

Ecuador Express 13 days



Discover the highlights of Ecuador with this tour that takes you from the dizzy heights of Quito, through colourful Indian market towns and gorgeous countryside, to the Amazon rainforest and back again.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Quito / Ends in: Quito
- Departs: Year round
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:3, Lunch: 2, Dinner: 3
- Hotel Rating: Simple hotels, hostels & guesthouses
- Tour Guide: Yes tour leader escorted

ONLINE RESOURCES:

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Day 1:

Welcome to Ecuador and Quito - the second highest city in the world! After arriving at our hotel consider heading out to explore the city on foot before our group welcome meeting later this evening. Overnight - Quito

Days 2 - 3:

Quito - Otavalo – Quito. Heading north, our journey begins with a visit to the famous market town of Otavalo. The colourful market where the local people come from their villages to sell livestock, produce and textiles, is the perfect place to stock up on gifts and souvenirs. From Otavalo you could also visit Laguna Cuicocha, an extinct volcano famous for the deep lake in its crater before returning to Quito. Overnight - Otavalo (1), Quito (1)



Days 4 - 6:

Quito – Amazon Jungle - Misahualli - breakfast. On day 4 we begin our descent into the Amazon Basin on the banks of the Rio Napo. Spending one night in the jungle town of Misahualli, we continue downriver deep into the Amazon by motorised dugout canoe. In the jungle we will stay in local huts made from bamboo and leaves and eat fresh jungle meals. During the day discover the plants, creatures and people of the region with guided walks. We may also enjoy a visit to a native animal reserve, tubing, panning for gold and floating down the river to hear the jungle sounds at night. After our fabulous excursions in the Amazon we head back to Misahualli for one more night. Overnight - Misahualli (1), Amazon Jungle (1), Misahualli (1)



Days 7 - 9:

Amazon - Banos. Leaving the Amazon behind, we head by bus to the spa town of Banos, known for its hot springs. On the way we pass spectacular scenery. In Banos you are free to relax in the thermal pools or take leisurely walks amongst the surrounding mountains. You'll also have the chance to enjoy horseback riding in the hills. Banos is a great place to buy beautifully painted balsa wood animals and try the local sweet, taffy. Overnight - Banos (3)



Days 10 - 12:

Banos – Cuenca - Quito. Continuing on we reach the old colonial market town of Cuenca, Ecuador's third largest city. Despite its size, the centre of Cuenca retains much of its colonial charm with cobblestone streets, open plazas and whitewashed buildings with ironwork balconies, and is even an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The city is also the home of the Panama hat and you'll have the chance to visit a factory where the hats are made. Whilst in Cuenca you have the option to visit the celebrated Inca ruins of Ingapirca, Ecuador's most important archaeological site. The original structures were made by the Canari people and you can still see the place where these pre-Inca people worshipped the moon.

A short flight takes us back to Quito where you will have more free time to discover the city. Wander around the UNESCO listed old town, a maze of colonial splendour where the vibrant indigenous









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character is still retained or head to the colourful Mariscal Sucre, the heart of the 'new town'. Here you will find trendy cafes, international restaurants and lively bars. Overnight - Cuenca (2), Quito (1)



Day 13:

Our tour concludes today. Spend the day further exploring before making your way to the airport for your flight back home.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- The UNESCO listed colonial city of Quito
- Otavalo Market town handicrafts, souvenirs and villagers
- Amazon Jungle guided tour of the rainforest and trekking
- Cuenca home of the Panama hat, UNESCO listed city with cobblestone streets, open plazas and whitewashed
- Banos a spa town famous for its hot thermal springs

What's Included

- 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- 12 nights in hotels, hostels and guesthouses
- Excursions to Quito, Otavalo, the Amazon, Banos and
- Visits to Otavalo Market and Amazon Jungle
- Guided day of sightseeing in the Amazon
- Escorted by a tour leader and specialist guides at some
- Relevant transport by public bus, boat and taxi
- Economy class flight from Cuenca to Quito

• Entrance fees to included excursions

What's Not Included

- International flights to/from our tour start/end points and
- Items of a personal nature and additional meals

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,099

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies to travellers who would like the comfort of their own room (on all or many of the tour nights) and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 4 travellers.

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
06 JUL - 18 JUL	USD \$1,099	USD \$79
10 AUG - 22 AUG	USD \$1,099	USD \$79
21 SEP - 03 OCT	USD \$1,099	USD \$79
23 NOV - 05 DEC	USD \$1,099	USD \$79
26 DEC - 07 JAN	USD \$1,099	USD \$79

2014

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
08 FEB - 20 FEB	USD \$1,099	USD \$79
12 APR - 24 APR	USD \$1,099	USD \$79
28 JUN - 10 JUL	USD \$1,099	USD \$79
30 AUG - 11 SEP	USD \$1,099	USD \$79
27 SEP - 09 OCT	USD \$1,099	USD \$79







