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### **PROPOSALS FOR BIRD-WATCHING TOURS AROUND IGUAZU.**

In Argentina, don't miss the chance for an unforgettable birding tour around the Iguazu Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. While you're awed by the 250 cascading waterfalls, there's a fantastic bonus—it's also one of the best birding spots in the country!

Based in Puerto Iguazu, we offer guided birdwatching tours through the lush Atlantic Rainforest surrounding the iconic Iguazu Falls. This region is Argentina's most biodiverse, home to rare and endemic species, making it a truly unique birding experience.

With over 420 recorded bird species, Iguazu National Park boasts the highest bird diversity of any protected area in Argentina, so get ready for a busy day of birdwatching. Near the park entrance, you may spot Toco Toucans, Blue-winged Parrotlets and Chopi Blackbirds, while seasonal migrants like Plumbeous Kites, Swallow-tailed Kites, and Piratic Flycatcher add excitement. As we venture deeper into the forest, the birding intensifies, with the chance to see Swallow-tailed and White-bearded Manakins, Streak-capped and Rufous-winged Antwrens, Blond-crested Woodpeckers, Rufous-capped Motmot and The Atlantic Black-throated Trogon along the Macuco Trail.

We'll also be on the lookout for rarities such as the Spot-billed Toucanet, Violaceous Ground Dove, and Black-fronted Piping Guan. Around the Devil's Throat, we may encounter Social Flycatchers, White-winged Swallows, the rare Black-backed Water Tyrant and impressive flocks of Great Dusky Swifts swirling above the falls. Prepare for a thrilling day of birdwatching in one of the most beautiful and bird-rich locations in Argentina!

## A1: Half-Day Birding Tour in Iguazu National Park.

This tour is a perfect introduction to Argentina's Atlantic Forest, offering the best way to experience the region if it's your first-time visiting Argentina. We begin our adventure in the world-famous Iguazu National Park, before it opens to the public. Imagine starting your day with the first rays of sunlight filtering through the dense canopy, with the park all to yourself.

Our walk through the "area cataratas" until we reach the Macuco Trail is easy and enjoyable, with no challenging sections. The open areas along the way allow us to fully appreciate bird activity, giving plenty of time to observe and photograph them. The forest canopy isn't too high, making it a truly delightful experience for birdwatching enthusiasts of all levels.

As we enter the Macuco Trail, the tour becomes more challenging as we venture deeper into the dense, towering jungle, your photography skills will be put to the test, in addition to having plenty of bird sounds to identify.

SCHEDULE	DETAILS
Pick-up Time	40 minutes before sunrise from accommodation in Puerto Iguazu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Departure: 5:20 AM.</li> <li>• Winter Departure: 6:20 AM.</li> </ul>
Tour duration.	5 hours and 1 hour (including transfers).
Walking distance.	4.70 kilometers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area Cataratas.</li> <li>• Macuco Trail.</li> </ul>
Difficulty Level.	Low (flat trail, no significant elevation).
Trail Conditions.	Closed to the general public, accessible only with a licensed guide.
WHAT INCLUDES	
Birding Tour Guide.	Guide service for bird watchers authorized by the Protected Area.
Transfer.	Transfer from your hotel to the National Park and back to the hotel. Comfortable, clean and safe vehicle, up to 3 passengers. Larger vehicles are also available upon request.
Special permission to get in early.	This is an essential requirement requested by the park rangers that the guide must present during a routine check.
Visitor insurance.	The birder participating in these tours within the park are covered by special insurance. Therefore, reservations must be made in advance at the request of the insurance company, with a minimum notice of 48 hours between Monday and Friday for them to provide the insurance.
Ebird checklist, Spotting Scope, Snacks & Mineral water.	

<b>NOT INCLUDED</b>	
Breakfast.	Passengers must agree with their hotel to obtain a half-breakfast before the regular time.
Park Entry Fee.	Required.
Rain poncho & Insect repellent.	

