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## ***Full Day Tour – Montevideo***

**Maximum time: 8 hours**

In the West of Montevideo there is a natural reserve integrated in the National System of Protected Areas called Wetlands of Santa Lucía. It covers a relatively large extension of coasts, marshes, rural and suburban areas, native and exotic forests. Another hotspot to visit is an Important Bird Area called Playa Penino that covers 8 kilometers of beaches and marshes along the coasts of the River Plate. This area is very important for migrant species that come from the north and south of the Americas. On this full day tour over **80 bird species** can be seen.



### **Itinerary**

You will be picked up at the agreed time and we will drive for 30 minutes (from Montevideo Port) to the Wetlands of Santa Lucía. After birding here for somewhat more than one hour, we will drive for 20 minutes to a hotspot placed in a rural area close to the beach. We will have the opportunity to stop on the way in a gas station to use the



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restrooms and buy some extra water or snacks. The hotspot has a variety of habitats, among them marshes, grasslands, plowed and cultivated land, and coasts of the River Plate. Once we enter in the area, we will start to watch birds on the sides of the road for about 20 minutes. Finally, we will get to a marsh where we will get off the vehicle and check for birds. A few meters from the marsh there is a picnic area under the shade of trees where we will have lunch. After the picnic we will walk a few meters to have a look at the beach. Next, we will drive back for 20 minutes to Playa Penino to look for shore birds on the beach and water birds in a lagoon. This is the last spot. Once we finish the tour you will be transferred back.

**Bird list:** Neotropic Cormorant, White-tufted Grebe, Great Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Black-necked Swan, Coscoroba Swan, Brazilian Teal, Yellow-billed Teal, Silver Teal, Chiloe Wigeon, Cocoi Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, Whistling Heron, Bare-faced Ibis, White-faced Ibis, Limpkin, Giant Wood-Rail, Plumbeous Rail, Rufous-sided Crake, Spot-flanked Gallinule, Common Gallinule, Red-gartered Coot, Red-fronted Coot, White-winged Coot, Wattled Jacana, Black-necked Stilt, American Oystercatcher, Southern Lapwing, Rufous-chested Dotterel (W), Collared Plover, American Golden Plover (S), Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Hudsonian Godwit, White-rumped Sandpiper, Kelp Gull, Olrog's Gull (W), Brown-hooded Gull, Yellow-billed Tern, Common Tern, Snowy-crowned Tern, Royal Tern, Black Skimmer, Osprey (S), Ringed Kingfisher, Amazon Kingfisher, Glittering-bellied Emerald, White-throated Hummingbird, Gilded Hummingbird, Wren-like Rushbird, Sulphur-throated Spinetail, Spixi's Spinetail, Stripe-crowned Spinetail, Rufous Hornero, Rufous-capped Antshrike, Sooty Tyrannulet, Bran-colored Flycatcher (S), Spectacled Tyrant, Austral Negrito (W), Gray Monjita, White Monjita, White-rumped Swallow, Masked Gnatcatcher, White-banded Mockingbird (W), Black-and-Rufous Warbling-Finch, Long-tailed Reed-Finch, Grassland Yellow-Finch, Great Pampa-Finch, Masked Yellowthroat (S), Double-collared Seedeater, Dark-throated Seedeater, Rufous-rumped Seedeater, Yellow-winged Blackbird, Brown-and-Yellow Marshbird, Campo Flicker, Green-barred Woodpecker, White Woodpecker, White-spotted Woodpecker, Snail Kite (S), American Kestrel, Roadside Hawk, Harris's Hawk, Southern Caracara, Chimango Caracara, Monk Parakeet, Dark-billed Cuckoo, Guira Cuckoo, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Small-billed Elaenia, Southern-beardless Tyrannulet, White-crested Tyrannulet, Swainson's Flycatcher, Vermilion Flycatcher, Great Kiskadee, Streaked Flycatcher, Cattle Tyrant, Tropical Kingbird, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Red-eyed Vireo, Gray-breasted Martin, Brown-chested Martin, Blue-and-

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White Swallow, Creamy-bellied Thrush, Rufous-bellied Thrush, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, Red-crested Cardinal, Saffron Finch, Rufous-collared Sparrow, Tropical Parula, Variable Oriole, Shiny Cowbird, Hooded Siskin, European Goldfinch, European Greenfinch and many others.

