

**FLANDERS ECUADOR ADVENTURE  
SAN JORGE ECO-LODGES & BOTANICAL RESERVES - THE MAGIC BIRDING CIRCUIT**

**Visit 3 San Jorge Reserves & Lodges in 3 different eco-systems  
West Andes Highlands, Cloud Forest & Upper Tropical Rainforest**

**A - Tour date: March 16 - 23, 2023 – 7N/8D**

**The Magic Birding Circuit Eco-Tours are all-inclusive, including airport transfers, comfortable lodging accommodations, specialized English-speaking native guides, and inter-lodge private transportation. Added features while at San Jorge's Reserves include delicious Ecuadorian and International cuisine and quality service. This tour is for active people without physical limitation who can walk steadily for 2 – 4 hours in the morning and the afternoon.**

**Day One – Mar 16 – 12:00 pm Noon Group pick up in front of Wyndam Quito Airport Hotel - transfer directly to San Jorge de Tandayapa Hummingbird Sanctuary & Lodge, a 2-hour drive depending on traffic. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight San Jorge/Tandayapa Lodge, includes dinner**

**Day Two – Mar 17 – San Jorge de Tandayapa Hummingbird Sanctuary (Western Andean Cloud Forest) Guided Observation decks, feeders & surroundings of the lodge. After lunch, partake in a 2-hour guided eco-tour on upper trails, gardens, ponds, wild orchids, seasonal butterflies, rare insects, and the *Canopy Islands Bird & Wildlife Photo Observation Decks*. Up to 20 species Hummingbirds; over 450 species birds. Olinguito, Kinkajous, and endemic squirrels at feeders. Set up your tripod while dining at our open-air restaurant with gorgeous cloud forest views. Overnight SJ Tandayapa, includes 3 meals**

**Day Three – Mar 18 – 6:00 am – 8:00 am Moth feeders/hide/bird photography. Morning at leisure. After lunch, guided eco-hike on lower reserve trails, streams and garden pond. Overnight San Jorge Tandayapa Lodge, includes 3 meals**

**Day Four – Mar 19 – early am departure to **Sabastian Valley/Bali feeders** – 2-hour photo shoot at Hummingbird & Tanager feeders - possible Plate-billed Mountain Toucan. Continue to **San Jorge de Milpe Orchid & Bird Reserve** for lunch. (**Western Upper Tropical Rainforest**) Afternoon at leisure After dinner, 1 hour **Night Walk** in search for frogs, exotic insects, possible common Potto, Crested Owl, Barn Owl, Spectacled Owl, Tropical-screech Owl, Rufescent-screech owl, or Cloud-forest Pygmy Owl; Choco Warbler, Oil birds, Kinkajous.**

**Day Five – Mar 20 – San Jorge de Milpe Orchid & Bird Reserve. After breakfast get ready for a 3-hour active eco-hike in the Upper Tropical Rainforest visiting several pristine waterfalls on a network of trails. Enjoy optional swimming in the cascading waterfalls at one of the last preserved and purest forests in the world! The stunning tropical rainforest surrounding the lodge features 8 hiking trails to explore the different features of the reserve, with 11 spring fed waterfalls, crossed by the large Chaguayacu River. Lunch at San Jorge/Milpe. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight San Jorge/Milpe Forest Lodge, includes 3 meals**

**Day Six – Mar 21 – San Jorge de Milpe Orchid & Bird Reserve – Birdwatching, photography and exploring the surroundings of the lodge. Enjoy the main observation decks with two spacious 45' high towers overlooking the canopy. Overnight San Jorge Milpe Forest Lodge, includes 3 meals**

**Day Seven – Mar 22** - 7:30 am breakfast. **9:00 am transfer to San Jorge Eco-Lodge & Botanical Reserve/Quito.** After Lunch, **guided eco-hike around the surroundings of lodge.** Overnight SJ Quito Lodge, includes 3 meals

