



ABOUT THE AVENUE OF THE VOLCANOS



Ecuador is located in South America on the equator (which owes its name), so that its territory is in both hemispheres (north and south). It bordered on the north by Colombia, and east and south to Peru. To the west, the Pacific Ocean washes its 640 kilometers of coastline. The coastline accident outstanding exhibits as the Gulf of Guayaquil, where the island of Puna is located. Almost 1000 km away are the main Ecuadorian islands of the archipelago of Columbus or Galapagos, comprising 13 major islands and dozens of islets.

The Andes crosses the country from which the product is its mega diversity. Its equatorial situation benefits because it has a permanent sunlight that makes it warm all year. Its main cities are the capital Quito, Guayaquil, Cuenca, Riobamba and Manta. Traversing the Ecuadorian Andes is difficult and can be exciting when the traveler zigzag down the old railway line that runs from.

Quito to the south: a good stretch is excavated in the rock, known as 'Devil's Nose' ...

Ecuador is the country of the Quechua and Tagaeri peoples, volcanoes and giant tortoises of the Galapagos Islands; and famous for its handicrafts: shigras (handbags), hammocks, straw hats, blankets (shawls) and brightly colored ponchos made of cotton. Almost 3000 meters Quito is located in an Andean valley. It is one of the oldest cities on the continent, in addition to political and financial center of Ecuador. The most populous city is Guayaquil, the main seaport and the economic capital of the country. Both cities over one million and a half inhabitants. The country is divided politically into 24 provinces which are divided into four natural regions: 6 on the coast, 11 in the mountains, 6 in the Amazon region and the Galapagos Islands.





DISCOVER THE ANDES TRAVELING

SOUTH OF ECUADOR

DAILY TOURS

COTOBIKES

The tour to Cotopaxi National Park is an exciting day you can enjoy the amazing Andean landscapes, observe some of the mountains and volcanoes that make up our avenue of volcanoes.

To reach the National Park will walk around the lagoon Limpiopungo enjoying a magnificent view of the colossus. We continue with a bike path 16 Km optional national park or it can be done by car. This tour reaches 3200 m high, is very important that you are prepared to such height. We recommend acclimatizing at least two days around 3000m. Cotopaxi has its own climate and for this reason is unpredictable therefore necessary warm clothes.

Package includes: bilingual guide, transportation from Quito, bike, helmet.

Equipment Needed:

Warm clothes, gloves, scarves, hats, glasses, Extra water, walking shoes, camera, Extra Snacks, Long socks, Sunscreen, cotton pants, waterproof jacket



QUILOTOA LAGOON

This wonderful cultural tour of a day, begins with a visit to the Indian market Saquisilí (Thursday) or Pujilí (Sunday).

On the way to the Laguna Quilotoa we can see beautiful landscapes of the Andes, crossing the old Toachi Canyon in the Valley Zumbahua.

Finally, we reached the viewpoint of the Laguna which is 3800 meters where we will begin the descent, after about 45 minutes of walking we reach the level of the lagoon.

After making fabulous photographs and explore the surroundings of the lagoon again we climb to the viewpoint where we have lunch and then start our way back to Quito.

Package Includes: Guide, transportation and food.

Equipment needed:

Glasses, Agua.extra, waterproof Chompa, comfortable shoes, camera, sunscreen
Shopping bag



PASOCHOA

The Pasochoa volcano is an extinct volcano 4199 meters high, this being par excellence one of the best places to see and appreciate the Andean Condor.

The hike offers beautiful views of Paramo ecosystem and the majestic mountains of this part of the Andes, while inside the crater you can see one of the last remnants of Andean forests.

This hike is mostly recommended for people who are starting a process of acclimatization, which takes between 3-5 and a maximum height of 4199 m is reached.

It is very important that they are prepared for this type of height so it is recommended to have remained at least a day at an average altitude of 3,000 meters

Necessary equipment not included:

warm, gloves and hat, scarf, sunglasses, raincoat, sunscreen, camera, small backpack, additional snacks, energy drinks, hiking shoes, extra water, cotton pants clothes





CORAZON

Corazon is an extinct volcano that is part of the Ecological Reserve of Illinizas, located south of Quito. This hike offers views and landscapes of much of the Avenue of the Volcanoes. In the eastern part of the lift are various crops and fertile land as well as part of the cloud forest. The first time the volcano was explored Heart was in the nineteenth century by Edward Whymper, at which time the mountain was still covered by a glacier. Today, the glacier has disappeared. The name comes from the formation Heart produced by two cracks that can be seen from the southern part of the city of Quito. Escalating the Heart takes about 5 to 7 hours, reaching a height of 4788 meters, a very good recommendation is to be an average of 3000 meters at least two days before.