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### ***Full Day Tour – Punta del Este***

**Maximum time: 8 hours**

The area around Punta del Este is very rich in terms of birds. Many different environments come together in a small area like marshes, lagoons, rivers, exotic and native woods. Very close to the city is the Maldonado River surrounded by marshes where many bird species occur, particularly migrant Terns. A few kilometers to the east the José Ignacio Lagoon is found, where the Chilean Flamingo can be seen. Another hotspot is Laguna del Diario, a lagoon where dozens a water birds occur. On this full day tour over **80 bird species** can be seen.





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## Itinerary

You will be picked up at the agreed time and we will drive for 10 minutes (from Punta del Este Port) to Laguna del Diario. After birding for around 1 hour, we will drive for 20 minutes to the Wetlands of Maldonado Natural Reserve. We will bird along marshes and the shores of the Maldonado River for 2 to 3 hours and by midday we will have a picnic lunch at the Native Park, a park of native trees close to the wetlands and with restrooms. Afterwards, we will drive for 20 minutes to the José Ignacio Lagoon where we will spend 1 hour birding. After finishing the tour, you will be transfer back to the port. The average time for birding in each place is 2 hours.

**Laguna del diario** is a small lagoon of 4 hectares nearby the city of Punta del Este and 50 meters from the beach. The aquatic vegetation provides a proper environment where many birds can find their food and a place to nest.

**Native Park** is a municipal park with native trees which brings on many colorful birds of the Thraupidae Family (Diademed Tanager, Blue-and-yellow Tanager, Chestnut-backed Tanager, Sayaca Tanager).

**Wetlands of Maldonado** are an Important Bird Area (IBA-BirdLife International) crucial for many migrant bird species that come in winter and summer. The coasts of the river bring on many Tern species (Royal Tern, Common Tern, Yellow-billed Tern, Snowy-crowned Tern) and a large population of the Olrog's Gull in winter.

**José Ignacio Lagoon** is an Important Bird Area (IBA-BirdLife International) of 3,250 hectares. A big population of Chilean Flamingo occurs here. Some days, more than 500 individuals can be counted. Also, many Tern species are present and so is Olrog's Gull in winter.

**Bird list:** Glittering-bellied Emerald, White-throated Hummingbird, Gilded Hummingbird, Campo Flicker, Green-barred Woodpecker, White Woodpecker, White-spotted Woodpecker, Gray-necked Wood-Rail, Giant Wood-Rail, Southern Lapwing, Roadside Hawk, Harris's Hawk, Southern Caracara, Chimango Caracara, Monk Parakeet, Dark-billed Cuckoo, Guira Cuckoo, Rufous Hornero, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Small-billed Elaenia, Southern-beardless Tyrannulet, White-crested Tyrannulet, Swainson's Flycatcher, Vermilion Flycatcher, Great Kiskadee, Streaked Flycatcher, Cattle Tyrant, Tropical Kingbird, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Red-eyed Vireo, Gray-breasted Martin, Brown-chested Martin, Blue-and-White Swallow, Creamy-bellied Thrush, Rufous-bellied Thrush, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, Red-crested Cardinal, Saffron Finch, Rufous-collared Sparrow, Tropical Parula, Variable Oriole, Shiny Cowbird, Hooded Siskin, Neotropic Cormorant, White-tufted Grebe, Great Grebe, Black-necked Swan, Brazilian Teal, Yellow-billed Teal, Silver Teal, Cocoi Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, Whistling Heron, Bare-faced Ibis, Plumbeous Ibis, Limpkin, Plumbeous Rail, Rufous-sided

