

South Land Touring



SLT
south land touring



south land touring

sltecuador.com

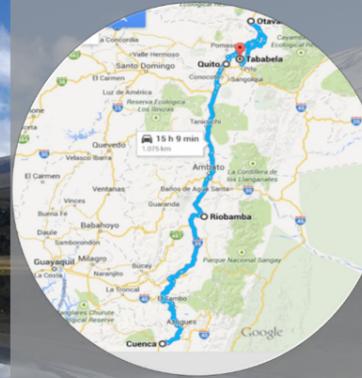
info@sltecuador.com
operations@sltecuador.com
diego@sltecuador.com
dulce@sltecuador.com

Quito office: Inglaterra N32-205 & Guayanas
 Cuenca office: Calle Larga 5-24 y Mariano Cueva
 phone: (593) 07 283 3126 / 07 404 7128
 mobile: (593) 993 933 087

08
DAYS



ECUADOR SO CLOSE



Tour includes:

- Guided tour.
- Guaranteed departures.
- Minimum 2 persons.
- 4 & 5 stars hotels and hosterías.
- Transportation.
- Meal plan.
- Certified tour guide.
- Entrance fees.

Tour highlights

- Cultural Heritage Cities.
- Nature, Cotopaxi: highest active volcano in the world.
- Heritage Train.
- Archaeological Sites.
- Great combination of culture and nature.
- Trips between highlight attractions of maximum 4 hours.

Not included

- Tips.
- Personal expenses.

**ARRIVAL TO QUITO
INTERNATIONAL MARISCAL
SUCRE AIRPORT**

Day 01 Group transfer to selected hotel for check-in. Time at leisure until dinner time. Welcome and information briefing.
Meal plan: -/-/D



**QUITO CITY TOUR AND
EQUATOR MUSEUM OR
MIDDLE OF THE WORLD**

Day 02 Being the first city to be declared as World Cultural Heritage by UNESCO in 1978, Quito offers to its visitors, magnificent parks, churches and plazas dated from the XVI century to present. We'll guide you to the Historical Center for you to admire the exceptional charisma of the main square or "Plaza Grande" and its surrounding palaces: Presidential, Municipal and Archbishop's. The Cathedral and its richness, the imposing church of la Compañía de Jesús and its finest baroque architecture and the character of the ancient monastery of San Francisco will be the highlights of this visit.

Continue northwards to the monument that marks the latitude 0° 00' 00" better known in the world as the Equator, locally known as the Middle of the World. Here you can literally jump from the northern to southern hemisphere of the planet. This tour includes a visit to the Inti Ñan Museum, a clever and fun, didactical museum about the influence of the equator in daily live.

Meal plan: B/-/D



**QUITO / COTOPAXI /
RIOBAMBA**

Day 03 In the morning we'll leave Quito towards the Cotopaxi Volcano, where we'll visit one of the most important national parks of Ecuador. Cotopaxi's perfect conic shape might be appreciated and inviting at Quito's horizon. Experience the beauty of one of the highlights in the legendary "Avenue of Volcanoes", as Alexander Von Humboldt rightly named this part of the Ecuadorian Andes.

We'll take the Panamerican Highway southwards amid a series of small villages, grazing lands and farming fields that create delightful landscapes. Then we'll take the side road that will take us to discover the impressive volcanism, flora and birdlife that this National Park protects. A visit to the Interpretation Center and the Limpiopungo Lake as well as a short easy hike will let us enjoy this nature wonder. Lunch included.

In the afternoon we'll arrive to the hotel in Riobamba.

Meal Plan B/L/D



RIOBAMBA / TRAIN / INGAPIRCA / CUENCA

Day 04 Early in the morning we'll leave the city of Riobamba to head to the town of Alausí in the Chimborazo Province, where we'll board the train. We'll have a chance to enjoy the most impressive part of this railway going into the "Devil's Nose", a geographical formation that has led to a zigzagging railway perched on the Andes cliffs. Return to Alausí on the train for lunch. Afterwards we'll start our way to Cuenca taking a detour to visit the Archaeological Complex of Ingapirca the best preserved and most important Inca Site in Ecuador. Arrival to Cuenca in the early evening.

Meal plan: B/L/D

CUENCA FULL DAY

Day 05 Cuenca is waiting for us to discover. We start the day strolling through the cobbled streets of this beautiful World Cultural Heritage, crossed by four rivers that add up to the splendor and give the city its complete name. Squares, balconies and churches will make perfect pictures. The "chola cuencana" traditional costumes will splash with color our experience and the outstanding pink marble Cathedral is for sure going to take your breath away. There will be a chance to learn about the ancestral cultures of Ecuador in an interesting museum and to enjoy the magnificence of the Tomebamba River and the panoramic view of the city from the Turi Hill. One of the most interesting visits of the day will be to the museum and factory of the famous, but misnamed, Panama Hats...a true artisanal symbol of Ecuador.

Meal plan: B/L/D

GUALACEO & CHORDELEG / TRANSFER OUT QUITO

Day 06 Today we'll head eastwards to enjoy the rural areas of Cuenca. We'll visit the town of San Bartolo world know for the handcrafted production of guitars. We continue our way through the eastern slopes of the Andes to the town of Chordeleg, where we'll have time to stroll its jewelry shops covered streets. Afterwards we'll continue to the Gualaceo where we'll visit the rich and traditional market, the Orchids farm and the "ikat" weaving workshops. Included lunch will be served at a traditional Hacienda of this beautiful green valley on the Santa Bárbara basin, which enjoys spring like weather all year round. In the afternoon we'll start our return to Cuenca's airport for your return to Quito. Reception at the airport and transfer to selected hostería in the area for accommodation.

Meal plan: B/L/-

PRICES	PRIVATE COLLECTION Priv: 2886- Group Tour: 2480 CLASSIC COLLECTION Priv: 2050 -Group Tour: 1550
OBSERVATIONS	* 7th day to choose at the purchase. * Family & Seniors Friendly
EXTENSIONS	* Mindo Cloud Forrest. * Galapagos * Jungle Tours *Indigenous Communities

PAPALLACTA OR OTAVALO FULL DAY

(TO BE CHOSEN AT BOOKING)

PAPALLACTA THERMAL SPRINGS

Day 07 On the entrance to the Amazon Basin on a cool climate area above 3000 m of altitude we find the natural hot springs of Papallacta that have their origin on the heart of the Antisana Volcano. The water temperatures fluctuate between 36 and 42 C. And they are considered to alleviate various illnesses such as arthritis, bad circulation and digestive problems among others. You'll have the opportunity to enjoy the thermoludic area and chose from a variety of optional massages and beauty treatments offered at the spa. This is a relaxing experience for your body and soul. Return to Quito.

