

ECUADOR

## Standard Packages



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### Day 1: Transfer City Tour and Middle of the world

After your arrival, our guide will welcome and transfer you from the Airport to the hotel. Afterwards you will visit Independence Plaza flanked by the Cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Municipal Building and the Archbishop's Palace. Continue to the Church of San Francisco, one of the greatest religious buildings of the New World. Its impressive facade and atrium lead to its gild interior, a Baroque influence by Moorish style, with the winged Virgin

of Quito at its main altar. Then we will drive approx. 25 km North of Quito to the Middle of the world. Here the 30 m tall monument will tell us of the French-Spanish geodetic expedition of 1736-1744, which determined the position of the equator under the direction of Charles de la Condamine. Here we can stand with one leg on the northern and with the other leg on the southern hemisphere of the earth and as well can visit the ethnographical museum inside of the monument. Overnight. B

## Day 2: Quito – Cotopaxi National Park – Baños

Trip from Quito through the majestic “Avenue of the Volcanoes”. Visit to the National Park where we will visit its museum, the natural environment of the place, its animals and plants, stop at the Limpiopungo Lake. Picnic and trip to Baños. B / L

## Day 3: Baños – Riobamba

Today after breakfast we will drive to Baños, here we will visit the charming town with the active Tungurahua Volcano and then we will continue to visit the famous waterfalls where you will visit the biggest one, the Pailon del Diablo. During the trip we will have the impressive view of the Chimborazo Volcano. Overnight in Riobamba. B / L

## Day 4: Riobamba – Ingapirca – Cuenca

After a good breakfast you start the journey through the Andean mountains south to the beautiful city of Cuenca. From Alausi you will take the public train to the famous Devil’s nose area. Afterwards you continue to Cuenca. On the way you stop at the famous ‘Ingapirca’ ruins (Quechua for “wall rocks of the Inca”) the most important and well preserved of Ecuador’s Inca ruins situated to the North of Cuenca. There you can wander around the beautiful site and imagine the scenes prior to the Spanish conquest. A visit to the museum will reveal further details of life there at the end of the 15th Century. After the visit you will have lunch and then you will continue the last stage to Cuenca which takes 2 hours. B/L

## Day 5: Cuenca – Cajas – Guayaquil

From Cuenca you will drive to the Cajas national park which is located in the west. In the park are about 200 lagoons, which are the remains of the last ice age. Small rivers, whose crystal-clear waters flow into the Pacific, connect the lakes. After a short hike through the highland of the country you will continue west to Guayaquil, Ecuador’s biggest city. B / L



## Day 6: Guayaquil – Ruta del Sol – Puerto Lopez or surroundings

Guayaquil is the largest and most populated city in Ecuador. Located on the Pacific Coast, it has a tropical climate, and it is known as the Pacific Pearl. Here you can see its beautiful and modern buildings, the gulf of Guayaquil, the river, the monuments, museums, parks and its exhilarating nightlife are only parts of the attractions of this city. The surroundings of the city are offering cultural archeological sites, protected areas, historical parks which invite you to explore the other face of Guayaquil. After a little visit around Guayaquil, we will take you to Puerto Lopez (by road) through the Ruta del Sol, where you can enjoy the beautiful landscapes

## Day 7: Puerto Lopez: Isla de la Plata

After breakfast you will start the full day excursion to the Isla de la Plata. The navigation takes about 2 hours. During the navigation to the island you might have the luck to see whales (July to September). On the island you will hike on trails to a sea lion colony or the part where most of the birds can be found. On this island you can also see blue and red footed boobies as well as frigate birds. After that you will have your box lunch. Swimming and snorkeling. In the afternoon, we will sail back to Puerto Lopez. B/L

## Day 8: Flight Manta – Quito / Guayaquil

According to your flight time you will be taken to the airport in Manta (approx. 3 hours driving time) and fly back to Quito or Guayaquil. Upon your arrival, transfer to the hotel or international flight. B

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## ADVENTURE PACKAGES

## Andes & Central Jungle 8 Days

This package offers you the possibility to visit the Andes and Central Amazon region. You will have the opportunity to know the capital of Ecuador, Quito and its surroundings such as the Middle of the World and Papallacta (hot spring water). You can also visit our incredible Cotopaxi Volcano, cultural cities and the natural reserves. Come and enjoy the best places of the Andes and Amazon region in our 8 days trip.