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Crake, Common Gallinule, Red-gartered Coot, Red-fronted Coot, White-winged Coot, Wattled Jacana, Black-necked Stilt, American Oystercatcher, Southern Lapwing, Rufous-chested Dotterel (W), Collared Plover, American Golden Plover (S), Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Hudsonian Godwit, White-rumped Sandpiper, Kelp Gull, Olrog's Gull (W), Brown-hooded Gull, Yellow-billed Tern, Common Tern, Snowy-crowned Tern, Royal Tern, Black Skimmer, Osprey (S), Snail Kite, American Kestrel, Ringed Kingfisher, Wren-like Rushbird, Sulphur-throated Spinetail, Spixi's Spinetail, Stripe-crowned Spinetail, Rufous-capped Antshrike, Sooty Tyrannulet, Bran-colored Flycatcher (S), Spectacled Tyrant, Austral Negrito (W), Gray Monjita, White Monjita, White-rumped Swallow, Masked Gnatcatcher, White-banded Mockingbird (W), Black-and-Rufous Warbling-Finch, Long-tailed Reed-Finch, Grassland Yellow-Finch, Great Pampa-Finch, Masked Yellowthroat, Yellow-winged Blackbird, Brown-and-Yellow Marshbird and many others. \*(W): Austral Winter, (S): Austral Summer.

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### ***Full Day Tour – East Range of Hills***

**Maximum time: 8 hours**

Just 2 hours away from Montevideo, to Villa Serrana, a hilly area in the east of the country. The place is characterized by beautiful landscapes of a range of hills, valleys, woods and marshes. This is a quiet and nice place to spend the day birding. **Dusky-legged Guan, Chestnut-backed Tanager, Diademed Tanager, Blue-and-yellow Tanager, Glaucous-blue Grosbeak, Many-colored Rush-Tyrant and Yellow-browed Tyrant** are some of the special birds that appear here.



### Itinerary

You will be picked up at the agreed time and place (Montevideo, Ciudad de la Costa or Punta del Este) and we will drive for 2 hours. Once we arrive to the valleys, we will bird in the marshes and the woods until lunch time. We will have a picnic sitting at the table under the native trees, right in front of the marshes. Close to the picnic area there are some restrooms. After the picnic, we will drive for 30 minutes to a waterfall surrounded by native woods. We will spend 1 hour birding here and next, we will drive back to the valleys. Once back at Villa Serrana, we will have a walk through the woods and close to sunset, we will go back to the marshes to see the birds arriving from the fields to sleep. Finally, we will drive to the agreed place.

**Bird list:** Spotted Nothura, Dusky-legged Guan, Pied-billed Grebe, White-tufted Grebe, Southern Screamer, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Cocoi Heron, Striated Heron, Whistling Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Bare-faced Ibis, White-faced Ibis, Limpkin, Gray-cowled Wood-Rail, Giant Wood-Rail, Coscoroba Swan, White-winged Coot, Red-fronted Coot, Common Gallinule, Plumbeous Rail, Rufous-sided Crake, Southern Caracara, Chimango Caracara, American Kestrel, Roadside Hawk, Long-winged Harrier, White-tailed Hawk, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, Brazilian



