

# CHAGRASN AND HACIENDAS FULL DAY PRE-TOUR COTOPAXI - ECUADOR

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### <u>Level of Difficulty</u>

Technical Level	Physical effort
Beginner	Low-Medium

### **Full Day Itinerary**

Transportation will pick you up from your hotel in Quito early in the morning and head towards Hacienda El Porvenir (3600 m./11808 ft.). We will have a traditional welcome drink ( alcoholic or nonalcoholic / served with cheese empanadas). From here, you can pick from the different activities from Hacienda El Porvenir:

### a) Horse Connections

We will explore a transformative journey beyond conventional tourism with our Horse Connection program, where our horses, empowered by their intuitive abilities, mirror your behavior and guide you, leading you to connect with your authentic self and embrace a more present and emotionally connected momentum. Join us on this extraordinary adventure where the horse becomes your guide, showing the path toward self-discovery, wholeness, and acceptance. This activity can last between 2-



3 hours. Participants do not ride on the horses, you will be at ground level. No previous experience is required. All our activities are optional and alternative activities can be arranged, but we encourage participants to come to experience this unique experience developed in harmony with horses

### b) Horseback Riding Chagra Stile.

After a brief riding lesson on how to handle the horses start a ride of 2 hours through exclusive trails at the hacienda. In the first portion of the ride, we will get acquainted with our horses and ride on dirt roads. We will pass by the Tentadero, a bull ring where we test our bravo cattle. Then, we will ride through the open paramo where we can learn about the native flora and fauna of the area. We will reach the 3,800 mts. (12,500 ft) at "El Mirador de los Guardianes del Volcán" where we will enjoy a magnificent view of the Cotopaxi Volcano, then we will start our descent towards the hacienda. The pace of the horses is mainly walking, but we have the opportunity to trot and canter on portions of the ride. Good possibilities of spotting Andean birds on this ride.

### c) High and low ropes course:

The High and Low Ropes Course at Hacienda El Porvenir is a high adventure activity with low environmental impact, letting people with little or no knowledge of climbing techniques have a unique experience in a safe environment.

Guests traverse ladders, nets, tightropes, swinging logs, wobbly bridges, and more fun surprises at 20 ft from the ground (6m).

Young adventurers (from 6 to 12) can participate in the low-height Kids course.



Our structures and obstacles are designed with safety standards in mind and we provide top-of-the-line climbing and rope gear and ground support from our specialized Spanish-speaking guides.

- → Level of expertise required: Beginner
- → Technical level: Low
- → Physical Level: Moderate
- $\rightarrow$  Children: +6 friendly
- $\rightarrow$  Activity lasts between 45 minutes to 1h20 depending on the group's size.

# d) Mountain bike or e-bike:

We provide bike rentals for those adventurers who are willing to ride on our hacienda biking trails through gravel and cobalt stone roads. Bike rentals are self-guided through our exclusive trails. We have some of the best bikes in the market. We have 10 mountain bikes available in Small, Medium, and Large Adult sizes; and 3 e-bikes available in sizes Medium and Large.



We provide biking protection: helmets, gloves, knee and elbow protection for both self and fully-supported rides.

### e) Lassoing and Life of Haceinda:

Embrace the Art of Andean Cowboy Lassoing. To truly master the art of being a Chagra, an Andean cowboy, one must excel in the ancient skill of lassoing. Immerse yourself in this exhilarating activity that will test your precision and patience as you strive to lasso the wooden bull in our corral. We will also experience the authentic life of Hacienda which involves feeding the llamas and taking care of the calves.



We will head back to the Hacienda house for a delicious lunch and continue the afternoon with a Pachamama Gratitude Ceremony to then return to Quito.

#### <u>Tour</u> includes

- Lunch
- Described activities
- Gears to perform the activities
- Licensed English-speaking guide
- Transport from and to Quito

### The tour does not include

- Insurance
- Tips
- Alcoholic drinks
- International airfare to Quito
- Anything else not described on the tour

**NOTE:** The itinerary is subject to change due to weather conditions.

**NOTE**: Riders can't exceed 220 pounds of weight.

NOTE: To participate in this tour you must sign our WAIVER OF LIABILITY.

**NOTE:** We recommend you buy a travel health insurance plan.