Meal plan: B/-/-

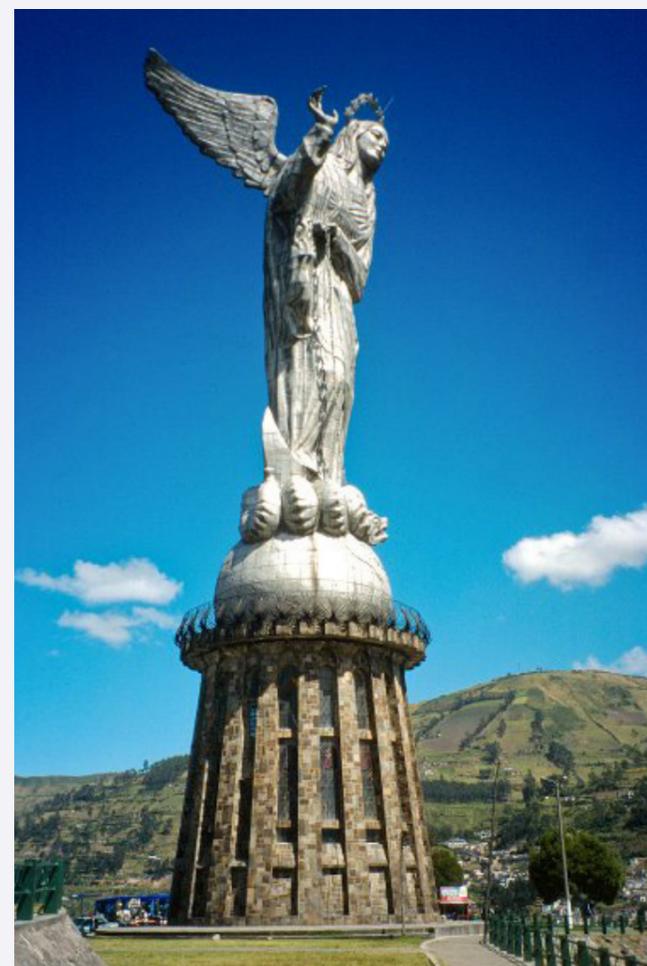
OTAVALO

We'll start this day heading northwards to the town of Calderón to visit the famous bread-dough handicrafts workshop. Through changing landscapes we'll arrive to a sightseeing point over the San Pablo Lake that welcomes us to the Imbabura Province. We'll continue to the city of Otavalo where you'll have time to stroll through the colorful handicraft stalls. Afterwards you'll visit the weaving workshops in Peguche before you continue to the city of Cotacachi for lunch and time to shop for fine leather goods. Return to Quito.

Meal plan B/-/-

TRANSFER OUT

Day 08 Transfer to the airport for continuation to Galapagos or International flights.



CULTURAL ECUADOR



SLT south land touring | **06 DAYS**

QUITO CITY & EQUATOR LINE - HALF DAY

Day 01 Quito City Tour and Equator Museum or Middle of the World. Being the first city to be declared as World Cultural Heritage by UNESCO in 1978, Quito offers to its visitors, magnificent parks, churches and plazas dated from the XVI century to present. We'll guide you to the Historical Center for you to admire the exceptional charisma of the main square or "Plaza Grande" and its surrounding palaces: Presidential, Municipal and Archbishop's.

The Cathedral and its richness, the imposing church of la Compañía de Jesús and its finest baroque architecture and the character of the ancient monastery of San Francisco will be the highlights of this visit. Continue northwards to the monument that marks the latitude 0° 00' 00" better known in the world as the Equator, locally known as the Middle of the World. Here you can literally jump from the northern to southern hemisphere of the planet. This tour includes a visit to the Inti Ñan Museum, a clever and fun, didactical museum about the influence of the equator in daily life. Lunch and afternoon at leisure.

Meal plan: B/-/-



QUITO / ANDEAN TRAIN / COTOPAXI / RIOBAMBA

Day 02 We leave early in the morning towards the historical Chimbacalle Train Station, where you will board the train to the south, leaving frantic Quito through the peaceful grazing lands of the andean haciendas (farms) into the Machachi Train Station as final destination. Our vehicle will take us for a short visit of Cotopaxi National Park and then we'll head to the historical Hacienda La Ciénega for lunch. We'll visit a rose's farm, one of the most important exports of Ecuador. Continuation to Urbina, at the base of the Chimborazo volcano, where we'll share the paramo life for a moment. We head to Riobamba for accommodation.

Meal plan: B/L/-

RIOBAMBA / TREN NARIZ DEL DIABLO / INGAPIRCA / CUENCA

Day 03 Early in the morning we'll leave the city of Riobamba to head to the town of Alausí in the Chimborazo Province, where we'll board the train. We'll have a chance to enjoy the most impressive part of this railway going into the "Devil's Nose", a geographical formation that has led to a



zigzagging railway perched on the Andes cliffs. Return to Alausí on the train. Box lunch will be handed and we'll start our way to Cuenca taking a detour to visit the Archaeological Complex of Ingapirca the best preserved and most important Inca Site in Ecuador. Arrival to Cuenca in the early evening for accommodation.

Meal plan: D/BL/-

Tour includes:

- Transportation.
- Meal plan.
- Tour guide.
- Entrance fees.
- Tour highlights**
- Quito, first World Cultural Heritage city, Equator Line and museums.
- Historical trains, Avenue of Volcanoes and Devil's Nose.
- Great beauty volcanism and landscapes.
- Indigenous ethnic groups, traditions and culture.
- Archaeological Cañari and Inca site.
- Colonial and Republican Cuenca.
- High standard handicrafts and souvenirs shopping options.
- Guayaquil, economic center of Ecuador.

Not included

- Tips.
- Personal expenses.



CUENCA CITY TOUR HALF DAY

Day 04 Have a guided visit through the highlights of the historical area of this beautiful World Heritage. Visit its characteristic plazas, churches and streets. The pink marble Cathedral, the Calderon Park, the Flowers Square, and the Broken Bridge and Barranco over the Tomebamba River make this an unforgettable city, considered to be the most beautiful one in Ecuador. Visit also the Factory/Museum of the world famous but misnamed Panama hats. A four hours city tour where the visitor will have a chance to photograph and learn the stories, legends and traditions of Saint Anne of the Four Rivers of Cuenca. Lunch at a local restaurant. Balance of the afternoon at leisure.

Meal plan: B/L/-

CUENCA / CAJAS NATIONAL PARK / GUAYAQUIL

Day 05 Early in the morning we head towards the Cajas National Park, that only 30 minutes away, is waiting for us with an altitude difference of over 1500m and the richness of the andean paramo, where we will enjoy the beauty of the Andes, its landscapes and flora. We will have a short walk to enjoy this nature wonder recognized as Worldwide Biosphere Reserve. Lunch in the area. Continuation to the city of Guayaquil descending through the Andes slopes with its intense contrast of landscapes, climate and color. Arrival to Guayaquil at the end of the afternoon.

Meal plan: B/L/-

TRANSFER OUT

Day 06 Transfer to the airport for continuation to Galapagos or International flights.

<p>PRICES</p>	<p>PRIVATE COLLECTION Private: 2150 min 2 pax- Group Tour: 1849 min 6</p> <p>CLASSIC COLLECTION Private: 1399 min 2 pax Group Tour: 1140 min 6</p>
<p>OBSERVATIONS</p>	<p>*Groups max of 20 plus TL. *Private Collection Tours: In first class hotels and with a glass of wine at the meals. *Tours: Family & Seniors Friendly.</p>
<p>EXTENSIONS</p>	<p>*From Guayaquil, connections to Galapagos, Pacific Coast programs o international programs whit MAPI. * Day trips from Cuenca can be add before the last day. *Horseback riding *Hiking days. *Biking full day tour * Southern Wonders 5 days</p>



ACTIVE ECUADOR



QUITO CITY TOUR AND EQUATOR MUSEUM OR MIDDLE OF THE WORLD

Day 01 Being the first city to be declared as World Cultural Heritage by UNESCO in 1978, Quito offers to its visitors, magnificent parks, churches and plazas dated from the XVI century to present. We'll guide you to the Historical Center for you to admire the exceptional charisma of the main square or "Plaza Grande" and its surrounding palaces: Presidential, Municipal and Archbishop's. The Cathedral and its richness, the imposing church of la Compañía de Jesús and its finest baroque architecture and the character of the ancient monastery of San Francisco will be the highlights of this visit. Continue northwards to the monument that marks the latitude 0° 00' 00" better known in the world as the Equator, locally known as the Middle of the World. Here you can literally jump from the northern to southern hemisphere of the planet. This tour includes a visit to the Inti Ñan Museum, a clever and fun, didactical museum about the influence of the equator in daily live.
Meal plan: B/L/-



AMAZON EXPERIENCE

Day 02-05 Departure to the Amazon by road or by plane according to the chosen lodge for 3 nights/ 4 days. Both High Amazon and Deep Amazon tours, include activities of hiking in the jungle, fluvial navigation on board of the local canoes on the Amazon River tributaries and cultural approach to the native indigenous communities. The detailed daily itinerary will be given once the lodge has been chosen.
Meal plan: Full board at the lodge.

