



PRE TOUR

Presented to:

*Guayaquil 2017 TMLA
Registered Participants*

Prepared by:



south land touring

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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