



Bellavista Cloud Forest Reserve

This "**Study and Travel**" program offers the chance to experience the unique environment of the cloud forest with its incredible biological diversity. The reserve is home to thousands of different species of flora and fauna and regular daily activities explore different aspects of this natural wonder—hikes, night walks, and excursions on horse-back are all part of the fun.

Bellavista itself is a lodge which is dedicated to the protection, conservation and understanding of this fragile ecological niche, preserving it for future generations.

Students leave early Monday morning with their teacher to arrive for lunch at the reserve. The program ends on Friday after lunch with return transport to Quito included.

You are of course welcome to stay on at the lodge once classes have finished to explore further on your own. If you wish to further explore the area you can—

- Travel to Mindo, a small town also set in the cloud forest with many possible activities
- Travel to Puerto Quito to visit the "Laguna Azul" waterfalls

Notes:

The program includes:

- 20 hours of spanish classes
- Transport to and from the lodge
- 4 nights accommodation
- Activities and excursions on the reserve
- All meals

Not Included:

- Drinks and snacks
- Personal spending or additional activities that may require special guide

What to bring:

- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Lightweight long-sleeve shirts and pants
- Rain poncho
- Binoculars
- Water bottle (they have their own filtered water, but it's a good idea to have your own bottle to carry on excursions)
- A good book to read in the evenings.

Itinerary *(subject to revision depending on local conditions)*

Monday

Depart from Quito at 7.00 am by bus and pick-up to the lodge. Welcome and settle in. Afternoon activity after lunch. Spanish classes

Tuesday

Spanish classes after breakfast. After lunch at 3.00 pm— natural history walk with guide from 1-4 hours depending on group, interests, etc.

Wednesday

6.15 set out on guided bird-watching walk. Spanish classes after breakfast, continued after lunch. Late afternoon free time to explore. Night walk with natural history guide to look for amphibians, night animals, etc.

Thursday

Morning - guided tour on horse-back (optional) to waterfalls and other areas of interest in the reserve. Spanish classes after lunch.

Friday

Spanish classes after breakfast. The program ends after lunch. Transport back to Quito.

Please not that **this is just a guide** to the activities on offer and may change according to factors such as weather and other events taking place at the reserve. There are regular events and ongoing activities at the lodge and on the reserve and students are welcome to change the schedule to take advantage of opportunities to follow their particular interests.

Cost: Bellavista

- 1 Student :1 Teacher - \$702.57 (dorm room)
- 1 Student :1 Teacher - \$880.32 (private room)
- 2 Students :1 Teacher - \$574.93 (dorm room)
- 2 Students :1 Teacher - \$716.10 (private room)