AMAZON / COTOPAXI

Day 05 Departure from the lodge by road or plane according to regular logistics of the chosen lodge and continuation to Cotopaxi Province for accommodation and dinner.
Meal plan: B/-/D

COTOPAXI / BAÑOS DE AGUA SANTA

Day 06 We leave the region early in the morning through the "Avenue of Volcanoes" to the famous indigenous handicraft market of Salasaca, then we descend the eastern slopes of the Andes through the Route of Waterfalls, cross above the Pastaza River on a local



cable car and do a hike to observe the Pailón del Diablo Waterfall. Return to the town of Baños de Agua Santa for lunch. Visit the Sanctuary and the vegetable ivory handicrafts and traditional hand pulled candy workshops. Take a chance to walk in the colorful town or enjoy the benefits of the thermal springs that have made this town world famous. Accomodation.
Meal plan: B/L/-

Tour includes:

- Transportation.
- Meal plan.
- Tour and specialized guides.
- Sports and safety gear. Standardized and with international certificates.
- Entrance fees to all attractions.
- Accommodation in 4 stars hotels and hosterías.
- Specialized Guides for each activity.
- Guided Circuit.
- Guaranteed departures.
- Minimum 2 persons & max. 15.

Tour highlights.

- Cultural Heritage Cities.
- Interesting combination of cultural visits and sports activities.
- Family circuit.
- Handicraft shopping opportunities.
- Typical gastronomy.
- Unique and diverse landscapes.
- Ample climatic variations.



BAÑOS / CHIMBORAZO MOUNTAIN BIKE / RIOBAMBA

Day 07 We leave towards the Chimborazo Volcano, the highest one in Ecuador. We arrive to the first refuge at 4800m on our vehicle. We start the downhill road on a mountain bike, on a route of approximately 3 hours on intermediate difficulty, that will allow us to immerse ourselves into the andean paramo landscape under the attentive observation of the vicuña herds characteristic of this Natural Reserve. Continuation by vehicle to Riobamba for accommodation and dinner.
Meal plan: B/L/D

RIOBAMBA / ALAUSÍ / TREN NARIZ DEL DIABLO / INGAPIRCA

Day 08 Early in the morning we'll leave the city of Riobamba to head to the town of Alausí in the Chimborazo Province, where we'll board the train. We'll have a chance to enjoy the most impressive part of this railway going into the "Devil's Nose", a geographical formation that has led to a zigzagging railway perched on the Andes cliffs. Return to Alausí on the train for lunch. Afterwards we'll start our way to Ingapirca for accomodation and dinner.
Meal plan: B/L/D

INGAPIRCA / ROCK CLIMBING AT COJITAMBO / CUENCA

Day 09 We'll start our day visiting the Archaeological Complex of Ingapirca the best preserved and most important Inca Site in Ecuador. Continuation towards Cojitambo Hill, one of the three sacred hills for the ancient Cañari people, where besides an archaeological site and a 360° sightseeing point, there are 120 signaled climbing routes of different difficulty levels to satisfy each individual required intensity. Box lunch. Continuation towards Cuenca for dinner and accommodation.
Meal plan: B/BL/D

CUENCA CITY TOUR HALF DAY & CANOPY (ZIP-LINING)

Day 10 Have a guided visit through the highlights of the historical area of this beautiful World Heritage. Visit its characteristic plazas, churches and streets. The pink marble Cathedral, the Calderon Park, the Flowers Square, and the Broken Bridge and Barranco over the Tomebamba River make this an unforgettable city, considered to be the most beautiful one in Ecuador. Visit also the Factory/Museum of the world famous but misnamed Panama hats. A four hours city tour where the visitor will have a chance to photograph and learn the stories, legends and traditions of Saint Anne of the Four Rivers of Cuenca. Lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards we'll head to the zone of Bibín where we will be able to experience different "flight positions" in the 8 installed lines for the practice of this sport. Return to the hotel in Cuenca.
Meal plan: D/A/-

CUENCA / CAJAS NATIONAL PARK / GUAYAQUIL

Day 11 Early in the morning we head towards the Cajas National Park, that only 30 minutes away, is waiting for us with an altitude difference of over 1500m and the richness of the andean paramo, where we will enjoy the beauty of the Andes, its landscapes and flora. We will have a short walk to enjoy this nature wonder recognized as Worldwide Biosphere Reserve. Lunch in the area. Continuation to the city of Guayaquil descending through the Andes slopes with its intense contrast of landscapes, climate and color. Arrival to Guayaquil at the end of the afternoon.
Meal plan B/L/-

TRANSFER OUT

Day 12 Transfer to the airport for continuation to Galapagos or International flights.

PRICES	PRIVATE COLLECTION: Small Group 3090 - Private 3650 CLASSIC COLLECTION: Small Group 2060 - Private 2480
OBSERVATIONS	Active and moderate adventure activities, Family Friendly. Jungle Lodges NOT INCLUDED. Tour operates with Lodges in Yasuni N. P. area or Misahualli area
EXTENSIONS	Tour ends in Guayaquil perfect to connect with Galapagos / Pacific Coast programs



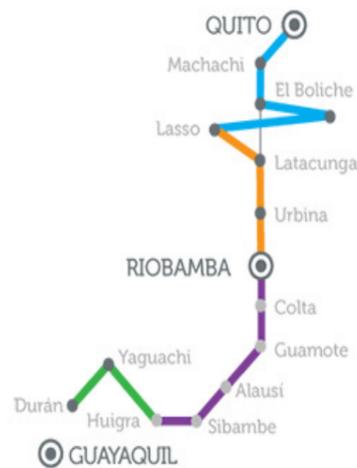
ecuador
ama la vida

2408

04
DAYS



TREN CRUCERO QUITO - GUAYAQUIL



CHIMBACALLE - COTOPAXI - LASSO

Day 01 The tour begins at 08:00, leaving Chimbacalle station aboard



a traditional excursion train (coach). We travel towards Cotopaxi station close to the Cotopaxi National Park, where we will arrive on a bus. Taking a walk around Limpiopungo, a glacial lake located at in the folds of the volcano, we're surrounded by typical Andean landscapes.

The National Park is home to Andean flora and fauna: Andean gulls, caracaras, white-tailed deer, the moor wolf and the Andean condor. The páramo is the highlight of the day, together with the splendid Cotopaxi volcano, an almost perfect cone rising to 5,897 meters.

Our journey continues to the San Agustin de Callo hacienda where lunch is a specialty of the new Ecuadorian cuisine accompanied by a performance by the local community's dancers. The ruins of this estate are an example of Inca architecture. Before the colonial period the building was an Inca palace.

