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TOUR OPERADOR & DMC
The Galapagos Islands - Ecuador
South America

BOMBOLÍ CLOUD FOREST & HORSEBACK RIDING TWO DAYS



Just half an hour from the southern outskirts of the city of Quito, Ecuador's capital and the First World Cultural Heritage Site, at KM 20 of the route Aloag - Santo Domingo towards the Pacific Coast, on the Western Cordillera and part of the Illinizas Reserve, we will find Bombolí, a private reserve at 3000 meters of altitude with more than 120 hectares of upper montane forest. This amazing reserve has been conserved and cared for by a couple of nature lovers, Marianita and Oswaldito. They have spent more than thirty years of their lives fulfilling their great passion: Making Bombolí a place of indescribable beauty that can show us that, with patience and love, we can make this world a better place.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Millenarian trees
- ✓ Forest of giant ferns
- ✓ More than 200 varieties of wild orchids
- ✓ More than 150 species of birds
- ✓ More than 16 beautiful waterfalls
- ✓ Over 10 km of trails with many species of flora and fauna
- ✓ Meals with produce from the family garden
- ✓ Orchids Hospital
- ✓ Share experiences with the hosts of the reserve



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ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Horseback-Riding



DETAILED PROGRAM

DAY 1

This magical journey starts very early in the morning when our guide will pick you up from your hotel and take you to the meeting point at Hacienda la Alegría, located at the south side of Quito, in the green valley of Machachi.

Here you will prepare the horses with the staff and do a trial run to get comfortable. You will traverse the high moors of the Andes Mountain Range and "El Corazon", which is an inactive volcano. This activity is approximately six hours horse ride with our staff, in which you will have an introduction to the Ecuadorian Andes.

During the Horseback riding, we will stop briefly and enjoy a box-lunch. Later on, we continue our journey to the Ecological Reserve in the Cloud Forest of Bombolí (3000 m.), where we will be welcome by the owners with a hot cup of coffee or tea, in front of the chimney. Here we can share our anecdotes and experiences of the day.

Afterwards, we have a delicious dinner, made with natural and organic products, which have been planted and harvested mostly in the nearby garden (accommodation in Bombolí). **(BL-D)**

DAY 2

We left behind the ecological reserve and continue with our journey towards an ancient road that until 1960 connected the capital city of Quito with the coast region. From this location, we can observe the vast and fertile valley of Machachi, and even a few roads in the eastside - cordillera. Eventually, we will cross extensive pastures and eucalyptus forests into the valley for a snack. Arrival at the Hacienda La Algeria, from where, we will return to Quito. **(B)**

B = Breakfast
BL= Box Lunch
D = Dinner



INCLUDED:

- ✓ Transfer from hotel to meeting point
- ✓ Private transportation: Quito - Bombolí - Quito
- ✓ Bilingual guide (Spanish / English)
- ✓ Excursion accompanied by a riding expert
- ✓ Excursion accompanied by an ecological expert
- ✓ Entrance fee to the reserve
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Excursion to the giant fern forest
- ✓ Afternoon coffee
- ✓ Activities specified in the itinerary

NOT INCLUDED:

- ✓ Taxes for Ecuadorians and local Travel Agencies
- ✓ Tips
- ✓ Personal expenses
- ✓ Alcoholic and not specified non-alcoholic beverages
- ✓ Any item not specified in the program

WHAT TO BRING?

- ✓ Warm and comfortable clothes
- ✓ Trekking boots
- ✓ Rain Poncho
- ✓ Camera (Fully charged)
- ✓ Water bottle

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ✓ This program is very flexible and activities may vary according to personal preferences.
- ✓ There is no electricity at Bombolí so all your photo and video cameras should be fully charged.
- ✓ There are no possibilities to buy batteries nearby.
- ✓ The cell phone signal is weak.
- ✓ The water bottle can be refilled whenever needed.
- ✓ This tour operates with a minimum of 2 people with prior reservation.
- ✓ This tour can be operated every day of the year.

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