



# Ecuador Jungle Adventure

10 Days 9 nights

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Quito

Assistance and transfer from the airport to hotel in Quito  
Overnight at selected hotel with breakfast

### Day 2 Quito-The Central Highlands.

AM: Quito Modern and Colonial

This three hour sightseeing excursion offers the best of Quito with its rich cultural legacy, ornate facades, and dazzling gilt altars. Visit the Independence Square, The Archbishop's palace, The Metropolitan Cathedral as well as other very representative samples of colonial art and architecture. At the end, drive to the hill of Panecillo for a panoramic view of the city.

PM: The Equatorial Complex

Visit the famous Equatorial Monument, where you will have the chance to visit a colonial model village located just at the Equatorial Line, marked by geographers as latitude 000°00". A visit to the museum could be included, this museum featuring Ecuador's ethnic groups from Galapagos to the Amazon. You will have the opportunity to stand-up at two hemispheres at the same time.

Overnight at selected hotel with breakfast  
Meals included: Breakfast.

### Day 3 The Northern Highlands.

An early start, to travel north of Quito to the province of Imbabura, a magical land of lakes. Just before arriving to the famous Otavalo market.

The Otavalo Indian market, dates back to the pre-Inca times and is famous for its textiles woven on back-strap and shuttle looms. The market is piled high with ponchos, hand made textiles, hats, indian jewellery, and various handicrafts. Will have time to wonder around the market. Lunch will be served at one of the Hosterias of the area. Afternoon if time permits visit to Cotacachi an artisans centre known for its leather goods.

Overnight at selected hotel with breakfast in Quito  
Meals included: Breakfast and lunch .

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### Day 4

#### The Central Highlands and its National Parks

Drive south of Quito to the Cotopaxi or Antisana National Park, an ecological sanctuary with special attractions for nature lovers. We can observe the treeless vegetation of the Andean meadows or “paramo”, its bird life includes the Andean gull, ducks, several species of hummingbirds and if lucky, the Andean condor. The excursion is scheduled in a private reserve, type of walking will be light

Over a rather flat terrain. Lunch will be served at a local Restaurant.

Overnight at selected hotel including breakfast in Quito

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch.

### Day 5

#### Quito-The Amazon Rainforrest ( Misahuallí)

Overland, along a scenic stretch of road which takes us out of the majestic Andes highlands and down into the jungle. During this 5½ -hour trip there are several opportunities to stop for photographs, overlooking lush green valleys and sparkling waterfalls. An optional stop along the way is at Papallacta, a small mountain village famous for its natural hot springs, to enjoy a swim and lunch before continuing our journey.

Overnight at La Casa del Suizo including (Lunch and dinner).

### DAY 6 - 7

#### At La Casa del Suizo Accommodations

The 75 modern rooms provide full electricity, hot water and ceiling fans to make your stay with us more comfortable. Each room has its own terrace as well, with an exquisite view that may be peacefully absorbed from a comfortable hammock. With a magnificent panorama of the Napo River, our guests may also enjoy our swimming pool, outdoor dining area and pool bar, which offers an array of delicious tropical drinks. The hotel's dining rooms offer a wide variety of both Ecuadorian and international dishes, and our buffets cater to vegetarians.

#### Activities

All excursions at La Casa del Suizo will be led by both a bilingual naturalist as well as a native guide with expert knowledge of the rainforest's medicinal and other useful plants. A typical day begins after an early breakfast, and there are a variety of trails and activities to choose from: Walks may range from full day hikes through primary rainforest to short, easy walks along river islands, depending on each group's interests and physical abilities. Most outings begin with a short canoe ride along the Napo River or one of its many tributaries,

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during which it is possible to observe a variety of shore birds on the way to our trails. Once in the forest, where giant trees and tangled vines tower above, the guides will point out important aspects of the vegetation while on the lookout for tropical birds and other jungle creatures... Stay alert and you may find some yourself!.

#### DAY 8

##### The Amazon Rainforrest-Quito

Departure mid-morning from La Casa del Suizo to travel back to Quito and international connection.



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