After exploring the Hacienda, we return to Cotopaxi station to take the Cruise Train to Lasso from where we take a bus to the hotel.

Overnight stay La Ciénega, Hato Verde or Rumipamba de las Rosas (Depending on availability).

Meal Plan: (-/L/D)

LASSO-LATACUNGA-CUNCHIBAMBA - AMBATO-CEVALLOS - URBINA - RIOBAMBA

Day 02 After breakfast, we depart for Latacunga station to board the Cruise Train and continue our journey south.

The day's itinerary includes a visit to a flower plantation to learn more about Ecuador's world-renowned roses.

The train then takes us to Ambato where we enjoy lunch at the Roka Plaza hotel, a converted heritage-style house. If weather conditions permit, you may witness – at a safe distance – a volcanic eruption of the majestic Tungurahua.

After lunch, the train travels on towards Urbina station, located at 3,609 meters above sea level. Here you will meet a very special person, Baltazar Ushca, the last ice-collector of the Chimborazo volcano.

Weather permitting, Chimborazo may provide a spectacular sight from the station. After this visit, the train takes us to Riobamba station from where a bus transfers us to our hotel and dinner, either

at Abraspungo or La Andaluza hotel (Depending on availability).
Meal Plan: (B/L/D)

RIOBAMBA - COLTA - GUAMOTE - ALAUSÍ - SIBAMBE - BUCAY

Day 03 In the morning, we depart by bus to Riobamba station. The town is surrounded by five volcanoes and is known as the "Sultan of the Andes". From there, we continue by train, this time driven by a steam locomotive through the Andean landscapes to Colta Station.

A stop provides time to visit the church of Balbanera whose walls, dating back almost 500 years, provide the first evidence of the arrival of Christianity in Ecuador.

Back on the train, we travel on to Guamote where the Indian market is waiting to be explored. Lunch is taken on board the train.

In the afternoon, the train continues its journey to the station of Alausí, following curious geological formations before beginning the descent down the emblematic "Devil's Nose". Zig-zagging its way down the mountainside, the train drops 200 meters in just 3 kilometers. A short break at a viewpoint enables us to appreciate the magnitude of this engineering feat that has earned the Ecuadorian rail system the "world's most difficult" tag.

We continue by train to Bucay, the gateway to the Coastal plains. Dinner and accommodation are provided in the D'Franco lodge in this pleasant and temperate area.

Meal plan: (B/L/D)

BUCAY - YAGUACHI - DURÁN

Day 04 After breakfast, we depart by train from Bucay station en route for San Rafael station.

Our journey then continues by bus to the Shuar community that migrated to the Pacific Coast from the Amazon basin more than 70 years ago. The Shuar share their traditions with us with a demonstration of dances, crafts and cuisine.

We take a bus to the San Rafael hacienda where we have lunch and visit a cocoa plantation to learn about the history of this grain.

After this visit, we take the train to our final destination, Durán



station, with a short stop at Yaguachi station to switch from a diesel electric locomotive a steam-driven engine.

The train weaves its way through plantations of banana, pineapple, mango, sugar cane as well as rice paddies, marking its trail with clouds of billowing steam.

The trip ends upon arrival at Durán station. Transport is provided to take you to Guayaquil's main hotels (Hilton Colón, Oro Verde, Hampton Inn, Wyndham, Gran Hotel Guayaquil and Sonesta.

Meal plan: (B/L/-)

STARTING POINT:

Chimbacalle Station (Quito)

Check-in 07:30

Departure: 08:00 (Tuesday)

ARRIVAL POINT:

Eloy Alfaro Railway Complex (Duran).

Transfer by bus to Guayaquil.

Arrival: 18.40 (Friday)

4 DAYS – 3 NIGHTS
QUITO – GUAYAQUIL
GUAYAQUIL – QUITO

Official Price

\$ 1.393,00

Single Supplement

\$ 106,39

Official Price For Children

\$ 1.044,75

OBSERVATIONS

- * The tour departs from Quito to Guayaquil or Guayaquil to Quito.
- * Season operation.
- * All inclusive service.
- * Friendly for Seniors and families

EXTENSIONS

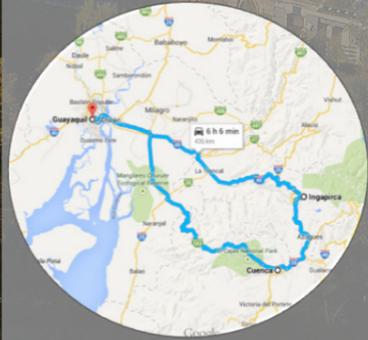
- Perfect to match
- * Galapagos tours.
- * Pacific Coast
- * Southern Wonders



06
DAYS



SOUTHERN WONDERS



- Tour includes:**
- Guided Circuit.
 - Guaranteed Departures.
 - Minimum 2 persons.
 - Tour in English.
 - Transportation.
 - Meals plan.
 - Certified tour guide MINTUR.
 - Entrance fee to all attractions.
 - Hotel nights according to selected program.
- Tour highlights**
- Cacao plantation and chocolate production.
 - Large plantations of Banana, rice, coffee, cacao, tropical fruits and hardwoods.
 - Archaeological Cañari and Inca sites.
 - Cuenca colonial and republican city, World Cultural Heritage.
 - Renowned and high quality handicrafts.
 - Nature, Cajas National Park, Worldwide Biosphere Reserve.
 - Traditional gastronomy.
 - Andean and tropical landscapes.
- Not included**
- Tips.
 - Personal expenses.

GUAYAQUIL CITY TOUR AND DINNER

Day 01 Arrival to Guayaquil. Transfer to the selected hotel and time to rest and get ready to visit the "Pearl of the Pacific". We tour Seminario Square or "Iguanas Park", the Cathedral and the Simón Bolívar Boulevard along the Guayas River. To finish the tour, we visit the bohemian neighborhood Las Peñas, where we walk on its main street, old witness of Guayaquil's golden age. Then we will enjoy a traditional dinner. Transfer to the hotel.
Meal plan: -/-/D

GUAYAQUIL / INGAPIRCA / CUENCA

Day 02 Today we leave Guayaquil to the Ecuadorian Andes. Once we leave the urban area, we'll be met by vast cacao, banana, sugar cane and other plantations that add beauty and color to the landscape. Our first visit will be the Cacao plantation El Deseo, where we'll see the process of chocolate production from the tree plantation to the harvest and the artisanal preparation of chocolate, to finish with a tasting of the final product. By noon, we will arrive to Ingapirca, the most important and best preserved archaeological center in Ecuador.

