

# **4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS ALL INCLUSIVE PROGRAM**

## **Itinerary**

Sample Itinerary (subject to change due to the weather, specific interests, physical abilities of our guests and the availability of each place to be visited)

## **Highlights**

- Middle of The World
- Mindo Cloud Forest
- Waterfalls Sanctuary
- Butterflies Farm
- Chocolate Factory
- Half Day Birdwatching Tour







# Day 1 Middle of the World, Hummingbirds Garden and Orquids Garden

#### Description

We will pick you up from your Hotel in Quito or Airport area at 9:00 am. Our driver will pick you up. During the transfer to Las Terrazas de Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa in Mindo Cloud Forest, you will enjoy a snacks box which includes some natural juice, ham and cheese sandwich and a chocolate bar. On the way to our Hotel, you will have chance to stop and enjoy the amazing Middle of the World, the interesting Intiñan Museum, the wonderful Pululahua Viewpoint and Los Armadillos Hummingbirds Garden in which you can also have a relaxing time.

Arrival time to Las Terrazas de Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa will be around 1:30 pm. At the Hotel you will have a natural welcome drink and also you will get fresh with a cool towel. Then all of our guest will receive a Hotel and Program Briefing. After your checking and briefing, you will enjoy your Bungalow for a while, and then you will be invited to join us for your first lunch in our Restaurant.

After lunch, and when you feel ready, we will visit a different Hummingbirds Garden located in Mindo Town in which you will have the opportunity to check and know some unassociated species of hummingbirds than the ones you knew in Los Armadillos. A local Orquids Garden will be our next stop. Many wild orquids from Mindo Cloud Forest to be enjoyed will be waiting for you. At the end of these visits, we will return to the Hotel to enjoy a relaxing evening in your private terrace or our swimming pool.

Dinner time 7:00 pm (Flexible schedule). You can enjoy dinner in your private terrace or in our Restaurant.

Meals: Snacks Box, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Las Terrazas De Dana Boutique Lodge & SPA

**Difficulty:** Easy

Transportation: Mini Bus/Pick up track/Mini suv











## Day 2 Chairlift, Cablecar, Waterfalls Sanctuary, Chocolate Factory and Private Massage

#### Description

Breakfast starts at 8:00 in the morning. You will love the view in your private terrace while you enjoy your breakfast. After this, and when you feel ready, with a private naturalist guide we will continue to the Chairlift which takes 20 minutes to climb up to the top area of Mindo's Valley, where you will enjoy awesome views during this ride. When you get to the top, after leaving the Chairlift, you will hike for around 4 minutes to get to the Cablecar by which you will come across Nambillo River Valley and start the adventure to the Waterfalls Sanctuary of Mindo Cloud Forest. It's easy to see 5 or 6 waterfalls in this morning hike with your private naturalist guide who will show you the secrets of the cloud forest. After this wonderful morning, you will come back to Las Terrazas de Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa crossing again with the Cablecar and the Chairlift. At the Hotel, you will have lunch in our Restaurant and relaxing time in our swimming pool or your bungalow.

During the afternoon, we will visit a Chocolate Factory. A guide will let you know all the details about the process to make chocolate and at the end of the tour you will taste different types of this delicious chocolate. After the visit to the Chocolate Factory, you can enjoy your favorite massage in our Mandrágora Relax & Beauty Spa.

Dinner around 7:00pm (flexible time). You can enjoy dinner in your private terrace or in our Restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Las Terrazas De Dana Boutique Lodge & SPA

**Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

Transportation: Pick up track/Mini suv







# Day 3 Butterfly Farm, Cooking Class and Coffee Tour

#### Description

After breakfast in your private terrace or our Restaurant area, we will visit the Butterfly Farm in Mindo Cloud Forest to sight hundreds of butterflies and their colors. After the visit to the Butterfly Farm, we will have a Cooking Class in the Hotel on the base of local products and Ecuadorian Cuisine.

