

Ecuador & its richest nature 10 Days & 9 Nights – 2014

TOUR CODE: EC112101ZF

Day 1: Quito

Upon arrival at the airport you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Quito

After an early breakfast, the tour will begin by the historic center of Quito, declared in 1978 Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. We will start with a panoramic viewing of Alameda Park and the Basilica and then go through the street of the Seven Crosses. You also visit the Presidential Palace, Independence Square, the main Cathedral, the Church of La Compañia, the church of San Francisco and its area. Later in the morning the tour will continue to the north of the city to the equator line to visit the Center of the Earth. You can choose to visit the Ethnographic Museum or the Museum of Intinyan. They are both located close to the equator line monument. You will then go back to Quito.

Day 3: Cotopaxi Volcano

After breakfast we head south to the Cotopaxi National Park. On the way, we pass by different villages such as Sangolki, Aloag and Machachi. We continue our way south to the city of Ambato and visit its original Indian market. Later in the morning we will arrive to the National Park, tourists will carry out a short hike and visit the Cotopaxi National Park and the lagoon Limpiopungo. Cotopaxi is the highest active volcano in the world (5,897 meters). Records of its activities date back to the year 1534, when the conquistadors arrived on the scene now known as Ecuador. It is home to various species of animals, such as the Andean wolves, mountain lions, deer and marsupial mice. In the afternoon you will return to Quito.

Day 4: Papallacta

After breakfast at the hotel, we will continue our tour in Papallacta. The hot springs of Termas de Papallacta are 67 kilometers east of Quito. Papallacta is located in the highlands of Ecuador at an altitude of 3220 meters above sea level and is the entrance door to the Amazon region of Ecuador. Depending on the season, the climate is cool and humid with an average ambient temperature of 10 to 14 C. Upon arrival at the Papallacta you will immediately begin to feel the beneficial effects of the place. "Termas de Papallacta" offers visitors health, recovery and relaxation. The thermal baths are located on the banks of the Papallacta, in a unique natural environment with 9 swimming pools with hot thermal waters, and 3 pools with cold water. In the afternoon you will return to Quito.

Day 5: Tena

After breakfast you will leave by canoe to the small town of La Punta Puerto Napo Road, sailing through the village to the city of Santa Clara Tena and then Puyo. Along the way you will be able to enjoy the views of bright vegetation zones. Upon arrival in the city of Puyo, famous for its handicrafts made of balsa wood, you will have the opportunity to go to the House of balsa wood for an unforgettable experience and study the complex process of making handmade products made from this material. Depending on your desires, after the visual display you can visit Trapiche to see the process of making a liquor made from sugar cane, or you may want to visit the botanical garden Omaere, where you can learn about the medicinal plants and crops Shuar and Achuar. Then we will go to the city of Baños where you will spend the night.

Day 6: Baños Riobamba

After breakfast, you will leave through the town of Baños and Ambato Chimborazo Fauna Reserve. During the tour we will visit the town "El Arenal" and continue to the shelter of Chimborazo where you get a beautiful panoramic view.

Day 7: Riobamba & Ingapirca Cuenca

After breakfast the day begins with a journey by train from Riobamba to Alausi to the famous "Nariz del Diablo" (Devil's Nose). Along the way we will make a few stops at the church Balbanera, Colt and Indian Lake City Guamote. After the "Devil's Nose" we will continue the journey to the ruins of Ingapirca. The ruins of Ingapirca are the largest and most important archaeological site of the Inca Empire in Ecuador, whose ruins date from the XV and XVI centuries AD. The real story of the ruins still remains a mystery. After visiting the ruins, we will finish our journey on the road to Cuenca. Note: The train does not operate on Mondays.

Day 8: Cuenca

After breakfast, you will have a tour of the city of Cuenca, Ecuador's most beautiful city, declared Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO in 1999 for its colonial architecture. Cuenca is famous for its cobbled paths, colonial houses with balconies, plazas, Indian markets with the Indian handicrafts production. We visit the area of flowers, old and new Cathedral, the Place Abdon Calderon, observation deck Turi and typical art gallery. Take advantage of this opportunity and buy rugs, jewels of silver or incorrectly called Panama sombreros, which are produced only in Ecuador.

Day 9: Cajas National Park & Guayaquil

After breakfast you will go to Cajas National Park, located 30km west of Cuenca. Located at an altitude of 3,000 meters above sea level, the region still shows signs of intense volcanic activity. From the highest point, which is called the Three Crosses, you can see the water is dividing into two areas, one of which flows into the Pacific Ocean, and the second is flowing to the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 10: Guayaquil

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight.

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Category Hotel	1 pax	2 pax	3-5 pax	6-10 pax	11-16 pax	Single Supp
Tourist	\$6.555	\$3.620	\$3.360	\$2.190	\$1.750	\$240
Tourist Superior	\$7.040	\$3.830	\$3.570	\$2.400	\$1.960	\$415
First Class	\$7.360	\$3.865	\$3.605	\$2.435	\$1.995	\$665

Including:

- Transfers specified in the program
- Accommodation
- Admission to all National Parks and Natural
- Meals specified in the program
- Taxes and fees

Not including:

- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Any other unspecified services