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# Quito Ecuador

5 days / 4 nights



## Day 1: Quito

(B/-/-)

Quito Transfer in/out - airport/hotel (private)

Welcome to Quito and Ecuador! At the airport you will be greeted by a member of our organization, we will escort you all the way to your hotel, giving you a short briefing about Quito and the country in general with valuable information you need to know.

Overnight at Dann Carlton Quito

## Day 2: Quito

(B/-/-)

### **AM: Quito and the Center of the World monument (shared)**

We will visit downtown Quito to relish in this urban jewel and its treasures of art and architecture. Quito's colonial quarter, the largest and best preserved of South America, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will stroll at the Independence Plaza, flanked by the Cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Municipal Building and the Archbishop's Palace. We will visit also the temple of \*La Compañía de Jesús and its awesome gilded interior. We continue on to the Monastery of San Francisco, one of the great religious buildings of the New World; its impressive façade and atrium that lead to its Baroque interior influenced by Moorish style, with the winged Virgin of Quito at its main altar.



Then we will continue to the Equatorial Monument, 25 Kms. (16 miles) North of Quito, which marks the exact Middle of the World, latitude 0°, where we can stand with a foot on each hemisphere. We will visit the Ethnographic Museum inside the monument, which shows the different Native American groups living in Ecuador. Beside the monument there is a colonial-style town, complete with main square, church, post office, bullring, cafeterias, restaurants and many gift shops with postcards and souvenirs. A certificate for having crossed the Equator will be given at the end of our tour. **(This tour includes walking at an altitude of 2800 meters (9200 feet) and climbing stairs).**

**PM: Quito, Sound**

**Track and Flavors of Ecuador (2 hours) (Thursday & Friday) (Shared)**

You will be picked up from your hotel with a guide and driver and transferred to Misquilla in La Floresta, the most alternative and trendy neighborhood in Quito, full of local artisans, music venues, restaurants, bars, boutique and artisanal coffee shops, and more. Enter Misquilla's garage-chic cantina atmosphere, complete with carefully designed sound and lighting systems that showcase the performance, and settle back into a memorable evening out. Top Ecuadorian performers share with you their love for the traditional art forms of Ecuadorian music – pasillos and albazos – in a one-hour show accompanied by the chef's carefully designed menus that give you a sampling of delicious takes on Ecuador's regional cuisines and drinks. (Vegetarian option available.)

After the show you will be returned to your hotel by our driver and guide. The show starts at 7:30 P.M.



**Day 3: Quito**

**(B/L/-)**

**Otavalo Handcraft tour plus lunch (shared)**

First stop is Calderón, a small town where bread dough figurines are made in many shapes and sizes. Continue along the valleys of Guayllabamba and Cayambe, with their dairy farms and flower plantations, to the land of the Otavalos and South America's most famous Indian fair along the Panamerican Highway through dramatic mountain scenery to the textile market of Otavalo, where guests will enjoy visiting the many stalls full of ponchos, scarves, blankets, wall hangings, woven belts (fajas), hats, handbags and much more. Here Otavaleños barter in silence, in marked contrast to the raucous noise of other markets; take your time to negotiate the best bargains.

Then, proceed to Peguche, an Indian village very near Otavalo that is home to the artisans who do the weaving in their homes; guests can learn about their culture and everyday life. Lunch is at one of the charming country inns or haciendas of the area. Return to Quito in the afternoon.

Overnight at Dann Carlton Quito.



## Day 4: Quito

(B/L/-)

### Cotopaxi National Park plus lunch (private)

Early departure from Quito by motorcar on the Pan-American Highway to the south, to visit the Cotopaxi National Park, an ecological sanctuary of 88,920 acres, around the magnificent Cotopaxi Volcano, which rises 5897 meters (19,347 feet) above sea level. The evergreen landscape of the Ecuadorian highlands is one of the main attractions, along valleys and mountains covered by multicolored fields. After an hour and a half, the entrance to the park is reached and then it's up a dirt road for approximately one hour. Upon arrival to the park there is an introductory briefing about the habitat of the Andean paramo or moorlands, its flora and fauna in the small Interpretation Center. Continue on to Limpiopungo Lagoon to observe a variety of birds and occasionally wild horses. On clear days, the Cotopaxi Volcano is the magnificent backdrop. A short walk around the lagoon allows the observation of the Andean flora. Lunch is at a hacienda or restaurant of the area before returning to Quito in the afternoon.

Overnight at Dann Carlton Quito.



## Day 5: Quito

(B/-/-)

Transfer from Hotel to airport (private)

\*\*\*End of services\*\*\*

### Rates per person:

<b>FARE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM STARTING FROM:</b>	<b>ANG 3075.00</b>
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**This tour can start on any date of 2017 except on holidays and congresses and booked for 2 passengers or more.**

### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Airfare on Avianca, Curacao – Quito – Curacao (via Bogota)
- Quito Transfers in/out – airport/hotel
- Accommodations as mentioned in itinerary, including breakfast.