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## CHAKANA RESERVE FULL DAY TOUR



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Starting at 08:00 embark yourself on a captivating journey just 30 to 45 minutes from Quito to the Antisana Wildlife Reserve, a hidden treasure in the Andean region of Ecuador. As you venture out, your first stop is the charming town of Pintag. Here, you can enjoy a delightful local treat called "Carlitos," a bread stuffed with cheese and panela, setting the tone for an adventure steeped in tradition and natural beauty.

In 2014, the Chakana Reserve was established by the Jocotoco Foundation to serve as a vital link between the Cayambe-Coca National Park and the Antisana conservation area. Covering over 7,000 acres, this reserve is home to iconic Andean wildlife. As you explore, you'll be greeted by the sight of majestic Andean condors soaring through the sky, the elusive spectacled bear meandering through the forest, and an array of other fascinating creatures like white-tailed deer, foxes, wildcats, and a variety of endemic hummingbirds.

One of the highlights of your visit will be reaching "Mirador Chakana," a scenic viewpoint that offers breathtaking vistas and the chance to observe the magnificent Andean condor in its natural habitat. With binoculars in hand, you'll marvel at these impressive birds as they glide above a ravine that feeds into Lake Secas. You might also catch sight of vibrant hummingbirds darting among the vegetation, their colors flashing brilliantly in the sunlight. Your guide will enrich your experience with fascinating details about these species, highlighting the differences between young and adult condors, as well as between males and females.





As you wander through this lush landscape, keep an eye out for wildlife such as white-tailed deer bounding gracefully in the distance or the rare and thrilling sight of a spectacled bear, possibly visible through your binoculars on a mountainside. The Ecuadorian Hillstar, a small, strikingly beautiful hummingbird with a white chest and brilliant purple head, is a special find in this region, and seeing one in its natural habitat is a memorable highlight.

Continuing your journey to higher elevations, you'll encounter even more of nature's wonders. Look out for elusive owls, the Black-chested Buzzard Eagle, and a unique Andean hawk as you ascend. The landscape here is dramatically different, featuring a petrified lava slope from an ancient volcanic eruption that stands in stark contrast to the lush greenery of the Andean vegetation, offering an awe-inspiring backdrop to your adventure.

Your day culminates with a meal prepared by local residents, providing an authentic taste of Ecuadorian cuisine and culture. This is more than just a meal; it's a chance to connect with the local community and savor the flavors of the region.



## WHAT IS INCLUDED DURING THE TRIP?

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- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Bilingual naturalist guide (English, Spanish)
- ✓ Scheduled Visits

## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

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- ✗ Air Ticket
- ✗ Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages
- ✗ Tips



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FULL DAY SIX SENSES



## SIX SENSES TOUR

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Your day will start at 08:00 am by exploring the bustling streets and squares of the largest historical center in the Americas, in a unique adventure for the senses. Together we will uncover the traditions, history, and local life of this enchanting city.

Our route takes along the street of the seven crosses. Enjoy the view of the old colonial houses and the facades of the churches, before entering Quito Main Square known as Independence Square which is located at the Government Palace.

As we continue through these historic streets we get a chance to meet a local family that makes traditional sweets, here you will be able to taste them and your mouth will discover new flavors.

Deeper into the heart of Quito, passing by historic buildings made of volcanic stones. The stunning views of the sculpted Compania church will leave you longing for a visit to its interiors.

To learn more about this and other churches we make our way to the workshops of the master craftsmen from “The Escuela Quiteña”. These artists keep the secrets of colonial art in Quito’s churches and museums. They have been in charge of restoring altars and painting these historic churches. Over there you will discover their secrets and you were going to be able to try your artistic skills to create your crafts.

Our next stop will be at La Ronda, a historical and bohemian neighborhood of the city. It is a traditional street, associated with the art, crafts, gastronomy, and fun of Quito. It is also the oldest street in Quito.



Then you will visit San Marcos Neighborhood. Founded in 1580 the style of architecture is mainly republican or neo-classical, the wide street with its buildings painted in pastel colors with clean curtains, geraniums, and banners hanging from the balconies. Some are colonial, such as Muñoz Marino Watercolor Museum, with its stone interiors and corridors that connect to open spaces. This is one of the three museums that are in the Neighborhood, also over there young will find some art galleries and shops run by families for decades and decades and eccentric cafes and restaurants.

Finally, you will visit a 17th Century House that has been converted into an experiential Hotel, over there you will do a local activity with one of San Marcos neighbors, and you will end the tour with a cocktail on the terrace that has breathtaking views of the Panecillo hill surrounded by the old city.



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