Hawk, Blackish Pewee, Dusky-chested and Cliff Flycatchers, Mishana Tyrannulet, Black Antbird, Channel-billed Toucan, Golden-collared Toucanet, Golden-headed & Blue-crowned Manakins, Koepcke's Hermit, Gould's Jewelfront.

#### **Mon 23 October – TARAPOTO to MOYOBAMBA**

Morning birding at Ricuricocha wetlands near Tarapoto. In the late morning we head west, stopping on route at the Oilbird roost site under Quiscarrumi Bridge, then to Moyobamba for lunch. Savanna birding in the afternoon for Masked Duck, Cinereous-breasted Spinetail, Point-tailed Palmcreeper, etc. Evening spotlighting in Moyobamba for Stygian Owl.

#### **o/n Waqanki Lodge or Hotel Puerto Mirador**

Possible birds: Oilbird, White-eyed Parakeet, Russet-backed Oropendola, Chestnut-bellied Seedfinch, Point-tailed Palmcreeper, Black-billed Seedfinch, Masked Duck, Cinereous-breasted Spinetail, Rusty-backed Antwren, Pale-eyed Blackbird, Huallaga Tanager, Paint-billed Crane, Russet-crowned Crane, Blackish Rail, tanagers including Burnished Buff, Little & Spot-breasted Woodpeckers, Stygian Owl.

#### **Tues 24 October – MOYOBAMBA & WAQANKI**

Morning walk up the very bird-rich forest trail at Mishquiyacu; then up the bamboo tower to view up to 15 species of hummingbirds. Lunch on site, savanna birding in the afternoon. Evening spotlighting for nightjars & Band-bellied Owl.

#### **o/n Waqanki Lodge or Hotel Puerto Mirador**

Possible birds: Sooty-headed & Black-capped Tyrannulets, Chestnut-throated Spinetail, Fiery-throated Fruiteater, Fiery-capped Manakin, Orange-billed Sparrow, Ornate & Foothill Antwrens, Wing-barred Piprites, Ivory-billed Aracari, Varzea Thrush, Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant, Spot-backed & White-plumed Antbirds, Broad-billed Motmot, Lanceolated Monklet, White-necked Jacobin, Rufous-crested Coquette, Sapphire-spangled Emerald, Green & Brown Violetears, Long-billed Starthroat, Golden-tailed Sapphire, Fork-tailed Emerald, Great-billed, Black-throated, Rufous-breasted Hermits, Mishana Tyrannulet, Paradise & Yellow-bellied Tanager, Short-tailed Hawk, Band-bellied Owl.

#### **Wed 25 October – MOYOBAMBA / AGUAS VERDES to ABRA PATRICIA**

Leave & drive west to Reserva Arena Blanca for tinamous & wood-quails at a feeding station & more hummers at feeders. Then we continue to Afluente with roadside stops, and to Owlet Lodge, Abra Patricia for lunch and the next 3 nights. Cloud forest birding. Very different birds at this higher altitude; new hummingbirds & tanagers. Evening walk to look for Long-whiskered Owlet and other night birds.

#### **o/n Owlet Lodge**

Possible birds: Cinereous & Little Tinamou, Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail, Orange-billed Sparrow, Zimmer's Antbird, Wire-crested Thorntail, Reddish & Green Hermits, Blue-fronted Lancebill, Tawny-bellied Hermit, Greenish Puffleg, Cinnamon Flycatcher, Great Thrush, various high altitude tanagers & flowerpiercers, some cloud forest hummingbirds, Long-whiskered Owlet, Common Potoo.

#### **Thurs 26 October – ABRA PATRICIA**

All day at Abra Patricia (2,300 metres), birding the trails and roadside on foot from the lodge in the morning. Listen for & hopefully see antpittas. Late afternoon to evening, spotlighting for Cinnamon Screech Owl.

#### **o/n Owlet Lodge**

Possible birds for next 2 days: Barred Becard, Lulu's Tody-Tyrant, Yellow-breasted Brush-finch, Pearled Tree-runner, Chestnut, Ochre-fronted, Rusty-tinged & Rusty-breasted Antpittas, Long-tailed Antbird, Chestnut-breasted Wren; Grass-Green, Yellow-scarfed, Flame-faced & Silver-backed Tanagers, Green & Black Fruiteater, Sickle-winged Guan, Striped Treehunter, hummingbirds, tanagers etc as yesterday, Chestnut-crested Cotinga, Cinnamon Screech Owl.

