



Indigenous market in Otavalo © Klein Tours

**ECUADOR**

Although famous for the Galapagos Islands, mainland Ecuador also has spectacular scenery, wildlife, history and Andean cultures. Straddling the equator, from which comes its name, this tiny country is easy to explore, from the Pacific Coast to the towering snowcapped volcanoes of the Andes and then down again to pristine Amazon Rainforest! The towns of Quito and Cuenca are treasure troves of architecture, with beautiful churches, convents, museums and wonderful crafts.

Ecuador is a year-round destination. Generally speaking, it has two seasons, wet and dry, but local weather patterns vary greatly depending on geography.



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A cobblestoned street in Quito

**QUITO CITY STAY**

3 days/2 nights  
Departs daily ex Quito

**F**ounded in the 16th century on the ruins of an Inca city, historic Quito, with its colonial churches, plazas and boulevards is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the Church of La Compania, the Monastery of San Francisco and the Old Town.

Tour cost per person to 31 Dec:	Twin	Single
Hilton Colon (Deluxe Room)	\$319	\$572
Swissotel (Luxury Room)	\$315	\$620
Cafe Cultura (Standard Room)	\$277	\$478
Patio Andaluz (Standard Room)	\$277	\$518

Price per person includes: Private airport/hotel arrival and departure transfers, 2 nights accommodation with private facilities, breakfast, private half day city tour.

**ACCOMMODATION**

**Hilton Colon**

This elegant 5 star hotel is a 10 minute walk from the colonial Old Town. The hotel offers 3 restaurants and a bar, a fitness centre & spa, complete with outdoor heated pool.

**Swissotel**

This luxury hotel is close to excellent shopping with easy access to the Old Town. The hotel has 275 large guest rooms, 6 restaurants, indoor and outdoor pools, spa, sauna and fitness centre.

**Cafe Cultura**

This inner-city boutique hotel is in a beautifully restored historic house featuring 26 individually decorated guest rooms, a fine bistro and a library.

**Patio Andaluz**

This charming 4 star boutique hotel is in the historic heart of Quito surrounded by churches and museums. The hotel has 32 rooms, bar, patio restaurant and gift shop.



© Patio Andaluz

Patio Andaluz, elegant and comfortable

**OTAVALO & BEYOND**

2 days/1 night  
Departs Mon, Tue, Fri & Sat  
ex Quito

**D**rive through picturesque landscapes to Otavalo, home to the most famous and colourful Indigenous craft market in South America. Other highlights include Cotacachi Leather Market and Ibarra, the white city.

Tour cost per person to 31 Dec:	Twin	Single
	\$361	\$406

Price per person includes: Private transportation with services of English speaking guide, sightseeing as per itinerary and entrance fees, accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis.

**Day 1 Otavalo**

Depart Quito by road through panoramic scenery. Visit the crater lagoon of Cuicocha, the leather-making village of Cotacachi, Peguche Village and San Antonio de Ibarra. Overnight at Hacienda Pinsaqui or similar.

**Day 2 Otavalo-Quito**

Visit the vibrant Indigenous Market of Otavalo where locals trade their world recognised textiles and crafts. Also visit Ibarra, famous for its wood carvings. Return to Quito. Tour ends. B



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Locals in front of a cathedral in Cuenca

**COLONIAL CUENCA**

3 days/2 nights  
Departs daily ex Quito

**C**uenca is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located at the heart of the Indian communities of the High Andes. Its cobblestone streets have a rich colonial atmosphere of churches, convents and museums. Close to Cuenca are Ingapirca ruins and scenic Cajas National Park.

Tour cost per person to 31 Dec:	Twin	Single
Mansion Alcazar	\$635	\$745
Santa Lucia (Deluxe Room)	\$517	\$687
Oro Verde	\$483	\$604

Price per person includes: Private transfers, 2 nights accommodation on a B&B basis & sightseeing as per itinerary.

**Day 1 Cuenca**

Arrive in Cuenca and transfer to your hotel. Explore the towns colourful parks and plazas, colonial architecture and handicraft stores. Visit Conceptas Museum, Banco Central Museum and the Panama Hat Factory. Overnight Cuenca.

