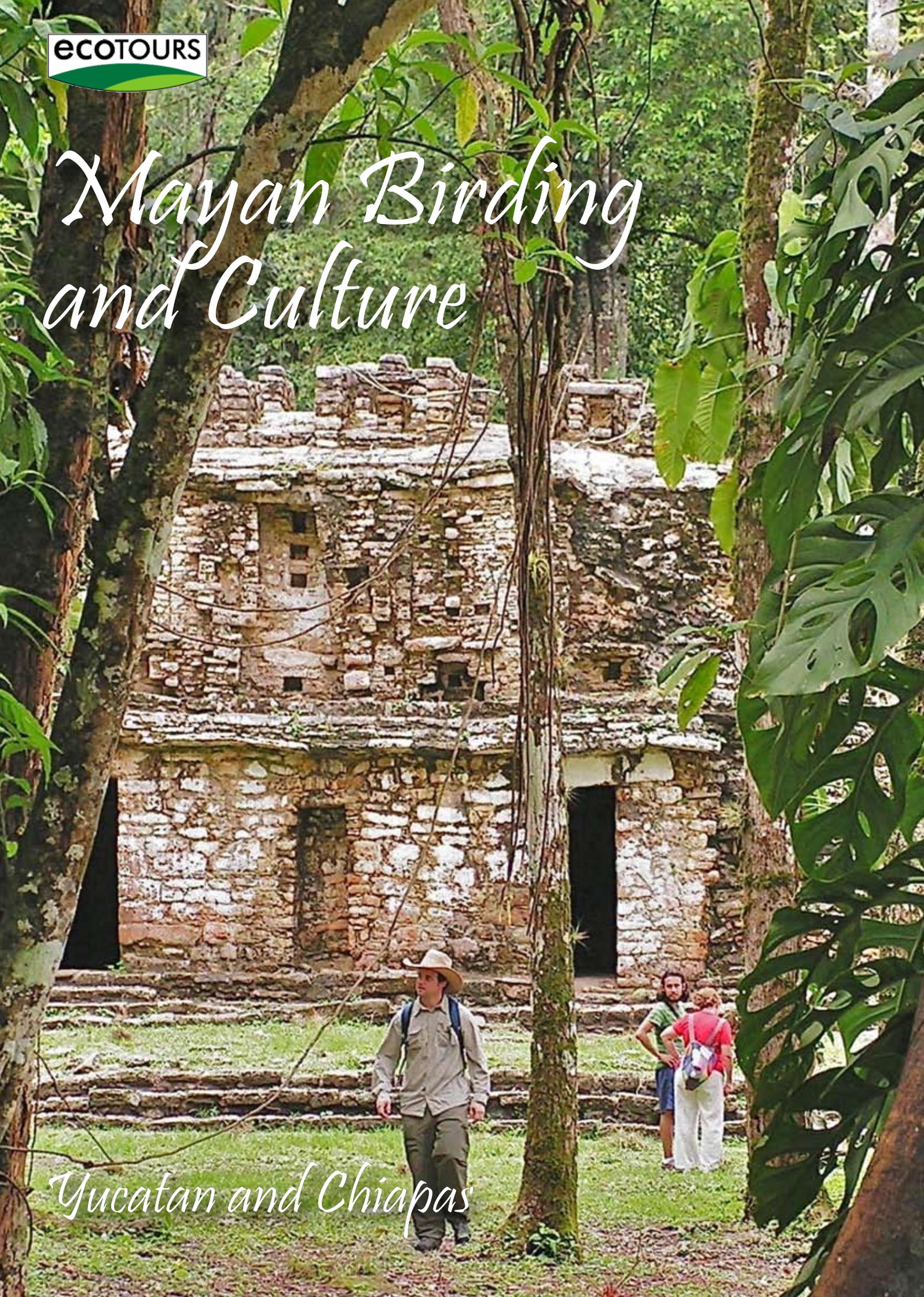


ECOTOURS

# Mayan Birding and Culture

Yucatan and Chiapas



*White Ibises have a good number at visited areas*



*Orange Oriole  
a lovely Yucatan endemic*



In birding terms Mexico is a very rich country due to its geographical situation. There is a wide variety of habitats and ecosystems, which are home to a rich flora and fauna full of endemics. There are coastal dunes, mangroves, savannas, lowland and highland cloud and rain forests. Mexico is one of the main biological diversity hotspots with 1,040 different species of birds, of which many are endemic or regionally endemic shared with neighbouring Guatemala and Belize.