There we will learn from the ancient Cañari and Inca cultures. Lunch at Hacienda Posada Ingapirca. Later in the afternoon we'll arrive to Cuenca. Accommodation and dinner.
Meal plan: B/L/D

CUENCA FULL DAY

Day 03 Cuenca is waiting for us to be discovered. We start the day strolling through the cobbled streets of this beautiful World Cultural Heritage, crossed by four rivers that add up to the splendor and give the city its complete name. Squares, balconies and churches will make perfect pictures. The "chola cuencana" traditional costumes will splash with color our experience and the outstanding pink marble Cathedral is for sure going to take your breath away. The visit won't be complete without walking along the Tomebamba River and a panoramic view of the city from the Turi Hill. One of the most interesting visits of the day will be to the museum and factory of the famous, but misnamed, Panama Hats, a true symbol of Ecuador. Lunch included at local restaurant. Return to the hotel.
Meal plan: B/L/-



GUALACEO & CHORDELEG, HALF DAY

Day 04 In the morning we visit the ancestral "ikat" weaving workshops and the skillful "toquilla" hat weavers. Then we'll visit the biggest orchid farm in South America. Finishing our tour in the town of Chordeleg, famous for its artisans that transform gold and silver in truly masterpieces. Lunch at Hosteria Santa Bárbara. Return to Cuenca. Balance of the day at leisure to enjoy the colonial city.
Meal plan: B/L/-

CUENCA / CAJAS NATIONAL PARK / GUAYAQUIL

Day 05 Early in the morning we head towards the Cajas National Park, that only 30 minutes away, is waiting for us with an altitude difference of over 1500m and the richness of the Andean paramo, where we will enjoy the beauty of the Andes, its landscapes and flora. We will have a short walk to enjoy this nature wonder recognized as Worldwide Biosphere Reserve. Lunch in the area. Continuation to the city of Guayaquil descending through the Andes slopes with its intense contrast of landscapes, climate and color. Arrival to Guayaquil at the end of the afternoon.
Meal plan: B/L/-

TRANSFER OUT

Day 06 Transfer to the airport for continuation to Galapagos or International flights.

PRICES

PRIVATE COLLECTION:
Private: 2369 - 2 pax min.
Group Tour: 2039 - 6 pax min.

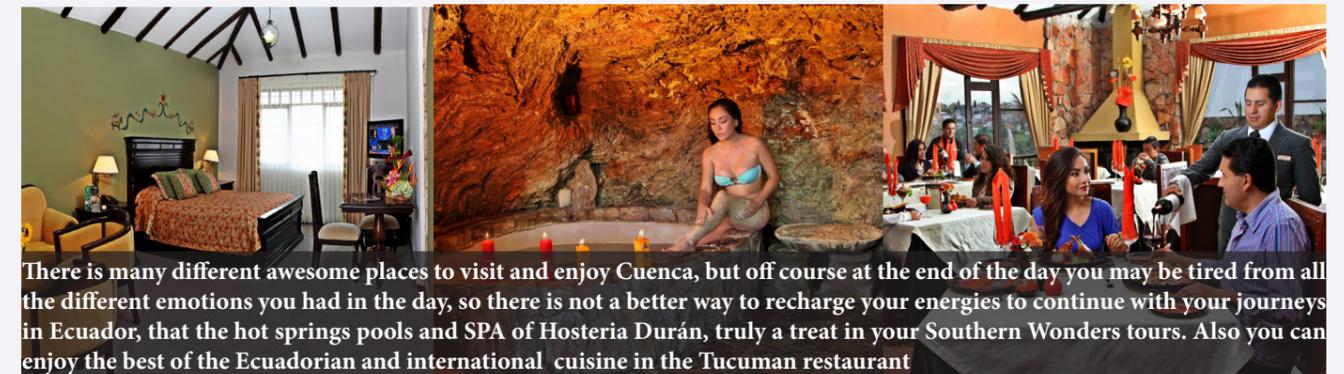
CLASSIC COLLETION
Private: 1459 - 2 pax min.
Group Tour: 1130 - 6 pax min.

OBSERVATIONS

* Very frindly area for familys and seniors.
* In Cuenca currently are living more than 8 thousand canadiana an american expaths.
* Good combination of national parks and cultural heritage cities.

EXTENSIONS

* Galapagos
* Pacific Coast.
* Saraguro Indigenous community.
* Full day trips.



02
DAYS



SHARING THE SARAGURO CULTURE



Tour includes:

- Private, Any Day (best on Saturday - Sunday), 2 Days / 1 Night
 - Overnight at Saraguro Community (Local Indigenous house)
 - All meals included
 - Local guides included
 - Entrance fees included
- HIGHLIGHTS**
- Altitude from 1800 m to 3000 m
 - Deep immersion in the Saraguro Culture.

CUENCA / SARAGURO

Day 01 On the first day, we will visit several nearby villages where skilled artisans produce fine textiles (ponchos, skirts, belts, bed & table cover, etc), decorative and utilitarian ceramic, sheep wool hats and colorful jewelry mainly made of beads and silver. Also, we will visit their organic orchards where they grow many of the vegetables, fruits and herbs used in their diet. Lunch will be a very special one, as we will be introduced to their sharing rituals of the "Pinshi Mikuna" in company of a Saraguro family. In the afternoon we will do a hike up to their sacred waterfall where we will be part of a shamanic energizing ritual. The Yachags (shamans) invoke in conjunction with the participants to their sacred natural elements (wind, fire, water, earth, sun and moon) to regain positive energy. At night we will enjoy some folkloric music played by local musicians.

SARAGURO / SUSDEL / CUENCA

Day 02 Early in the morning we will drive down to the community of Gera where we will participate in the production of the Huajango, a fermented drink made from agave (same as used for tequila). We will also visit a small house-museum that shows how a Saraguro house looks like and what they use in their daily life. Afterwards we will leave Saraguro southwards for about an hour to the town of Susudel where we will visit the towns Organic Farm. Here we will enjoy a typical lunch made with the produce of the farm and then visit the agricultural grounds and the old colonial farm and church. At mid afternoon we continue our way back to Cuenca, making this trip a wonderful, unforgettable experience.



04
DAYS



ENIGMATIC AMAZON



Tour includes:

- Land transportation.
- River Transportation.
- Full board meal plan.
- Tour and Naturalist Guides.
- Entrance fees to all attractions.
- Accommodation on double cabins.

Tour highlights

- Great Flora and fauna diversity.
- Indigenous cultures, interaction with the host communities.
- Authenticity.
- Small groups.
- Local and international gastronomy.

Not included

- Tips.
- Personal expenses.

One single hectare in the forest has as many toads as whole North America. The Ecuadorian "Oriente" holds barely 2% of the Amazon jungle, however it has the highest diversity of flora and fauna in the region, thanks to the presence of geographical factors that create a great variety of microclimates that are also home of 8 different native ethnic groups, that with their language, customs and ancestral culture, enrich even more this magnificent country.

The Ecuadorian Amazon is one of the most accessible areas of the region; relatively short rides to the High Amazon or flights into the Deep Amazon, leaving from Quito expedites traveling into the area.

This circumstance has impulse the development of an important tourist infrastructure that accommodates the likes and interests of each different type of guests.

LAGO AGRIO (NUEVA LOJA)

Placed on the northeastern extreme of Ecuador, is the departure point for lodges on the Cuyabeno Ecological Reserve and Biological Limoncocha Reserve, both world known by their exuberant wildlife.

The place with more buzzing, crackling, chirping, roaring and howling around the globe. Live from the green vastness, in ultra-High Definition and 3D welcomes you!

The Amazon Bassin, is the major remaining extension of tropical jungle in the world and holds an amazing biodiversity that breaks all records: trees that welcome more ants species than the whole British Islands; giant frogs and snakes -the female Anaconda can be 8m long- and minuscule monkeys -The adult Pigmy Titi measures only 18cm-.



EL COCA (FRANCISCO DE ORELLANA)

In Orellana province, right at the confluence of the Coca and Napo Rivers, it's the departing point to visit the Yasuni National Park, the Huaorani Reserve, and part of the Limoncocha and Cuyabeno Reserves. The most comfortable way to access is by airplane on an only 40 minutes flight from Quito. All the lodge accessible from Coca are surrounded by an incalculable variety of flora and fauna.

