

Tour 11
Antizana National Park



Carunculated caracara (photo Bill Baston)

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Habitat: Dry páramo

The landscape around the icy giant Antizana at an altitude of 6000 m is mainly covered by dry grasslands. Very cold lagoons are scattered around it and strong winds always blow. Thermal uplift, starting in the late morning hours on sunny days, allows the king of the Andes, the majestic condor, to survey its kingdom. This is the only place where the national bird of Ecuador is still present in higher numbers. And one of the rarest birds in the country, the Andean Ibis, can only be found here.

Distance: about 140 km drive (one way) with several stops along the road. Starting in Quito reduces the drive.

Travelling: by car to get there, walking on gravel road

Difficulty: easy

Altitude: 3,700 m – 4,000 m

Species highlights: Northern Silvery Grebe, Andean Duck, Yellow-billed Pintail, Andean Ibis, Andean Condor, Puna Hawk, Carunculated Caracara, Andean Coot, Baird's Sandpiper, Andean Lapwing, Andean Gull, Black-winged Ground-dove, Giant Hummingbird, Blue-mantled Thornbill, Chestnut-winged (Bar-winged) Cinclodes, Brown-bellied Swallow, Plain-coloured Seedeater.

Persons: 1-6

Start/End of Tour: 05:30 am until 04:00 pm (including driving time) from Mindo, 07:00 am until 03:00 pm if starting from Quito

Price: 180 USD (1-2 persons); 240 USD (3-6 persons). To be paid in cash at beginning of tour

Included: English guided tour, transportation, water, bird list

Not included: Food

Recommendations: Hat, sun protection, warm clothes, rain gear according to weather conditions. *Starting this tour from Quito makes much sense as this significantly reduces the driving time.*

Booking and reservations

You can book the day tours directly with me (info@mindolindo.de) – even on short notice.

In order to make a reservation for accomodation or a guided tour please contact us in advance via email or phone.

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