Lunch in our Hotel after Cooking Classes and, in the afternoon, we will visit the Coffee Tour of Mindo Cloud Forest where you will also learn about the process of how to make coffee and certainly, you will be able to roast your own coffee. This afternoon you will also have plenty of time to enjoy one of the therapies offered in our Spa with a special discount, enjoy our valley view and gardens. Our swimming pool will be waiting for you.

Dinner around 7:00pm (flexible time). You can enjoy dinner in your private terrace or in our Restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Las Terrazas De Dana Boutique Lodge & SPA

**Difficulty:** Easy

Transportation: Pick up track/Mini suv







### Day 4

### Yellow House Cloud Forest Trails, Half Day Birdwatching Tour (Optional)

#### Description

During this morning, you will may be interested to enjoy an optional Birdwatching Tour with an experienced birding guide and enjoy this activity in one of the best birding hot spots in the world. Our Half Day Birding Tour, optional in this program, gives our passengers the opportunity to also observe the famous Cock Of The Rock, if you decide to do it, the tour will start at 5:15 am and by private transportation, you will be directed to one of the Reserves, part of the Andean Choco, where you can see the mentioned bird. Arrival at the Reserve will be around 6:00 am and you can enjoy the reserve and sighting of the Cock Of The Rock for approximately one hour. At 7:00 am, you will be driven back to Mindo Cloud Forest where you will arrive around 7:30 am and, from the highest part of the Valley on the San Lorenzo Route, you will be able to continue with your sighting program in which, for sure, you will be able to observe various species of birds that will finally make your experience unforgettable. Take advantage of this experience and have breakfast with your private birding guide after your tour to solve questions and make a check list of the seen species. Birdwatching tour starts at 6:00 am and finish around 10:00 am if you decide not to sight the Cock Of The Rock.

After breakfast in your private terrace or our Restaurant area, which starts at 8:00 in the morning if you decide not to take the Half Day Birding Tour, with a private naturalist guide, you will visit the Yellow House Trails in Mindo Cloud Forest. It's a private reserve of 200 hectares and there is a main trail and five side trails. Usually, during the morning tour, you will visit 2-3 of these trails. For sure you will learn more secrets about Mindo Cloud Forest.

After this delightful morning, you will get back to Las Terrazas de Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa in where you can have some resting time and enjoy our swimming pool, Spa and gardens before your check-out at noon and transfer to your Quito or Airport Area Hotel. Our driver will pick you up.

Half Day Birding Tour: Pre-breakfast. We supply thermos, cupcakes and bananas the night before.

Meals: Breakfast, Snacks Box

Accommodation: Las Terrazas De Dana Boutique Lodge & SPA

**Difficulty:** Moderate

Transportation: Mini Bus/Pick up track/Mini suv







### **Important Notes**

- The itinerary described is a sample itinerary and subject to change due to the weather, specific interests, physical abilities of our guests and the availabity of each place to be visited.
- Tailor-made itinerary is liable to be organized according to guests needs.
- First day stops: Middle of The World, Intiñan Museum, Pululahua Viewpoint and Los Armadillos Hummingbirds Garden, are included stops and up to the guests.
- Zipline, Tubing down Mindo River and Half Day Birding are liable to be included under request.
- First day program does not include breakfast.
- Last day program does not include lunch and dinner.
- Lunch and dinner includes a soft drink, natural juice or regular beer.
- The transportation to every site in which the activities will take place, will be set by private vehicles which could be a pick up truck, mini suv, suv or mini bus.
- The Spa services will have a 20% discount for all of our guests.
- Spa massage services must be requested at least 2 hours in advance.
- Our therapists are capable to assist two guests at the same time in any of the therapies and massages listed.
- Each Bungalow at Las Terrazas De Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa has a Safety Deposit Box.
- At Las Terrazas De Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa's boutique you will find a small selection of
  exploration garments, handicrafts and essentials to make sure you've got everything you
  need, and then some. Some items are subject to availability.
- Last day program, there is Late Check Out service available under request for an extra \$60.00 fee each bungalow.
- Additional and not included expenses could be settled down by cash, Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Diners Club at Front Desk in Las Terrazas De Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa when guests are checking out.