<b>PRICE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 125 USD x person.</li> </ul>	
<b>Cancellation policy</b>	To confirm the date, a 25% deposit of the chosen tour's value is required. In case of cancellation, you have up to 48 hours before the tour for a full refund. After that period, no refunds will be issued.
	To confirm the date, a 25% deposit of the chosen tour's value is required. If you wish to pay in Argentine pesos, the exchange rate applied will be based on the <b>blue dollar buy rate on the day of the tour.</b>

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<b>A2: Full-Day Birding Tour Experience in Iguazu National Park.</b>
<p>After a fantastic morning exploring the “area cataratas” and birdwatching on the Macuco Trail—before the park opens to regular tourists, (see Option 1), we’ll stop for lunch at El Fortin restaurant. In the afternoon, we’ll explore the three circuits around the Iguazu Falls. Our birdwatching guides have exclusive access to the upper circuit after it closes, providing an excellent opportunity to observe toucans, flocks of White-eyed Parakeets, and the dramatic spectacle of thousands of Great Dusky Swifts flying behind the waterfalls. We’ll also enjoy the stunning views of the world’s widest waterfalls and capture a celebratory selfie at the Devil’s Throat, all while staying well-hydrated during the sunny afternoon walk.</p>

<b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Pick-up Time.	40 minutes before sunrise from accommodation in Puerto Iguazu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Departure: 5:20 AM.</li> <li>• Winter Departure: 6:20 AM.</li> </ul>
Tour duration.	11 hours and 1 hour (including transfers).
Walking distance.	12 kilometers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area Cataratas.</li> <li>• Macuco Trail.</li> <li>• 3 Circuits around the Waterfalls.</li> </ul>
Difficulty Level.	Low (flat trail, no significant elevation).
Trail Conditions.	Closed to the general public, accessible only with a licensed guide.
<b>WHAT INCLUDES</b>	
Birding Tour Guide.	Guide service for bird watchers authorized by the Protected Area.
Transfer.	Transfer from your hotel to the National Park and back to the hotel. Comfortable, clean and safe vehicle, up to 3 passengers. Larger vehicles are also available upon request.
Special permission to get in early.	This is an essential requirement requested by the park rangers that the guide must present during a routine check.
Visitor insurance.	The birder participating in these tours within the park are covered by special insurance. Therefore, reservations must be made in advance at the request of the insurance company, with a minimum notice of 48 hours between Monday and Friday for them to provide the insurance.
Ebird checklist, Spotting Scope and Snacks & Mineral water.	
Lunch.	Fortin Restaurant buffet.
<b>NOT INCLUDED</b>	
Breakfast.	Passengers must agree with their hotel to obtain a half-breakfast before the regular time.
Park Entry Fee.	Required.
Rain poncho & Insect repellent.	

<b>PRICE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 175 USD x person.</li> </ul>	
<b>Cancellation policy.</b>	To confirm the date, a 25% deposit of the chosen tour's value is required. In case of cancellation, you have up to 48 hours before the tour for a full refund. After that period, no refunds will be issued.

	To confirm the date, a 25% deposit of the chosen tour's value is required. If you wish to pay in Argentine pesos, the exchange rate applied will be based on the <b>blue dollar buy rate on the day of the tour.</b>
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### **A3: Half-Day Birding Experience - Route 101 and Ñandú Trail**

From Puerto Iguazu, we depart early towards Route 101, a red dirt road that crosses Iguazu National Park from east to west, offering stunning views of the Atlantic Rainforest in Argentina.

This is the wildest tour in the area, taking us along a remote trail only accessible with an authorized guide from the park. We traverse pristine primary rainforest and protected areas, blending jungle and wetlands to spot a wide variety of bird species.

The area is also home to many mammals and it's common to find their tracks, with a chance to see them if we're lucky. The trail leads to the Iguazu River and the old Puerto Canoas, once the gateway to the Devil's Throat. While the falls aren't visible, their roar can still be heard.

Here, we take a break before continuing to a birdwatching bird-observatory. After a short 700-meter walk, we arrive at a Bird-observatory for observing raptors and other elusive birds.

