

As a Swiss traveler, I have been fortunate to explore many beautiful corners of the world. But when I recently visited Colombia, something about the country's stunning nature and vibrant culture captivated me in a way that no other place ever has.

One of the highlights of my trip was discovering a hidden gem of a destination that felt like a true oasis in the midst of Colombia's lush landscape. Tucked away in a peaceful corner, I stumbled upon a cozy and authentic retreat that immediately stole my heart.

Are you ready to discover an ecological paradise like no other? Look no further than **el Porvenir Natural Reserve**, a breathtaking sanctuary of natural beauty and biodiversity located in the heart of Colombia, in the valley of Magdalena Medio (Cimitarra, Santander)

For over 36 years, the visionary private owners of El Porvenir Natural Reserve have dedicated themselves to the conservation and reforestation of this precious land, protecting the rich variety of species that call it home. But when faced with economic difficulties that threatened the fate of the reserve, they came up with a brilliant solution: ecotourism.

By visiting El Porvenir Natural Reserve, tourists not only get to experience the wonder and magic of this stunning ecosystem, but they also have the opportunity to contribute to its ongoing conservation efforts. With at least at least 123 species of birds registered in the property (data provided by <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L17103197>), in addition to other species of fauna, they protect **the Magdalena marimonda or Choibo, and blue-billed curassow**, species critically endangered by habitat loss (according to IUCN). You could find there the white-faced monkey, Colombian red howler, red squirrel, morrocoy turtles, babilla and common toad. Unfortunately I did not see but they have capture in the tramp cameras, jaguars, puma concolor, armadillos and many more species. In terms of flora, there are records of at least 117 species distributed in 56 families (Wildlife Conservation Society, 2017). The conservation area consists of existing forests on the property and the protective forest strips of streams and creeks. This zone covers a total of 300 Hectares.

The reserve boasts an impressive variety of ecosystems, including natural forests, secondary vegetation, and pastures of the Magdalena and Caribbean humid tropical zone. There are also plenty of bodies of water, such as the stunning La Dorada Creek, which support a rich diversity of aquatic life.

With over 300 hectares of land protected the RNSC, El Porvenir Natural Reserve is a truly special destination that offers visitors a chance to connect with nature and make a real difference in the world. So why wait? Go and experience the wonder of this ecological paradise for yourself and discover the true meaning of sustainable tourism.

From the moment I arrived, I was struck by the warm welcome I received from the locals. The staff at the retreat went above and beyond to make me feel at home, sharing stories about their way of life and offering invaluable tips on how to fully experience the natural wonders that surrounded me.

The retreat itself was a marvel to behold. Every detail had been carefully considered to create a harmonious blend of rustic charm and modern comfort. I loved curling up in a hammock, listening to the sounds of the jungle and soaking in the tranquil atmosphere.

But it was the nature that truly stole the show. From dense rainforests teeming with exotic wildlife to stunning creeks, every inch of the landscape was a feast for the senses. And thanks to the retreat's local guides, I was able to explore it all with ease and confidence.

All in all, my time at this beautiful retreat was an unforgettable experience that left me with a deep appreciation for the magic of Colombia's nature and the warmth of its people. If you're looking for an authentic and truly breathtaking travel destination, I can't recommend this place highly enough.

You can find it in Googlemaps: <https://goo.gl/maps/BtLPz6Zvcht33CHn7>