

TOURS IN QUITO AND SURROUNDINGS

(Full Day and Half Day Tours)

EQ- 1 QUITO CITY TOUR (3-4 hours)

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Finally, a visit to the main square where the presidential palace, the main cathedral and some other important buildings can be appreciated. La Compañía de Jesus church is one of the most beautiful churches in South America or perhaps the world, this is the last treasure to be visited in our program before your guide takes you to back to the hotel.

Cost per person incl. entrance fees \$48 (minimum 4 guests, maximum 12)

EQ – 2 EQUATORIAL MONUMENT TOUR (3-4 hours)

Duration: 3 Hours. We will visit the historical point where the French Geodesic Mission measured the circumference of the earth in 1736 and found the latitude 0o0'0". You visit the INTI ÑAN site museum which contains interesting explanations of natural facts applicable to the Equator.

Cost per person incl. entrance fees \$48.00 (minimum 4 guests, maximum 12)



EQ – 3 QUITO CITY AND EQUATOR TOUR (8 hours)

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last treasure to be visited in our program before your guide takes you to the equator. Once there, you will visit a very interesting museum, INTI NAN, here you will learn about the different cultures that we have in Ecuador and some of the facts applicable on the Equator.

Cost per person incl. entrance fees and lunch \$151 (minimum 4 guests, maximum 12)

EQ – 4 OTAVALO INDIGENOUS MARKET – (8 hours)

Just an hour and a half north of Quito lie the lush volcanic highlands. This land is rich in friendly and colorfully attired indigenous people, historic working haciendas, and towering volcanoes with verdant slopes.



Our destination is the Otavalo Indian craft market. As we pass into the highlands, we're treated to a sweeping view of Imbabura and Cotacachi Volcanoes rising above San Pablo Lake. Our first stop is Cayambe where they make the famous bizcochos as part of a big tradition of the country. Then it's on to the Otavalo market, which dates back thousands of years and is famous throughout the Andes for its handicrafts, textiles and tapestries. Lunch will be served at one of the local haciendas built between the 17th and 18th centuries with a typical Andean ambience. After lunch we'll visit the village of Peguche where native weavers demonstrate their craft, as they have for centuries. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon.

Cost per person incl. lunch \$137 (minimum 4 guests, maximum 12)

EQ – 5 PAPALLACTA THERMAL SPRINGS– (8 hours)

Adventurous spirits will enjoy a tour through the high plateau of the Andes. This is the habitat of the condor, the puma, bears, and other species, which belong to this area. The “Termas de Papallacta” (Papallacta Thermal Springs) owns the “Rancho del Canon” a protected area of 250 hectares (625 acres) located at the entrance of the ecological reserve Cayambe-Coca.



The Papallacta River crosses both the hacienda as well as the high section of the valley, and it offers to the visitor a spectacular view of the Antisana Volcano. In this beautiful area, we offer walks along the ecological paths, where nature lovers can appreciate the local flora and fauna. This area is a treasure for ornithologists, with more than 160 different species of birds, including hummingbirds, tanagers and occasionally the great Andean Condor.

Afterwards, enjoy the Hot Springs of Papallacta, whose thermal waters emerge from deep geological layers through fissures up to the surface. This will be a day of nature, health and relaxation.

Cost per person incl. lunch and entrance to the private pools \$176 (minimum 4 guests, maximum 12)

PRICES ON ALL TOURS ARE PER PERSON AND INCLUDE:

- *English/Spanish speaking Guide*
- *Private Transportation*
- *Meals mentioned in descriptions*
- *Drinking water*
- *Entrance fees where needed*



PRICES ON ALL TOURS DO NOT INCLUDE:

- *Tips to Guides and/or Drivers*
- *Beverages*

End of our services

All touring arrangements herein are subject to change without notice and can be operated in a different sequence, depending on operational considerations and weather conditions. All deposits are non-refundable in the event of cancellation. We highly recommend TRAVEL INSURANCE.