**Day 2 Cuenca**

Enjoy a day trip to picturesque Cajas National Park, containing the highest number of lakes in Ecuador. Overnight Cuenca. B

**Day 3 Tour ends Cuenca**

Visit the Chordeleg and Gualaceo, famous for their silverwares, Ingapirca and Ecuador's most impressive Inca ruins before being transferred to the airport for late flight. Tour ends. B

# AVENUE OF THE VOLCANOS

4 days/3 nights

Departs Tue, Thu & Sat ex Quito

<b>Tour cost per person to 31 Dec:</b>	Twin	Single
Shared Program (Min 2 passengers)	\$900	\$1205
Private departures & single travellers	on request	

**Price per person includes:** Transportation on a shared basis with services of English speaking guide, sightseeing as per itinerary and entrance fees, 3 nights twin share accommodation in hotel on a bed and breakfast basis.

**T**his wonderful tour highlights the best of Ecuador - amazing volcanic mountains, local cultures and handicrafts, archaeological sites, and a fascinating train journey down the engineering wonder known as "the Devil's Nose".

## Day 1 Riobamba

Depart Quito and drive towards Cotopaxi National Park, home to the world's highest active volcano. Continuing south east, you will arrive at Banos "Entrance to Amazonia". After lunch arrive in Riobamba and enjoy afternoon city tour. Overnight at your hotel.

## Day 2 Cuenca

Drive through some of the most picturesque indigenous areas of the country before reaching the Alausi train station. Board a local train for a unique journey down the Devil's Nose – a steep section of track which descends over 1000m via a series of switchbacks. Continue via the Ingapirca ruins before arriving in Cuenca for overnight. B



Living at the foot of Cotopaxi



Stunning ruins of Ingapirca

## Day 3 Cuenca

Explore Cuenca's cobblestone streets past cathedrals and white-washed colonial mansions. Visit the Banco Central Museum, the Conceptas Monastery and the Panama hat factory. B

## Day 4 Tour ends Guayaquil

Drive via beautiful El Cajas National Park through moorlands and several forest types to Guayaquil. Tour ends. B

**Note:** This tour also operates in reverse departing on Tue, Thu & Sat.



Cotopaxi Volcano, the highest active volcano in the world

# HACIENDA EXPERIENCE

3 days/2 nights

Departs daily ex Quito

<b>Tour cost per person to 31 Dec:</b>	Twin	Single
<b>Hacienda San Agustin de Callo (Std)</b>	\$734	\$1464
<b>Hacienda Zuleta (Std Room)</b>	\$704	\$924
<b>Hacienda Hato Verde (Std Room)</b>	\$466	\$838

Extra nights available.

**Price per person includes:** Return transfers from Quito, accommodation and meals as specified.

**S**tep back into Ecuador's colourful past, with an intimate stay at a traditional colonial hacienda, situated amongst majestic volcanic mountains. Enjoy idyllic countryside and fine local food.

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

- Day 1** Transfer from your Quito hotel or airport by road to your hacienda.
- Day 2** Enjoy activities and/or tours offered by your hacienda (some at additional cost).
- Day 3** Transfer by road back to Quito. Tour ends.

## Hacienda Zuleta

Built in 1691 this historic hacienda was once the home of an Ecuadorian president. It is part of a 4,000 acre working farm with a dairy, trout farm, embroidery workshop and condor-raising project. Located two hour's north of Quito near Ibarra. Zuleta offers 15 charming guest rooms and traditional cuisine featuring local farm-fresh organic produce. Activities (at additional cost) include hiking, mountain biking and horse riding. BLD

## Hacienda San Agustin de Callo

Situated near Cotopaxi Volcano, San Agustin de Callo offers an unrivalled glimpse into Ecuador's rich past. The hacienda features 6 suites and 5 double rooms. Enjoy trekking, biking, fishing and an Indian market tour. Horse riding extra. BD

## Hacienda Hato Verde

Close to the entrance of Cotopaxi National Park, Hato Verde is part of the rich tradition of grand estates. The house offers 9 luxurious rooms with private bathrooms and fireplaces, and an exquisite dining experience. Activities offered (at additional cost) include horse riding, and trekking. B



Hacienda San Agustin de Callo



Hacienda Zuleta library



Picturesque Hacienda Hato Verde

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# ECUADOR ECO-LODGES

4, 5 or 8 days  
Lodges

**D**iscover the amazing natural wonders of pristine Amazon jungle whilst staying in comfortable eco-lodges that ensure minimum impact on their fragile environment. These lodges offer a broad range of activities, including guided walks through the forest where you will be amazed by the rich and diverse display of flora and fauna including tropical birds, many species of monkey, a variety of reptiles, frogs and sloths to name a few. Float by canoe across quiet lakes home to giant otters or caiman (alligators) and climb observation towers into the forest canopy for a breathtaking view of the jungle as birds fly by at eye level.