The **Yucatan Peninsula** and the Atlantic slope of the **mountains in Chiapas** are among the most interesting regions in Mexico with premium birding sites and many different habitats from Caribbean beaches and mangroves through tropical rainforests to highland pine forests. The world famous Mayan archaeological sites are also very attractive destinations and can be very rewarding for birdwatchers as well. Perfect place for those who would like to enjoy Nature & Culture at the same time!



Our tour takes you to most of the premium birding sites on the Yucatan Peninsula and North-East Chiapas. We pay visits to world famous Mayan archaeological sites surrounded by lush forests and full of many great species. We also explore various other habitats: different forests, wetlands, mangroves, Caribbean beaches, coastal desert-like scrub and thorn forests, all with their own unique rich flora and fauna, including some endemics as well. Two completely different boat cruises are included, one at the bird-rich mangroves at Rio Lagartos with hundreds of egrets, herons, pelicans, ibises and flamingos and another on the mighty Usumacinta river into the middle of a remote corner of the Mayan jungle with the hidden ruins of Palenque.

*Far left: Yellow-headed Parrot, rare endangered species  
Left: Striking butterflies are everywhere*

*Mayan traditions  
colourful and living*



*Huge Flamingo colonies*

*Tulum* a magical Caribbean site with a Mayan city



*Yellow-headed Vulture*  
scavenger of the mangroves



**FACT FILE**

Mexico

15 days | 6 hotels

best season: **November - mid April**

ground price: see the web site or ask  
single room supplement: see the web site or ask

guides: Gábor Orbán and Andrea Katona

airport: Cancun, Mexico

group size: 4 - 16

number of species: 250 - 300

**ITINERARY IN BRIEF**

1 night Puerto Morelos at the Caribbean seashore

2 nights Rio Lagartos

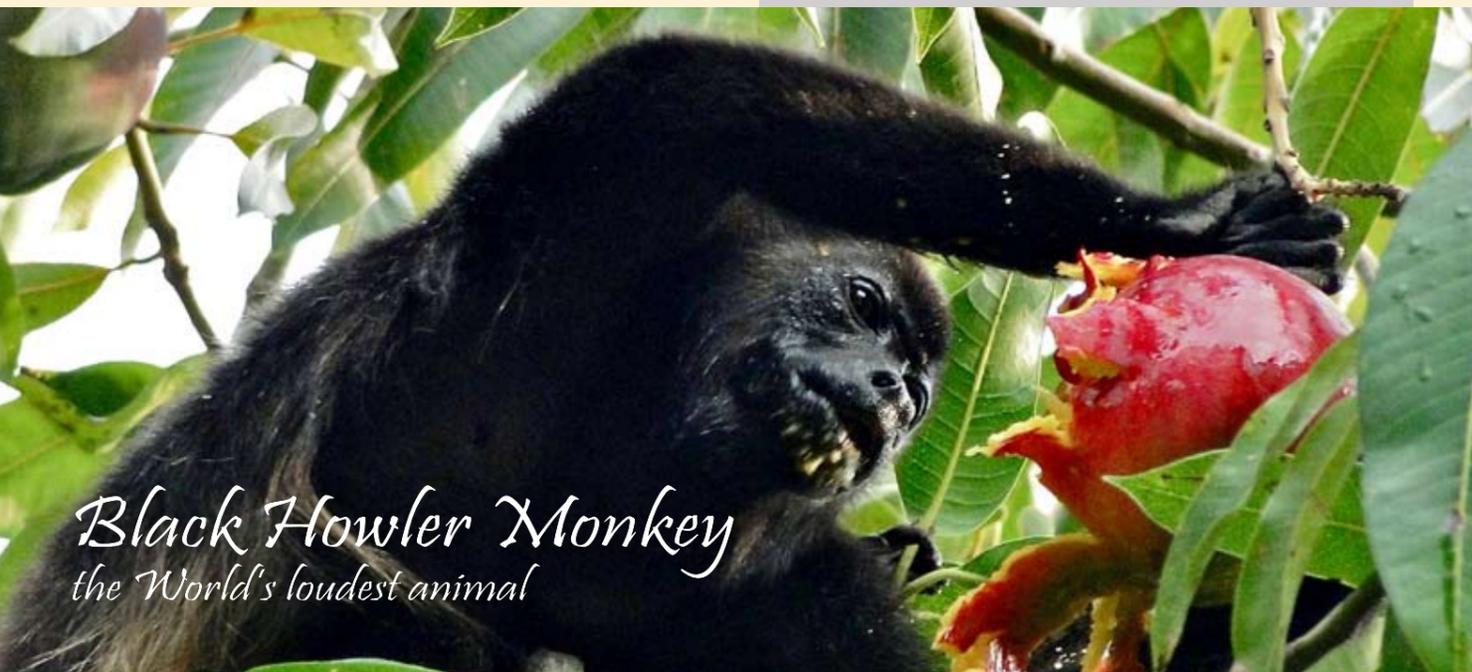
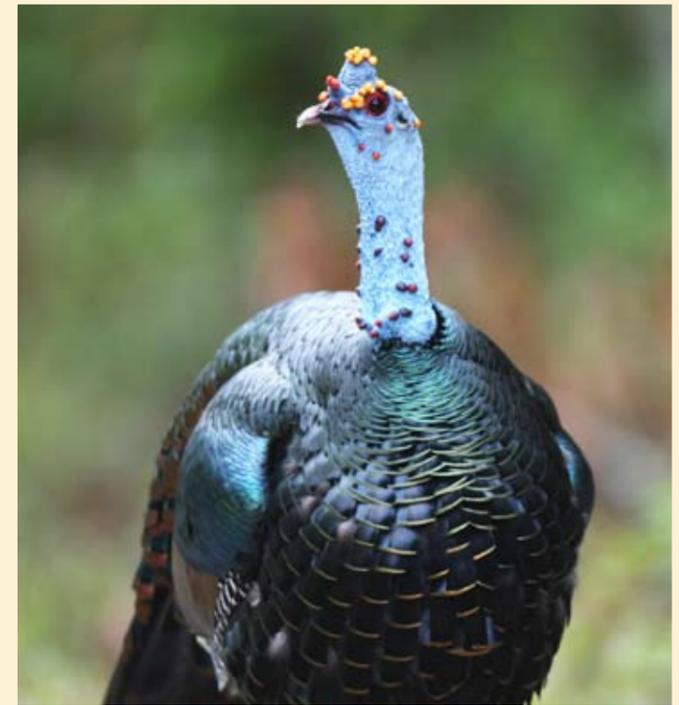
2 nights Uxmal area