**Day Eight – Mar 23 – Day of leisure at San Jorge Eco-Lodge & Botanical Reserve/Quito** to explore the gardens, trails and feeders on own. Keep same room until evening airport transfer. Includes 3 meals

**Flanders member Cost: \$2,590.00 USD per person, double occupancy – all inclusive**

**Flanders non-member Cost: \$2,740.00 USD per person, double occupancy – all inclusive**

#### Options:

1. **Mar 23/Day 8 - Solo airport transfer if not traveling with group, Add \$35.00 USD per person, each way** (solo transfers on Day One/Mar 16 are not available)
2. **Upgraded Room at San Jorge Tandayapa Lodge for 3 Nights:** Rustic deluxe room with balcony/patio & best views. Add **\$160.00 USD per person, double occupancy – two queen beds** (subject to availability until booked)
3. **Upgraded Rooms at both San Jorge Milpe Lodge & San Jorge Quito Lodge for 4 Nights:** Rustic deluxe rooms with balcony & best views. Add **\$165.00 USD per person, double occupancy – queen bed** (subject to availability until booked with limited quantity)
4. **Mar 23 - Day 8 – Old Colonial Quito City Tour, Add \$160.00 USD per person** (requires 4 person minimum for tour to operate)

**Payment Terms: 20% deposit to secure reservation; balance due January 5, 2023.**

Payable by check to: **San Jorge Eco-Lodge, LLC**

**Send checks to Michael Audette, 371 Carter Road, Thomaston, CT 0678**

#### Notes:

- The Magic Eco-Tours are moderately paced for active people with no physical limitations
- Photography: San Jorge's Lodges/Reserves offer a variety of great new feeders in open areas. **Flashes may be used at the Hummingbird feeders. Flashes are prohibited for other birds in 'restricted areas and forest trails'**
- **Refer to MAP for reserve locations you will be visiting:** [Magic Birding & Photography Circuit MAP](#)
- Additional services booked after arrival (bar/gift store/extras) are payable USD cash. **Credit cards are not accepted.**
- Wi-Fi Passwords for **SAN JORGE QUITO LODGE: sanjorges**  
**SAN JORGE TANDAYAPA LODGE 0997810094**  
**SAN JORGE MILPE FOREST LODGE sanjorge2021**
- **Meal Choices:**  
**REGULAR FOOD PLAN** (no restrictions)  
**VEGETARIAN FOOD PLAN** (no meat or fish)  
**SPECIAL DIETS – Add \$20.00 USD per person, per day** (Specify dietary restrictions; Vegan, Lactose intolerance, Gluten free, or other special diets)
- Smoking policy: Smoking is prohibited inside rooms, restaurants, observation decks & vehicles.
- Itinerary subject to change due to weather, better birding options, road conditions, or unforeseeable circumstances.

**Travel Insurance & International Health Insurance are mandatory for all visitors entering Ecuador.** During Covid times, it is more important than ever to get travel insurance and check it provides sufficient coverage including losses due to trip cancellation and interruption, travel and baggage delay. **San Jorge will not be responsible for any financial disappointment caused by reasons beyond our control and no refunds or partial refunds will be given for cancellation or no shows due to any reason.**

#### **SAN JORGE CANCELLATION POLICY**

- Tour Cancellation must be sent by written email to Michael Audette/San Jorge Eco-Lodges
- Cancellations prior to January 5, 2023, subject to \$30.00 service fee penalty per person
- Cancellations after January 5, 2023, subject to 100% penalty of total tour cost
- No refunds after arrival

San Jorge Eco-Lodge, LLC and or Hosteria San Jorge and its Suppliers, are not responsible for acts or omissions, or on their own behalf, their failure to provide services or adhere to their own schedules, their failure to pay any refund, or for any personal injury, personal property damage, loss of personal items, or other loss, accident, death, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be caused by any party not under San Jorge Eco-Lodge's control; **including Acts of God, inclement weather, earthquakes, volcanos, acts of civil unrest or military authority, strikes, Covid-19 or health pandemics.** **By accepting this invoice with payment, you hereby agree to release San Jorge Eco-Lodge, LLC and or Hosteria San Jorge from all claims arising out of any problem covered in this paragraph.**

#### **SAN JORGE ECO-LODGES ~ THE MAGIC BIRDING CIRCUIT**

- **Telephone numbers at San Jorge/Quito Lodge:** 011 (5932) 3390 402, or 3390 413, or 3390 403
- **Airport Transfer pick up:** After you pass thru customs and exit the airport door, look for our San Jorge driver holding sign "San Jorge Eco-Lodges". Driver will be wearing a shirt with San Jorge logo.

