



Colombia 5 Day Rogitama Birding Trip Extension Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: After early-morning flights arrival to Bogotá birding transfer to Rogitama visiting Fuquene Lake on the way

Upon arrival in Bogotá we will board into our transport to head to the Northeast of Bogota to continue with our trip. Depending on the time of arrival we will stop in some of the marshy habitat on the outskirts of Bogotá including the Fuquene Lake in the way to Rogitama where we will be looking for Spot-flanked Gallinule, Least Bittern and the endemic Apolinar's Wren. It is a long journey but quite rewarding since the drive will take us to the charming Villa de Leyva for the night. Villa de Leyva is an interesting old town with cobbled streets and bursting with history. It is a place worthy of exploration for it is one of the most charming towns in Colombia. The town is only a mere hour drive away from Rogitama, our next birding destination.





Day 2: AM birding in Rogitama and late morning drive to Soatá

Rogitama is an environment friendly, farm which is the home of many notable species including Noble Snipe, the endemic Black Inca, the uncommon Lazuline Sabrewing, Green and Sparkling Violet-ear, the nearly endemic Short-tailed Emerald, the rare and local Golden-bellied Starfrontlet, Tyrian Metaltail, Yellow-breasted Brush Finch, the endemic Matorral (Pale-bellied) Tapaculo, Grassland Yellow-finch, Yellow-backed Oriole and Andean Siskin; at times and very sporadically the Mountain Grackle might also show up here. After a rewarding birding in Rogitama we will have a long drive to the town of Soatá for the night.



Day 3: AM birding in Soatá to visit vast expanses of Oak forest and afternoon return to Soatá to explore the dry habitat near the town

Today we will start very early in the morning to drive to big remnant patches of Oak forest above the town of Soatá; explore the forested hills above the village to look for the endemic Mountain Grackle, along with several other species, such as Bronze-tailed Thornbill, Rusty-faced Parrot, Rufous-browed Conebill, Moustached Brush-Finch and Golden-fronted Whitestart. Later on the day we will descend one more time to Soatá to

explore the outskirts and look for the endemic species Chestnut-bellied Hummingbird, Apical Flycatcher and Niceforo's Wren.
Night in Soatá.



Day 4: Early morning birding near Soatá and mid-morning transfer to Zipaquirá

During the early morning we will explore the dry scrub habitat near Soatá in search for any species that might have eluded us the previous day and we will start our long journey back to small town of Zipaquirá.

Day 5: Full day birding at Parque Nacional Natural Chingaza and drive return to Bogotá for the night

Today we will be exploring the Mundo Nuevo private reserve near Parque Nacional Natural Chingaza to look for the endemic Flame-winged Parakeet along with Blue-fronted Starfrontlet, Coppery-bellied Puffleg, Bronze-tailed Thornbill, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, White-chinned Thistletail, Rufous Antpitta, the endemic Matorral (Pale-bellied) Tapaculo, Slaty Brush-Finch, White-capped Tanager and Rufous-browed Conebill. During the late afternoon we will return back to Bogotá for the night.