### Itinerary:

#### Day 1: Transfer

After your arrival, our guide will welcome and transfer you from the Airport to the hotel and accommodation, overnight in Quito.

#### Day 2: City Tour and Middle of the world

Visit Independence Plaza flanked by the Cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Municipal Building and the Archbishop's Palace. Continue to the Church of San Francisco, one of the greatest religious buildings of the New World. Its impressive facade and the atrium that lead to its gild interior, a Baroque influence by Moorish style, with the winged Virgin of Quito at its main altar. Then we will drive approx. 25 km to the North of Quito to visit the "Middle of the World" – the Equator. Here the 30 m tall monument will tell us of the French-Spanish geodetic expedition of 1736-1744, which determined the position of the equator under the direction of Charles de la Condamine. Here we can stand with one leg on the northern and with the other leg on the southern hemisphere of the earth and visit the ethnographical museum inside of the monument. Overnight. B

#### Day 3: Cotopaxi – Papallacta

Departure from Quito through the Panamericana South Highway, enjoying the beautiful landscapes of the place, we will arrive at the impressive active volcano Cotopaxi (5.897 m. high). During our staying at the National Park we will visit its museum, the natural environment of the place, its animals and plants, stop at the Limpiopungo Lake, in the afternoon you will drive to Papallacta, a small mountain village famous for its natural hot springs. Overnight. B/L



## Day 4: Papallacta – Jungle Excursion to Tena

In the morning you can take some time to visit the springs in Papallacta or go on a walk. After an early lunch at the hotel you will continue the journey along a scenic stretch road which takes you out of the majestic Andes highlands and down into the Oriente – the Amazon region. Along the way there will be several opportunities to stop for photographs, overlooking lush green valleys and beautiful sparkling waterfalls. The road ends at Punta Ahuano, a tiny port town on the North bank of the Napo River. The guides will explain how such plants are used not only in medicine, but also in construction and other important local activities. In the afternoon you will visit an artisan in the village of Ahuano, who will demonstrate how the traditional Quichua ceramics are created, painted, and hardened. B/L/

## Day 5: Puyo – Baños – Riobamba

Today after breakfast you will drive through Puyo, which is at the border to the jungle and then west towards Baños. On dusty roads it goes through the valley of the Rio Pastaza, which has many waterfalls where you will visit the biggest one, the Pailon del Diablo. From there you will continue to Riobamba where you will spend the night. B

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## Day 7: Cuenca City Tour – Gualaceo – Chordeleg – Quito

Cuenca is located in the southern area of Ecuador. It is one of the most beautiful cities in the country, it has beautiful churches, squares and charming markets. We will do a sightseeing tour through the colonial

part of Cuenca to see the beautiful churches, handicraft stalls and the well-known flower market. In the afternoon you will visit Gualaceo y Chordeleg. In Gualaceo you can admire the riggings the village is famous for. Sundays one of the largest markets of the region takes place here. The market is still relatively unaffected by tourism. Chordeleg offers handmade gold and silver jewels. B / L

## Day 8: Transfer out international flight.

### **Three worlds of Ecuador Package**

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#### 15 Days: Andes, Jungle & Coast Package:

This package offers you the possibility to visit the Andes, Jungle and Coast Region from the north to the south; you will have the opportunity to know the capital of Ecuador, Quito and its surroundings like the Middle of the World, Otavalo, Papallacta (spring waters), Cuicocha and Cotacachi. You can also visit our incredible volcanoes, cultural cities, beaches and natural reserves. Come and enjoy our regions with this incredible 15 days package...



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## Day 1: Transfer

Arrival. Transfer In Airport/Hotel Overnight in Quito.

## Day 2: City tour and Mitad del Mundo

In the morning you will visit the Independence Plaza flanked by the Cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Municipal Building and the Archbishop's Palace. Continue to the Church of San Francisco, one of the greatest religious buildings of the New World. Then you will drive approximately 25 km North of Quito to the Mitad del Mundo. Here you can stand with one leg on the northern and with the other leg on the southern hemisphere of the earth.

Overnight

## Day 3: Day tour Otavalo

In the morning you will depart from Quito to the North to Otavalo. Here the Otavaleños set up a market in which a bartering manner of shopping is taken. It offers an excellent selection of woven tapestries, blankets, hand-knit sweaters, pottery and more. In the afternoon you will visit Lake Cuicocha which lies inside an extinct volcano. Afterwards you will go to the town of Cotacachi, known for its leather goods.

