

Masphi Lodge, Ecuador

Located at a former lumber mill, Mashpi Lodge was built on a 2500 acre private estate in the Chocó Region using the latest techniques in preassembled, sustainable construction which have been designed around the topography in order to prevent damage to the forest.



The Chocó forest is one of the most diverse forests in the Neotropical realm. It is estimated that tropical forests, which comprise just 6% of the world's surface area, contain somewhere between one-half to three-quarters of the earth's plant and animal species.

Mashpi provides guests with an unprecedented opportunity to explore both cloud forest and rainforest. The research team at Mashpi has discovered several species which were previously unknown to mankind, and by visiting Mashpi Lodge, you are directly contributing to the conservation and deeper understanding of this unique and precious ecosystem and biogeographical region.



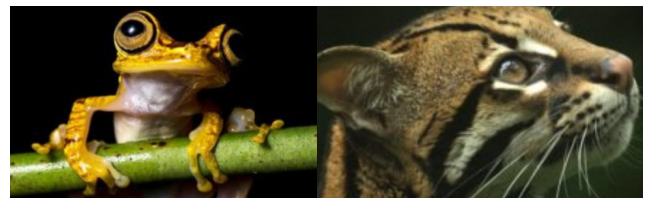
Discovery and conservation of local rainforest and species



Supporting the local community

Mashpi works closely with the people of the areas surrounding the reserve. Through their collaboration program their neighbours as well as lodge staff become shareholders in Mashpi.

Mashpi offers numerous job opportunities for members of the neighbouring communities including professional training and English classes. These same people will go on to share their unparalleled knowledge of the surrounding lands and wildlife in the lodge's research projects.



The communities are also the primary providers of agricultural and other food products and supplies that are used at the lodge, channeling fair income into the local population.

