

CUENCA

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS VISITING ECUADOR

(B: breakfast/ L: lunch/ D: dinner)

Cuenca, often referred to as the "Athens of Ecuador," is a charming and historic city located in the Andean highlands of Ecuador. Known for its well-preserved colonial architecture, rich cultural heritage, and stunning natural surroundings, Cuenca has become a popular destination for tourists seeking a mix of history, art, and natural beauty.



CULTURE
& TRADITIONS



HISTORY &
ARCHITECTURE



NATURE &
ADVENTURE



ARTISANS &
LOCAL MARKETS

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DAY 1 — FULL DAY CUENCA



SOMBRERO (HAT) FACTORY



Visit a traditional hat factory and learn about the craft of making Panama hats from toquilla fiber. Watch skilled artisans at work and discover techniques passed down through generations.



TURI VIEWPOINT



Enjoy panoramic views of Cuenca and the surrounding valleys, including the red-tiled roofs, Tomebamba River, and distant mountains.



HISTORIC CITY CENTER



Explore Cuenca's UNESCO World Heritage site: visit the blue-domed Cathedral, stroll through Parque Calderon, admire colonial architecture, and discover the Church of Santo Domingo and San Francisco.



LOCAL MARKETS



Immerse yourself in local culture at Mercado 10 de Agosto. Find handicrafts, textiles, and traditional Ecuadorian products while experiencing daily local life.



Overnight at Cruz del Vado for 2 nights. Breakfast and taxes included.

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DAY 2 — GUALACEO AND CHORDELEG



GUALACEO MARKET



Explore the bustling market with fresh produce, handicrafts, textiles, and traditional foods. Visit textile workshops and see artisans weave traditional Ecuadorian textiles like macanas.



CHORDELEG MARKET



Discover the artisan town of Chordeleg, famous for its gold and silver jewelry. Learn about the delicate filigree techniques and find beautifully handcrafted pieces.



PIEDRA DE AGUA
THERMAL SPA



Relax and unwind in natural volcanic hot springs just 20 minutes from Cuenca. Enjoy thermal pools, steam baths, volcanic mud, contrast baths, and optional massages in a tranquil natural setting.



FAREWELL DINNER
AT THE HOTEL



Enjoy a special farewell dinner at the hotel.

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DAY 3 — CAJAS NATIONAL PARK



Explore Cajas National Park, a stunning high-altitude ecosystem of lakes, páramos, and cloud forests.



Enjoy guided hikes on well-marked trails of varying difficulty levels and discover diverse flora and fauna.



Look for Andean condors, hummingbirds, and waterfowl. Perfect for nature lovers and photographers!



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ 2 nights at Cruz del Vado (entry level room)
- ✓ All guided excursions with bilingual naturalist guide
- ✓ Meals as described in the itinerary



NOT INCLUDED

Flight to Cuenca



PRICE PER PERSON

\$928.00

(Minimum of 4 required
or extra charges apply)



Flight to Quito and connect for your flight back home.

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END OF OUR SERVICES

End this day with a chocolate tasting in Pacari, an Ecuadorian chocolate brand known for producing high-quality, organic, and ethically sourced chocolate.



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The schedule and all touring arrangements herein are subject to change without notice and can be operated in a different sequence, depending on operational considerations. All hotels are subject to availability and can be replaced with similar hotels. All payments for custom-designed itineraries are non-refundable in the event of cancellation by passengers. Travel insurance is highly recommended.