Overnight

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Overnight

This day cannot be a weekend or a national holiday

## Day 5: Papallacta – Casa del Suizo

After an early lunch at the hotel you will continue the journey along a scenic stretch road which takes you out of the majestic Andes highlands and down into the Oriente – The road ends at Punta Ahuano, a tiny port town on the North bank of the Napo River, where canoes await you for a late-afternoon 15-minute ride downstream to la Casa de Suizo.

Overnight

Example for Casa del Suizo!



## Day 6: Jungle Excursion

In the morning you will hike through the primary and secondary forest trails, along where it is possible to observe distinct species of birds and insects as well as a great variety of trees and medicinal plants. In the afternoon you will visit an artisan market in the village of Ahuano, who will demonstrate how the traditional Quichua ceramics are created, painted, and hardened.

Overnight

Example for Casa del Suizo!

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Overnight



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Important: The train does only operate on Wednesday, Fridays and Sundays. If the train does not operate, the trip will be arranged by normal transportation and the Devils Nose cannot be visited. Route is closed until January. We cannot guarantee the train!

Overnight

## Day 9: Cuenca City tour – Gualaceo – Chordeleg

Cuenca is located in the southern area of Ecuador and is a colonial city with beautiful churches and squares, charming markets. In the morning you will get to know this city. In the afternoon you will visit Gualaceo y Chordeleg.

Overnight

## Day 10: Cuenca – Cajas – Guayaquil

From Cuenca you will drive to the Cajas national park which is located in the west. In the park are about 200 lagoons, which are the remains of the last ice age. After a short hike through the highland of the country you will continue to the west to Guayaquil, Ecuador's biggest city.

Overnight

## Day 11: Guayaquil – Puerto Lopez or surroundings



Today you will drive north along the Pacific Coast and pass many beaches. You will have the opportunity to stop in order to take a bath in the ocean or take some pictures. In the early afternoon you will arrive in Puerto Lopez. The rest of the day is at your own disposal. (Driving time about 4 hours)

Overnight

## Day 12: Isla de la Plata

After breakfast you will start the full day excursion to the Isla de la Plata. The navigation takes about 2 hours. On the island you will hike on trails to the sea lion colony or the part where most of the birds can be found. Here you can also see blue and red footed boobies as well as frigate birds.

Overnight

## Day 13: Puerto Lopez – Bahía de Caraquez

Drive from Puerto Lopez to Bahía de Caraquez. In the afternoon you will visit Isla Corazon (20 minutes away from Bahía) which is truly a model of ecotourism for the coast of Ecuador. This is a protected mangrove forest with Montubio natives working on sustainable tourism and protecting the most important ecosystem for marine species survival. Afterwards return to Bahía de Caraquez and visit the Archaeological Museum of Bahía de Caraquez.

Overnight

## Day 14: Chirije

Travel to Chirije (35 minutes on the beach), where you will find romantic rustic beachfront cabins amidst an archaeological site. Enjoy riding on the beach to get to the Archaeological site of Chirije. You will visit the onsite museum and enjoy local cuisine in a secluded and interesting setting. In the afternoon you can do the two optional activities like taking surfing lessons or trekking in the dry forest.

Overnight

## Day 15: Chirije – Bahia de Caraquez

Morning free. Afterwards transfer back to Bahia de Caráquez. In the early evening you will visit the highest point of the peninsula of Bahia de Caráquez, here you will have a panoramic view of all the old and new city. Enjoy a dinner in Puerto Amistad which also has a great bar and music.

Overnight

## Day 16: Manta – Quito

Early in the morning or around midday transfer to Manta Airport for your flight back to Quito. Transfer to the hotel, rest of the day free.

Overnight

## Day 17: Transfer out international flight

### **The package includes:**

- All transfers
- Accommodation in mentioned hotels or similar according to availability with breakfast
- Private transportation
- Guide as selected
- Train Riobamba/Alausi/Devil's Nose. public train operates on WED, FRI and SUN) This operation can vary due to Government regulations, since it is operator by it.
- Meals according to the itinerary (B=Breakfast / L=Lunch or boxlunch / D=Dinner)
- Entrances fees
- National Park entrance fees

### **The package does not include:**

- Additional meals
- Beverages
- Tips
- Personal expenses

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