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Teal, Yellow-billed Teal, Yellow-billed Pintail, Wattled Jacana, American Golden-Plover (S), Southern Lapwing, White Woodpecker, White-spotted Woodpecker, Green-barred Woodpecker, Campo Flicker, Guira Cuckoo, Squirrel Cuckoo, Striped Cuckoo (S), Ash-colored Cuckoo (S), Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Rufous Hornero, Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner, Sulphur-bearded Reedhaunter, Stripe-crowned Spinetail, Spix's Spinetail, Wren-like Rushbird, Rufous-capped Antshrike, Variable Antshrike, White-winged Becard (S), White Monjita, Gray Monjita, Spectacled Tyrant, White-crested Tyrannulet, Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet, Many-colored Rush-Tyrant, Masked Yellowthroat (S), Austral Negrito (W), Vermilion Flycatcher (S), Fork-tailed Flycatcher (S), Small-billed Elaenia (S), Chalk-browed Mockingbird, White-banded Mockingbird (W), Rufous-bellied Thrush, Creamy-bellied Thrush, White-collared Thrush, Brown-chested Martin (S), Gray-breasted Martin (S), Blue-and-white Swallow, White-rumped Swallow, Southern Rough-winged Swallow (S), Masked Gnatcatcher, White-browed Warbler, Golden-crowned Warbler, Tropical Parula, Great Pampa-Finch, Black-and-rufous Warbling-Finch, Gray-throated Warbling-Finch, Red-eyed Vireo (S), Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Diademed Tanager, Sayaca Tanager, Blue-and-yellow Tanager, Chestnut-backed Tanager, Hepatic Tanager, Fawn-breasted Tanager, Glaucous-blue Grosbeak, Yellowish Pipit, Grassland Yellow-Finch, Saffron Finch, Grassland Sparrow, Double-collared Seedeater, Rusty-collared Seedeater, Hooded Siskin, Shiny Cowbird, Screaming Cowbird, Grayish Baywing, Variable Oriole, Yellow-winged Blackbird, Brown-and-yellow Marshbird.

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### ***Full Day Tour - Colonia***

**Maximum time: 8 hours**

Colonia is a place you cannot miss if you visit Uruguay. This is a small colonial city, in the west of the country. It is one of the oldest cities in the national territory and declared as UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was founded by the Portuguese in 1680 but taken by the Spaniards several times. The unique mixture of Portuguese style with Spanish and post-colonial styles can be appreciated in the architecture and colors of the houses, cobblestone streets, lanterns and squares in the old city. Colonia also has green spaces that are interesting for birdwatching, such as marshes, native woods and coasts of the River Plate. On this full day **over 80 species** can be seen.



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### Itinerary

The pick-up place for this itinerary is anywhere in the city of Colonia. In case you are staying somewhere else in the country, like in Montevideo, the itinerary can be adjusted adding the time spent driving. From the previously agreed location in Colonia, we will drive for a few minutes to the first birding spot, right in the edge of the old quarters where there is a park right in front of the shores of the River Plate. After one hour birding, we will drive for 10 minutes to a marsh in the coast. Birding here will take around an hour and then we continue driving along the Rambla of Colonia, the road by the coast of the river, up to an area of native shrubs where we will look for passerines and water birds. Afterwards, we will drive for 20 minutes to the last birding spot, out of the surroundings of Colonia. A few kilometers to the east of the city lies the Park of the Riachuelo Yacht Port. Once we get there, we will have a picnic sitting at a table under

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the shade of native woods. Apart from benches and tables, this park has restrooms. After the picnic we will walk along the woods. Finally, we will drive back to Colonia.

