In October 2023, I had the privilege of embarking on a birding expedition in Colombia, guided by the incredibly talented Pablo and Luz. This trip was nothing short of exceptional, thanks to their extensive experience and expertise in birding.

From the outset, Pablo and Luz handled every detail of the trip with utmost competence. They took care of all the necessities, including food, lodging, and entrance fees, allowing us to focus solely on the experience. Their deep knowledge of the local avifauna made our birding excursions both educational and enjoyable.

What sets Pablo and Luz apart is their ability to tailor the trip to the interests and capabilities of their guests. They adjusted our itinerary to ensure that each day was comfortable yet adventurous, catering to our group's diverse needs and preferences.

My primary focus on this trip was bird photography, and Pablo and Luz were instrumental in achieving some extraordinary shots. Their expertise in birding was particularly evident when we photographed the Gold-ringed Tanager in Cerro Montezuma. This was a highlight for me, capturing the beauty of such a rare species in its natural habitat. Their knowledge of the area and bird behavior, coupled with an understanding of a photographer's needs, made this incredible shot possible. This moment stands out as a testament to their exceptional guiding skills and made the trip truly unforgettable.

Beyond their professional skills, Pablo and Luz are people with delightful personalities. The journeys between eco-lodges were filled with laughter, jokes, and fascinating stories, making every moment of the trip enjoyable. Their warmth and friendliness enhanced our experience, creating a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

Their exceptional birding skills, coupled with their wonderful personalities, have left a lasting impression on me. In fact, I enjoyed their guidance so much that I am already planning a return trip to northern Colombia with them in March 2024. For anyone looking to experience the rich biodiversity of Colombia through birding, I cannot recommend Pablo and Luz highly enough. They are not just guides; they are ambassadors of nature's wonders and the joy of exploration.

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