

Ecuador

Trip Start Date	Destination	# of Nights	Included Meals	Price Per Person Double (Includes Tips)	Price Per Person Single (Includes Tips)
July 8-14, 2018	Ecuador	6	6B	\$753	\$1,042

Day 1 –Arrival

Upon arrival at Quito Airport, individual transfers to the hotel (transfers not included).

Overnight: Quito

Day 2: CITY TOUR + MIDDLE OF THE WORLD (Full Day)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Overnight: Quito

After breakfast, the guide will pick you up from your hotel and take you to the old town of Quito. The tour will begin at the Independence Square, where are the Presidential Palace, the Cathedral and the municipal building. Also, we will visit the Church of La Compania and San Francisco. At the end, we will drive to one of the highest viewpoints in the city, "El Panecillo" hill with a spectacular view of Quito. Then we go to the north of the city, a few kilometers from the city of Quito is the Middle of the world, we will visit the museum Inti Nan, an interesting museum that shows the experiences that occur only in this part of the planet, after we will stop to see the historical monument that symbolizing the French Geodesic Mission, the same that determines the equator line in the XVIII century.

NOTE: we suggest avoiding doing the city tour on Sunday as some of the venues may be closed.

Day 3: QUILOTOA CRATER (Full Day)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Overnight: Quito

Early in the morning head through the Avenue of the Volcanoes. Quilotoa lagoon, which is one of the most beautiful and spectacular places, a quiet, fascinating green and turquoise lake located in an extinct volcanic crater. It's great to walk down and reach the edge of the lagoon is a perfect place to relax and enjoy the tranquility.

Day 4: COTOPAXI NATIONAL PARK (Full Day)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Overnight: Quito

Cotopaxi is the highest active volcano in the world (5897 meters above sea level or 19388 feet) and one of the most beautiful snowcapped mountains in Ecuador. We leave Quito at 8am, taking the Panamerican Highway south and reach the Cotopaxi National Park after two hours of travel.

During the tour, we enjoy landscapes and incredible scenery of the Ecuadorian Andes. In the park, we will visit the interpretive center to learn about the fauna and flora of the area as well as important information the wonderful Cotopaxi Volcano (the highest active volcano). Then we will walk about an hour visiting the Limpiopungo's lagoon. If you want more adventure, we can coordinate the ascent to the parking of the volcano located 4,600 meters and from there take a walk an hour and a half to the refuge Jose Rivas, located 200 meters up on a steep slope. Back to the city of Quito, with approximate arrival at 5pm.

Day 5: PAPALLACTA HOT SPRINGS (Full Day)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Overnight: Quito

Early in the morning we will head to the Termas de Papallacta. We use the road used by Francisco de Orellana in his journey to discover the Amazon River landscapes with mystery and one of the best shelters describes this amazing freshwater ecosystem. Upon arrival, we will make a short hike to recognize the native flora and fauna. Thermal pools with healing properties, unique in the world are waiting for you in this incredible adventure.

Day 6: OTAVALO INDIAN MARKET (Full Day)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Overnight: Santiago

Early in the morning, we head north of the country, places full of scenic beauty, culture and mystery. Otavalo is a town in the province of Imbabura, in Ecuador; located 110 kilometers north of the city of Quito. Otavalo has been declared as "intercultural Capital of Ecuador" for being a city with enormous potential in several aspects. It has charming landscapes, rich culture, and history and business development. Otavalo is the largest indigenous market in South America. Ponchos Square or Square Centenario is colorful South America's largest craft market.

NOTE: we suggest this tour to take place on Saturday.

Day 7: Departure

Breakfast at the hotel.

Check out and transfer to the airport (transfer not included).