

Become an Amazon Conservation Partner!

By staying at Wayqecha, Villa Carmen, and Los Amigos, you become a partner in conservation; your stay with us directly supports our work protecting bird habitat, tracking deforestation threats, promoting sustainable livelihoods, training future conservationists, and more. With help from people like you, we have protected over 2.2 million acres of Amazon forest!

Our recently renovated birding lodges are nested within the Wayqecha, Villa Carmen, and Los Amigos biological stations. Protecting over 10,000 acres of habitat, these stations serve as bases for ACA's on-the-ground research and conservation efforts in this world-renowned biodiversity hotspot. Owned and operated by our Peruvian sister organization, Conservación Amazónica—ACCA, the stations offer access to over 50 miles of trails, rivers, and waterfalls plus rich, unspoiled habitat. During your stay, you may cross paths with professors or students who can share their research on primate behavior, climate change, rare butterflies, amphibian conservation, or sustainable agriculture. Come see our conservation work in action!



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Peru BIRDING LODGES

WAYQECHA

VILLA CARMEN

LOS AMIGOS



Your Gateway
to Manu Road,
Machu Picchu,
and Beyond

We invite you to experience

The Andes-to-Amazon Birding Route

Where the Andes Mountains meet the Amazon rainforest in Peru, the Earth's richest biological communities thrive. Millions of acres of forest harbor ~15% of all bird and butterfly species on the planet, as well as top predators such as harpy eagles, giant otters, black caiman, and jaguars. Our newly renovated conservation birding lodges, situated along the eastern border of Manu National Park, offer comfortable accommodations, great food, knowledgeable and friendly staff, proximity to Machu Picchu and indigenous communities, and 840+ bird species, including numerous endemics. Traveling between lodges, you will traverse 9,000 ft of jaw-dropping elevation and experience one of the best birding destinations in the world.



“Manu Road is justly famed for the extraordinary birding it affords. The best way to experience it—and to support an organization doing critical conservation work in the area—is to visit Amazon Conservation’s research stations along the way.”

—Jonathan Franzen,
bestselling author

Masked Flowerpiercer photo by Glenn Bartley



The best time to visit our lodges is May - September. Guided tours available.

Wayqecha Cloud Forest Biological Station



Andean Cloud Forest
Elevation: 6,500 to 9,875 ft. above sea level

Reach Wayqecha from Cusco via a spectacular drive through the Andean highlands. This is one of the world’s best sites to explore the lush cloud forest ecosystem bordering Manu National Park. A constant supply of moisture supports a remarkable diversity of plants, which in turn supports thriving populations of birds, amphibians, orchids, and mammals. Here guests can explore 9 trail-miles, classic elfin forest, our world-class canopy walkway, and a tanager paradise that includes **Grass-green** and **Golden-collared**. Also look for high-elevation species like **Grey-breasted Mountain-Toucan**, **Red-and-white Antpitta**, **Puna Thistletail**, **Marcapata Spinetail**, **Rufous-capped Thornbill**, and others.



Wayqecha Birding Lodges

Villa Carmen Biological Station



Andean Foothills
Elevation: 1,700 to 3,940 ft. above sea level

Further down Manu Road is Villa Carmen, nestled in the buffer zone of Manu National Park. This 7,600-acre property contains 22 miles of trails that span old-growth rainforest, lower montane forest, secondary forest, bamboo, rivers and waterfalls. Be on the lookout for bamboo specialists including the **Bamboo Antshrike**, **Manu Antbird**, **Red-billed Scythebill**, **Grey-cheeked Nunlet** and **Flammulated Bamboo Tyrant**. Transitional forests along the trail offer you the chance to see species like **Goeldi’s Antbird**, **Pygmy Antwren**, **Chestnut-capped Puffbird**, and **Cabani’s Spinetail**. We can also help you plan excursions to neighboring indigenous communities.



Villa Carmen Birding Lodges

Los Amigos Biological Station



Lowland Amazonian Forest
Elevation: 760 to 890 ft. above sea level

Guests rave about the biodiversity at Los Amigos, which together with our neighboring conservation concession buffers millions of acres of protected wilderness in southeastern Peru. You can reach this remote outpost via a two-day boat ride from Villa Carmen, or via ground and river from Puerto Maldonado. The landscape is a watery mosaic of palm swamps, bamboo thickets, oxbow lakes, and flooded and non-flooded forests. Wildlife is abundant, including 550 bird species, 13 primate species, and 12 globally threatened species. Amazonian fauna such as giant otters, spider monkeys and jaguars abound. Look for species such as **Pavonine Quetzal**, **Lemon-throated Barbet**, **Yellow-billed Nunbird**, **Rufous-fronted Antthrush**, and **Pale-winged Trumpeter**.



Los Amigos Birding Lodges