Included in the package: professional bilingual guide, transportation - Heart, box lunch (two sandwiches, a bottle of water, a package of cookies and fruit)

Not included in the package: transportation to and from Quito, breakfast, tips to guides

Equipment not included

warm clothing, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, waterproof jacket, sunscreen, camera - backpack, snacks, hiking boots extra water, polar pants, towel, wool cap.





ILLINIZAS NORTH

Illinizas are part of an ancient volcano, which was divided into two peaks more than 5000 years ago. This tour includes the ascent to the summit of North Illiniza, which is located at an altitude of 5126 m. The trekking to the North Illiniza is moderate, exciting and easy to complete level. This tour offers excellent views of the volcano Cotopaxi and the surrounding volcanoes. Climbing is perfect for acclimatization, especially for those wishing to climb after the Cotopaxi. The ascent lasts about 6 hours and the descent 2.

It is important that you are prepared for this kind of altitude, it is recommended to acclimate for at least two days before at a height of 3000 m. The weather is very unpredictable so it is advisable to be prepared with the necessary

Included in the price: guide

Bilingual professional, box lunch (two sandwiches, a bottle of water, a pack of cookies and fruit), helmet and harness, transportation to North Illiniza

Not included: breakfast, gratuities for guides, transportation from / to Quito

Necessary equipment not included:

Warm clothing, extra water, gloves, cotton pants, glasses, scarf, Waterproof sweater, towel, camera, sunscreen, a small backpack, wool hat, hiking boots, Energizing drink and snacks





RUMIÑAHUI

The Rumiñahui volcano is located in the Cotopaxi National Park, south of Quito. This volcano is formed by three rock formations that are Rumiñahui Norte (4712 m), the Central Rumiñahui (4631 m) and Rumiñahui Sur (4696 m), however unlike Illinizas, the Rumiñahui it is not considered as separate mountains.

This tour is an excellent acclimatization and from its summit offers points of epic view of the heart, Illinizas, Sincholagua, and the majestic Cotopaxi.

Climb to Rumiñahui takes approximately 3 to 4 hours, reaching a height of 4712 meters. One recommendation is to have been an average of 3000 meters at least two days before.

Included in the package: professional bilingual guide, box lunch (two sandwiches, a bottle of water, a pack of sweet biscuits and fruit)

Not included in the package: transportation to / Quito Breakfast.

Necessary equipment not included:

Warm clothes, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, waterproof jacket -

wool hat, camera, small backpack, snacks, trekking boots, extra water, sunscreen.





CLIMBING 2 DAYS

COTOPAXI

With a height of 5897 m Cotopaxi is the most impressive of continental Ecuador volcano, being one of the highest active volcanoes in the world, making sure that the rise this will be a completely memorable experience. The climb to the top is given overnight allowing you to see the sunrise from the summit, resulting in a perfect opportunity where you can enjoy the spectacular scenic landscapes of Quito, northern and southern Chimborazo Tungurahua. From the top you can see the snow covered crater in full swing. The last eruptions were in 1877 and 1904.

The ascent starts from the refuge at 4800 m, climbing through a mixture of volcanic sand, snow and glaciers to reach the summit. Despite not be classified as technical, the ascent requires professional guides and equipment glaciers acclimatization program will offer a greater chance for a successful ascent to Cotopaxi.

Included in the package: professional guide (1 guide every 2

people), transportation from and return Hotel in Cotopaxi, 1st day lunch, dinner and breakfast at the shelter, a night at the Refugio del Parque, special equipment mountain

Not included: Transportation from / to Quito, tips for guides, optional: celebration lunch (\$ 10).

We also offer our Climbing and Glacier Course in Ecuador for people who have no experience in glacier.

Acclimatization recommend Packages before attempting to climb the highest volcanoes of Ecuador.





CLIMBING 2 DAYS

CHIMBORAZO

With a height of 6310 m Chimborazo is the highest mountain in Ecuador. It is located in the western Andes central Ecuador, 150km (93 miles) southwest of the capital Quito.

The majestic summit of Chimborazo rises to 2500 m above the surrounding highlands (3500-4000 m), which is the closest point to outer space, because the Earth's diameter is greater in the equatorial latitude. In addition, measured from the center of the earth, Chimborazo is the highest mountain in the world, beating by 2 kilometers to Mount Everest. El itinerary is similar to that of Cotopaxi, Chimborazo but involves a longer rise of approximately 11 hours (7-9 hours to the summit and 2-3 hours back to camp). It includes an education session for the glacier, dinner and a night at the shelter at 4800 m. The rise is a real challenge and offers climbers a chance to break the barrier of 6000 m.