## **Special Reminders**

- Please do not litter, either in the Cloud Forest or during your visits or activities.
- Bright colored clothing can attract unwanted animals and insects.
- Do not bring any food or drink other than water into the Cloud Forest.
- Always stay with your guide during your visits into the Cloud Forest.
- During your hikes into the Cloud Forest please try to walk slow and do not speak loud.
- Use natural insect repellant during your visits into the Cloud Forest.
- Keep your eyes and skin safe from tropical sun by using hat or cap and sunglasses.
- For a comfortable experience, please pack socks that will be gentle on your feet.
- Make sure your shoes are up to visit the Cloud Forest, use comfortable hiking shoes.
- The sun in the tropic can be intense, please pack sunblock.
- Portable flashlight will be a great help during evening and night walks.





## **Packing List**

- Hat or cap
- Sunglasses
- Bathing suit
- Dark or earth toned long sleeve tees or expedition shirts
- Dark or earth toned lightweight pants
- Breathable or moisture wicking crew length socks
- Comfortable hiking shoes
- Raincoat or Rain poncho
- Sunblock
- Natural insect repellant
- Camera & accessories
- Lightweight sweater or jacket
- Portable flashlight
- Ziplock style baggies in which to keep your items dry
- Batteries
- Binoculars





#### Included

- Private shuttle from Quito or Airport area to Las Terrazas De Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa.
   (Transfer In). Other location available under request with a supplement.
- Private shuttle from Las Terrazas De Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa (Transfer Out) to Quito or Airport area. Other location available under request with a supplement.
- Accommodation in our Luxury Lodge into Mindo Cloud Forest: Las Terrazas De Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa.
- Welcome drink and fresh cool towel.
- Dana Experience "Water Refill Silver Bottle".
- Snacks Box served during the shuttle service from Quito (or required location) to Mindo Cloud Forest (First Day).
- Snacks Box served during the shuttle service from Mindo Cloud Forest (Last Day) to Quito (or required location).
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner in Las Terrazas De Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa as described in every day of the program.
- Deluxe lunch time which includes Spanish Paella, Glass of Wine & Soft Drink in Las Terrazas De Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa one day (up to our guests) during the program.
- Private transportation to the location in which every activity described in the tour takes place.
- Private guide during the visit to the Waterfalls Sanctuary (included in the program).
- Private guide during the Half Day Birding Tour (not included in the program).
- All the activities described in the program.
- Entrance tickets to every activity described in the program.
- One therapy per person (up to the guests) from our Spa services.
- Cooking classes available one day during the program.
- Laundry service.
- Coffee, milk, tea & purified water in Las Terrazas De Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa.
- Satellite Television.
- Wifi internet service.
- Room Service.





#### Not Included

- Breakfast first day of the program.
- Lunch and Dinner last day of the program.
- Bilingual guide during transportation from Quito to Mindo Cloud Forest. Available under request.
- Half Day Birding Tour.
- Alcoholic and no described drinks.
- Meals in places or restaurants not listed.
- Items listed in the Packing List.
- Travel and health insurance.
- Personal expenses.
- Late check out.
- Tips & gratuities.
- Activities and services not listed in the program.





### **Payment Policies**

For reservations of Tours and Programs developed by Dana Expeditions in the Chocó Andino and Mindo Cloud Forest, with accommodation in Las Terrazas de Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa, a deposit of 20% of the total value of the Program is required to confirm your program.

The remaining 80% payment can be done at your arrival in Las Terrazas de Dana Boutique Lodge & Spa.

#### **Cancellation Policies**

For cancellations of Tour or Programs developed by Dana Expeditions, a cancellation period is established without penalty up to 30 days before the arrival of the passengers. If the cancellation is made in a period established between 29 and 0 days considered to the date of arrival, the penalty will be equal to 100% of the value previously deposited to guarantee the reservation of the Program.

