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PRE/POST TOURS TMLA -HATO VERDE CENTENNIAL HACIENDA + BOMBOLI CLOUD FOREST



HATO VERDE CENTENNIAL HACIENDA

Hato Verde Hacienda is located on the southern face of the colossal Cotopaxi Volcano, its elegant and distinguished farm house was built 140 years ago and refurbished in 2009, keeping the original materials as well as its rustic but yet cozy surroundings along the marvelous landscapes of the highlands.

Highlights:

- ✓ Nearby lakes such as Yambo, Anteojos and Quilotoa with breathtaking landscapes
- ✓ Visit to the garden enjoying and feeling the nature
- ✓ Elegant dining experience
- ✓ Horse riding
- ✓ Cotopaxi Volcano

BOMBOLÍ CLOUD FOREST.

Bombolí is located on the occidental side of the Andes mountains inside the Illinizas Ecological Reserve, just half an hour away from the southern limit of Quito, on the 20th Km of the Aloag-Santo Domingo road. It has an extension of 120 hectares of Primary Highland Forest and 80 hectares of Secondary Forest.

Highlights:

- ✓ Millenary trees and Giant Ferns Forest
- ✓ More than 200 different species of orchids in their natural state
- ✓ Wide variety of birds
- ✓ 16 beautiful waterfalls
- ✓ More than 11 Km. of different trails with a wide variety of flora and fauna.
- ✓ Organic meals
- ✓ Orchid gardens
- ✓ Bond with the local hosts at Bombolí
- ✓ Preparation of craft cheese, more than 15 types of jams and also caramel flavored cream.
- ✓ Easy walks through the forest, bird watching, cooking classes, relax and environmental education.



Duration of the tour: 2 days

Start dates: Pre tours: 15/sept/2019
Start dates: Pre tours: 16/sept/2019
Start dates: Post tours: 22/sept/2019

End dates: Pre tours: 16/sept/2019
End dates: Pre tours: 17/sept/2019
End dates: Post tours: 23/sept/2019

Price only for buyers

TMLA SPECIAL PRICE FOR BUYERS: USD 246 per person in double room,

Included

- Private transportation: Quito-Hacienda Hato Verde-Bombolí-Quito
- Bilingual Guide (English / Spanish)
- One-night lodging at Hato Verde
- Visit Cotopaxi National Park
- Meals as detail in the itinerary
- Natural excursion with an ecological expert as a companion (Bombolí cloud forest)
- Entrance to the private reserve (Bombolí cloud forest)
- Tasting of local made cheese and jams (Bombolí cloud forest)
- Excursion to the Giant Ferns Forest (Bombolí cloud forest)
- Visit to the gardens and orchids nursery (Bombolí cloud forest)
- Visit to the Polylepis forest and organic orchard (Bombolí cloud forest)
- Coffee in the afternoon (Bombolí cloud forest)
- Lunch prepared with organic products from the orchard's family (Bombolí cloud forest)

Not included

- VAT for Ecuadorian passengers and local agencies
- Gratuity and personal expenses
- Any other items or service not specified in the program
- Breakfast, lunch in the first day and dinner in the second day.

Important Notes.

- For the second day in Bombolí please bring cash so you will able to purchase the products that the family produces (jams, cheese and sweet caramel milk). Credit cards are not accepted.
- Advance payment



ITINERARY

Day 1: Quito – Hato Verde Centennial Hacienda (-/-/D)



We will start our tour early in the morning, our departure from Quito through The Panamericana South Highway, enjoying the beautiful landscapes of the place, we drive to the impressive active volcano Cotopaxi (5.897 m. High). Our first stop will be at the Limpiopungo Lake, and during our stay at the National Park, we can do a moderated level of trekking.

After a small walk we continue our journey to Hacienda Hato Verde, where we can enjoy walking around the hacienda, appreciating the magnificent landscapes surrounded the farm, we also have time to relax and treasure the calmness of the night, we will taste a delicious diner with local products.



Once you have a good night rest, we will get ready to continue our next adventure.

Day 2: Hato Verde Centennial Hacienda – Bombolí Cloud Forest – Quito (B/L/)

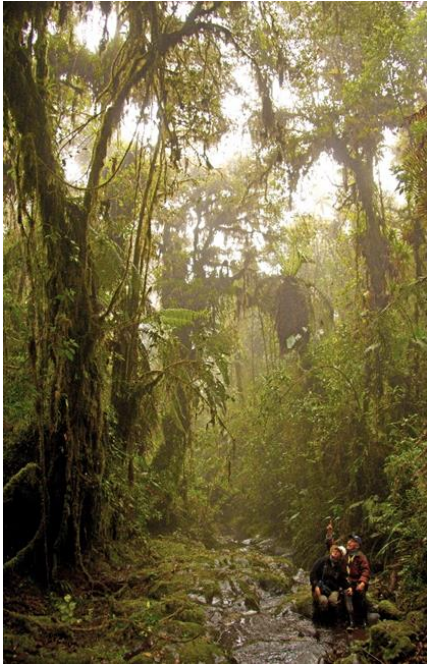
After our delicious breakfast, our guide will accompany us from Hato Verde to a beautiful reserve located on the other side of the Cotopaxi National Park, Bombolí Cloud Forest.



Just 30 minutes from Aloag town, on the road to the coastal region of Ecuador, you will find this beautiful Private Reserve Bombolí which will welcome us in giving out a feeling of peace and tranquility. This feeling of peace goes along with the pure contact with nature that you will find only in a place such as this one.

Once we have arrived to the refuge house, the local family will give us a warm welcome. You will receive an introduction briefing by Oswaldito, where you will hear about their life in the mountain and also their complete dedication to protecting the forest. After our briefing, we will begin our excursion by visiting the gardens that are full of local plants like orchids, ferns, begonias, alders and much more. This visit will be done by walking around the refuge house while the host gives us some great information about the botanical and scientific aspects of this forest, we will also visit the Orchids Nursery, which was completely built by one of the owners, so these plants can have their own home, many of the orchids found here are in a peculiar miniature size which can only be found in this place.





We continue our excursion towards the highlands of the forest so we can have the opportunity to visit a small Polylepis forest where you can admire all three-species found in Ecuador regarding that type of fauna. Next to this part of the forest we will also visit the family's organic orchard.

Following this visit, we will continue towards the upper part of the private reserve, we will walk through a trail surrounded by lots of trees and native plants of this area, also a wide variety of orchids. During this walk, we will hear from our guide an explanation of all the natural health benefits each one of these plants can give as a gift to us, this until we finally arrive to the "Primary Forest of Millenary Ferns"; these giant ferns will be the highlight of the beautiful scenery we will find here, along with a small but majestic waterfall that can be found here during winter season.

After this beautiful experience, we will return to the reserves main house so we can have a delicious lunch, made by Marianita, with organic products that in their majority have been harvested in this same reserve. After lunch, it's time to participate in the elaboration of cheese, jams and or caramel flavored cream, all products that have been elaborated for many years here, making them of great quality and amazing taste. At the end of the day all of the visitors can acquire any of these products.



If time allows it, we can relax right by the chimney drinking some hot Bombolí coffee before having to head back to Quito

What to take for your experience in Bombolí?

- Warm and comfortable clothing
- Rain jacket or rain poncho
- Trekking shoes
- Magnifying glass and binoculars
- Flash light
- Camera for photos and videos
- Plastic bags to protect your electronic items

End of the itinerary



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