To Climb to this height can be very difficult, so please be sure of what

is well prepared. Acclimatization is recommended at least six nights above 3000 m and climb twice around 5000 m in the same week.

Included in the package: professional guide (1 guide every 2 people), transportation from and return Papagayo Chimborazo, 1st day lunch, dinner and breakfast at the shelter, a night at the Refugio Park, special mounting equipment

Not included: Transportation Quito - Hotel, tips for guides, optional: celebration lunch (\$ 10)

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CLIMBING 2 DAYS

ALTAR

An Altar is a breathtakingly beautiful volcano 5319 meters above sea level, making it the fifth highest volcano in Ecuador. It is located within the Sangay National Park in the province of Chimborazo. The volcano is named because of its distinct peaks, resembling the altar of a colonial church. The ascent takes 6-8 hours, while the decline will be around 3. As mentioned at the end of the itinerary, necessary equipment, professional ice as well as the presence of a certified guide.

To Climb this height can be very difficult, so please make sure you are well prepared. Acclimatization is recommended at least six nights above 3000 m and climb twice around 5000 m in the same week. This can be achieved through an acclimatization program with Gulliver Expeditions, where you can choose itineraries 5 to 14 days. Culminating an acclimatization program will be Offered a greater chance for a successful ascent to the altar. Included in the package: professional guide (1 guide every 2

People), transportation from and return to the Altar to your Hotel, meals mentioned, a night at the Refugio Park, special mountain equipment

Not included: Transportation from / to Quito, tips for guides, optional: celebration lunch (\$ 10)

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CLIMBING 2 DAYS

SUR ILINIZAS

Illinizas are part of an ancient volcano, which was divided into two peaks more than 5000 years ago. This tour includes the ascent to the summit of South Illiniza, representing a higher level of difficulty Illiniza comparison of North due to the presence of the glacier. From the top you can enjoy a spectacular landscape of the volcano Cotopaxi and the surrounding volcanoes. This promotion is perfect for acclimatization and for applicants who want to reach the summit of Cotopaxi. The ascent lasts about 5 to 6 hours and can reach an altitude of 5245 m. For the descent takes 2 to 3 hours.

It is very important that you are prepared to climb to this altitude, we recommend acclimatize for at least 2 nights at a height of 3000 meters.

The climate in this area is very unpredictable and you better be prepared with warm clothing and necessary.

Included in the package: professional guide (1 guide every 2 people), transfer from Hostería Papagayo and return to Iliniza, 1st day lunch, dinner and breakfast at the shelter, one night in the refuge, special mountain equipment

Not included: Transportation from / to Quito, tips for guides, sleeping bag

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DISCOVER THE ANDES TRAVELING

NORTH OF ECUADOR

FUYA FUYA

Fuya Fuya goes up to and have a magnificent view of two of the three sparkling Mojanda lakes (Caricocha, Huarmicocha and Yanacocha) at an altitude of 4275 m. If it is a clear day, you can also see the snow-capped peaks of Cotopaxi, Cayambe and Antisana, the craters of Cotacachi and Imbabura, and you will be able to detect Quito and Otavalo. Fuya Fuya rise is a perfect preparation for climbing Andean peaks like Cotopaxi. The climb takes approx. 3 hours and the descent about 1.

The climate in the area is very unpredictable and should be prepared with warm clothing. The rise is approx. 3-4 hours to reach a height of 4,275m. It is important that you are prepared for this kind of altitude, acclimatization of at least two days around 3000 meters is recommended. Precio included: professional bilingual guide, lunch, transportation to and from your hotel.

Precio excluye: desayuno, propinas para el guía, transporte desde/hacia Quito



Mojanda

Mojanda is an inactive volcano in the Eastern Andes in northern Ecuador.

A caldera at the summit, which was produced by an eruption marked the end of Mojanda activity 200,000 years ago.

It is occupied by three lakes in the crater: Karikucha (the largest), Yanakucha, and Warmikucha.

They received protected status in 2002, are a popular tourist destination and is 20 minutes by taxi from the indigenous town of Otavalo.

Mojanda is the perfect beginning of a nice acclimatization program with a beautiful view of the lagoon of Mojanda and volcanoes around.

Price includes: Professional bilingual guide, lunch, transportation

Price excludes: Breakfast, gratuities for guides, transportation to / from Quito



IMBABURA

The extinct volcano Imbabura is 8 km south of Otavalo is a province of the same name and lies on the stunning lagoon of San Pablo that leads to the waterfalls of Peguche.