<b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Pick-up Time.	40 minutes before sunrise from accommodation in Puerto Iguazu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Departure: 5:20 AM.</li> <li>• Winter Departure: 6:20 AM.</li> </ul>
Tour duration.	5 hours and 1 hour (including transfers).
Walking distance.	5,5 kilometers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ñandu Trail.</li> <li>• Bird-observatory.</li> </ul>
Difficulty Level.	Low (flat trail, no significant elevation).
Trail Conditions.	Closed to the general public, accessible only with a licensed guide.
<b>WHAT INCLUDES.</b>	
Birding Tour Guide.	Guide service for bird watchers authorized by the Protected Area.
Transfer.	Transfer from your hotel to the National Park and back to the hotel. Comfortable, clean and safe vehicle, up to 3 passengers. Larger vehicles are also available upon request.
Special permission to get in early.	This is an essential requirement requested by the park rangers that the guide must present during a routine check.
Visitor insurance.	The birder participating in these tours within the park are covered by special insurance. Therefore, reservations must be made in advance at the request of the insurance company, with a minimum notice of 48 hours between Monday and Friday for them to provide the insurance.
Ebird checklist, Spotting Scope and Snacks & Mineral water.	
<b>NOT INCLUDED</b>	
Breakfast	Passengers must agree with their hotel to obtain a half-breakfast before the regular time.
Park Entry Fee	Not required.
Rain poncho & Insect repellent.	

<b>PRICE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 125 USD x person.</li> </ul>	
<b>Cancellation policy</b>	To confirm the date, a 25% deposit of the chosen tour's value is required. In case of cancellation, you have up to 48 hours before the tour for a full refund. After that period, no refunds will be issued.

	To confirm the date, a 25% deposit of the chosen tour's value is required. If you wish to pay in Argentine pesos, the exchange rate applied will be based on the <b>blue dollar buy rate on the day of the tour.</b>
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<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L16473219>

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#### **A4: Full-Day Birding Tour - Route 101 and Devil's Throat Waterfall Experience.**

After a fantastic morning exploring the Ñandu Trail and Bird-observatory, (see tour A3) we'll head to the park for lunch at El Fortin restaurant. After enjoying our meal, we'll continue our birdwatching adventure at one of the most important spots in all of Argentina: The Devil's Throat, where the largest volume of the Iguazu River flows over the falls, this 80-meter drop creates an eternal mist that can be seen from kilometers away, offering an excellent opportunity to observe toucans, flocks of egrets, cormorants, anhinga and the dramatic spectacle of thousands of Great Dusky Swifts flying behind the waterfalls. We'll take a celebratory selfie at the Devil's Throat, while staying well-hydrated during our sunny afternoon walk.

<b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Pick-up Time	40 minutes before sunrise from accommodation in Puerto Iguazu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Departure: 5:20 AM.</li> <li>• Winter Departure: 6:20 AM.</li> </ul>
Tour duration	11 hours and 1 hour (including transfers).
Walking distance	9 kilometers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ñandu Trail.</li> <li>• Bird-observatory.</li> <li>• Area Cataratas.</li> <li>• 1 circuit around the waterfalls (Devil's Throat).</li> </ul>
Difficulty Level	Low (flat trail, no significant elevation).
Trail Conditions.	Closed to the general public, accessible only with a licensed guide.
<b>WHAT INCLUDES</b>	
Birding Tour Guide.	Guide service for bird watchers authorized by the Protected Area.
Transfer.	Transfer from your hotel to the National Park and back to the hotel. Comfortable, clean and safe vehicle, up to 3 passengers. Larger vehicles are also available upon request.
Special permission to get in early.	This is an essential requirement requested by the park rangers that the guide must present during a routine check.
Visitor insurance.	The birder participating in these tours within the park are covered by special insurance. Therefore, reservations must be made in advance at the request of the insurance company, with a minimum notice of 48 hours between Monday and Friday for them to provide the insurance.
Ebird checklist, Spotting Scope and Snacks & Mineral water.	
Lunch	Fortin Restaurant buffet.
<b>NOT INCLUDED</b>	
Breakfast	Passengers must agree with their hotel to obtain a half-breakfast before the regular time.
Park Entry Fee	Required.
Rain poncho & Insect repellent.	

**PRICE.**

- 175 USD x person.



<b>Cancellation policy</b>	To confirm the date, a 25% deposit of the chosen tour's value is required. In case of cancellation, you have up to 48 hours before the tour for a full refund. After that period, no refunds will be issued.
	To confirm the date, a 25% deposit of the chosen tour's value is required. If you wish to pay in Argentine pesos, the exchange rate applied will be based on the <b>blue dollar buy rate on the day of the tour.</b>

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### **A5: Half-Day Birding in the Yryapu Forest.**

The Yryapu Forest, also known as the "600 Hectares" due to its size, is home to numerous hotels that offer a jungle experience while also being the territory of the indigenous Mbya Guarani communities. It serves as a buffer zone between Iguazu National Park and the city of Puerto Iguazu. There are several trails open to the public where activities like horseback riding and birdwatching are offered. The area also features a small lake, making it an ideal spot for relaxed birdwatching and a chance to observe more edge species in this transition zone between the jungle and urban areas.

