

Birding Northern Pampas

A tour designed for those coming through Buenos Aires. One day... many birds!

Tour duration – 1 day

Starting: August 13th Ending: August 13th



Lark-like Brushrunner © Pablo Petraci – Trogon Tours

The Pampa is an extensive humid plain shared by Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil. In Argentina, the Pampa Grassland covers an area of more than 50 million hectares in the central part of the country. This unique habitat is well represented in the Province of Buenos Aires, where birders and naturalists can enjoy nature in a diversity of wildlife reserves spread throughout its territory.

The Argentine Pampas are well known around the world mainly by the famous “Gauchos” -Argentine equivalent to the North American cowboys- and for the supreme quality of the Argentine beef, which is mainly produced in the “Estancias” (cattle farms), located in this part of the country.

It was here where the famous British-Argentine naturalist and author William Henry Hudson was born. Hudson wrote many moving stories about the life and customs of the Gauchos, and he also described in full detail many birds and animals of the Pampas. He was highly impressed by all the effort and hard work put by the Rufous Hornero when building its adobe nest, and as a matter of fact, years after Hudson wrote about the Hornero, the bird was selected to be Argentina’s national bird for its working nature.

Our tour itinerary in a glimpse

Day	Itinerary
1	Otamendi Natural Reserve and Ceibas

Our detailed tour itinerary

Early evening rendezvous with your Trogon Tours' leader at a meeting point. From here we will travel northwards for exploring two of the best birding areas in the northern section of the Pampas surrounding Buenos Aires: Otamendi and Ceibas. We will spend the morning birding and watching wildlife in Otamendi Natural Reserve. This 3,000 hectares reserve sits on the shores of the Paraná River, just north of Buenos Aires, and it is included in the international list of Important Bird Areas. It takes in three of the main bird habitats in Argentina: the Pampas Grasslands, the Thorny Woodland, and the Paraná River Delta. Possible highlights to be found in Otamendi include both Straight-billed and Curve-billed Reedhaunters, Diademed Tanager as well as more widespread species like White-tufted Grebe, Southern Screamer, Long-winged Harrier, Giant Woodrail, Scarlet-headed Blackbird, Checkered Woodpecker, Chotoy Spinetail, Warbling Doradito and Great Pampa-Finch among others. Ceibas is an area located across the Paraná River, in the Province of Entre Ríos. Its particular bird abundance makes it really enjoyable for birders the world over, and its dense thorny forests and marshlands are home to an incredible number of species, among which is worth mentioning Greater Rhea, Red-winged Tinamou, Savanna Hawk, White-fronted and White Woodpeckers, Scimitar-billed Woodcreeper, Brown Cacholote, Lark-like Brushrunner, Xenopsaris, Short-billed Canastero, Pale-breasted and Sooty-fronted Spinetails and Tufted Tit-Spinetail to mention but a few.



Southern Screamer © Luis Segura – Trogon Tours

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Included services:

- Full time **Trogon Tours'** English-speaking birding/naturalist **local leader**.
- **Private transportation** for all transfers and excursions.
- **Boxed-lunch with one non alcoholic drink**.
- **Admission fees** to all national parks and nature reserves.
- **Local guides** where required by law.
- **Drinkable water** on board the vehicles **while on tour**.

Not included:

- International and domestic airfares and airport taxes.
- Personal travel and medical insurance.
- Tips of any kind
- Anything not stated on "Included services".

Prices per paying tour participant expressed in US Dollars and based on a minimum of 05 clients, with all services in private: US\$ 220.00.

Payments and refunds: A 30% deposit is required on tour services request to secure your bookings. The 70% balance due is to be paid 60 days before tour departure date. It is Trogon Tours' commitment to try and get back as much money as possible in concept of cancellation refunds. Regardless, Trogon Tours deals with a number of service providers, all with different cancellation policies. Therefore, full refunds for cancellations can only be guaranteed 60 days prior to tour departure date, **less all bank fees and commissions**. Between 60 days and tour departure date, all refunds are subject to service providers' policies.

Tipping Policy: We do not include tips on our quotations since it is our belief that this is a very private issue. Regardless, tips are always welcome in Argentina and locals do expect to get tipped. General tipping guidelines can be provided on request.

Travel and Medical Insurance: Trogon Tours highly recommends that clients **purchase a travel and medical insurance** to cover for unexpected cancellations at short notice, and for possible medical emergencies while on tour.



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