Imbabura has two craters, the "Huarmi" in the West and the "Taita Imbabura", which is its highest peak.

"Taita Imbabura" is the Kichwa for "Father" and has a sacred status in Indian mythology.

The climb is done through tall grasses on rocky outcrops, followed by lush vegetation on the mountain high

Price Includes: Professional bilingual guide, lunch, transportation to and from the Inn North Papagayo

Prices Exclude: Breakfast, gratuity for guides, transportation from and to Quito.





CLIMBING 2 DAYS

ANTISANA

Antisana is a volcano which is 5704 meters above sea level and is the fourth highest volcano in Ecuador. It is located in the Antisana Ecological Reserve along the western margin of the Cordillera Real, 50 kilometers to the southeast of Quito. The mountain has four peaks and massive ice formations. The climb is considered very technical and requires knowledge and experience in mountaineering.

The ascent takes 6 to 8 hours, while the drop will be about 3 hours. Professional ice equipment necessary, besides the presence of a professional guide. At this altitude mountain climbing it can be very difficult, so we asked for adequate preparation. We recommend for acclimatization have spent at least 6 nights above 3000 m and having risen twice around 5000 m in the same week.

Included in the package: professional guide (1 guide every 2 personas), transport from Papagayo to Antisana and return, a night at the camp, lunch on the first day, dinner and breakfast at the refuge, special mountain equipment

Not included: transportation to / from Quito, tips for guides. Celebration lunch (\$ 10)

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CLIMBING 2 DAYS

CAYAMBE

The Cayambe is the third highest volcano in Ecuador with a height of 5790 m above sea level. It is located in the Cayambe - Coca Ecological Reserve in the Andes Mountains, northeast of Quito.

On the south side, at an altitude of 4960 m it is the highest point in the world and the only covered by snow where it crosses the equator. The ascent takes between 5 and 7 hours, while the decrease will be about 2 hours. The total ascent is in 2 days, necessary equipment, professional ice as well as the presence of a certified guide.

To Climb this height can be very difficult, so please make sure you are well prepared. Acclimatization is recommended at least 6 nights above 3000 m and climb 2 times around 5000 m in the same week. This can be achieved through an acclimatization program with We Ecuador, where you can choose itineraries 5 to 14 days. The completion of a program aclimatación It gives you a greater chance for a successful ascent to Cayambe.

Included in the package:

Included in the package: guía professional (1 guía every 2 people), transportation from Quito to Cayambe and return 1st day lunch, dinner and breakfast at the shelter, accommodation at the shelter, special mountain equipment

Not included: Transportation from / to Quito, tips for guides.

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DISCOVER THE ANDES
TRAVELING

TREKKING

CONDOR TREK

Tambo Area – Cotopaxi National Park

This is a **high altitude trek** that consists of 5 magnificent days. It is designed for a wide array of people given we take pack horses with us, but being in good condition is highly recommended, as well as, a tough mental condition for challenges due to harsh weather. The climate changes frequently and can consist of intermittent rain, cold and foggy conditions, strong winds and occasional snow.

The trek begins near Papallacta, leading past the high Andes regions of **Antisana**, and finishing at the one and only **Cotopaxi National Park**. During the trek we will consistently be at heights of 3000m to 4000m, and on clear days this will afford us with fantastic views of the snow-capped volcanoes. It will also offer a great opportunity to study the high alpine vegetation of the **Paramo** ecosystem and the spectacular animals found within it

such as the famous **condor** that can be found on many of its stretches, hence the name of this trek.

ITINERARY

DAY 1.- On the first day we depart Quito in the morning and make our way east up to toward the Cordillera Real towards **El Tambo**, a small village situated at 3400m and close to Papallacta. At this point we will load up our pack horses with our equipment and begin the trek which will take around 4 hours. The trail will primarily be muddy and consists of crossing small rivers where rubber boots are essential. We will set up camp near a small lagoon, called Laguna of the Volcan.





DAY 2.- After a scrumptious breakfast we begin our ascent toward the foot of the Antisana at 4100m. Until we reach the higher Paramo, which consists of fewer trees and drier land, we will trudge through some muddy areas and small forests. During the trip we will view the striking and impressive **Antisana** and the Santa Lucia Lagoon. After this 4-hour hike we will set up our second camp sheltered in the valley with a refreshing small creek that runs through.



