

Shiripuno Amazon Lodge Extension

Detailed itinerary



Fiery Topaz

Extension Day 1: Early Morning Birding Pitalala along the Auca Road and Late Morning Transfer to Rio Shiripuno.

During the early hours this morning we will be birding the Pitalala forest along the Auca-Coca Road. This site is only 10 minutes away from the city of Coca and after a short drive we will be looking for some of the bird species commonly seen at this site. A few of these should include: Speckled Chachalaca, Gray-fronted Dove, Gray-breasted Crake, Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, Slender-billed Kite, Green-backed Trogon, Amazonian Trogon, White-necked Puffbird, Pied Puffbird, White-eared Jacamar, Scarlet-crowned Barbet, Chestnut Woodpecker, Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper, Plum-throated Cotinga, Bare-necked Fruitcrow, Olive Oropendola, Orange-backed Troupial, Masked Tanager and others, before we return to the city of Coca.

Upon return to Coca you will meet the Shiripuno staff members and begin the 6 hours vehicle transfer to Shiripuno lodge. You will travel 90 km south to the Yasuni Biosphere Reserve border and into the Waorani Ethnic Reserve. The ground travel transportation time will depend on the number of visitors traveling to Shiripuno. More likely, the approximately 2 and a half hours by road travel will be done on crew-pickup trucks. Once we arrive to the Shiripuno River and the national park entrance check point you will be provided with a convenient box Lunch.

After lunch we'll navigate 65 km downstream in a motorized canoe to reach the Shiripuno Lodge. This river journey will take approximately 4 hours depending on water levels. Along our way along the Shiripuno River we can see up to 5 macaw species, White-throated Toucan, Black-capped Donacobious, Orange-backed Troupial, Common Piping Guan, Magpie Tanager among others.

Extension Days 2, 3, 4 & 5. Four Full Days Shiripuno. Nights Shiripuno.

Shiripuno Lodge has splendid trails for a wonderful number of possibilities, and while the mornings and early afternoons will be spend inside forest along one of the many trails, and the late afternoons will be devoted to explore the river edge. Shiripuno is a wonderful birding location with plenty great opportunities to see rare birds. Some of the bird species you will be looking for are:



Hairy-crested Antbird

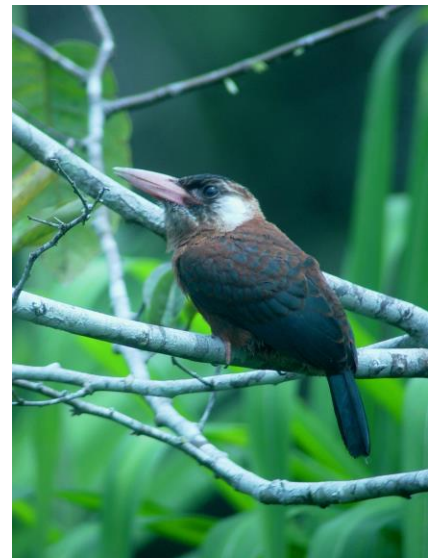
Salvin's and Nocturnal Curassows; Chestnut-headed Crake; Green-and-rufous Kingfisher; Yellow-billed Jacamar; Spotted Puffbird; Yellow-billed Nunbird; Long-billed, Amazonian Barred, and Ocellated Woodcreepers; Red-billed Scythebill; Ruddy Foliage-gleaner; Fulvous, and Pearly Antshrikes; Rufous-tailed, Yasuni, Rio Suno, and Long-winged Antwrens; Yellow-browed, Lunulated, White-plumed, Sooty, Hairy-crested, and Banded Antbirds; the rare Wing-banded Antbird; White-lored, Thrush-like, and Ochre-striped Antpittas; Ash-throated Gnateater; Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher; Ringed Antpipit; Grayish Mourner; Yellow-throated Flycatcher; Cinnamon Neopipo; Striped, Golden-headed, Blue-backed, and White-crowned Manakins; Spangled, and Black-necked Cotingas; Black-tailed Tityra; Yellow-bellied, and Paradise Tanagers; Purple Honeycreeper; Red-crowned Ant-Tanager, and Coraya Wren, to mention some of the more important ones.

Time and weather permitting in the evenings, you can have some short excursions to look for Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl, Black banded Owl; Great, and Rufous Potoos.

One of the star species from Shiripuno is the astonishing Fiery Topaz which at times can be seen peacefully seating along the river edge.

Extension Day 6. AM Birding transfer to Coca. Night Coca.

After an early start you will do some early birding near the lodge before beginning the journey back to the city of Coca. There will be plenty opportunities on the way to look for more commonly seen species: A few of these might be: Undulated Tinamou, Speckled Chachalaca, Short-tailed Swift, Glittering-throated Emerald, Pied Puffbird, White-eared Jacamar, Scarlet-crowned Barbet, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Bare-necked Fruitcrow, and Rufous-bellied Euphonia.



White-eared Jacamar

Extension Day 7. Early Morning Canopy tower and Yasuniland Reserve near Coca, Early PM Flight to Quito, and international flights back home.

After an early start, having breakfast no later than 5:00 AM, we will take a short boat ride to visit the Yasuniland Reserve and its wonderful canopy tower. The reserve is a mere 10 minute boat ride from the city of Coca will allow us to be at the top of viewing tower at the crack of the dawn to look for Speckled Chachalaca, Spix's Guan, Swallow-winged Puffbird, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Dusky-headed Parakeet, Long-billed Woodcreeper, Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher, Purple-throated Fruitcrow, and Orange-backed Troupial. Other species from the reserve include Little Tinamou, Crane Hawk, Great-billed Hermit, Amazonian Motmot, Lemon-throated Barbet, Golden-collared Toucanet, White-shouldered Antshrike, Black-banded Woodcreeper, Cinnamon Attila, Green Oropendola, and Rufous-bellied Euphonia.

At about 10:30 AM the group will go to the Coca airport to take the flight back to Quito.

After arriving in Quito our group will find a supper spot to enjoy a final meal together and review the species found during the day before catching the international flights returning home.