

# 2023 CLASSIC ECUADOR LAND TOURS

## QUITO & GUAYAQUIL



A selection of the most popular extensions you can experience before or after your Galapagos cruise. All private tours depart and end from your hotel in the city and include a private car, driver, and an English-speaking guide. All 8-hour classic tours include lunch at a charming restaurant or country inn.

### AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Private transportation with a driver and an English-speaking guide from the airport to the hotel or vice versa with assistance in the airport upon arrival or departure. After clearing customs and migration, you will meet your guide at the arrival's hall holding a sign board with your name on it. Your guide will escort you to a private vehicle and transfer you to your hotel where you receive check-in assistance.

### DAY TRIPS IN QUITO

Ecuador's delightful capital located in a narrow Andean Valley, and first UNESCO World Heritage Site is rich in art treasures and culture. Fine woodcarvings and flowering balconies with magnificent cathedrals and cobblestone courtyards reflect the 16th-century era of the Spanish conquistadors.

Tours include transportation from hotels located within the city of Quito. There is an additional cost for transportation on tours when staying at a hotel near the airport in Tababela.

#### WALKING TOUR OF COLONIAL QUITO (3 HOURS)

A private guided tour of the historical center of Quito, starting with a visit to El Panecillo, the landmark hill rising at the southern edge of the historic center. Quito's Winged Virgin statue is visible from almost anywhere in the city. Explore Colonial Quito on foot; San Francisco church and museum of religious art, La Compania Cathedral and seven tons of gold gilding, bustling Independence Plaza, flanked by the Presidential Palace and the Cathedral of Quito.

#### QUITO COLONIAL TOUR & MITAD DEL MUNDO (6 HOURS)

Combination of the Quito Colonial walking tour and a drive north to Mitad del Mundo (Middle of the World) to straddle both hemispheres at the same time. Latitude zero marks the spot where a geographic expedition located the exact position of the equator.

Visit the Equatorial monument and Inti Nan Ethnographic Museum which displays examples of pre-Columbian life in Ecuador and has demonstrations on the unique geography, astrology, and natural sciences.

#### QUITO FULL DAY TOUR INCLUDING LUNCH (8 HOURS)

Combination of the Quito Colonial walking tour combined with a visit to Mitad del Mundo or Capilla del Hombre (Chapel of Man), the former home and intimate chambers of the famous painter Oswaldo Guayasamin, guided by an art specialist from the museum or Ride the Teleferico (cable car) offering spectacular view of the city. Soar up to the slopes of Pichincha Volcano in a gondola on a ten-minute ride to an altitude of 4050 meters with views of surrounding valleys and snow-covered volcanoes.

Lunch is at La Gloria restaurant offering a modern twist on Ecuadorian classic dishes. Includes a set menu and two non-alcoholic beverages.

## DAY TRIPS OUTSIDE OF QUITO

### FULL DAY AT MINDO CLOUD FOREST WITH SACHATAMIA (8 HOURS)

Discover the Ecuadorian cloud forest, one of the most bio-diverse ecosystems in the world. Meander past exotic orchids and bromeliads, waterfalls, moss-draped trees, and colorful birds. Ranging from 1400 to 4780 meters up the Pichincha volcano is the Mindo-Nambillo Protected Forest. This reserve holds a vast variety of flora and fauna; Cock of the Rock, hummingbirds, Tanagers, Mountain Toucans, Cotingas, Manakins, among others. Lunch is at a local restaurant in the area.

### COTOPAXI NATIONAL PARK & AVENUE OF THE VOLCANOES (8 HOURS)

Travel through spectacular scenery where 11 massive, snow-covered peaks overlook rivers, small villages, and terraced farmlands. Drive south along the stunning Avenue of the Volcanoes, a nickname bestowed by Alexander Von Humboldt, the German scientist who came to Ecuador in the 18th Century. Walk around Cotopaxi National Park, named for its

perfectly cone-shaped volcano, one of the highest active volcanoes in the world at 5900 meters, home to Andean Condor and high-altitude birds such as the Punta Hawk. While in the park, stroll the Salitre pre-Inca ruins and the beautiful Laguna Limpiopungo.

### OTAVALO MARKET & CRAFT VILLAGES (8 HOURS)

One of the largest indigenous markets in South America, Otavalo is a sensory feast of alpaca sweaters, ponchos and woven tapestries. The local people maintain their ethnic identity wearing traditional blue ponchos and speaking Quichua, their native language. Drive north through dramatic mountain landscapes dotted with small villages, churches, and blue lakes. Stop at the Quisato sundial, a monument to Mitad del Mundo and an authentic produce market. Lunch is at a local hacienda. Afterward, we visit the workshops of local weavers in the craft village of San Pablo who reveal secrets of ancient textile and musical techniques or visit the pre-Inca pyramids of Cochasqui.