DAY 3.- Waking, and shortly thereafter, leaving the fate of Antisana we continue our trek toward the foot of the **Sincholagua** mountain. This hike is much drier and leads us through high Paramo regions, crossing a few roads, and leading up to the valley of the La Mica Lake, a water reservoir for the city of Quito. This hike takes

around 7 hours and is the most exhausting of the 5 day trek.



DAY 4.- We will leave early in the morning and begin the steep portion of the hike, which will lead us to the highest point of our tour, 4500m. The Passover Sincholagua leads us into the **Cotopaxi National Park**. Continuing from there we descend to our last camp, the River Pita, which is located at the base of Cotopaxi National Park, 3800m. This last stretch of the trek will be on solid and dry ground and will take all together roughly 5 hours.





TEKKING

PIÑAN

Piñán, a unique small indigenous village located in the hearth of the Cotacachi Cayapas reserve will be the scenario of this adventure.

Starting from the city of Otavalo we will have the advantage of a progressive acclimatization and will pass from by several ecosystems, having the chance to see more flora and fauna. The new mountain lodge in Piñán will also provide a good base center to rest in the middle of the trek.

From this circuit, we will also have more altitude camps, including the lake Donoso at 3200m and others at more altitude before the peak of Yanaurcu. The direct contact with the villagers of Piñán adds more to this experience.

DAY 5.- Around 10 am we will have transportation pick us up. From here we will visit the Pre-Inca site of El Salitre and continue up to the parking lot/trail head to reach the Cotopaxi refuge. After a 45-minute climb up to the refuge "Jose Rivas" we ascend upon an altitude of 4800m. After having lunch at the refuge we will head back down in our transportation and return to Quito with an optional stop at Laguna Limpiopungo, a small lagoon famous for its nesting birds.





DAY 1.- From Otavalo to Intag

An Encounter with your guide in Otavalo, a quick visit to the market and then we will drive to Cuicocha crater lake and after a short stop at this beautiful natural place we will continue to the western slopes of the Andes, the Intag region. In Apuela village we will visit the coffee roasting plant of the Intag coffee cooperative where we will finish understanding why this shade grow organic Arabica coffee is one of the best in Ecuador. The night will be at the beautiful RioLindo Coffee Lodge in the Cuellaje parish not far from the starting point for the trek.

Night in rooms with shared bath, hot water, full board included. The farm has 8 rooms (4 matrimonial, 4 double, 1 with 4 bunked beds and 2 singles) with shared bathrooms.



DAY 2 .- El Rosario in Intag region to the Donoso lake camp

This will be a long day, but full of different landscapes and experiences, leaving early from the coffee lodge we will first drive to the tiny village of El Rosario. From here the trail passes several agriculture fields and farms, we have to cross rivers and then primary cloud forest and mountain cloud forest. We will reach the Paramo at 3400m and from a hike to the lake Donoso the largest and most beautiful of the region.

Night in camping, dinner, kitchen, toilet tents are supplied and also personal tents. All the camp is previously set by our team so the clients must hike only with the day packs and all the rest goes by horse directly to the camp.





DAY 3.- Donoso lake to Piñan village

This day we will hike from the Paramo around the lake to the village arriving there in the beginning of the afternoon, lunch will be ready when we arrive and we will spend the night at the community own mountain lodge and will have the chance to share with the locals. We will also visit their houses and learn from their history. At the lodge we have hot showers and fireplace, beds and toilets that will be a good opportunity to rest after the camping time. During the night we will have a party with all the community, we offer them a dinner (include in the price) and all the community will be there to share a little bull that we got from them and cook for them, the clients will distribute this among the villagers.

(Only for groups of 7 people or more.)



DAY 4.- Piñan to Burrococha lake

Leaving after breakfast we will hike towards the Yanaurcu massive that allows us to see the beautiful landscapes of the high Paramo. The camp is at 4100m and with impressive views of the Cotacachi volcanos and the Yanaurcu peak, the one that we will climb the next day.

Afternoon hike to the peak just behind our camp set right in the middle of the impressive Cotacachi volcano and the Yanaurcu mounts.

Night in camping



DAY 5.- Summit of the Yanaurcu (4535m)

This is a good opportunity to see condor and to acclimatize, starting from our camp we will take 4 hours round trip to the summit from where one of the best views of the Ecuadorian Andes is possible.

We will then hike back to the same camp and rest.



DAY 6.-The camp for Cochjapata and transfer to Cayambe.

Leaving from our camp we will hike for approx. 4 hours to reach the tiny village of Cochapata from where 4 x 4 vehicles will transport us to the bus waiting for us in the main route. Then we will drive to Cayambe.

This place has spectacular views of the Imbabura valley and the mountains around.

END OF THE SERVICES