



Mediterranean Chile

Birding The Andes Mountaintops To The Pacific Coast

RATES: Please inquire
Meet / Depart: Santiago, Chile

TRIP ITINERARY

- Day 1 • Farellones – Yerba Loca Nature Reserve
- Day 2 • El Yeso reservoir
- Day 3 • La Campana National Park
- Day 4 • El Peral Nature Reserve



The Central region of Chile is truly a mosaic of contrasting habitats and is also home for the majority of the endemic bird species of the country. On this journey we will explore mountain bogs and streams looking for the stunning and local Diademed Sandpiper-Plover, amid the fantastic scenery of the Andes. A wonderful array of other high-altitude bird specialties, from the tiny White-sided Hillstar to the majestic Andean Condor, together with comic Moustached Turca and the restless Crag Chilia will be possible to observe on this part of our trip. At lower elevation, in the central valley, famous by the quality of its wine, we will look for the secretive Chilean Tinamou and the ubiquitous Chilean Mockingbird. Breaking the fertile agricultural plains, the Coastal Range stands out, and offers shelter to some of the last broad-leaf forests of Chile and its exceptionally rich and diverse flora. At La Campana National Park we will look for skulking White-throated and Dusky Tapaculos, while the Giant Hummingbird actively feeds on the bromeliad flowers, growing on the xeric hills. Finally we will explore the Pacific coast, which will be very productive. Another endemic lives on its rocky shores, the Chilean Seaside Cinclodes, the most maritime of the passerines. We will be delighted to see Inca Terns and Humboldt Penguins among several other specialties of this cold-water coast.

Photos: Many-colored Rush-Tyrant; Mountain Caracara; White-throated Tapaculo; Chileo Wigeon and Chilean Tinamou.

