

Cloud Forest Deluxe

5-day tour



Day 1

After arriving at Quito, our personnel will greet you and accompany you on the transfer to our Hotel, a superbly restored colonial and house, located in the heart of Quito's historic center. We will enjoy dinner at the hotel and have a good night rest.

Day 2

After breakfast at the Hotel, we will be picked up by Mashpi Lodge private van. As we leave Quito, we pass the Equator Monument, known as the middle of the World, and Latitude 0. As we climb up the Cordillera, we will have a short stop at the viewpoint of the Pululahua, a dormant volcano with an enormous crater. About two hours after leaving Quito, we reach the **archaeological site-museum of Tulipe**, where we stop to explore the grounds and teach about the Yumbo people who created the water pools and structures here.



About an hour and a half later, we arrive at the entrance to the **Mashpi Reserve** which extends over the surrounding 1,300 hectares (3,212 acres), a haven for wildlife and biodiversity. Mashpi Lodge, built with the latest techniques in sustainable building, is designed to blend beautifully with its surroundings. It features contemporary, minimalist decor, mixing warm earth tones, notes of bright color, clean lines and striking angles and vistas. This sophisticated design is the ideal springboard for exploring the biodiverse world of its reserve.

We will arrive at the Lodge between **12 and 12.30pm**, where we will be welcomed with a refreshing drink and checked in to our rooms. According to arrival time, we will meet our Naturalist Guide for a short briefing about the reserve and activities. Lunch is served soon after, followed by a little time to relax. After lunch, the **afternoon's activities** begin (please see options detailed below). These will depend on factors such as group size, physical abilities and weather conditions.

- Canopy Gondola Adventure
- Nature Trails
- Life Centre
- Night walks
- Observation Tower
- Sky Bike
- Hummingbird Viewpoint
- Refreshing waterfalls



Specialist Activities: Mashpi is an exciting place for photography and botany (particularly orchids) in general. Special interests can be accommodated upon request.

Transport within the Reserve: Electrically-powered buggies are employed within the Reserve to carry those guests, who wish to use them from one sight or attraction to the next, thus reducing the impact on the forest and its creatures.

Optional night walks head out from the hotel following dinner (these excursions can be taken any night)

Day 3

Mashpi Exploration: For those who want to enjoy the beauty and magic of dawn in the forest – which is when most birds are active and calling, as well as when views are often most spectacular – **early morning activities** are organized before breakfast.

Following breakfast, we head out from the lodge to explore, returning for lunch and rest, before enjoying an afternoon amid Nature, then **dinner, night walks** and sleep.





Day 4

On the last day, there's an early breakfast, followed by a **morning activity**. Guests return to the lodge and check out. An early lunch is served before departure at 1.30pm. We then drive back eastwards, winding our way up the Andes towards the capital, arriving at **Quito between 4 and 5 pm** (depending on traffic). On this day, dinner is not included, as there are some excellent restaurants in Quito's colonial center, many quite close to our hotel.

Day 5

After breakfast, we will drive to the airport or on to your next adventure in Ecuador.

