

Birds & Volcanoes

Cuicocha lake – Cotopaxi – Baños de Agua Santa – Chimborazo

6 Days / 5 Nights Aug 26th until Aug 31st 2025



Introduction

Ecuador is a very popular tourist attraction due to its biodiversity of culture, flora and fauna in such small territory. The cultural value is quite rich, and traditions are kept through the indigenous population while other traditions have emerged due to Mix-marriages. On this tour of Northern Ecuador (Andes), you will get to know those traditions because you will visit cities and attractions in a very lively and interactive manner.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Hotel San Jose de Puenbo	Quito arrived	B&B	1 Night
Hacienda Cusin	Cochasqui and Cuicocha lake	B&B	1 Night
Tambopaxi Lodge	Cotopaxi	B&B	1 Night
Hacienda La Andaluza	Chimborazo	B&B	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Accompaniment service inside the airport.
- Meet&Greet at Hotel San José in Quito.

Lodging:

- **Quito:** San Jose de Puembo [Breakfast included].
- **Cuicocha lake:** Hacienda Cusin [Breakfast included].
- **Cotopaxi:** Tambopaxi lodge [Breakfast included].
- **Baños de Agua Santa:** La Andaluza [Breakfast included].
- **Chimborazo:** La Andaluza [Breakfast included].

Transfers:

- Private transfer between destination.

Excluded.

- International flights.
- Personal expenses.
- Meals not mentioned in the program.

Day 1: Hotel San Jose de Puembo, Quito

Quito, the capital of Ecuador, is a vibrant city nestled high in the Andes Mountains at an altitude of 2,850 meters (9,350 feet). Known for its stunning colonial architecture, Quito boasts one of the best-preserved historic centers in Latin America, which is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day Itinerary

Welcome to Ecuador!

Upon arrival, the private transfer from Mariscal Sucre International Airport will take you to your hotel on the outskirts of Quito. At the hotel, our representative will explain your itinerary in detail. Enjoy free time to explore more of the hotel or relax in the facilities.

- Arrival at Hotel San Jose de Puembo: Located just 30 minutes from Airport, the hotel offers a tranquil atmosphere surrounded by nature.
- Afternoon free to explore the gardens: Take a walk through the hotel gardens,

Overnight: Hotel San Jose de Puembo or similar

San José de Puembo belongs to the category Ascend Collection because it is a historic hotel, colonial style, which offers guests a unique experience. Ascend Collection you're guaranteed. Choice Hotels International, The world's third largest hotel chain. Comfort in rooms and public spaces, is another area well cared for by the chain, which does not leave out any detail.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Airport VIP Service.
- Guide Meet&Greet

Day 2: Hacienda Cusin, Cochasqui Pyramids and Cuicocha Lake

After breakfast at your hotel, we will head north towards Otavalo, and we will make a stop at Cochasqui Pyramids. These pyramids were constructed between 950 CE. Their construction is attributed by archaeologists to the Quitu-Cara culture of the Cara people and/or the Caranqui people. The Cara and the Caranqui may have been the same people. Prior to the Inca conquest in the late 15th century. Here you do a small trek, with chances to feed lamas, and learn about the people used to live in the area.



Let's head to Cotacachi. An entire town dedicated to leather goods. We will continue to Cuicocha Lagoon or Lagoon of the Gods that is part of Cotacachi – Cayapas ecological reserve. Cuicocha has an altitude of 3.068 meters above sea level. Here time and weather permitting we will trek around the lagoon on a demanding trail or we could take a boat and do a 30 min. boat tour. Before sunset let's head back to your hotel.

Day Itinerary

- A private transfer will arrive to pick you up and take you to Cochasqui and Cuicocha.
- Mobile on tour: Our driver will be at your disposal to take you to your next destination

Overnight: Hacienda Cusin or similar

With its dancing chimneys, sumptuous tapestries, saints and antiques, the restored house dates from the nineteenth century, home to a renowned landowner, and is itself a collection of culture, art and people of the Andes. The history of the hacienda is faithfully admired and recreated with mischievous touches.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Transfer
- Hotel.

