

TRIP TO ECUADOR TOUR 5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER: PRE OR POST TOUR. (For Buyers & Suppliers)

ITINERARY

- DAY 1: Transfer in + Quito: A journey to the past
- DAY 2: Otavalo + Peguche Wasi and waterfall
- DAY 3: Cotopaxi National Park
- DAY 4: Baños – Riobamba
- DAY 5: Devil's Nose Train + Guayaquil Panorámico en helicopter.

DESCRIPTION

DAY 1 _____ **QUITO (-/-)**

Transfer in / Quito: A journey to the past

We are pleased to welcome you to Quito, the first city declared as World Heritage site in 1978 by the UNESCO. Before we start our tour, we will leave our luggage in the City Art Hotel, and then depart to the Historic Center of Quito, the largest and best preserved of South America. The first stop will be in Guapulo, a viewpoint where we will explain the story about the "Camino de Orellana", route that was used by the conquistadors in search of "El Dorado" and culminated with the discovery of the Amazon River.



The best way to get to know our city is to walk thru the narrow streets, we will be guided by a traditional character that will share with us the history of the city, and show us the patrimonial spaces such as churches, convents, museums, neighborhoods and tell us the legends, and customs of our ancestors.

To finish the tour we will say good bye to this traditional character who took us to the past for a few hours, and we will visit the "Panecillo", a natural viewpoint that is 9.842 ft. above sea level from where we can admire the city in its entire splendor.

Overnight at City Art Hotel.

DAY 2, _____ OTAVALO (B/-/-)

Otavalo: Andean diversity

We leave early in the morning heading to the north to the province of Imbabura. On the way we will visit the city of Cayambe, famous for the production of “bizcochos”, a biscuits that we can taste after observing its preparation.

The tour continues to the viewpoint of Miralago, in San Miguel de Cajas, located at the foot of the volcano Imbabura and from where we can admire the majestic Lake San Pablo, the largest of the province. We will make a stop to take pictures.



The next visit is to the “Plaza de los Ponchos” in the famous Otavalo market, one of the most important indigenous markets in the region because of its tradition and artisan wealth. The variety of colors and fabrics captivate visitors and make us want to learn more about their process. Our next stop will be the gallery and handicraft workshop “Peguche Wasi”, 5 minutes from Otavalo, where we will find the locals of the area in full activity. In this journey of about an hour we will be able to observe the tools that are used for the fabric, how they dye the wool and how the ancestors lived. We will understand the worldview of this people and their pride in maintaining the heritage of their ancestors. As part of the experience, the riskier ones will be able to practice with one of the weaving tools and who knows, it will become their next

hobby.

The adventure continues towards the waterfall of Peguche, a waterfall of 18 meters of height that is considered a sacred waterfall. Here the locals recharge their energies and purify their bodies.

We return to Quito to recover energies and be ready for nest day adventure.

Accommodation: City Art Hotel

DAY 3, _____ COTOPAXI (B/-/-)

We began our journey heading south along the Volcanoes Avenue. Only two hours from Quito, we reached Cotopaxi National Park. On the way to Limpiopungo Lagoon, located at 12.467 ft. above sea level, you can observe a variety of birds, herds of llamas and other species of mammals. From there you can appreciate several elevations like Rumiñahui, Sincholagua, Cotopaxi, Yanahurco. After a short walk through Limpiopungo Lagoon, we will head to a warm and cozy hacienda in the foothills of the Rumiñahui volcano where we will be welcomed with a “canelazo” a traditional drink and then we will begin with different activities.

We will perform height challenges on ropes, starting with a course to learn climbing techniques. Our stage is a complex of ropes up to 19 ft. high where we will test our balance when climbing or going through hanging bridges. This activity is developed in a safe environment in which we will definitely have a fun experience!

Accommodation: Hacienda El Porvenir

DAY 4, _____ RIOBAMBA (B/-/-)

We will observe the change of climate and vegetation as we head to Baños which is the gateway to the Amazon region. This warm city is located in the foothills of Tungurahua volcano and is an important tourist center of the country. We will visit the “Pailón del Diablo” waterfall, approximately 262 ft., considered as one of the biggest attractions in the area, we will make a 30 minute walk to get to the hanging bridge where you can take interesting pictures of the waterfall, but the riskiest people can live a more exciting adventure if they decide to continue towards a balcony located behind the waterfall. To reach it, they must pass sloping natural cracks and steps carved in rock. A unique experience!

We will make a tour through the city where we will start walking from the “Cascada Cabellera de la Virgen”, the only waterfall that is inside a city. We will arrive at a viewpoint where we will get to know about the city and its volcano; we will also visit a spring of mineral water where we will observe the origin of the water. We will also pass by the cane ride, where we will taste a delicious cane juice and watch the production of “melcochas” a handmade candy.

After this experience we will head south.

Accommodation: Hacienda Abraspungo

DAY 5 _____ **GUAYAQUIL (B/-)**

This morning we will leave to Alausí, a small village where the experience takes place on the famous Andes Train on its Devil’s Nose route. It is a great engineering work, located at 7.696 ft. above sea level and is considered unique in the world for its zig-zag shape where you can enjoy a magnificent landscape. The journey lasts approximately one hour to reach Sibambe where you will stop for 1 hour, here you will find a local community where we will enjoy a cultural presentation of the community and also appreciate their handicrafts.



Upon our return to Alausí, our transport awaits us to take us to the most important coastal city of Ecuador, Guayaquil. On the way we will witness the transition of two regions: Sierra-Costa.

Our adrenaline will increase to the maximum when culminate this continent adventure when we get to know Guayaquil and its surroundings in a helicopter trip, in which we will have another perspective of the city. We will leave from Durán Train Station, in a journey of about 15 minutes and have the opportunity to see Santay Island and the eco villages; we will observe the districts of Samborondón, Las Peñas, Cerro Santa Ana and much more. A short but exciting tour!

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Guayaquil

END OF SERVICES

	DOUBLE ROOM	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
SPECIAL PRICE FOR BUYERS & SUPPLIER	1195.00	245.00

Note: for confirmation Minimum 2 pax



Included services:

- Accommodation is subject to availability.
- English speaking guide
- Transfers

Excluded services:

- Optional excursions
- Tips of any kinds (restaurants, hotels, guides, drivers, etc.)
- Personal expenses
- Drinks

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