This location offers excellent birdwatching opportunities both in the morning and in the afternoon.

SCHEDULE	DETAILS
Pick-up Time	If the service is requested in the morning, we will meet in your hotel lobby 20 minutes before sunrise. However, if it's in the afternoon, the timing can be arranged with our guide according to your preference. Please note that afternoon hours can be very hot with minimal activity, so we recommend starting at or after 4:00 p.m. for the best experience.
Tour duration.	3 hours
Walking distance.	2 kilometers.
Difficulty Level.	Low (flat trail, no significant elevation).
WHAT INCLUDES	
Birding Tour Guide.	Guide service for birdwatchers authorized at the national level and in the province of Misiones.
Ebird checklist, Spotting Scope and Snacks & Mineral water.	
NOT INCLUDED	
Breakfast.	Passengers must agree with their hotel to obtain a half-breakfast before the regular time.
Park Entry Fee.	Not required.
Rain poncho & Insect repellent.	

PRICE.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>75 USD x person.</li> </ul>	
Cancellation policy	To confirm the date, a 25% deposit of the chosen tour's value is required. In case of cancellation, you have up to 48 hours before the tour for a full refund. After that period, no refunds will be issued.
	To confirm the date, a 25% deposit of the chosen tour's value is required. If you wish to pay in Argentine pesos, the exchange rate applied will be based on the <b>blue dollar buy rate on the day of the tour.</b>

**Illustrated checklist to download at the following link:**

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L956073/illustrated-checklist>

## A6: Half-Day Birding Tour at Urugua-í Provincial Park (Uruzú)

This Park is located 100 km from Puerto Iguazu along paved routes. It features a slightly different jungle than Iguazu National Park, with large sections dominated by bamboo, where we can search for birds that specialize in this habitat. In the park, we will explore one of the two trails.

Along the banks of the Uruzú River, there are good chances of spotting species like the Black-fronted Piping-Guan, Sharp-tailed Stream-creeper, and Riverbank Warbler. The visit to Urugua-í Provincial Park is entirely focused on birdwatching.

The Uruzú loop in Urugua-í is quite rugged, and if it has rained recently, we might encounter fallen trees and loose bamboo on the trail, making the already challenging terrain even more demanding, but rewarding for those who appreciate a tougher, more adventurous hike compared to the well-trodden trails of Iguazu.

Urugua-í Provincial Park is home to many of the challenging passerines of the Atlantic Forest, and it's practically the only place where regular sightings of the Black-fronted Piping-Guan still occur. Other notable species often seen here include the White-browed Foliage-Gleaner, Rufous Gnatcatcher, Berton's Antbird, Scale-throated Hermit, Southern Bristle Tyrant, White-throated Spadebill, Spot-winged Woodquail, and in the bamboo stands, the Blackish-blue Seedeater, Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, and Large-headed Flatbill.

SCHEDULE	DETAILS
Pick-up Time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departure from the hotel is at 4:30 a.m. in October, November, and December.</li> <li>• At 4:00 a.m. in January, February, and March.</li> <li>• For the rest of the year, during the colder months, pick-up is at 6:30 a.m.</li> </ul>
Tour duration.	5:30 hours and 2 hours (including transfers).
Walking distance.	6 kilometers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rolón trail.</li> </ul>
Difficulty Level.	The path is flat, but after rains, the section that runs along the stream can become quite messy, with branches, fallen trees and sometimes even flooded for a few days.
WHAT INCLUDES	
Birding Tour Guide.	Guide service for birdwatchers authorized at the national level and in the province of Misiones.
Transfer.	Transfer from your hotel to the park and back to the hotel.  Comfortable, clean and safe vehicle, up to 3 passengers. Larger vehicles are also available upon request.
Ebird checklist, Spotting Scope, Snacks & Mineral water.	