Day 3: Tambopaxi Lodge, Cotopaxi

After late breakfast, we will take a drive of south along the Pan-American Highway also named the Avenue of the Volcanoes by Alexander Von Humboldt. The highlight of today is the magnificent, Cotopaxi volcano (5,897m -19,460ft above sea level), considered the highest active volcano in the world! Here you will be able to do a hike around Limpio Pungo Lagoon, full of flora and fauna. There are high chances to see Condors flying, foxes, deers, among other birds.



And if time permits, we will visit a rose plantation. Ecuador is the world's third largest cut flower exporter in the world, and nearly three-fourths of the blooms shipped are roses. Amazing when you consider the country encompasses only about 1% of the earth's surface and is roughly the size of Colorado. Despite the relatively small size of the country, Ecuadorian roses are gaining popularity. With bright colors and fragrant scents, the rose industry provides jobs for thousands of local Ecuadorians and spreads beauty and love throughout the world.

Day Itinerary

- A private transfer will arrive to pick you up and take you to Cotopaxi
- Mobile on tour: Our driver will be at your disposal to take you to your next destination

Overnight: Tambopaxi lodge or similar

Tambopaxi, or lodging place of the moon in Quichua, is an ecological hotel and mountain refuge that nestles at the foot of the famed Cotopaxi volcano.

At 3,720 meters above sea level, Hotel Tambopaxi Lodge is the only hotel inside the Cotopaxi National Park. Situated on the edge of the volcano's boulder field, guests enjoy unparalleled views of the snow-capped peak, which rises to 5,897 meters.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Transfer
- Hotel
- Bilingual guide

Day 4: Baños de Agua Santa



Day Itinerary

- A private transfer will arrive to pick you up and take you to Baños de Agua Santa
- Mobile on tour: Our driver will be at your disposal to take you to your next destination

Today we will explore Baños breathtaking waterfalls. One of the most popular waterfalls is called El Pailon del Diablo (The Devil's Cauldron) and is located only 17 kilometers from Baños in a small settlement Rio Verde. This 80-meter waterfall is awe-inspiring, and the location on Rio Pastaza guarantees a constant water supply. Simply put, Pailon del Diablo is one of the most powerful waterfalls you can find near Baños, a must-see destination.

Overnight: Hacienda La Andaluza or similar

On the southeastern slopes of the Chimborazo volcano, 3320 meters closer to the stars and with the colossus volcano of faithful guardian, is located Hostería La Andaluza- Hacienda Chuquipogio, which transports those who visit it to a literal journey through memory and history.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Transfer
- Hotel
- Bilingual guide

Day 5: Hacienda La Andaluza or similar, Chimborazo volcano



Today you hike through the Chimborazo volcano. You pass little lakes, moorlands and observe many wild vicuñas. These cute animals are the smallest kind of the Camelids family and a relative of the llama. Only in the Chimborazo area do you find them in Ecuador. The higher you go, the drier the ambience. This day you often hike cross-country through sandy and stony terrain. You're wondering how the vicuñas survived in this desert-like environment. Surprisingly, they find enough food and need little water.

Day Itinerary

- A private transfer will arrive to pick you up and take you to Chimborazo volcano
- Mobile on tour: Our driver will be at your disposal to take you to your next destination

Overnight: Hacienda La Andaluza

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Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Transfer
- Hotel
- Lunch

Day 6: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

The day has come to say: See you soon!

Thank you very much for your visit!

- Private transportation will arrive at your hotel in Riobamba to take you to the airport for your international flight.
- Mobile on tour: Our driver will be at your disposal to take you to your next destination.
- Please note that you must be at the ATO 3 hours prior to your flight departure.

Included

- Transfer.

Mobile on Tour rates: Starting at \$1497 per person in double occupancy.

- Net rates per person in USD according to occupancy.
- Supplements or reductions are per person and apply to the base rate.
- Rates are not valid for the Christmas / New Year's holiday season **December 20, 2025 - January 02, 2026** and Easter week **April 13, 2026 to April 20, 2026**. For those holidays please ask the sales team for a quote.
- **Valid** from November 01, 2025 to October 31, 2026.

