



## Enchanted Ecuador (Group Tour)

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MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> – JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2023

10 Days

Cost: **\$2495** total (based on double occupancy)

*Cost: \$2495 Includes: all international & domestic flights, roundtrip transportation to Chicago O'Hare Airport (if Grand Rapids flights are not available), nightly 3&4-star accommodations, all ground transportation in Ecuador, full-time travel director, & all listed admissions & tours. Other expenses not included are: most meals, checked baggage, optional excursions, and travel insurance.*

*Travel Insurance available through our affiliate program at World Nomads. More information at <https://percussive.org/insurance>*

Signup Deadline: January 23, 2023 - checks made payable to Percussive, LLC – Cash, Venmo (@percussive), & Credit Card also accepted. 3.5% processing fee added to all credit card transactions

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### **DAY 1, Tuesday, May 23 - Fly to Ecuador**

Transfer to the Grand Rapids or Chicago airport to take your flight to Ecuador. If Chicago, we will provide transportation from West Michigan.

Enjoy a comfortable flight on a full-service airline where you will have full meal service, complimentary alcoholic beverages, in-flight personal entertainment, and premium comfort.

Arrive later this day to Ecuador's enchanting capital city: Quito! You will transfer to your centrally located hotel in the lovely historical district of Quito to relax and unwind.

**Overnight:** Quito

## **DAY 2, Wednesday, May 24 – Explore Quito**

This morning, join your local Ecuadorian tour guide as they take you on an in-depth walking tour of this amazing capital city. Visit sights such as:

- Parque de Alma
- Plaza Grande
- Plaza de la Independencia
- Carondelet Palace
- Sucre House

Afterwards, there will be time to relax before heading to our next adventure: Mitad Del Mundo! Did you ever think you would be in the middle of the world? Experience the beauty of Mitad del Mundo Park, which is located right on the equator! It features outstanding moments in history, ancestral housing, and a cultural museum that celebrates the way of life for the Ecuadorian people.

**Overnight:** Quito

## **DAY 3, Thursday, May 25 – Quito Free Day**

Adventure through the city at your own pace or opt for one of our cool excursions.

### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

#### **Papallacta Hot Springs and Birdwatching Reserve**

*Your local guide will take you to the lush Andean forest to Papallacta and experience hot springs warmed by the nearby volcanoes. Next, you will head to the best location for birdwatching at a nearby nature reserve. After, enjoy a*

*traditional lunch before heading back to Quito.*

### **Quilotoa Lagoon Day Tour**

*Marvel at the vivid turquoise volcanic crater lake of Laguna Quilotoa carved into the Andean countryside south of Quito. Have a delicious lunch and hike around the crater with views of the Cotopaxi Mountains on the horizon. Kayaking in the lagoon will also be an option as well as hiring mules to take you back up the mountain afterwards if you don't wish to hike. Finally, you will visit the Toachi Canyon lookout with vast biodiversity and amazing vistas.*

**Overnight:** Quito

### **DAY 4, Friday, May 26 – Mindo Cloud Forest**

Today, the group will travel to the famous Mindo Cloud Forest for a full-day tour. Adventure into the misty jungle on a walk with your local guide. Take a scenic cable car across the valley and keep your camera ready to capture stunning pictures of wildlife, waterfalls, butterflies, and endemic birds of the cloud forest.

Afterwards, enjoy a delicious included lunch before you visit an adorable butterfly greenhouse. You will finish your visit with a trip to Yumbo Artisan Chocolate shop for a tasty treat.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

### **Zip-lining in Mindo Cloud Forest**

*Zoom through the rainforest canopy and get a birds-eye view of the landscape below on this thrilling zipline adventure!*

### **Canyoning in Mindo**

*Ready for the thrill of your life? Grab your helmet and harness. Descend down three waterfalls, hike through the gorge, and traverse over rope bridges with your nationally certified guide on this exciting adventure through the canyon!*

**Overnight: Quito**

## **DAY 5, Saturday, May 27 – Quito Free Day**

Today is a free day to explore the city, relax, and choose one of our amazing optional excursions.

### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

#### **Horseback Riding Day Tour**

*Get away from the city and breathe in the fresh mountain air. You will arrive at a traditional hacienda and dress up like a local "Chagra" in an Andean Poncho for your horseback riding excursion through the countryside. After, hike the Cotopaxi volcano surrounded by ancient dried lava flow. View stunning mountains, lakes, and exotic wildlife along the way.*

#### **Cooking Class**

*Learn to cook 3 traditional Andean recipes in this tasty cooking class! Explore the Central Market while you pick up fresh ingredients in the heart of the historic district. Dazzle your friends and family with your new chef skills, YUM!*

**Overnight: Quito**

## **DAY 6, Sunday, May 28 – Transfer to Cuenca**

Transfer to the airport for your short domestic flight to historic Cuenca, Ecuador! Upon arriving, transfer to your beautiful hotel

and later enjoy a guided tour of the highlights of Cuenca. You'll visit the sites such as:

- Barrio de San Sebastian
- Parque Calderon
- Catedral del Sagrario
- And so much more!

After, you will have free time to explore the city.

### **Overnight: Cuenca**

### **DAY 7, Monday, May 29 – Cajas National Park**

Today you will board a private chartered coach and take a half-day tour to visit Cajas National Park. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known to be the most beautiful, landscape in Ecuador. Your local guide will point out rare plants and wildlife along the way. Bring your binoculars. If you're lucky, you may spot some wild llamas!

Afterwards, there will be free time in the evening to enjoy the city of Cuenca.

### **Overnight: Cuenca**

### **DAY 8, Tuesday, May 30 – Cuenca Free Day**

Today is a free day to rest, relax, shop, and explore the beautiful city of Cuenca, Ecuador. We have one optional excursion listed for this day.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION

### **Ingapirca Ruins Archeological Park Full-Day Tour**

On this full-day tour, you will learn about ancient Incan architecture and the civilization of this preserved landscape. On

the way back to Cuenca, you will stop at colorful boutiques for shopping, visit a stunning cathedral and see handiwork crafted by local artisans.

### **Overnight: Cuenca**

### **DAY 9, Wednesday, May 31 – Transfer to Quito**

Today, you will transfer back to the airport and head back to Quito. After dropping off your baggage at the hotel, enjoy a gondola ride to the nearby mountain top for breathtaking panoramic views of the city.

Afterwards, you will be treated to a delicious farewell group dinner near the hotel. This restaurant is top-rated for its traditional Ecuadorean dishes.

### **Day 10, Thursday, June 1 - Fly Home**

Transfer back to the airport for your flight back to the USA, including meals, beverages, and entertainment.

**\*Percussive Tours reserves the right to modify this itinerary if certain activities become unavailable**