TENA

Is only about 5 hours drive away from Quito. Being closer to inhabited areas, the surrounding wildlife is less impressive than the one we find in more remote places like the ones accessible from Coca and Lago Agrio. Nevertheless, it's a perfect introduction to discover the tropical forests and Amazon cultures. Tena is a departure point to Jatun Sacha Biological Station, Sumaco National Park and the touristic areas around Misahuallí and Ahuano.

We offer options to choose in programs starting at 4 days/ 3 nights in lodges or river cruises, according to your interests, time and budget. Activities include hikes in the forest, canoe rides and interaction with native groups.



WHAT TO BRING?

- Passport or I.D.
- Suitcase or backpack.
- Knapsack for daily excursions.
- Pant that will dry quickly.
- Cotton t-shirts or long-sleeve shirts.
- Socks for every day and a couple more.
- Underwear.
- Shorts.
- Light sweater or jacket.
- Hat or cap.
- Swimsuite (if you would like to swim).
- Sunglasses.
- Walking shoes.
- Batteries.
- Insect repellent and suncream.
- Bottle of water.
- Small lantern (mining-type head gear is recommended).
- Sandals for use at the lodge.
- Extra cash and small change for the bar and souvenirs.

PRICES

For a jungle trip, the prices will depend on the length of the tour, the most recommended tour to take it is a 4 days and 3 nights tour. However the prices depend also on the lodges, the area, the inclusions, the category and the special requirements.

OBSERVATIONS

* Ecuadorian Jungle it is one of the most diverse areas in the world, great for Fauna and flora lovers.
 *The lodges can accomodate any pax meals restrictions or diets
 *Family and senior's friendly. (Not all, ask for more information to your sales agent)
 *To get at most of the Ecuadorian Lodges it is not necessary to take long distance car ride or long flights, in a full morning you can get at almost every lodge

EXTENSIONS

* To get in a and out of the Napo Region the best way it is by air, so from Quito's Airport you can continue to any area of Ecuador.
 * From Tena area lodges it is easy to continue to the south, to Cuenca and Loja cities.
 *As an extension in the Jungle it can be done an special excursions as Bird watching tours or Indigenous communities visits, etc.



PACIFIC COAST

Tour includes:

- Transportation.
- Meals plan.
- Tour and / or specialized Guide.
- Entrance fees to all attractions.
- Accommodation on double basis.

Tour highlights

- Vast beaches at close distance from main cities.
- Gastronomy.
- Average Weather minimum 20°C - maximum 35°C.
- La Plata Island (little Galapagos)
- Humpback Whales season (June-September).
- Toquilla fiber production for the creation of artisanal Toquilla (Panama) Hats.

Not included

- Tips.
- Personal expenses.

A simple and traditional lunch will be served by the local women that make part of this community development project. Later we'll head to Salinas to visit "La Chocolatera", an impressive cliff and rock formation where the waves crash in full power. At the end of the day, there will be an opportunity to enjoy the sunset by the seashore. Accommodation and dinner.
Meal plan: B/L/D

SALINAS/ PUERTO LÓPEZ
Day 02 Visit to Ben Haas, who has been tracking watching whales since the 1980s and founded the Whale Museum in Salinas. We'll continue towards the Northern area, we'll visit the artisanal fishermen town of San Pablo and we'll have a chance to see the characteristic handicrafts as Panama Hats and Tagua nuts, better known as vegetable ivory all over the way. We'll pass through the surfer's town of Montañita on our way to Puerto López area for overnight. Accommodation and dinner.
Meal plan: B/L/D

GUAYAQUIL / SALINAS
Day 01 After breakfast, we start our way to the Pacific Ocean through the famous "Spondylus Route". We arrive to El Morro Port, where an outboard boat will take us to and unforgettable tour through the mangroves where we'll do some birdwatching and a short hike on the trails of Birds Island and visit the Dolphins Estuary.



is varied and exciting and between July and November receives the magnificent Humpback whales. The island has two routes or hiking trails, both with spectacular views, where you can find interesting colonies of blue footed boobies, masked boobies, frigate birds and albatrosses, the reason why it's been locally known as "Little Galapagos". It has a desert climate in which plant species have adapted forming an interesting dry tropical forest. The Plata Island became named after "the silver" seen in the distance, caused by the reflection of the sun on the abundance of guano which covers the site. Some pre Columbian vestiges from native and Inca cultures have been found in site, evidence of an interesting past as research port for the exploitation of the Spondylus priceps shells, precious ornament for ritual use by the Amerindian peoples. After the hike, we'll enjoy a light box lunch and have an opportunity of snorkeling in this beautiful marine reserve. Return to Pto. López.
Meal Plan B/BL/D

Diving Tours Available



MACHALILLA / MANTA

Day 04 In the morning, we'll visit the in-site archaeological museum of the Agua Blanca Community and in the Machalilla National Park we'll enjoy the Frailes Beach, a pristine site with the most beautiful landscape. After lunch, leave the area of Machalilla through the Toquilla Straw Corridor, towards the city of Manta, one of the main ports in Ecuador for overnight. Accommodation and dinner.
Meal plan: B/L/D

MANTA / MONTECRISTI / LA PILA / GUAYAQUIL

Day 05 We leave the city towards the town of Montecristi, known for the production and commercialization of the world known -but misnamed- Panama Hat, a true artisanal symbol of Ecuador. Visit the Eloy Alfaro Civic Center and Museum, dedicated to one of the most important and avant-garde Presidents Ecuador has had. At La Pila you'll see some traditional ceramics and we'll start the return to Guayaquil for overnight. Dinner and accommodation.
Meal plan: B/L/D

TRANSFER OUT

Day 06 Transfer to the airport for continuation to Galapagos or International flights.



Daniela S

<p>PRICES</p>	<p>PRIVATE COLLECTION: Private: 2245 - 2 pax min. Group Tour: 1820 - 6 pax min.</p> <p>CLASSIC COLLETION Private: 1659 - 2 pax min. Group Tour: 1285 - 6 pax min.</p>
<p>OBSERVATIONS</p>	<p>* Best in between June to September (Hump back whales season). * Great diversity of Flora, Fauna and great gastronomy. * Family and Seniors friendly. * Perfect to compliment the Galapagos</p>
<p>EXTENSIONS</p>	<p>* Galapagos * Southern wonders. * Connections to international flights.</p>

05 DAYS



GALAPAGOS, IN THE WAKE OF DARWIN'S FOOTSTEPS

- Tour includes:**
- Land transportation.
 - Sea transportation.
 - Meals plan.
 - Specialized naturalist guide.
 - Entrance fees to all attractions.
- Tour highlights**
- Endemic Flora and fauna.
 - Unique landscapes.
 - Top 3 snorkeling sites.
 - Pristine beaches.
 - Average water temperature 22°C.
 - Animals are not afraid of humans (excellent photo chances with simple equipment and inexperienced photographer).
 - Flights about 1 hour and 50 minutes from Quito or Guayaquil.
- Not included**
- Tips.
 - Personal expenses.

