

SOUTH AMERICA - MASHPI CLOUD FOREST LODGE EXTENSION



INTRODUCTION

Join us on an Ecuadorian adventure that will take you from the capital city of Quito to the breathtaking cloud forest where Mashpi Lodge sits on a scenic plateau. Learn about the Ecuadorian history and culture at the same time as witnessing exotic animals, rainforest life and sunrises that will never be forgotten. Mashpi Lodge is a National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World lodge.

During your stay at Mashpi lodge enjoy excursions of your choice; night walks to spot nocturnal animals, listen to the calls of the bird life during dawn walks and relax at the site of the spectacular morning views of the surrounding Ecuadorian landscape. This trip is a must do for animal lovers and travellers or those who want to get back to nature and forget about the hustle and bustle of city life.

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

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DEPARTURE

Daily

DURATION

3 Days

LOCATIONS

Ecuador, Amazon



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DAY 1: Depart from Quito for Mashpi Lodge

The adventure begins in Ecuador's heritage capital, Quito, at the scheduled transfer time of 8.30am from the city's main hotels (time will be reconfirmed directly with you prior to today). The road journey will take you through stunning scenery and you will discover the spectacular natural diversity of the Andean landscape. From the dry valley of Pomasqui towards the cordillera's western flank, into lush, misty cloud forest, and enter the magical world of Mashpi. Mashpi Reserve extends over the surrounding 1,300 hectares and is a haven for wildlife and biodiversity. Arrive at the lodge for lunch before the afternoon's activities commence. Various activities are available, dependent on factors such as group size, physical abilities and weather conditions. Optional night walks head out from the hotel following dinner.



DAY 2: Activities at Mashpi Lodge

Early morning activities are organised before breakfast for those who want to enjoy the beauty and magic of dawn in the forest – which is when most birds are active, and when views are most spectacular. Following breakfast, head out from the lodge to explore the lush surroundings, returning for lunch and a rest, before enjoying an afternoon amid nature, then dinner, night walks and a good night's rest.



DAY 3: Depart Mashpi Lodge

On the last day, there's an early breakfast, followed by a morning activity. Guests return to the lodge and check out at 1.30pm. Drive back eastwards, winding your way up the Andes towards the capital, arriving at your hotel in Quito in the late afternoon.



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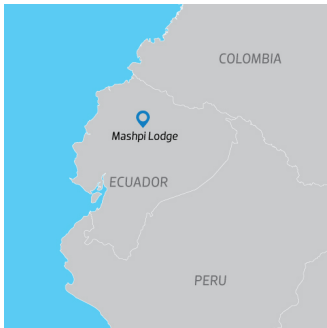


INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Luxury Lodge
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Inclusions	Inclusions Accommodation with all meals daily Guided daily excursions (in English and Spanish only) Specialised lectures Return shared transfers from selected hotels in Quito Rain ponchos, rubber boots, day pack, hiking sticks on loan Reusable water bottle to keep, and purified drinking water to fill up Natural insect repellent to use during your stay
	Exclusions International and internal flights not indicated Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides/drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally

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produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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