

## QUITO CITY – ANDEAN CLOUD FOREST – HUMMINGBIRD SANCTUARY- RETURN TO QUITO



Pick-up from Quito city (2,800msl) at 4:00 a.m. Also, the pick-up would be coordinated from the Quito airport. 2-hour drive approximately to the Andean Cloud Forest Reserve (1,600msl). While we prepare our equipment, we will have a snack. Short walk to the Lek to observe the Andean Cock the Rock, one of the icon in the region.

We will always be accompanied by our host who is a local guide within the reserve. Short drive to the see the Yellow-breasted Antpitta. Like most antpittas (who walks on stilts), very difficult to see; occasionally hops along a forest trail. Giant Antpitta, it is a large antpitta found out in this reserve. Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, Moustached, Ochre-breasted and Yellow-breasted, along with Rufous-breasted Antthrush. It's time for a break and we continue to the restaurant of the refuge to have a country breakfast made with plantains along with a delicious empanada with cheese.

Besides, can be seen in the tour: Violet-tailed Sylph, Empress Brilliant, Velvet-purple Coronet, Western Emerald, Golden-headed Quetzal, Red-headed and Toucan Barbets (upper forest), Crimson-rumped Toucanet, Plate-billed Mountain-toucan, Narino Tapaculo, Orange-breasted Fruiteater, Olivaceous Piha (seldom), Golden-winged Manakin and Black-chinned Mountain-tanager. In addition, good opportunity to watch Dark-backed Wood-quail, Lyre-tailed Nightjar and Scaled Fruiteater.

At the end of our observation in this natural reserve, we will continue back and on the way, we are able to visit the hummingbird sanctuary. More quiet, we can observe

other species of hummingbirds and tanagers that perhaps escaped us in the previous reserve (1,400msl). Back to Quito and drop-off in your hotel.

**The tour includes:**

- An English-speaking naturalist guide
- Local guides
- Private transportation
- Admissions to Andean Cloud Forest Reserve and Hummingbird Sanctuary.
- Snacks, breakfast and lunch.

**The tour does not include:**

- Accommodation
- Travel insurance
- Tips
- Optional activities
- Bank fees

**Additional info:** Walking level is medium, minimum age is 12-year old, vegetarian passengers are welcome, please advise at time of booking, duration: 8/9 hours (approx.)

**Weather:**

Dry season: Mainly sunny, temperature ranges 28 C or 83 F, rainfall 24% (probably), humidity 39%, wind 8km/h.

Rainy season: Mainly cloudy, temperature ranges 18 C or 64 F, rainfall 40% (probably), humidity 48%, wind 3km/h

These values are referential and may change at the time of traveling.

**What to bring?**

T-shirts or comfortable blouses/shirts (long sleeved shirts for hikes), sweater or fleece for the evenings, wind and/or rain jacket, quick drying pants / trousers (no jeans), lightweight socks, change of clothes, sunhat and sunscreen, rain poncho, camera, binoculars recommended, water bottle for hikes, small day pack for hikes, plastic bags to protect camera, hiking shoes / boots.

Few mosquitoes are present in this tour. Bring a little of repellent. No malaria, yellow fever or other tropical diseases can be contracted in this area.