In the afternoon we have our first visit. We begin with "The Twins," two enormous collapsed crater that show the force of nature and biodiversity of Santa Cruz in their forests of Scalesias sp. where we can see various kinds of finches and occasionally short-eared owls. Continuing to the private reserve of Primicias where you can visit the giant Galapagos tortoises roaming freely in the wild, being able to walk among the surrounded turtles, an incredible scenery, is definitely one of the best experiences you'll have on the trip. To end our day, we will be visiting the illuminated lava tunnel, it has an average height of 7-8 meters; inside we can admire the stalagmites and stalactites of lava, sulfur colored walls and minerals, and the wavy floor formed by lava.
Meal plan: -/L/-

In the afternoon, transfer to Isabela Island. This trip takes about 2 hours and in the same can see manta rays, whales, dolphins and more.
Meal plan: B/L/D

QUITO / GUAYAQUIL - BALTRA

Day 01 Arriving at the airport in Baltra, begins our adventure in the Galapagos Islands. For our transfer to the hotel we have to cross in ferry for 5 minutes Itabaca channel, then continue to the hotel.



SANTA CRUZ / ISABELA

Day 02 Enjoy your morning with a guided kayak excursion in calm waters with contrasts paradise, then continue with a snorkeling tour, with good opportunities for swimming with sea lions, green sea turtles and countless schools of tropical fish.



ISABELA

Day 03 In the morning departure to Sierra Negra volcano, its crater is known as the second largest in the world, with more than 10 km. An 800 meter walk will take us to the highest point of it, where we have a view of the bays and forests of the island.

Continuing with an easy walk of about three hours, we arrive at local farms where we will have lunch. Visit Community giant turtle's reserve. In the afternoon we will visit Bahía de Concha Perla, known for its calm waters; we can snorkel and enjoy the great marine diversity where there are always sea lions, green turtles, among others.
Meal plan: B/L/D

Diving Tours available



ISABELA / SANTA CRUZ

Day 04 Las Tintoreras y Tour de Bahía: On the walk to find a symbol of the Galapagos: the blue-footed booby; Galapagos penguins eventually meet, among others. As an introduction to these waterways, we went through lava fields between the nests of land iguanas and sea lions; once we got to the channel we see reef sharks. After the hike we can do snorkeling to see these sharks, which are not aggressive. They are simply fascinating, as the wealth of marine life around us. Return to Santa Cruz, once on the island we will visit one of the important sites in the Galapagos, the Charles Darwin Research Center, where we learn about the incredible natural history of the islands and some of the most successful reptile breeding programs of the world.

Meal plan: B/L/D

SANTA CRUZ BALTRA- GUAYAQUIL / QUITO

Day 05 In the morning, drive time to catch the flight back to mainland.

Meal plan: B/L/D

GALAPAGOS EXTENSIONS FOR 6 TO 8 DAYS

ISABELA (DAY 3 IN 6-DAYS PROGRAM)

Output to "Tunnels" an incredible rocky altered by seawater, where beautiful arches get form. During the visit we can admire boobies, Nazca boobies, sea lions, penguins, stingrays, among others. An excellent place for swimming and snorkeling (depending of sea conditions).



In the afternoon, we will visit the small town of the island and its animal care centers, visiting wives pass through water where we see the pink flamingos and a variety of bird species found in mangroves.

Meal plan: B/L/D

SANTA CRUZ (DAY 6 IN 8-DAYS PROGRAM)

In the morning visit to Playa de Garrapateros, one of the most pristine places on the island of Santa Cruz, with over 3 miles of beaches and plenty of peace and quiet. Lunch will be served at the lodge. Afternoon visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station. (Being more days on the islands on return from Isabela to Santa Cruz is no longer visit the Darwin Research Station. The morning visit extends to surrounding areas in the morning on the day 4 contained in the base program).

Meal plan: B/L/D

SANTA CRUZ (DAY 7 IN 8-DAYS PROGRAM)

In the morning we do a guided walking tour to the beach of Tortuga Bay. To reach this beach paradise has to go through forests of Opuntia cactus and candelabra, in which the native birds in the area such as Darwin's finches, yellow warblers, flycatchers, and others abound. Once on the beach you can swim with the animal species that live there, definitely an active morning and full beauty. To return to the lodge will take a boat for a short cruise. Afternoon, we visit the various villages in the highlands of the island where we see how the lives of the settlers, their grinding cane and organic coffee plantations.

GALAPAGOS CRUISES



M/V GALAPAGOS LEGEND

5 days / 4 nights tours

This luxury vessel will allow you to discover the Galapagos Islands with all the excellence in services required of this type of cruises, but within a more casual atmosphere. The elegant and charming cabins aboard the Galapagos Legend -most of them with panoramic windows- will accommodate up to one hundred passengers and the spacious social areas like its pool, Jacuzzi or piano bar let you relax after the expeditions into the islands while enjoying a gorgeous sunset. Knowledgeable multilingual naturalist guides will lead you into one of the most amazing experiences of your lifetime discovering the unique wonder of the Galapagos Archipelago.



M/N SANTA CRUZ

5 days / 4 nights tours

Accommodates only 90 passengers and is exclusively designed to cruise the Galapagos Islands unique environs at the pace of your choice, supported by knowledgeable guidance and enjoyable company. The M/N Santa Cruz cabins are distributed in three different decks that offer you the same service quality and comfort. The experienced and passionate expedition staff -including an underwater naturalist guide- will give meaning to this relaxing experience. There are different lengths of cruises based on the itinerary assigned by the Galapagos National Park authorities and will introduce you to the highlights of this natural history paradise and can be combined into a longer journey.

GALAPAGOS CRUISES



M/C QUEEN BEATRIZ

5 days / 4 nights tours

The Cruise the Galapagos in style aboard the Queen Beatriz M/C, our brand new luxury catamaran. Special amenities include a hydro-massage 4-person jacuzzi plus spacious outside decks for relaxing, a large dining area and both indoor and outdoor bar areas. This upscale superior vessel has 3 distinct cabin types to choose from: 4 Deluxe cabins with private balcony (both twin share and double beds available), 1 Suite (double) and 3 Standard twin cabins, all with air conditioning and en suite bathrooms with hot water. Our staff includes a Level III bilingual naturalist guide certified by the Galapagos National Park Authority, as well as a dedicated Cruise Director ensuring you are in good hands both on board and on land. Arrival to the Galapagos Islands is made only by flying from Quito or Guayaquil, for your convenience we will arrange these local flights.



XAVIER M/Y

5 days / 4 nights tours

The Xavier is a comfortable air-conditioned 72-foot motor yacht built to accommodate 16 passengers with 8 double occupancy cabins with either a window or a porthole, air conditioning and private bath. Our clean and comfy yacht is a Comfort Class boat, staffed with an exceptional crew, including a certified naturalist guide. The 2-level wrap-around deck is ideal for ocean views and relaxing in the sun, and there is both a bar and a dining room where all meals are provided.

ONE DAY EXTENSIONS FROM CUENCA AND QUITO



CAJAS NATIONAL PARK FULL DAY

Duration: 8 hours.

Tour Time: 08h15 – 16:30

Daily.

Service: Private / Shared.

Minimum: 1 Person.

We will have a short drive towards the lower zone of the El Cajas National Park, world known for its over 200 lake system. Here you will do an easy hike on the Llaviuco Lake area while casually bird watching and landscaping. This area possesses a highly interesting mixture of habitats for bird-watching: well preserved mountain forests, páramos, lakes and pastures. The tour will continue towards the high zone of the Park, to observe “Páramo” vegetation and witness the impressive contrasts created by different levels of altitude.

BIKING TOUR

Duration: 4 hours.

Tour Time: 09h00 – 13:00

Daily.

Service: Private.

Minimum: 2 Persons.