## DAY TRIPS IN GUAYAQUIL

Ecuador's largest city and seaport has been revitalized and its crown jewel is the Malecon 2000, a two-mile pedestrian walkway along the Guayas River with botanical museums, cafes and shops. All private tours depart and end from your hotel and include a private car, driver, and an English-speaking guide

### GUAYAQUIL CITY TOUR (3 HOURS)

The tour starts along the city's main avenues featuring tile sculptures and artwork, pass by Centennial Park, the first fire station and Masonic temple from the 20th Century. Next stop is at the Iguanas Park, a popular site amongst locals. Stroll along Malecon 2000 and see the Moorish Tower. We stop at Las Penas and Santa Ana Hill, the centuries old neighborhood where restored homes line narrow streets.

### GUAYAQUIL CITY TOUR & HISTORICAL PARK (5 HOURS)

Located in Samborondon, adjacent to Hotel del Parque, the Historical Park recreates Guayaquil's past through its history and culture. Here you will find a wildlife park with the flora and fauna that once populated the area. A historic zone recreates architecture and traditions from the early 1900s and celebrates the indigenous cultures. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

## DAY TRIPS OUTSIDE OF GUAYAQUIL

### HACIENDA LA DANESA (8 HOURS)

Founded in 1870, La Danesa is located near an old railway station in the Montubia coastal region. The hacienda and working dairy and cacao farm is owned and managed by the third generation Olsen family, who will introduce you to the hacienda's history. There is a unique selection of activities including trails for horseback riding or bicycling, cow milking, and artisan chocolate making. After a 3-course lunch, there is time to relax or discover the lush property; Teca tree, organic garden, farm animals and cacao plantation. Return to Guayaquil late afternoon. Travel time is 1 hour and 20 minutes each way.

## 2023 RATES

### QUITO

# of guests	1	2	3	4-7	8-11	11-12	16+
AIRPORT TRANSFER	\$186	\$99	\$75	\$65	\$41	\$33	\$37
COLONIAL QUITO TOUR	\$202	\$115	\$84	\$73	\$53	\$46	\$45
CQ & MITAD DEL MUNDO	\$232	\$141	\$119	\$103	\$75	\$73	\$68
FULL DAY QUITO & LUNCH	\$504	\$340	\$286	\$273	\$228	\$211	\$199
MINDO & SACHATAMIA	\$559	\$361	\$315	\$285	\$237	\$214	\$207
COTOPAXI ORANTISANA	\$505	\$307	\$261	\$231	\$183	\$161	\$153
OTAVALO MARKET	\$482	\$282	\$231	\$200	\$152	\$131	\$119

**Note:** Additional charges apply for tours departing from an airport hotel:

TOURS AIRPORT HOTEL	\$128	\$65	\$48	\$40	\$23	\$17	\$13
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### GUAYAQUIL

# of guests	1	2	3	4-7	8-11	11-12	16+
AIRPORT TRANSFER	\$71	\$39	\$37	\$37	\$32	\$26	\$24
TOUR OF GUAYAQUIL	\$153	\$84	\$78	\$74	\$48	\$42	\$38
GUAYAQUIL & HISTORICAL	\$299	\$163	\$160	\$144	\$104	\$86	\$71
HACIENDA LA DANESA	N/A	\$255	\$210	\$210	INQUIRE FOR QUOTE		

Rates are per person and are based on the total number of guests:  
A 15% surcharge will apply for any service on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.

Vehicle for 1 person is an SUV, 2-3 guests are in H1, 4-7 guests in a SPRINTER VAN,  
8-15 in a CRAFTER, and 16+ in a BUS.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS for CLASSIC TOURS

Payment: Due 60 days prior to departure

Cancellations: Cancellation received 60 days or more prior to departure will incur a service charge of \$50 per person. Cancellations received 59 or less days prior to arrival are subject to full forfeiture.

In case of a no-show transfer, due to flight cancelation or delay, no refund will be provided. If delayed flights are notified less than 5 hours prior to the flight ETA/ ETD full charges will apply. The service can be rescheduled for an additional charge. If delayed flights are notified more than 5 hours prior to the ETA/ ETD the service will be automatically rescheduled with no extra charge.

Changes may be unavoidable due to circumstances amounting to force majeure or similar reasons beyond our control, delays in departures on airlines caused by technical problems, weather conditions, overbooking or closure of a hotel, decisions by State Governments or tourist organizations, altering the itinerary due to a local situation; strikes, landslides, places of visit closed or not available at the last minute, bad road conditions. In such cases, we will offer comparable alternative arrangements. If any of the circumstances listed above occur during the course of the tour, we reserve the right to alter the scheduled itinerary accordingly. No refunds will be issued for any unused portion of travel the client cancels or changes during the holiday or within the 59 days prior to the date the service is due.