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MASHPI LODGE ECUADOR

At 900 metres (2,950 feet) above sea level, amid the dramatic verdant hills and waterfalls of the Ecuadorian cloud forest, is the luxury cocoon of Mashpi Lodge.

Through its tall glass windows, guests enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding forests and mountains. This environment plays host to a vast array of plants and animals, from ferns and bromeliads to orchids (some newly discovered), and from monkeys and peccaries to puma, plus 500 species of birds, including at least 36 endemic species.

Built with the latest sustainable construction methods, the property is 'designed to blend perfectly with its natural environs', according to its mission statement. Not just about the outdoors, Mashpi Lodge features contemporary and minimalist decor, mixing warm earth tones and bright hues, clean lines with the angular, 'amid the cloud and tropical forests, a unique natural world just steps away, ideal for discovery, exploration, contemplation and relaxation'.