4 nights at Palenque

2 nights at Calakmul

2 nights at Tulum or Coba

*Left: Yucatan Jay – a local endemic  
Right: Ocellated Turkey – a colourful regional endemic*



*Black Howler Monkey*  
the World's loudest animal



*Painted Bunting* a striking beauty



*Jaguar a hard-to-see predator of the visited areas . . .*



*. . . easier to find a group of Coaties*



**HIGHLIGHTS**

Birding along the Caribbean shores, Sian Káan Boat cruise in the mangroves at Rio Lagartos  
Birding in the jungle among Mayan ruins at Coba, Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Palenque  
Boat cruise to Yachilan on the Guatemalan border  
Birding in the breathtaking Sumidero Canyon  
Visit to Calakmul one of the most remote and wildest areas of Yucatan  
Wide variety mammals, reptiles and butterflies  
Plenty of interesting bird species including some great endemics - Ocellated Turkey, Yucatan Poorwill, Yucatan Nightjar, Yucatan Jay, Yucatan Woodpecker, Black Catbird, Grey-throated Chat, Rose-throated Tanager and Yucatan Flycatcher, Yucatan Bobwhite, Lesser Roadrunner, Yucatan Wren and Mexican Sheartail

**GUIDES AND HOTELS**

**Gábor Orbán**

Full-time wildlife guide and tour leader. Each year he leads tours in Mexico and Latin America from November till April and other half year in Eastern Europe since 2006. He is a real local expert, planned and lead several tours from short to long ones.

**Andrea Katona**

is Gábor's wife & also partner in the company and while she is a great wildlife spotter her other strength is a tremendous knowledge of Mayan culture & local life.

The knowledge and enthusiasm of Gábor and Andrea makes them a perfect match to lead an all-around Nature & Culture holiday; „All in Two” or „Nature & Culture Hands-in-hands” as they refer their style.

*Left: Crested Caracara  
Right: Mottled Owl*



*Boat-billed Heron a funny-looking nocturnal bird*



*Yucatan Wren  
a North Yucatan speciality*



## *Butterfly heaven*

Jaguar by Brian Clasper, tour participant. All other images were taken by Gábor Orbán and Andrea Katona in Mexico during tours run by Ecotours.

*Right: Jabiru – the largest stork, always exciting to search for among hundreds of ibises, egrets and herons*

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