Cuenca attracts visitors for its charming atmosphere, but most visitors only get to see the Old Historical downtown. However a lot of that charming is found in the new town too, since it has 4 rivers crossing the city, nice parks and natural sites as well as ancient buildings too. So this trip intends to show the best of the new town, riding mostly along the river side trails and some secondary roads with very little traffic. The journey takes half a day and it is about 30 km long. The most interesting sites on route are: the broken bridge, Pumapungo the old Inca city, El Paraiso park with over 20 hectares of natural trails and greens, the old train tracks, Quinta Bolivar – where the liberator stayed while in Cuenca, San Joaquin the main grocery provider for Cuenca, the new architecture on private houses and El Barranco known for its hanging houses by the Tomebamba river.

CUENCA FOR BIRD WATCHERS AND NATURE LOVERS

Duration: 8 hours.

Tour Time: Early departures

Daily.

Service: Private.

Minimum: 2 Persons.



An Inter-Andean valley which marks a transition to coastal plain or lower lands, with different climatic zones and ecosystems: the western Andean foothills, the subtropical valley and the desert like zone. It is also the doorway to the Tumbesian region. Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Stripped Owl, the endemic Tumbesian Pacific Elania and Pale-headed Brush-Finch were rediscovered in 1998 and it is quite common in the area.

- Easy to moderate activities.
- Highland to lowland terrain elevations ranges.
- Weather conditions form cold at highlands to warm and hot at the low lands, also rainy areas.



CANYONING IN CABOGANA

Duration: 6 hours.

Tour Time: 09h00 – 15:00

Daily.

Service: Private.

Minimum: 4 Persons.

The journey starts with a short 20 minutes ride Northwest of Cuenca, to the east flank of Cabogana Mountain. We then hike 40 minutes with an awesome view of the city, through farming fields and cloud forest until we get to the gorge of Rio Amarillo. The fun begins sliding through natural rock carved slides, diving into ponds, down climbing, scrambling, swimming and rappelling up to 7 different waterfalls, in the most wild and amazing scenario. Two qualified guides will assist the group during the journey. Includes: box lunch, transportation, climbing gear and instructor.



HORSEBACK RIDING

Duration: 8 hours.

Tour Time: 09h00 - 16h00.

Daily.

Service: Private/Shared.

Minimum: 2 Persons.

Definitely the best option to discover and enjoy the Andes mountains it is on a horseback ride tour, in Ecuador we have an incredible diversity on landscapes, flora and fauna, all of that you can visit and appreciate on a horse, not even mention the chance to share time in the local communities and to go on historical areas as the Inca trail.

SLT has near Cuenca the Rancho San Juan, with more than 15 well trained horses, for everybody's experience levels, from beginners to expert rides.

Also available in Quito area and for 2 and 3 days tours.



MINDO CLOUD FOREST

Duration: 8 hours.

Tour Time: 08h15 – 16:30

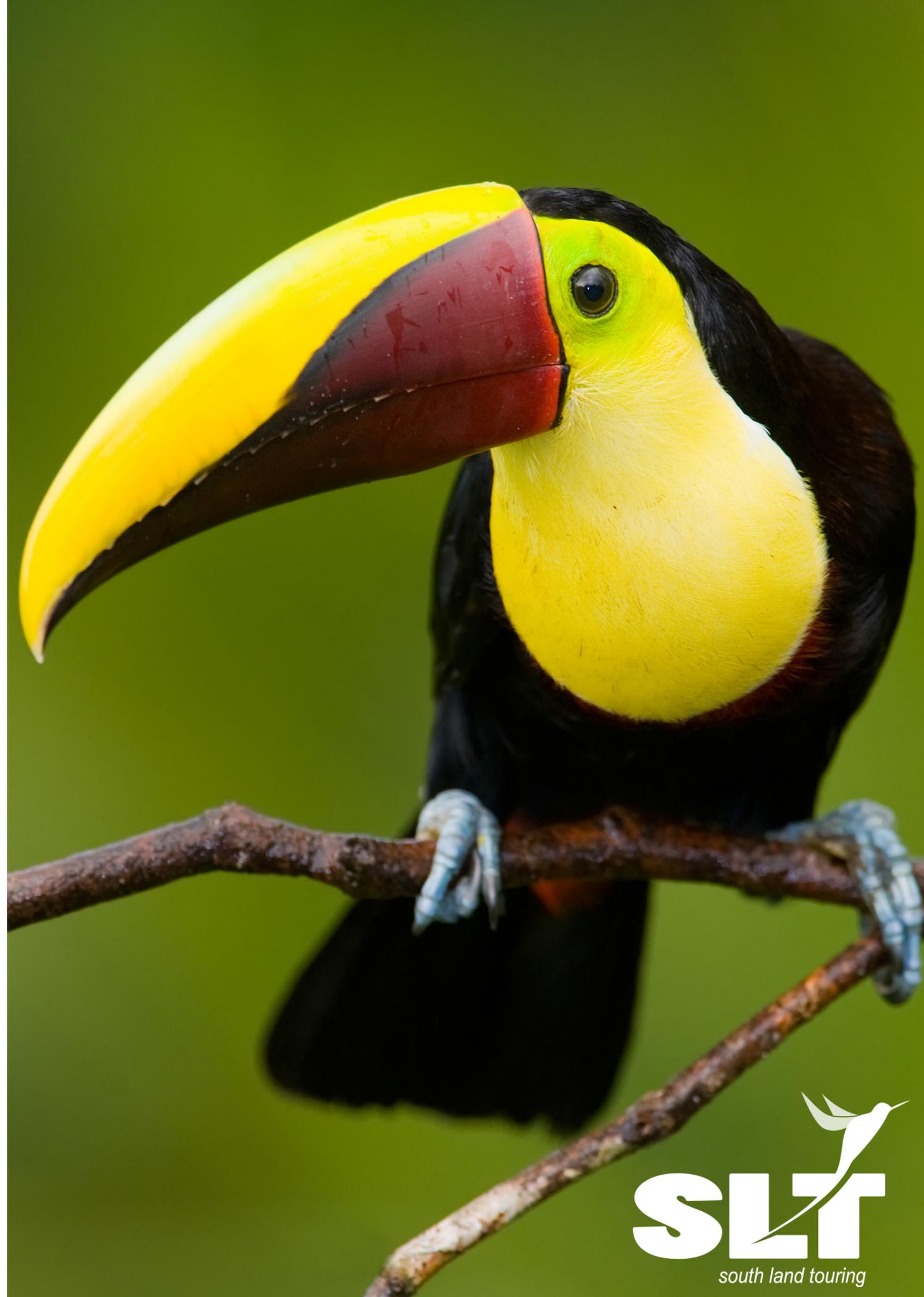
Daily.

Service: Private / Shared.

Minimum: 1 Person.

This is one of the most diverse areas in the world, it has an important influence from the Choco region, and it make it one of the best places on earth for bird watching, also has a huge variety of insects some of the most outstanding are the very colorful butterflies.

To enjoy Mindo you don't need to be a bird lover, in the area it is much more than just the colorful and amazing birds, there are very interesting trails ideal for hikers and nature lovers, and if you want some adrenalin you can always have some adventure as the zip line and white water rafting tours. We can offer the cloud forest experience from one full day trip to many days, depending on the interest of our tour participants.





southland.touring.ec



[@southlandtour](https://twitter.com/southlandtour)



[/SouthLandTouringEcuadorCuenca](https://plus.google.com/SouthLandTouringEcuadorCuenca)



[@southlandtouring](https://www.instagram.com/southlandtouring)