**BIRDWATCHING ON MY WAY – ALL INCLUDED**

**ENCINO, THE BIRD-LOVING VILLAGE OF SANTANDER: 2 DAYS**

Discover Encino, Santander's birdwatching village, and its great diversity of birds and natural landscapes. More than 250 species of birds can be spotted, including endemic species such as the Santander partridge, the multicolored parrot, the mountain cocha, and the black Inca hummingbird, along birdwatching routes ranging from 1,800 to 3,800 meters above sea level.

During the tours, you can enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the Russia moorland complex, oak forests, remnants of ancient trails, the La Variante adventure circuit, and La Cueva de los Pichones cave.

**Suggested itinerary**

Arrival in town. (Night 1)

5:00 –7:00 p.m. Welcome reception in the town's main park and accommodation in a furnished apartment. Dinner for two**.**

**Day 1: Birdwatching towards Laguna Grande – La Rusia páramo complex**

**(Páramo del Consuelo sector)**

• 5:30 a.m.: Coffee and departure

• 7:00 a.m.: Arrival at the trailhead. Breakfast in the páramo.

• 7:30 a.m.: Start of the hike to Laguna Grande

• 10:30 a.m.: Snack at Laguna Grande

• 11:00 a.m.: Return from the lagoon to the village

• 1:30 p.m.: Traditional lunch

• 3:00 pm: Alto de la Cabuya route – Hiking and sightseeing or horseback riding (this has a separate cost)

• 5:00 pm: Return to the village – snack

• 7:00 pm: Dinner – accommodation (2 nights)

**Day 2: La Esmeralda Birdwatching and Adventure Circuit – La Variante – AICA PARK**

* 6:00 am: Coffee and departure
* 6:30 am: Start of the tour along the Ancestral Reserva la Esmeralda trail to the Alto de la Cabuya viewpoint

• 8:30 am: Breakfast at the Alto de la Cabuya viewpoint

• 9:00 am: Return to La Variante bridge and tour along the trail below the rock

• 10:30 am: Rappelling. Descent on rock.

• 11:00 am: Snack at the Guacha River Canyon viewpoint picnic area

• 12:00 pm: Tour of Cueva de los Pichones (Cave of the Chicks)

• 1:30 pm: Lunch

• 3:00 pm: Check out

**PLAN INCLUDES**

* 2 nights' accommodation in a furnished apartment with Wi-Fi, sleeping up to 4 people

• Meals (2 dinners, coffee, 2 picnic breakfasts in the mountains, 2 lunches, and 4 snacks/hydration)

* Transportation in a 4x4 truck from the village to the sighting/hiking sites

• Local birdwatching guide

• Binoculars loan – Colombian bird guide

• Adventure circuit (Aica Park trail, 50 m rappel descent and Pichones cave)

• Entrance to La Esmeralda Reserve

• Medical assistance insurance for 2 days

• Photography service

**IMPORTANT:**

* Clothing for mild to cold weather (jacket, hat, or cap)

• Raincoat (there may be rainy afternoons)

• Hiking bootsBloqueador Solar

* Water container
* Lightweight backpack for hiking.

**PLAN PRICE:**

All-inclusive plan for 2 people, 2 days, 2 nights

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| PRICE |
| Plan Price per person  | **All-inclusive price per person** |
| 1 person | **$623** |
| 2 people | **$507** |
| 3 people | **$467** |
| 4 people | **$448** |

*\*Vigentes hasta el 31 de diciembre del año 2025 (Valor en pesos colombianos).*

**OTHER ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

Horseback riding to Puente Real – Naples or Cabuya Alta – San Benito circuit: $120,000 per person, with a duration of two hours.

**LOCAL OPERATION**

AICA PARK S.A.S

LOCAL GUIDES: ANDRES JULIAN RIVERA – JOSE GABRIEL GIRATÁ PICO

COMMISSIONS FOR TRAVEL AGENCIES: 15% of the total cost of the plan**.**