The climate in the Amazon is always hot and humid with the chance of rain so it is best to be prepared for all conditions. The average temperatures are from about 20°C to 28°C. As a general rule, Ecuador's rainforest is drier from November to February and wettest from June to September.

**Price per person for all lodges on pages 24 & 25 include:** Return airfare to/from Quito to airport near lodge and canoe transfers to lodge, accommodation, all meals, activities and excursions at lodges, park fees.

**Price excludes:** Drinks and gratuities.



## LA SELVA LODGE



On the shores of Garzacocha Lake, La Selva ("the jungle") offers comfortable guest accommodation in 18 thatched cabanas made from materials designed to blend with their surroundings. Each cabana has a private bathroom with hot water, a hammock and mosquito netting over the beds. The lodge has a spacious dining room and an open-air bar/lounge with lake views. Activities include an observation tower, walks, fishing, boat trips to a butterfly farm and night excursions.



Price per person from:	Departs	Twin	Single
<b>La Selva Lodge</b>			
5 days/4 nights	Daily	\$1231	\$1526
4 days/3 nights	Daily	\$1075	\$1324

## SACHA LODGE

Situated in a 5000 acre private reserve, Sacha Lodge is constructed from local materials and offers 26 comfortable cabins with high thatched roofs, each with private terrace and ensuite facilities. The main lodge has a dining room and bar/lounge while the surrounding reserve boasts a 43m-high observation tower and a unique raised walkway through the forest canopy. Daily activities include walks on forest trails, the butterfly house, canoe trips, kayaking and night walks, led by an experienced local and/or naturalist guide.

Price per person from:	Departs	Twin	Single
<b>Sacha Lodge</b>			
5 days/4 nights	Mon	\$1275	\$1807
4 days/3 nights	Fri	\$1054	\$1475

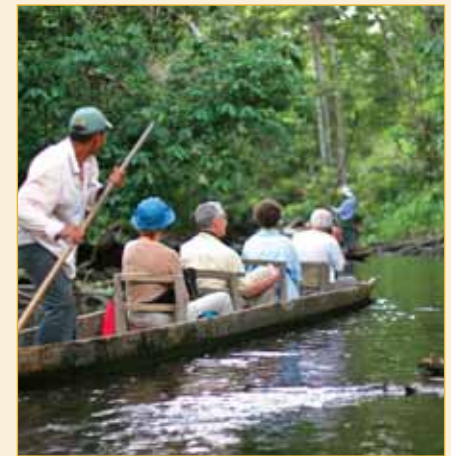


NAPO WILDLIFE CENTRE



Community-based Napo Wildlife Centre is surrounded by 132 square kilometres of pristine Amazon rainforest on the northern edge of the Yasuni NP. The complex features 12 traditionally designed, luxurious private cabanas with lake views, a dining room, bar and lounge and an adjacent observation tower. The park is home to Ecuador's two most accessible parrot clay licks and an incredible variety of wildlife. Activities include wildlife blinds, forest trails, hikes, boat trips and visits to the Anangu community.

Price per person from:	Departs	Twin	Single
<b>Napo Wildlife Centre</b>			
5 days/4 nights	Mon	\$1281	\$1830
4 days/3 nights	Fri	\$1061	\$1500



KAPAWI ECO-LODGE & RESERVE

Set amongst pristine Amazon rainforest, this renowned Eco-lodge was created in collaboration with the local Achuar Indians and built without using a single metal nail. Guests are accommodated in 19 comfortable rooms built on stilts overlooking the river with balcony and ensuite facilities. Guided activities include day hikes, canoe trips, bird watching and visits to Achuar communities.

Price per person from:	Departs	Twin	Single
<b>Kapawi Lodge*</b>			
8 days/7 nights	Mon & Fri	\$2535	\$3321
5 days/4 nights	Mon	\$1715	\$2177
4 days/3 nights	Fri	\$1480	\$1850

\*We can try to arrange shared accommodation on request.  
Age limit: No children under 7.