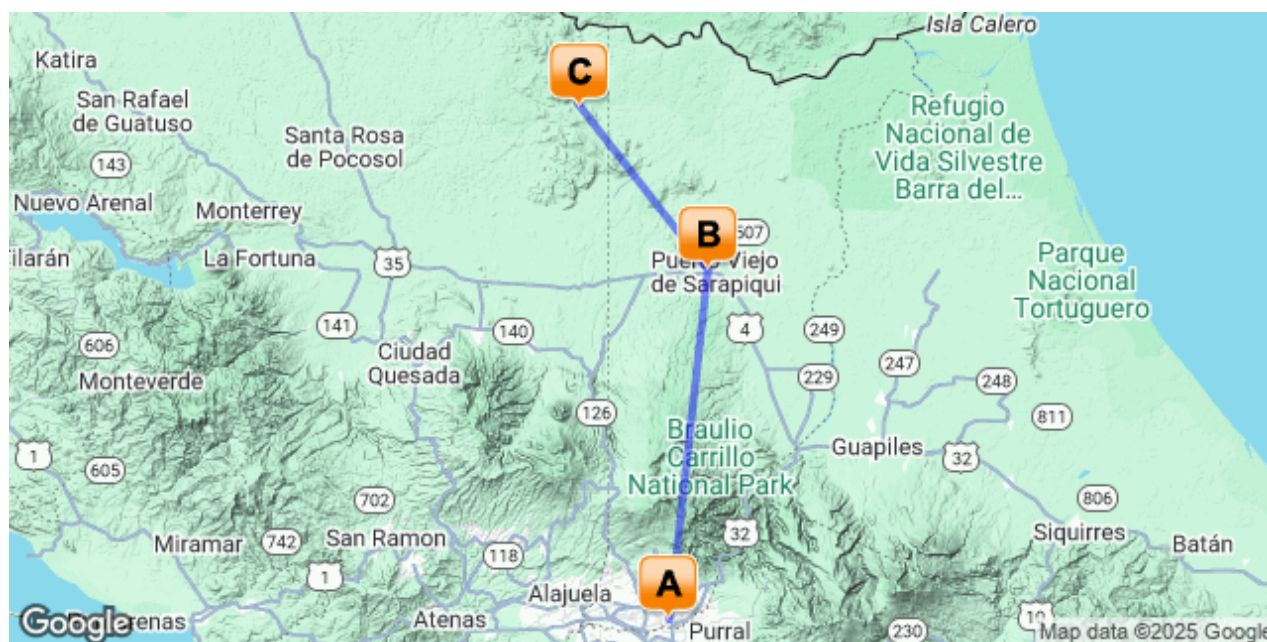
* Per person in a single room (Single traveling with a minimum number of 3 guests, 2 guests in double and 1 in single).

Terms and Conditions

Itinerary Terms and Conditions

- Availability subject to change without prior notice.
- Lodging in the hotels mentioned or similar category.

*San Jose - Puerto Viejo Sarapiquí – Boca
Tapada 6 Days / 5 Nights Aug 31st Sept 5th 25*



Introduction

Costa Rica is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world; it contains about 5% of the planet's species. The lush natural wilderness environment can be experienced throughout the country and is easily accessible to the curious visitor. Costa Rica is a safe paradise. Unlike other countries, Costa Rica enjoys a very stable political climate and economic development, providing visitors with a tranquil environment for their stay. It is one of the few countries in the world without an army. The country and its people have a peaceful disposition, which makes it the perfect place to enjoy an unforgettable vacation. Costa Rica offers dreamlike landscapes, friendly people willing to share their culture and a safe country to experience natural wonders.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Hotel Bougainvillea	San Jose	B&B	1 Night
Ara Ambigua Lodge	Puerto Viejo de Sarapiquí	B&B	2 Nights
Maquenque Eco Lodge	Boca Tapada	B&B	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Accompaniment service inside the airport.
- Donation to sustainable projects
- Meet&Greet at Hotel San José.

Lodging:

- **San José:** Bougainvillea [Breakfast included].

- **Sarapiquí:** Ara Ambigua Lodge [Breakfast included].
- **Boca Tapada:** Bungalow [Breakfast included].

Transfers:

- Private transfer between destination.

Excursions:

- Shared excursions mentioned in the itinerary.

Excluded.

- International flights.
- Personal expenses.
- Meals not mentioned in the program.

