



FANTASTIC ECUADOR

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS / QUITO CUENCA GUAYAQUIL



Day 1.- Assistance at the airport, transfer to hotel

Accommodation: Hotel in Quito

Day 2.- Otavalo

Approximately 2 hours to the north of Quito, we pass by beautiful scenery and lookouts until the arrival at the famous indigenous market of Otavalo, also known as the Market of Ponchos, one of the best known markets in South America for its handicrafts and textiles. In the afternoon, we will visit the town of Cotacachi, known for its leather goods, and then off to a visit to the impressive lake of Cuicocha, created by a crater. Then, return to Quito. The best day to visit the market is Saturday, but a smaller market is found everyday.

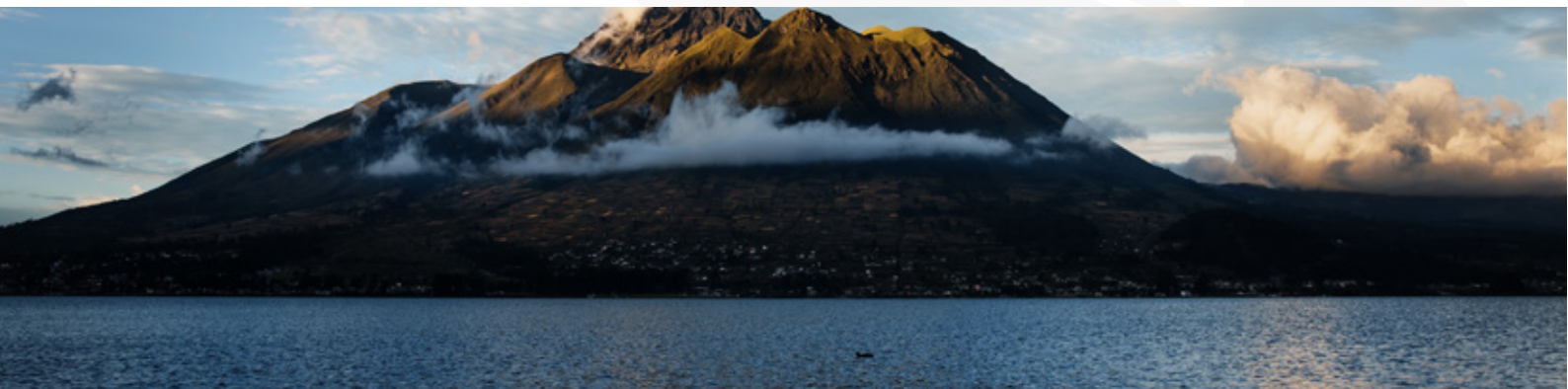
Accommodation: hotel in Quito

Activity: 6-hours guided tour

Transportation: 6 hours private transportation small cars or tourism buses

Meals: Breakfast

Entrance Fee Included: Cuicocha lake



Day 3.- City and Middle of The World

Declared a “World Heritage Site” by UNESCO in 1978, Quito is considered one of the most beautiful cities in the Americas. We will visit both the new, modern city and the old historic city characterized by the number of churches and squares. Included in the visit are the Cathedral, The Archbishop’s Palace, the Government Palace or Carondelet located in the main square, the “La Compañía” of Jesus, a church whose interior is plated in gold, and the square and church of San Francisco. Later, the tourist centre of the Middle of the World where the northern and southern hemispheres meet. In addition, we will visit the museum “Intiñan” which is well known for its experiments and the experience of being in 2 hemispheres at one time.

Accommodation: hotel in Quito

Activity: 6-hours guided tour

Transportation: 6 hours private transportation small cars or tourism buses

Meals: Breakfast

Entrance Fee Included: La Compañía Church and “Intiñan” Museum



Day 4.- Quito-Baños:

We will travel to the south on the famous “Route of the Volcanoes” with around 62 volcanoes in the direction of Baños, a touristic town located in the skirts of the active volcano Tungurahua. Various possibilities to carry out activities such as biking, rafting, hiking to the waterfalls, tarabita, horseback riding are available. Baños is located between the Amazon jungle and the Andes with impressive scenery. At the end of the afternoon, we leave for lodging in Baños.

Accommodation: hotel in Baños

Activity: 7-hours guided tour

Transportation: 7 hours private transportation small cars or tourism buses

Meals: Breakfast

Entrance Fee Included: “Pailon del diablo” waterfall.

Day 5.- Baños -Chimborazo-Cuenca:

Very early in the morning, we will visit CHIMBORAZO Ecoreserve we will have de chance to hike at the volcano 15.000 feet, enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Andes mountains. After, we will continue our trip to Cuenca, on the way, stopping to visit the most important archaeological Incan ruins, called Ingapirca.

Accommodation: hotel in Cuenca

Activity: 7-hours guided tour

Transportation: 7 hours private transportation small cars or tourism buses

Meals: Breakfast

Entrance Fee Included: Chimborazo Reserve and Inkas ruins.



Day 6.- Cuenca half Day

Also declared by UNESCO, a World Heritage Site, Cuenca is one of the most beautiful cities in Ecuador with its streets, squares, buildings and churches. We will visit the main square, the cathedral of Cuenca and the small square of flowers. We will also go to the famous straw hat factory (misnamed -the Panama hat). Finally we will take a city tour of “El Barranco”, the modern city and stop at the lookout called “El Turi”.Free afternoon Lodging in Cuenca.

Accommodation: hotel in Cuenca

Activity: 3-hours guided tour

Transportation: 3 hours private transportation small cars or tourism buses

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7.- Cuenca-Guayaquil:

Departure to the west of Cuenca, through the National Park of El Cajas, which has close to 200 lagoons we will hike around the lake Treadora nice hike where we can see flora and fauna of this National Park. After we pass de continental divide, we descend to sea level and to the city of Guayaquil, the economic capital of Ecuador.

Accommodation: hotel in Guayaquil

Activity: 7-hours guided tour

Transportation:7 hours private transportation small cars or tourism buses

Meals: Breakfast

Entrance Fee Included: El Cajas National Park and local guide.



Day 8.- TRANSFER OUT

Back to your country or connections with Galapagos islands or Cusco.