#### **Fri 27 October – ABRA PATRICIA**

Another full day at Abra Patricia, birding more trails, targeting species not seen yesterday (perhaps more antpittas, tapaculos, White-faced Nunbird, Crimson-bellied Woodpecker, etc., spotlighting for more night birds & mammals, perhaps Night Monkeys.

## **o/n Owllet Lodge**

### **Sat 28 October – ABRA PATRICIA & afternoon drive to GOCTA**

Abra Patricia morning birding, drive to nearby sites for Royal Sunangel, Bar-winged Wood Wren & Yellow-throated Tanager. Depart mid-afternoon & continue west to Pedro Ruiz. Turn south onto the minor road to Cocochimba and to Gocta Lodge from where we can view Gocta Falls.

#### **o/n Gocta Lodge**

Possible birds: As earlier, White-faced Nunbird, Red-hooded Tanager, Royal Sunangel, Bar-winged Wood-Wren, Equatorial Greytail, White-capped, Yellow-throated & Vermilion Tanagers.

### **Sun 29 October – RIO CHIDO TRAIL & HUEMBO**

Early drive back east to climb the Rio Chido Trail above San Lorenzo for some special rarities including Pale-billed Antpitta. Lunch at the Trout Farm, check for Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant, then on to Huembo for a variety of hummingbirds including Marvellous Spatuletail.

#### **o/n Gocta Lodge**

Possible birds: Pale-billed, Rusty-tinged & Rusty-breasted Antpittas, Maroon-belted & Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrants, Variable Hawk, Rufous-capped Antshrike Smoky Bush-Tyrant, Mountain Velvetbreast, White-capped Tanager, Plain-tailed & Peruvian Wrens, Russet-mantled Soft-tail, Unstreaked tit-Tyrant, Torrent Duck; Marvellous Spatuletail, Chestnut-breasted Coronet, Green & Sparkling Violetears, Bronzy Inca, Green-tailed Trainbearer, White-bellied & Little Woodstars.

### **Mon 30 October – GOCTA FALLS (the low road)**

Walk directly from Lodge to foot of Gocta Falls (c.5.5 kms). Leave just before dawn to avoid too many walkers. Return c.3 pm. Cock-of-the-Rock leks, good for furnarids and tanagers, chance of tapaculos & Black-streaked Puffbird. Evening walk in nearby scrub if time.

#### **o/n Gocta Lodge**

Possible birds: Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, Marañon Thrush, Andean Solitaire, Smoky Brown Woodpecker, White-bellied Hummingbird, Golden-bellied Grosbeak, Hooded Siskin, Golden-rumped Euphonia, Russet-backed & Crested Oropendolas, Olive-backed & Montane Woodcreepers, Black-billed Toucanet, Blackish Tapaculo, Speckle-chested Piculet, Black-streaked Puffbird, Rufous-winged Tyrannulet, Mitred Parakeet, Buff-bellied, Blue-necked, Beryl-spangled & Flame-faced Tanagers, Sparkling & Green Violetears.

### **Tues 31 October – ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE at KUELAP**

Day at Kuelap ruins, an ancient Chachapoyas settlement high above the road, accessed by cable car, with a local expert historical guide, some birding, good for Sword-billed Hummingbird & Streaked Tuftedcheek.

Continue south to Leymebamba,

#### **o/n Casa Mallqui, Leymebamba**

Possible birds: Band-tailed Pigeon, Mountain Caracara, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Rufous-breasted & White-browed Chat-Tyrant, White-banded Tyrannulet, Black-throated Flowerpiercer, Rufous-naped Brush-Finch, Buff-browed Foliage-Gleaner, Red-crested Cotinga, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Shining Sunbeam, other hummingbirds.

### **Wed 1 November – RIO ATUEN VALLEY and LEYMEBAMBA**

Morning up the Rio Atuen valley above Leymebamba, including private forest with hummer feeders. Possible Sword-billed Hummingbird, Golden-headed Quetzal, Andean Condor & Grey-breasted Mountain-Toucan.

Lunch at a café near the Museum of the Mummies, visit to the Museum and evening birding & spotlighting around the Lodge (Koepcke's Screech Owl, Band-winged Nightjar).

#### **o/n Casa Mallqui, Leymebamba**

Possible birds: Andean Condor, Rainbow Starfrontlet, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Booted Racket-tail, Purple-throated Sunangel, Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan, Golden-headed Quetzal, Masked Trogon, Blue-capped & Blue & Yellow Tanagers, Russet-mantled Soft-tail, Fasciated Tiger-Heron, Torrent Duck.