Day 1: Hotel Bougainvillea, San Jose



San Jose, affectionately known to its residents as 'Chepe', lies in the heart of Costa Rica and is home to almost two-thirds of the country's population. With few buildings over 100 years old, the mountainous capital is relatively modern compared to its Latin American counterparts, but still has a significant amount of culture, art and history for visitors to discover. With a number of theatres full of Costa Rican culture, museums that include the largest collection of American jade in the world, and streets full of bright murals and painted buses, San Jose is an eclectic city waiting to be experienced.

Day Itinerary

Welcome to Costa Rica!

Upon arrival, private transfer from Juan Santamaria International Airport to your hotel in San Jose.

At the hotel, our representative will explain your itinerary in detail.

Enjoy free time to explore more of the lodge or relax in the facilities.

- Arrival at Hotel Bougainvillea: Located just 30 minutes from the Juan Santamaria International Airport, the hotel offers a tranquil atmosphere surrounded by nature.
- Afternoon free to explore the gardens: Take a walk through the hotel gardens,

Overnight: Hotel Bougainvillea

Hotel Bougainvillea is located in an award-winning botanical garden not far from downtown San Jose. Accommodation is available in comfortable guest rooms which feature modern amenities including Wi-Fi, work desk, and an LCD TV. The hotel features the Vitrales Restaurant which serves traditional Costa Rican and international cuisine in a relaxed environment. Many facilities are available at the hotel and include a fully equipped gym, tennis court, swimming pool, conference room, and spa.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Donation Sustainable projects.
- Airport VIP Service.
- Guide Meet&Greet

Day 2: Ara Ambigua Lodge, Puerto Viejo de Sarapiquí



Once the most important river port of Costa Rica, this quaint market town lies on the confluence of the Rio Sarapiquí and Rio Puerto Viejo in the northeastern part of the country. Visitors are drawn to the area for its natural beauty - awe-inspiring tropical rainforests beckon to be explored. Enjoy sublime hiking, excellent birdwatching, and riverboat tours that give visitors the chance to see toucans, monkeys, sloths, and crocodiles in their natural habitat. Alternatively, visitors can take in the abundant scenery and wildlife on horseback, while thrill-seekers can experience the adrenaline-fuelled activities of kayaking, white water rafting, and zip-line forest canopy tours. Gain insight into local ancient traditions with a visit to the fascinating Museum of Indigenous Cultures, filled with musical instruments, masks, and shamanic healing tools.

Day Itinerary

- After enjoying the hotel in San Jose, the surroundings.
- A private transfer will arrive to pick you up and take you to Sarapiquí.
- Mobile on tour: Our driver will be at your disposal to take you to your next destination.

The trip from San Jose to Sarapiquí is a scenic drive that takes approximately 2 hours, depending on traffic and the chosen route. It is a trip that crosses several regions of Costa Rica, starting in the Central Valley, with its urban and mountainous areas, and descending towards the lowlands and humid region of Sarapiquí.

Along the way, noticeable changes in the landscape can be seen: from cultivated mountains and valleys to the lush tropical vegetation that characterizes Sarapiquí. The road is mostly paved and in good condition, facilitating a comfortable and safe trip. Sarapiquí is renowned for its great biodiversity, especially in birds and wildlife, and its proximity to rivers and nature reserves makes this destination ideal for ecological and adventure activities.

Overnight: Ara Ambigua Lodge

Located in Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica, Ara Ambigua Lodge is surrounded by the beauty of the Sarapiquí rainforest. The property's guest rooms are surrounded by beautiful gardens, and equipped with balconies, private bathrooms, TVs, air conditioning, coffee makers and hairdryers. General facilities and services available to guests include three swimming pools and a spa with a sauna.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Transfer
- Hotel.

Day 3: Ara Ambigua Lodge, Puerto Viejo de Sarapiquí

Day Itinerary

Nigh Walk:

Duration of the activity is 2 hours.

Discover the wonders of the rainforest when most species are active. During the 1.5 hour walk, a naturalist guide will tell you the natural history of the different nocturnal species of the rainforest. The guide will focus on nocturnal species such as: insects, frogs and nocturnal mammals among others, giving you a different perspective of the rainforest.

