



PRE & POST TOURS

Presented to:

*Guayaquil 2017 TMLA
Registered Participants*

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EXPERIENTIAL TOURISM COAST AND ANDES OVERVIEW

TMLA PRE TOUR

Guayaquil, Ecuador's main port is an important trading and business city, quite famous for the nearby production and exportation of fine "aroma" cacao beans and other tropical plantations, as well as a rich rural culture, flora and fauna. This tour will allow us to appreciate rural life amongst the locals with an interesting mix of experiential opportunities, traditional shellfish gastronomy, nature observation and cultural and natural heritage highlights in a short tour combining the Pacific lower lands and the Southern Andes of Ecuador.

10 SEP: DAY 1: THE RED CRAB MANGROVES ROUTE- MANGLARES CHURUTE ECOLOGICAL RESERVE- PUERTO INCA

Early in the morning, pick up from selected hotels towards the Naranjal County area; here we will board a canoe to cruise around the mangroves' estuaries where we will learn about red crab catching and production. Later we will enjoy a lunch of varied dishes based on this delicious shellfish. Afterwards, we will register and visit the Manglares Churute Ecological Reserve, where we will walk through the tropical dry forest, where we can observe howler monkeys, flora and birds of the area. Then we will continue to Puerto Inca for accommodation and dinner prepared with local produce. We will enjoy an artistic cultural night representing the local Montubio Culture. Overnight in Puerto Inca. **Meal Plan: - / L / D**

11 SEP: DAY 2: PUERTO INCA - CACAO HACIENDA - CAJAS NATIONAL PARK - CUENCA

After breakfast at the hotel, we will visit a cacao plantation where we can learn all the process of planting, care and production of the cacao beans. In a complete tour, visitors can interact picking cocoa pods and tasting the fruit, chocolate and derivatives. Then we continue our way upwards the Southern Ecuadorian Andes into the Cajas National Park, cross over 4000 meters of altitude and start descending into the Interandean Valleys, on route we will observe the richness of the Andean páramo, its landscapes and flora. We will visit the Interpretation Center and after lunch in the area, we will have a short walk to enjoy this nature wonder recognized as Worldwide Biosphere Reserve and Ramasar Wetlands. Arrival in Cuenca. Overnight In Cuenca. **Meal Plan: B / L / D**

12 SEP: DAY 3: CUENCA CITY TOUR – INGAPIRCA INCA COMPLEX – GUAYAQUIL

Cuenca is waiting for us to be discovered. We start the day strolling through the cobbled streets of this beautiful World Cultural Heritage, crossed by four rivers that add up to the splendor and give the city its complete name. Squares, balconies and churches will make perfect pictures. The "chola cuencana" traditional costumes will splash with color our experience and the outstanding pink marble Cathedral is for sure going to astound you. After lunch, we will continue to the Archaeological Complex of Ingapirca, the most important and best-preserved Inca site in Ecuador. Here we will learn about the daily life of the pre-Columbian native cultures and the Inca conquest. In the afternoon, we will continue to the city of Guayaquil. Drop off at selected hotels. **Meal Plan: B / L / -**

END OF OUR SERVICES

THE TOUR INCLUDES

- Private transportation.
- Accommodation.
- Meal plan according to the detailed program.
- Certified bilingual guide during the tours.
- Entrance Fee to the Cacao Hacienda.
- Entrance Fee and Permissions to Manglares Churute Biological Reserve.
- Manglares Churute Biological Reserve Naturalist guide.
- Entrance Fee and Permissions to Cajas National Park.
- Entrance Fee to Ingapirca Archeological Complex.
- Bottled water during tours.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Personal expenses like laundry, phone calls, etc.
- Tips for guides and drivers.
- Any meal not specified in the program.
- Drinks with meals.

REGISTERED TMLA PARTICIPANTS SPECIAL PRICE: \$149

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 45

CONFIRMATION DEADLINE: FRI. Sep/ 1/2017

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16 SEP: DAY 1: GUAYAQUIL – ALAUSI – DEVILS’S NOSE TRAIN – INGAPIRCA INCA COMPLEX – CUENCA

Early in the morning, we will leave the city of Guayaquil upwards the Andes, to head to the town of Alausí in the Chimborazo Province, where we will board the train. We will have a chance to enjoy the most impressive part of this railway going into the “Devil’s Nose”, a geographical formation that has led to a zigzagging railway perched on the Andes cliffs. Return to Alausí on the train for lunch. Afterwards we will start our way back to Cuenca taking a detour to visit the Archaeological Complex of Ingapirca the best preserved and most important Inca site in Ecuador. Return to Cuenca in the early evening. Overnight In Cuenca. **Meal Plan: - / BL / D**

17 SEP: DAY 2: CUENCA CITY TOUR FULL DAY

Cuenca is waiting for us to discover. We start the day strolling through the cobbled streets of this beautiful World Cultural Heritage, crossed by four rivers that add up to the splendor and give the city its complete name. In this tour we will visit “Parque Calderon” Square, churches, flowers square, the outstanding pink marble Cathedral, the “Barranco”, Pumapungo museum and Turi Hill, which is a natural viewpoint of the city. One of the most interesting visits of the day will be to the museum and factory of the famous, but misnamed, Panama Hats...a true symbol of Ecuador. Free time to walk around the city and dine at leisure. Overnight In Cuenca. **Meal Plan: B / L / -**

18 SEP: DAY 3: GUALACEO & CHORDELEG AND TRADITIONAL ARTISANAL WORKSHOPS

We will head eastwards to enjoy the rural areas of Cuenca. We will drive towards Gualaceo, in our route we will visit the Orchids farm and the “ikat” weaving workshops. We continue our way through the eastern slopes of the Andes to the town of Chordeleg. Here we will have time to stroll its jewelry shops covered streets. Time for lunch and visit traditional artisanal workshops in Cuenca. **Meal Plan: B / L / D**

19 SEP: DAY 4: CUENCA – CAJAS NATIONAL PARK – CACAO – GUAYAQUIL

In the morning, we will take the route to Guayaquil for the Cajas National Park, along the way we will observe the picturesque landscapes of the region. It will be a journey of about 45 minutes to the Cajas National Park, where we will do an easy hike in the sector of Llaviuco lagoon, where we will observe the Andean flora and fauna. We continue our journey to the upper area of the park to observe the Paramo vegetation, and see the beautiful scenery it offers. Then we start the descent to the subtropical lowlands where you will be amazed by the rapidly changing landscape and climate. In a few hours, we will pass by the biodiversity of the high moors of the cloud forest to the vastness of the cacao, bananas, among other products in warm weather. We continue to the cacao plantation where we can learn all the process of planting, care and production of the cacao. In a complete tour, visitors can interact picking cocoa pods and trying the fruit. The plantation has also many other tropical fruits that our guest can enjoy. In the afternoon, we will do our arrival in the city of Guayaquil. Drop off at selected hotels. **Meal Plan: B / L / -**

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- Certified bilingual guide during the tours.
- Entrance Fee to the Cacao Hacienda.
- Entrance Fee to Ecuagenera Orchids Farm.
- Entrance Fee and Permissions to Cajas National Park.
- Cajas National Park Bilingual Naturalist guide.
- Entrance Fee to Ingapirca Archeological Complex.
- Devil's Nose Train Ticket.
- Unlimited bottled drinking water during tours.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Personal expenses like laundry, phone calls, etc.
- Tips for the guide.
- Any meal not specified in the program.
- Drinks with meals.

REGISTERED TMLA PARTICIPANTS SPECIAL PRICE \$219

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$65

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