



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.

ITINERARY

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.

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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

Standard

Inclusions

Accommodation
 All meals daily
 Guided daily excursions (in English and Spanish only)
 Specialized lectures.
 Rain ponchos
 Rubber boot
 Return shared transfers from selected hotels in Quito
 Internal flights as mentioned in itinerary

Exclusions

International flights
 Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
 Any items not mentioned as included
 Gratuities for guides/staff

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request, contact us for more details.

Notes

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
 This is a Tailor-Made itinerary which can be customised to create your own unique journey. Contact us to discuss your travel plans.

Price Dependent upon

Season and availability

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 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.

The Mashpi Lodge collaborates with the local community called the Choco of which several practice have been put in place to promote sustainable land management, environmental governance and conservation efforts allowing the consideration of Pichincha province to become a UNESCO certified site. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore remain 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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