

FLANDERS ECUADOR ADVENTURE
SAN JORGE ECO-LODGES & BOTANICAL RESERVES -- THE MAGIC BIRDING CIRCUIT
Visit 3 San Jorge Reserves & Lodges in 5 different eco-systems
East & West Andes Slope: W. Cloud Forest, E. sub-tropical Cloud Forest, E. sub-tropical
Rainforest, Tropical Amazonian Rainforest & Paramo

B - Tour date: March 16 – 23, 2023 – 7 Nights/8 Days

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 – Journey through the **High Andes Barren Plains/Paramo. Drive the same route as Francisco De Orellana walked when he discovered the Amazon River. We will climb up the Central Andes chain. **Birds and photography, possible Andes Condor**. Stop at a **restaurant in the Paramo for a regional 'trout' lunch**. Continue on to **San Jorge de Guacamayos Bird Paradise**. Overnight NEW San Jorge Guacamayos Lodge includes 3 meals.**

Day Five – Mar 20 - San Jorge de Guacamayos Bird Paradise East Slope Sub Cloud Forest – a six-hundred-acre birder's paradise. Due to its location bordered by Antisana National Park, Sumaco National Park, Napo Galeras National Park and Cayamba Coca National Park, **our subtropical cloud forest reserve is one of the most protected natural areas in Ecuador. Rich in biodiversity it boasts hundreds of bird and butterfly species as well as an assortment of wild orchid and plant species including a large variety of mammals such as spectacled bears, tapirs, pumas, jaguar, deer and Tyra's Morning guided **eco-hike/birds/photography at upper reserve** – trail walking, stunning mountain views. Possible Deep blue-flower Piecer, Golden eared Tanager, Paradise Tanager, Amazon Umbrella Bird, Mani-banded Acari, etc. After lunch guided eco-hike/birds/photography at lower reserve with new birds in lower altitude. Overnight San Jorge de NEW Guacamayos Lodge, includes 3 meals**

Possible birds: Golden-headed Quetzal; Sickle-winged Guan, Streaked Tufted cheek, Tyrannine Woodcreeper, Bat Falcon, Andean Cock of the Rock (m) Rupicola Peruviana, Chestnut-breasted Coronet, Bronze Inca, Lacrimose Mountain Tanager, Orange-breasted Falcon, Orange-breasted Falcon, Green-grass Tanager, Northern-mountain Cacique, Sunbittern, White-tailed Hillstar, Slate-crowned Antpitta, Emerald Toucanet, Berryl-spangled Tanager, Black and Chestnut Eagle, Mountain Velvet breast, and Blue-headed Hummingbird – and many, many more!

Day Six – Mar 21 – Early breakfast and depart for **Hollin feeders**. Possible Many-spotted Hummingbird, Black-throated Mango, Violet-headed Hummingbird, Golden-tailed Sapphire, Wire-crested Thorntail, Goulds Jewelfron, Green Hermit. **Continue on to San Jorge de Sumaco Bajo Bird Sanctuary (Amazonian Tropical Rainforest)**. Overnight NEW San Jorge de Sumaco Bajo Lodge includes 3 meals. After dinner, 1 hour **Night Walk** looking for possible Lizards, Frogs, Insects, Caimans, Night Monkeys and Ocelots

Day Seven – Mar 22 -- **San Jorge de Sumaco Bajo Bird Sanctuary**. Guided Eco-tours a.m. and p.m., Tropical birds, excellent photo options, flora & fauna, exciting photo options - Macaws Boulevard, trails, Manikin Lek; 60-foot-high spacious observation Tower overlooking canopy (optional afternoon river swim). Overnight NEW San Jorge Sumaco Bajo Lodge. Includes: 3 meals

San Jorge de Sumaco Bajo Reserve is a private tropical reserve in Eastern Ecuador situated on 400 acres. It is a magnificent pristine prehistoric forest surrounded by several protected areas including the enormous Sumaco-Galeras National Park. **550 bird species have been inventoried with an amazing collection of wild creatures (caimans, night monkeys, ocelots)** and is in one of the most diverse climate steps in Ecuador. This new reserve offers gorgeous crystal rivers, several streams, and springs, with hills between the flat land thus providing a multitude of options for birdwatching and wildlife photography. Enjoy the 60-foot-tall spacious observation tower on the reserve overlooking the Amazonian canopy.

