



BELLAVISTA CLOUD FOREST EXPERIENCE

Sept 16th 2024 // Sept 21st 2024

Full Day with Cock of the Rock TRAVEL MART SPECIAL INCLUDING THE BEST LEK FOR SEEING THE ICONIC COCK-OF-THE-ROCK \$40 / PERSON



This Day Trip to Bellavista is a perfect way of getting to know a subtropical rain forest, so close to Quito and in the heart of the cloud forest! Why spend that spare day in the city when you could be hiking in a forest reserve, or relaxing and admiring the hummingbirds and the landscapes of this wonderful region? PERFECT FOR DISCOVERING A MAJOR DESTINATION CLOSE TO QUITO INCLUDING THE GORGEOUS COCK-OF-THE-ROCK, JUST ONE DAY! A GREAT COMPLEMENT TO A GALAPAGOS TRIP.

We pick you up at your hotel, and travel past the Ecuador Monument, and on down a mountain road with beautiful views, and then turn off on a dirt road with more fabulous views for our climb to Bellavista.

Once at Bellavista, the hummingbirds take our full attention! Large numbers hover constantly round the feeders, and it is easy to identify six to eight species at very close range. They sometimes will even perch on your finger.



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After breakfast we go for a guided naturalist hike into the forest, of about 2-2.5 hours duration.

Your guided hike will acquaint you with the exuberant vegetation of the Cloud Forest, its bird life, and the fascinating adaptations to life in this special environment. Every hike reveals something new even for those of us who are fortunate enough to live in the forest every day!

Finishing the walk, we will proceed with lunch in our restaurant with an excellent view of the forest.

After lunch, our driver will be waiting for us to visit a local reserve where we can see the **best accessible local lek** of the Cock-of-the-Rock, a bird that is characterized by its striking red color and the raucous songs performed by the males. At the end of this visit, we will take the road back to Quito. **NOTE: OVERNIGHT VISITS WITH COCK-OF-THE ROCK ARE ALSO AN OPTION: ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDING TO YOUR SPECIFIC WISHES**



ITINERARY:

- Departure: Sept 16th 2024 // Sept 21st 2024 from your Quito hotel early morning, 06h15 - 06h30.
- Arrival and breakfast at Bellavista Lodge
- Guided Hike on trails
- Lunch: 13h00 , and time with the hummingbirds
- Drive to lek: 14h30 – 15h45
- Visit Cock-of-the-Rock lek 15.45 -17.00
- Depart for Quito: 17h00
- Arrive in Quito: 19h00 aprox.

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What to Bring?:

- Comfortable shirts or t-shirts.
- Wool sweaters for the evening.
- Quick dry pants (blue jeans are not recommended)
- Change of clothes (unlikely!)
- Hat and sunscreen.
- Rain poncho (we have some available if necessary).
- Camera.
- We have rubber boots up to size 47 (some pairs in larger sizes)
- We recommend bringing binoculars (we have some for rent).
- Bottle of water for walks.
- Small daypack for walks.
- Flashlight and batteries.
- Plastic bag to protect cameras, etc.



What is not included?

Drinks, tips, personal items and other services.

Note: Walking routes are flexible.



Prices

Price	
Full Day	USD 40

*Prices are per person.

* If you like a package with overnight you can write us to the contacts below.



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