**Altitudes:** The altitudes vary from 3,000 - 13,200 feet o.s.l. at The Magic Birding Circuit

**Entry requirements:** Original copy of your Covid Vaccination Card, and a valid passport with at least six months remaining before expiration date, is required to enter Ecuador. Visas are not currently required for visitors from the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and Europe. It is the passenger's responsibility to check with local immigration offices or the Ecuadorian consulate prior to traveling to determine if a visa is necessary.

**Time Zone:** Ecuador is in the Eastern time zone (GMT-5 in the mainland). Daylight savings time is not observed.

**Local Currency:** In 2000, Ecuador adopted the US Dollar as their monetary unit.

**Electricity:** 110/AC 60 cycle (same as in the USA)

#### **Suggested Clothing:**

Hat, warm/fleece jacket, sweater, raincoat, rain poncho, hiking boots for all hiking tours, warm sleep ware, plan to layer throughout the day and be able to peel your clothing to coordinate with the temperatures - evenings and mornings are brisk in Quito, warming up throughout the day. Optional water shoes & swimsuit (for Milpe).

Sandals/slippers to wear inside rooms & restaurant in San Jorge/Milpe, San Jorge/Tandayapa & Bird Observatory Tower at San Jorge/Milpe. You will need a headlamp or flashlight, sunscreen, bug repellent

for San Jorge/Milpe, sunglasses, small day pack, refillable water bottle or canteen for your water supply, binoculars. **Bring camouflage clothes or clothes with earth tone colors.**

Carry a small day pack with your personal items in for your arrival to San Jorge de Milpe and San Jorge/Tandayapa Lodges (until suitcases are brought to rooms). San Jorge/Milpe Forest Lodge is a 2-minute walk in. San Jorge/Tandayapa lodge is a 5-minute walk in.

**DO NOT BRING LARGE HUGE EXTRA HEAVY SUITCASES.** Use 2 bags instead of 1 which will be lighter for carrying in.

Remainder of your gear may be left at SJ/Quito lodge until your return from Tandayapa/Milpe. Bring name tag and suitcase lock if you wish to leave excess gear at SJ/Quito lodge.

**BRING RAINCOAT TO ALL RESERVES & TOURS**

#### **BOTTLED WATER AT SAN JORGE ECO-LODGES**

- **1 BOTTLE OF WATER WILL BE PROVIDED IN YOUR ROOM UPON ARRIVAL**
- **PLEASE BRING ALONG A 'REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE' OR 'CANTEEN' TO USE DURING YOUR TOUR OR VISIT. YOU MAY 'REFILL' YOUR WATER BOTTLE AT OUR COMPLIMENTARY FILTERED WATER DISPENSOR AT OUR RESTAURANTS**
- **Do not drink tap water. Use bottled or filtered water**

***'PLEASE HELP US WITH OUR GOAL TO REDUCE USING PLASTICS & TO KEEP ECUADOR 'LITTER FREE'***

**San Jorge Botanical Reserve Quito** – moderate to cold weather climate clothing – 9,870 – 13,200 ft. O.S.L. – High Barren Plains/Highland Rainforest.

**San Jorge de Tandayapa Hummingbird Sanctuary** – moderate climate clothing – 5,800 ft. O.S.L. – Cloud Forest.

**San Jorge de Milpe Eco-Lodge – Orchid & Bird Reserve** – warm weather climate clothing – 3,000 ft. O.S.L. – Upper Foothills Tropical Rainforest