



JALISCO CLOUD FOREST TOUR & CULINARY ADVENTURE

Price/person: \$2180 MXN (APPROX. \$109 USD)



The Jardín Botánico Haravéri (Haravéri Botanical Garden) located deep in the heart of Jalisco's mountainside cloud forest, was just inaugurated in February of 2019. The Vallarta Botanical Garden is now offering a special visit there exclusively for members and guests of the Vallarta Botanical Garden and the PV Garden Club. This unique and first-of-its-kind tour is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2019.

This experience begins upon meeting up with the Vallarta Botanical Garden's guides either with an 8:00 am pickup at the Garden's downtown office (Ignacio L. Vallarta 399 in the Zona Romantica) or 8:30 am at the Home Depot parking lot. Located a little more than two hours from Vallarta—when traffic and road conditions cooperate—the trek out to the Jardín Botánico Haravéri is an adventure in and of itself. From the crossroads of La Estancia (where most pass en route to San Sebastián, Talpa, or Mascota) begins another road much less traveled. The Potrero de Mulas was the main route between Vallarta and Mascota from colonial times until about the turn of this past century. Since most people now take the paved highway, this ancient trail retains much of its original character and charm.

The Jardín Botánico Haravéri takes its name from the Wixárika (Huichol) moniker for "orchard" or "garden." Near the visitor infrastructure a great variety of native and exotic plants abound and thrive under obvious carefully orchestrated horticultural attention. But the real heart of this garden is a rustic trail through lush cloud forest naturally teeming with a mind boggling diversity of plant life. Stately relics of the plant kingdom including Magnolia and Podocarpus tower over an understory splashed with botanical showstoppers such as tree ferns and zamias. Every imaginable corner is claimed by at least something growing from it and philodendrons, amongst many other vines, compete alongside an endless variety of bromeliads and orchids. The master gardener here is nature herself and the Haravéri team simply directs this part of the experience through trails, interpretative signage, and botanical guides.

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Highlights

- The *only* tour by the Vallarta Botanical Garden to the brand-new Jardín Botánico Haravéri
- Air-conditioned luxury Suburban round-trip transportation
- Natural discovery with native plants including Podocarpus, Magnolias, Orchids, Bromeliads, and Tree Ferns
- Lunch by Jardín Nebulosa:
 - **Starters & Aguas Frescas**
 - **Soup:** Huitlacoche Cream or Squash Flower
 - **Entrée:** Pork Ribs in “Black Mule” Beer Sauce
Rabbit in Adobo Sauce
or Roasted Vegetable Plate
 - **Dessert:** (Chef’s Choice)
 - **Plus:** A small tasting of Raicilla distilled on site & 1 Craft Beer of your choice

Inclusions

- Air-conditioned transportation in luxury Suburbans

From	Time
Puerto Vallarta (VBG Main Office)	8:00 am
Home Depot (Las Juntas)	8:30 am

- Jardín Botánico Haravéri entrance
- Welcome refreshment
- Insect repellent
- A gourmet meal featuring locally sourced ingredients

What to Bring

- Lightweight long-sleeved shirt and long pants to stay covered and protected (optional)
- Closed-toed shoes suitable for hiking trails of moderate difficulty (including inclined and uneven surfaces)
- Cash for purchases and service gratuity (an optional way to reward great service)

What to Expect

- **Quality & Service:** *In a class of its own! The Vallarta Botanical Garden has a time-honored reputation of excellence in service and attention. The new Jardín Botánico Haravéri is an exclusive new destination of our region destined for inclusion on lists of the best area attractions.*
- **Activity Level / Difficulty:** Moderate walking; includes surfaces that are inclined and/or uneven (when requested in advance, accommodations can be made for those with mobility challenges)
- **Duration:** Approximately 10 to 11 hours
- **Restrictions:** Participants must be at least 12 years old. Minors must be accompanied by parent / legal guardians. The road to Jardín Botánico Haravéri is rough & may not be appropriate for those experiencing back pain.

**SPACE FOR THE MARCH 23, 2019 TOUR IS LIMITED.
BOOK TODAY BY PAYMENT IN FULL AT THE GARDEN’S OFFICE.**



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