

MASHPI LODGE



**GREAT
ESCAPES**



**EXPERIENCE THE ESSENCE OF LIFE ITSELF
A COCOON OF LUXURY IN THE CLOUDS, WHERE CONTEMPORARY DESIGN
MOVES IN HARMONY WITH NATURE.**

ITINERARY 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS

DAY 1:

The adventure begins at 08h30 am at one of the main hotels in Quito, when you be picked up by Mashpi transportation for your journey to the northwest corner of the Metropolitan District of Quito. The road passes along the western flank of the Andes next to the “Middle of the World” (“La Mitad del Mundo”) which marks the equatorial line. We then continue westwards, downhill, following the course of the Rio Blanco, watching as the vegetation changes with every significant drop in altitude. After passing the town of Nanegalito, we head northwest, along winding country roads, passing the archaeological site of Tulipe and various farming communities. We arrive at the Lodge at noon.

Your time with us at Mashpi is your own to Experience with the help of our expedition staff, you can choose from many different activities, with a professional naturalist guide and an experienced local guide.– all at your own pace. On arrival day, you will plan activities with the team and receive an introduction about Mashpi and all its wonders.

After lunch you will be able to return to your room to rest before heading out in the afternoon for your activity. Among some of the most popular option, we suggest a hike through the forest or a birdseye view of the forest canopy aboard the amazing and unique **Dragonfly** aerial cable car...



When darkness falls, a new troupe of creatures emerges: your guides will accompany you in search of tiny (and some transparent!) frogs, snakes, insects and even tarantulas during a **Night Walk**.

DAY 2:
The next day could begin at dawn on the panoramic terrace, watching – and listening to the amazing variety of birds stirring around the Lodge. After breakfast, you could hike towards a **waterfall**, bath in pristine waters, head to the **Hummingbird Garden**, or discover the winged wonders of the **Life Centre**'s butterflies.



After lunch, we suggest one of the most unique experiences by pedaling between two points of the forest around 200 m (655 ft) apart on the aerial **Sky Bike**, followed by a climb up the **Observation Tower** to take in the Reserve in its entirety and watch the sun go down behind the clouds... For the evening, we have prepared a series of different lectures such as the "Secret Wildlife of Mashpi: the Camera Trap Project," "The Chocó: a Biological Hotspot" about the formation and

diversity of the Chocó, or about our scientific research projects. The lectures will be given by one of our naturalists or our resident biologist at 7:30 p.m.

DAY 3

On your last day, there will be more time to explore the forest trails, waterfalls or just relax on the grounds to enjoy the experience.

We proceed to check out at 11:00 a.m. and leave with Mashpi Lodge transportation at 11:30 a.m. We will be given a complimentary box lunch to enjoy during our drive back to Quito.