

CLOUD FOREST PARADISE
STAY IN OUR UNIQUE LODGE WITH ITS EXTENSIVE
RESERVE

2 DAYS / 1 NIGHT



Our two-day trip is a wonderful way to become acquainted with the special environment of a cloud forest so close to Quito – only one hour 45 minutes away!

We offer our guests a unique stay in paradise, above the forest canopy, surrounded by myriads of hummingbirds!

You will enjoy our generous servings of gourmet food, the fabulous views of forest and mountains, and our extensive network of safe, well-marked trails.

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Day One:

- 6:15h Departure from your hotel.
- Arrival at Bellavista and breakfast.
- 13:00h Lunch.
- Afternoon: Forest hike – discover the secrets of this forest - and/or bird watching
- 19:00h Dinner.
- Maybe the Olinguito will visit tonight right at the Lodge!

Day Two:

- Early morning bird walk
- 8:00h Breakfast
- Guided hike to one of various waterfalls hidden deep in the forest
- 13:00h Lunch.
- Further time for own exploration, rest, photos and more.
- 15:00h Departure from Bellavista
- 17:00 / 17.30h Arrival at your hotel.



Leaving Quito we pass the Middle of the World monument and then descend a scenic mountain road with forested mountains almost all the way. Reaching the turn to Bellavista, you climb to the top of the mountain, again with fabulous views, where Bellavista lodge is perched. After breakfast, settle into your room, and enjoy the flurry of the hummingbirds and take a hike into the forest on our varied trails. After a gourmet lunch, you can take a guided hike with a Bellavista naturalist, or explore on your own. A guided hike will acquaint you with the exuberant vegetation (orchids, bromeliads) of the cloud forest, its bird life, and the fascinating adaptations to life in this special environment. The evening is relaxed; we recommend you take time to admire the incredible variety of moths, many of which are unknown to science, and look for night birds such as the Common Potoo!! After a refreshing night's sleep, an early morning bird hike in the serene morning light is well worthwhile. At 8 a.m., an ample breakfast is served. Afterwards, perhaps explore on your own, or go with a guide to a waterfall!



Every hike reveals something new even for those of us who are fortunate enough to live in the forest every day!!

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Lunch is served at one, and afterwards you choose your time of departure. Some people take a final hike in the forest, and some take a peaceful siesta, others observe the birds or admire the ever - changing patterns of mist, cloud and sunny mountain vistas.....

Finally, you leave, to be back in Quito at dusk.



What to bring:

- T-shirts or comfortable blouses/shirts
- Sweater or fleece for the evenings
- Quick drying trousers (blue jeans not recommended)
 - Lightweight socks
 - Change of clothes
 - Sunhat and sunscreen
 - Rain poncho (a few available if needed)

- Camera
- Rubber boots are provided - to size 47 (few pairs in large sizes)
- Binoculars recommended (available for rent)
- Water bottle for hikes
- Small daypack for hikes
- Flashlight and batteries
- Plastic bags to protect camera, etc

What is included:

- All meals.
- 1-night accommodation.
- Access to 700-hectare Bellavista Reserve.
- Shared hikes at Bellavista
- Transportation Quito-Bellavista-Quito

What is not included:

Drinks, tips, personal items, other services.

Note: Hiking routes are flexible.



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