



Objectives:

- Conserve some of the last remaining inter-Andean cloud forest.
- Develop scientific research
- Collaborate with the local community of Mariscal Sucre
- Undertake environmental education courses with local high school students
- Promote organic agriculture

Guandera Biological Station and Reserve

Location: Carchi Province, Northern Ecuador. 1000 hectares.
Altitude: 3100 - 3600 meters.

Activities:

- Organic Agriculture.
- Alternative animal production.
- Biological inventories.
- Herbarium collection.
- Research assistants.
- Meteorological station.
- Reserve maintenance.
- Environmental education.
- English teaching.
- Personal investigation.
- Work in the Center for the Conservation of Andean Plants.



Facilities:

- The biological station can host up to 20 visitors in four dormitory-style rooms.
- The house features a full kitchen and indoor bathrooms with hot-water showers, but no phone.
- Although the Station has electricity access, we recommend bringing a headlight to walk anywhere at night.
- To share with our volunteers our culture, the staff of the station offers two hours of Spanish classes every afternoon, once the work from the station has been done.
- We also offer dance lessons in a variety of styles, including salsa, merengue and other Latin American dances. The classes are a lot of fun and a good workout. These dancing lessons are free of charge.



What to do when you have time off:

- Observe the snow-capped volcanos such as the Chiles, Imbabura and Cotacachi.
- To the south of the reserve you find the "Devil's Nose", and the Labrateña and Mirador waterfalls.
- At San Gabriel, 20Km South from the Station there is the spectacular 60m high Paluz waterfall.
- 30 Km South from Guandera you can find La Paz, from which a steep but good cobbled road descends for 5Km to the Gruta de la Paz. Views along the road are breathtaking, including two spectacular waterfalls.
- Tulcan, the capital of the province of Carchi, is located 15Km North of the Station.
- Visit the hot springs near Tulcan.

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