It is inside the Hotel property

Activities

Night Walk Tour

Ara Ambigua Lodge

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Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Bilingual Guide

Day 4: Maquenque Eco Lodge, Boca Tapada

Situated near the mouth of the San Carlos River in Costa Rica's northern lowlands, Boca Tapada is renowned for its ecotourism as it boasts a rich diversity of fauna and flora. This remote area is characterised by endless pineapple and sugar cane plantations, lush tropical jungle, and vast wetlands, and is known as one of the last remaining nesting sites of the endangered Great Green Macaw. Visit the Maquenque Wildlife Refuge and Biological Corridor, hike through dense forest or simply laze in a hammock and listen to nature's symphony of sounds. Aside from the endemic macaw, twitchers can also enjoy spotting over 400 other species including the Rufescent Tiger-Heron, the exotic Dusky Antbird, and the Keel-billed Toucan.

Day Itinerary

After breakfast:

- A private transfer will arrive to pick you up and take you to Boca Tapada
- Mobile on tour: Our driver will be at your disposal to take you to your next destination.

The drive from Sarapiquí to Boca Tapada, located in the northern part of the country near the Nicaraguan border, takes approximately 2.5 to 3 hours, depending on weather and road conditions. During the drive, you will pass through picturesque rural landscapes, agricultural fields and tropical forests, with opportunities to observe birds, wildlife and the daily life of the local communities.

This route offers a unique experience for nature and adventure lovers, allowing you to enter one of the most biodiverse

and least explored regions of Costa Rica. It is the ideal destination for those seeking an authentic connection with nature, tranquility, and excellent opportunities for bird watching, guided hikes, and boat tours. Upon arrival at the lodge in Boca Tapada, you will be greeted with a welcome and have time to settle in before continuing with the day's scheduled activities.

Overnight: Maquenque Eco Lodge

Our hotel is the ideal place for nature lovers and wish to explore their senses. We are strategically located inside the Maquenque National Wildlife Refuge, bordering the San Carlos River. We have 15 Bungalows and 10 tree houses of approximately 45 m2, equipped with: hot water (through solar panels), private bathroom, ceiling fan, closet, balcony with a beautiful view to a natural lagoon or to the tropical forest for the tree houses, to have a real relaxing time.

We have 68 acres of rainforest, within which we have trails for you to enjoy in a guided or yourself way. There is a great variety of flora and fauna, making this the perfect place for bird lovers. Currently, we have identified more than 592 species of birds.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Transfer.
- Hotel.

Day 5: Maquenque Eco Lodge, Boca Tapada

Day Itinerary

Boat Tour.

We leave at 9:00 am from the hotel's pier, where we board a boat and begin the trip downstream on the San Carlos River. During the tour you can see crocodiles, tortoise, bats, herons, kingfishers, king vultures, and many more species. Very close to Nicaragua border, we will stop to visit the small town of Boca San Carlos, where we will have the opportunity to visit the village, and meet and share with some Costa Rican people.

- Departure: 9:00 am
- Return: 12:00 noon
- Includes: Naturalist Guide, rubber boots, transportation, and water.

What to bring?: Comfortable clothing, insect repellent, sunscreen, hat, camera and binoculars.

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Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Includes: Naturalist guide, equipment, transportation.
- Lunch

Day 6: Maquenque Eco Lodge, Boca Tapada

Day Itinerary

Bird watching

This is the best place for bird lovers!

In our rainforest we have a lush gallery with more than 410 species of birds, including some migratory species. Some of the species that can be found in our forests are: Great Green Macaw (endangered), Scarlet Macaw, some toucans, Oropendolas, honeycreepers, Tanagers, Euphonias and Jacamares, just to mention!

We start the tour at 5:30 am, the time when most birds start their activity, our naturalist guide will take you through the gardens and lagoons until we have enough sunlight to enter the forest path, nesting place, for many species of birds.

Departure: 5:30 am

Return: 7:30 am

What to bring? Comfortable clothes (pants, jeans, t-shirts), raincoat, insect repellent, camera and binoculars.

Activities

Birdwatching Tour

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Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Includes: Naturalist Guide, rubber boots.

Day 6: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

The day has come to say: See you soon!

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When our 2 destinations are booked back-to-back from Aug 26th until Sept 5th 2025, the price per person on double occupancy is \$ 2692 for the 11 days tour of Ecuador and Costa Rica