### **Thurs 2 November – ABRA BARRO NEGRO and the UPPER MARANON VALLEY**

Leave Leymebamba for Abra Barro Negro, the high pass rising to 3500 metres, roadside stops in the low elfin forest for high altitude specialities like Moustached Flowerpiercer, Many-striped Canastero, Great Sabrewing and Blue-backed Conebill, then down to Balsas in the hot, dry Marañon valley (possible Buff-bridled Inca Finch), lunch there. Return to Leymebamba in the afternoon / evening.

### **o/n Casa Mallqui, Leymebamba**

Possible birds: Moustached Flowerpiercer, White-chinned Thistletail, Rusty-crowned Tit-Spintail, Tufted Tit-Tyrant, Rufous Antpitta, Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant, Shining Sunbeam, Tyrian & Coppery Metaltails, Great Sapphirewing, Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, Plain-coloured Seedeater, Black-necked Woodpecker, Buff-bridled Inca Finch, Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, Peruvian Pygmy Owl, Bare-faced Ground-Dove, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Aplomado Falcon, Fasciated Wren.

### **Fri 3 November – LEYMEBAMBA to GOCTA**

Return north from Leymebamba via roadside stops, to Gocta. Possible visit to Chachapoyas.

#### **o/n Gocta Lodge**

Possible birds: Torrent Duck; Black-necked Woodpecker, Fasciated Tiger-Heron, Blue-capped and Blue & Yellow Tanagers, Buff-bellied Tanager, hummers.

### **Sat 4 November – GOCTA FALLS (the high road)**

After a short ride up to the village of San Pablo, another walk to the Falls along a higher trail on the other side of the valley. Different set of birds likely, Chestnut-capped Brush-finch, White-eared Solitaire, Rufous-capped Antshrike, Chestnut-crested Cotinga, Rusty-winged Barbtail.

#### **o/n Gocta Lodge**

Possible birds: Yellow-bellied and Black & White Seedeaters, Marañon Thrush, Azara's Spintail, Rufous-capped Antshrike, Chestnut-crested Cotinga, Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, Montane Woodcreeper, White-tipped Swift, Golden-winged & Lulu's Tody-Tyrants, Flavescent Flycatcher, tanagers, Lineated Foliage-gleaner, Rusty-winged Barbtail, White-eared Solitaire.

### **Sun 5 November – DRY FOREST AT BAGUA GRANDE & CORRAL QUEMADO, to JAEN**

Leave Gocta early, birding in drier roadside scrub near the Marañon river, then leaving the highway at Chamaya & turning north to Jaen. Birding in riverside & marsh habitat along Bellavista road in evening.

#### **o/n Hotel El Bosque, Jaen**

Possible birds: Fasciated Tiger-Heron, Savanna Hawk, Short-tailed Field-Tyrant, Little Inca-Finch, Marañon Crescentchest, Long-tailed Mockingbird, Spot-throated Hummingbird, Vermilion Flycatcher, Collared Antshrike, Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, Red-crested Finch, Peruvian Pigeon, Yellow-tailed Oriole, Rufous-fronted Thornbird, Greater Ani, Spotted Rail, Lesser Nighthawk.

### **Mon 6 November – JAEN to TUCUME via ABRA DE PORCULLO**

Birding at Tamborapa, north of Jaen in morning. Return to main highway, travel west. Birding in some high but isolated forest at Abra de Porcullo before descending the drier west side of the Andes to the Pan American Highway.

#### **o/n Horcones de Tucume**

Possible birds: Collared Antshrike, Red-crested Finch, Scarlet-backed Woodpecker, Peruvian Pygmy Owl, Yellow-tailed Oriole, Rufous-fronted Thornbird, Marañon and Chinchipe Spintails; Fasciated Wren, Purple-collared Woodstar, Line-cheeked Spintail, Lesser Goldfinch, Plumbeous-backed Thrush, Amazilia Hummingbird, Peruvian Pygmy Owl, Short-eared Owl, Scrub Nightjar.

### **Tues 7 November – BOSQUE DE POMAC, TUCUME**

Birding at this lowland forest for Peruvian Plantcutter, Baird's & Rufous Flycatchers, Pacific Parrotlet, Streak-headed Woodcreeper, Pileated Finch & more. Visit the Tucume Pyramids and museum in the afternoon.