#### **Bird list:**

Red-winged Tinamou, Spotted Nothura, Southern Screamer, White-faced Whistling-Duck, Black-necked Swan, Coscoroba Swan, Ringed Teal, Brazilian Teal, Silver Teal, Red Shoveler, Chiloe Wigeon, Yellow-billed Pintail, Yellow-billed Teal, Rosy-billed Pochard, Masked Duck, White-tufted Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Great Grebe, Rock Pigeon, Picazuro Pigeon, Spot-winged Pigeon, Picui Ground Dove, White-tipped Dove, Eared Dove, Guira Cuckoo, Striped Cuckoo (S), Dark-billed Cuckoo (S), Scissor-tailed Nightjar (S), Nacunda Nighthawk, Glittering-bellied Emerald, White-throated Hummingbird, Gilded Hummingbird, Plumbeous Rail, Giant Wood-Rail, Gray-cowled Wood-Rail, Spot-flanked Gallinule, Common Gallinule, Red-fronted Coot, Red-gartered Coot, White-winged Coot, Rufous-sided Crake, Limpkin, Black-necked Stilt, Southern Lapwing, Collared Plover, Wattled Jacana, White-rumped Sandpiper, South American Snipe, Solitary Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Brown-hooded Gull, Kelp Gull, Snowy-crowned Tern, Royal Tern, Maguari Stork, Wood Stork, Neotropic Cormorant, Rufescent Tiger-Heron, Cooi Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, Striated Heron (S), Whistling Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, White-faced Ibis, Bare-faced Ibis, Plumbeous Ibis, Roseate Spoonbill, Turkey Vulture, White-tailed Kite, Snail Kite, Long-winged Harrier, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Crane Hawk, Roadside Hawk, Harris's Hawk, White-tailed Hawk, Swainson's Hawk (S), Burrowing Owl, Ringed Kingfisher, Amazon Kingfisher, Green Kingfisher, White Woodpecker, White-spotted Woodpecker, Checkered Woodpecker, Green-barred Woodpecker, Campo Flicker, White-barred Piculet, Southern Caracara, Chimango Caracara, American Kestrel, Aplomado Falcon, Peregrine Falcon, Monk Parakeet, Rufous-capped Antshrike, Variable Antshrike, Scimitar-billed Woodcreeper, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Rufous Hornero, Wren-like Rushbird, Curve-billed Reedhaunter, Buff-winged Cinclodes, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner, Tufted Tit-Spinetail, Freckle-breasted Thornbird, Firewood-gatherer, Sulphur-bearded Reedhaunter, Short-billed Canastero, Stripe-crowned Spinetail, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Chotoy Spinetail, Spix's Spinetail, Sooty-fronted Spinetail, White-winged Becard, Many-colored Rush Tyrant, Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet, Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet, Warbling Doradito, Small-billed Elaenia, Sooty Tyrannulet, White-crested Tyrannulet, Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant, Bran-colored Flycatcher (S), Vermilion Flycatcher (S), Austral Negrito (W), Blue-billed Black-Tyrant, Spectacled Tyrant, Yellow-browed Tyrant, Gray Monjita, White Monjita, Black-backed Water-Tyrant, Swainson's Flycatcher (S), Cattle Tyrant, Streaked Flycatcher (S), Great Kiskadee, Tropical Kingbird (S), Fork-tailed Flycatcher (S), Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Chivi Vireo (S), Blue-and-white Swallow, Southern Rough-winged Swallow (S), Gray-breasted Martin (S), Southern Martin (S), Brown-chested Martin (S), White-rumped Swallow, Barn Swallow, Masked

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Gnatcatcher, House Wren, European Starling, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, White-banded Mockingbird, Rufous-bellied Thrush, Creamy-bellied Thrush, House Sparrow, Short-billed Pipit, Correndera Pipit, Hooded Siskin, Grassland Sparrow, Rufous-collared Sparrow, White-browed Meadowlark, Variable Oriole, Screaming Cowbird, Shiny Cowbird, Grayish Baywing, Yellow-winged Blackbird, Chestnut-capped Blackbird, Brown-and-yellow Marshbird, Masked Yellowthroat (S), Tropical Parula, Golden-crowned Warbler, Hepatic Tanager, Glaucous-blue Grosbeak (S), Red-crested Cardinal, Gray-throated Warbling-Finch, Black-capped Warbling-Finch, Diademed Tanager, Fawn-breasted Tanager, Blue-and-yellow Tanager, Sayaca Tanager, Long-tailed Reed Finch, Black-and-rufous Warbling-Finch, Saffron Finch, Grassland Yellow-Finch, Great Pampa-Finch, Double-collared Seedeater.

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