Possible: Blue headed Parrot, Tawny bellied Owl, Dusky headed Parakeet, Chestnut fronted Macaw, 12 species of Parrots and 4 Macaw species. Orange-backed Trupial, Cream-colored Woodpecker, Aracarís. 8 species of Manakins, possible mammals, monkeys

Day 8 Mar 23 – breakfast, 7:30 am transfer to Coca Airport. **Tour End. (Air ticket purchased on own - Coca Airport to Quito Airport***)**

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

Flanders non-member Cost: \$2,890.00 USD per person, double occupancy – all inclusive

Options: subject to availability until booked

- 1. 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**
- 2. Upgraded Rooms at both San Jorge Guacamayos Lodge & San Jorge Sumaco Bajo Lodge for 4N:** Rustic deluxe rooms with balcony & best views (mountain views SJG & Lagoon views SJSB). Add **\$165.00 USD per person, double occupancy**

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

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

Send check to Michael Audette, 371 Carter Road, Thomaston, CT 06787

Note:

- ***Flight from Coca Airport to Quito Airport approximate cost online: \$173.00 (subject to change until purchased. Non-refundable)**
– each guest must purchase own ticket.
Origin Airport: Francisco de Orellana – Coca Airport
Destination Airport: Mariscal Sucre Intl – Quito Airport
Airline name: **LATAM Airlines**. Book for **March 23, 2023, with Flight schedule: depart Coca 11:10 am; arrive Quito Airport 11:45 am.**

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- The Magic Eco-Tours are moderately paced for active people with no physical limitations
 - Photography: San Jorge's Lodges/Reserves offer a variety of 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 are payable USD cash. **Credit cards are not accepted.**
- Wi-Fi Passwords for **SAN JORGE TANDAYAPA LODGE: 0997810094**
SAN JORGE SUMACO BAJO: iron31assist
- **Malaria preventative is suggested when visiting Amazon regions (Mar 20 – 23)**
- **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 the rooms, restaurants, observation decks & vehicles.
Itinerary subject to change due to weather, road conditions, unforeseeable circumstances, or for better birding sites.
- **Travel Insurance & International Health Insurance are mandatory for** all tour participants 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.**

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- **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:

Bring warm coat, hat and gloves for Papallacta Pass.

San Jorge de Sumaco can have up to 4 different climates in one day, and if sunny will be warm & humid – expect showers, sun, clouds – **bring warm weather clothing & rain gear.**

Sandals/slippers to wear inside rooms & restaurant & observation decks at all lodges, restaurants, observatory towers). Optional water shoes & swimsuit (Sumaco Bajo).

You will need a headlamp or flashlight, sunscreen, bug repellent for San Jorge/Sumaco Bajo, 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 the lodges.

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

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 to each lodge**
- **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 de Tandayapa Hummingbird Sanctuary – moderate climate clothing – 5,800 ft. O.S.L. – Cloud Forest.

San Jorge de Guacamayos Bird Paradise – warm to moderate weather climate clothing – 4,200 ft. – 5,100 ft. O.S.L. Andes East Slope Sub-Tropical Cloud Forest.

San Jorge de Sumaco Bajo Bird Sanctuary – warm weather climate clothing – 1,500 ft. O.S.L. – Tropical Amazon Lowlands

Papallacta Pass – cold weather climate clothing – 13,200 feet O.S.L. – Paramo - High Barren Plains (bring coat, hat & ear protection, gloves, sunblock, sunglasses)

Hollin – warm weather climate clothing - 3,280 Feet O.S.L. High Amazon Rainforest.

Suggestions for Travel Insurance & International Health Insurance for visiting Ecuador:

1. Aardy Insurance

<https://www.aardy.com/blog/category/country-travel-health-insurance/>

Tel: 650-492.6298

2. Allianz Travel Insurance

https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com/?msclkid=91d33b98b9fd12f03a275b84e80e0494&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=www%20allianztravelinsurance%20com&utm_content=&utm_campaign=Brand%20ATI

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