#### **o/n Horcones de Tucume**

Possible birds: Pacific Parrotlet, Grey & White Tyrannulet, Baird's Flycatcher, Streak-headed Woodcreeper, Peruvian Plantcutter, Tumbes Sparrow, Cinereous Finch, Superciliated Wren, Scarlet-backed and Lineated Woodpeckers, Necklaced Spintail, Cinereous Conebill, Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant.

### **Wed 8 November – PUERTO DE ETEN, CHICLAYO**

Leave early for Chiclayo, explore the coastal area between the city and the ocean including marshes, mudflats, sand dunes, lagoons and the coastal bird colonies on Morro de Eten. Great variety of waders, waterfowl, gulls, terns, Many-coloured Rush-Tyrant, possible Tawny-throated Dotterel, Least Seedsnipe, Guanay & Red-legged Cormorants, even Waved Albatross. To Chiclayo in the afternoon for flights back to Lima. End of tour.

Possible birds: Cinnamon Teal, herons & egrets, Kelp, Grey & Grey-hooded Gulls, Wren-like Rushbird, Many-coloured Rush-Tyrant, Yellowish Pipit, Burrowing Owl, Peruvian Thick-knee, Tawny-throated Dotterel, shorebirds, Coastal Miner,

Peruvian & Blue-footed Boobies, Neotropic, Guanay & Red-legged Cormorants, Waved Albatross, skuas & shearwaters, Inca, Peruvian & Elegant Terns, Harris's & Savanna Hawks.

### **EXTENSION at CHAPARRI LODGE – 4 days from 8 NOV 2023**

A remote hillside lodge on the dry scrub-covered slopes of the west side of the Andes, stone buildings with local art designs, comfortable and full of character. You might see a Spectacled Bear.

#### **Wed 8 November (= Day 23 of main tour) – CHAPARRI**

Leave Chiclayo early afternoon. Transfer to Chaparri Lodge.

##### **o/n Chaparri Lodge**

Possible birds: some of tomorrow's.

#### **Thurs 9 November – CHAPARRI - trails**

All day birding trails around the Lodge – area is extensive hilly dry forest & scrub. Site of captive breeding program for the endangered White-winged Guan. Local guide from the Lodge.

##### **o/n Chaparri Lodge**

Possible birds: White-winged Guan, White-tailed Jay, Tumbes Tyrant, Elegant Crescentchest, Pacific Elaenia, Grey & White Tyrannulet, Baird's Flycatcher, White-edged Oriole, Collared Warbling-Finch, Andean Tinamou, Short-tailed Woodstar, Tumbes Sparrow, Tumbes Hummingbird, Red-masked Parakeet, Pacific Parrotlet, Parrot-billed Seedeater, Cinereous Finch, Short-tailed Field-Tyrant.

#### **Fri 10 November – CHAPARRI and CASUPE trails**

Most of day at higher altitude birding area at Casupe. Various roadside stops for speciality birds including Rufous-necked & Henna-hooded Foliage-Gleaners & Ecuadorian Trogon.

##### **o/n Chaparri Lodge**

Possible birds: as yesterday, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Andean Condor, Rufous-necked & Henna-hooded Foliage-Gleaners, Ecuadorian Trogon, Chapman's Antshrike, Grey & Gold and Three-banded Warblers, Pacific Elaenia, Grey-breasted Flycatcher, Black-cowled Saltator, Snowy-throated Kingbird, Peruvian Sheartail & others.

#### **Sat 11 November – CHAPARRI – CHICLAYO - HOME**

Leave Chaparri for Chiclayo via Laguna Tinajones, to airport for departure to Lima & home.

Possible birds: Short-tailed Field-Tyrant, Cinnamon Teal, Yellow-billed & White-cheeked Pintail, herons & egrets, Wood Stork, Black-faced Ibis, Comb Duck, Andean Coot, Great & Pied-billed Grebes, Andean Gull, shorebirds like Baird's Sandpiper, Collared & Wilson's Plovers; Chestnut-collared Swallow.

#### **APPROX ALTITUDES in metres**

Tarapoto	250
Pumarinri	230
Moyobamba	1000
Abra Patricia	2300
Gocta Lodge	1800
Leymebamba	2300
Abra Barro Negro	3500
Balsas	850
Abra de Porcullo	2150
Chiclayo	30
Chaparri	200
Casupe	1000