Box lunch	The meal consists of empanadas in the flavors of your choice. If you have any dietary restrictions, we will adjust the menu to meet your needs. You choose, and we'll prepare it for you!
<b>NOT INCLUDED</b>	
Breakfast	Passengers must agree with their hotel to obtain a half-breakfast before the regular time.
Park Entry Fee	Not required.
Rain poncho & Insect repellent.	

<b>PRICE.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 200 USD x person.</li> </ul>	
<b>Cancellation policy</b>	To confirm the date, a 25% deposit of the chosen tour's value is required. In case of cancellation, you have up to 48 hours before the tour for a full refund. After that period, no refunds will be issued.
	To confirm the date, a 25% deposit of the chosen tour's value is required. If you wish to pay in Argentine pesos, the exchange rate applied will be based on the <b>blue dollar buy rate on the day of the tour.</b>

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<b>A7: Full-Day Birding Experience: Urugua-í Provincial Park (Uruzú) + Hummingbird Garden.</b>
<p>After an intense morning on the trail at Urugua-í Provincial Park, Uruzú Station (see Tour A6), we enjoyed a delicious lunch before returning to Puerto Iguazu. Our next stop was the relaxing Hummingbird Garden, home to over 300 plant species and up to 9 species of hummingbirds, along with many other birds.</p> <p>As we explored, we took in the garden's natural beauty, with a variety of plants and the sounds of hummingbirds and other birds enhancing the birdwatching experience. After the morning hike, the Hummingbird Garden provided the perfect place to unwind, offering a peaceful end to the day.</p>

<b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Pick-up Time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departure from the hotel is at 4:30 a.m. in October, November, and December.</li> <li>• At 4:00 a.m. in January, February, and March.</li> <li>• For the rest of the year, during the colder months, pick-up is at 6:30 a.m.</li> </ul>
Tour duration.	7 hours and 2 hours (including transfers).
Walking distance.	6 kilometers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rolón trail.</li> <li>• Hummingbird Garden</li> </ul>
Difficulty Level.	The path is flat, but after rains, the section that runs along the stream can become quite messy, with branches, fallen trees and sometimes even flooded for a few days.
<b>WHAT INCLUDES</b>	
Birding Tour Guide.	Guide service for birdwatchers authorized at the national level and in the province of Misiones.
Transfer.	Transfer from your hotel to the park, Hummingbird Garden and back to the hotel. Comfortable, clean and safe vehicle, up to 3 passengers. Larger vehicles are also available upon request.
Ebird checklist, Spotting Scope, Snacks & Mineral water.	
Box lunch	The meal consists of empanadas in the flavors of your choice. If you have any dietary restrictions, we will adjust the menu to meet your needs. You choose, and we'll prepare it for you!
Hummingbird Garden Entry Fee	Included.
<b>NOT INCLUDED</b>	
Breakfast	Passengers must agree with their hotel to obtain a half-breakfast before the regular time.
Park Entry Fee	Not required.
Rain poncho & Insect repellent.	

<b>PRICE.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 250 USD x person.</li> </ul>	
<b>Cancellation policy</b>	To confirm the date, a 25% deposit of the chosen tour's value is required. In case of cancellation, you have up to 48 hours before the tour for a full refund. After that period, no refunds will be issued.

To confirm the date, a 25% deposit of the chosen tour's value is required. If you wish to pay in Argentine pesos, the exchange rate applied will be based on the **blue dollar buy rate on the day of the tour.**

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### RENTAL OF RUBBER BOOTS & WALKING STICKS.

For rugged terrain or adverse weather conditions, we offer **rubber boots** for rent. Additionally, for personal health needs, mobility support, or fatigue, we also provide **walking sticks** for rent.

These items are designed to enhance your comfort and safety during the tour. Please let us know in advance if you require them to ensure availability.

- **Price:** \$20 USD for the duration of the selected tour.

- **Available Sizes:**

	US SIZE	EU SIZE	ARG. SIZE
<b>MEN</b>	13 (2)	46	45
	12.5	46	45
	11	45	43
	10	44	42
	9.5	44	42
	9	42	41
	8.5 (2)	42	41
	7.5	41	40
	7 / 7.5	38	40
	<b>WOMEN</b>	9	40
8.5 / 9		39.5	38
8		39	37