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SHARED EXPERIENCES

HIGHLIGHTS

Baños de Agua Santa
At the foothills of Tungurahua Volcano
The adventure capital of Ecuador, Route of the Waterfalls, Gateway to the Amazon.
Quito
Best-preserved Historic Center in the Americas
Iconic churches such as the Basilica del Voto Nacional
Panoramic views from El Panecillo
UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site.
Middle of the World
Classic photo in both hemispheres
Fun experiments related to gravity and magnetism.
Otavalo
Home to the most famous indigenous market in South America
Living Kichwa culture.
Mindo
In the heart of the Andean Chocó
A biodiversity paradise
Butterfly gardens and waterfalls.
Cotopaxi
One of the highest active volcanoes in the world
Quilotoa
Turquoise volcanic lagoon inside the Quilotoa crater
One of the most breathtaking views in the country.

Summary

Sunday:

Airport - Hotel transfer

Monday:

Full Day: Baños

Tuesday:

City Tour + Middle of the World

Wednesday:

Full Day: Otavalo

Thursday:

Full Day: Mindo

Friday:

Full Day: Quilotoa

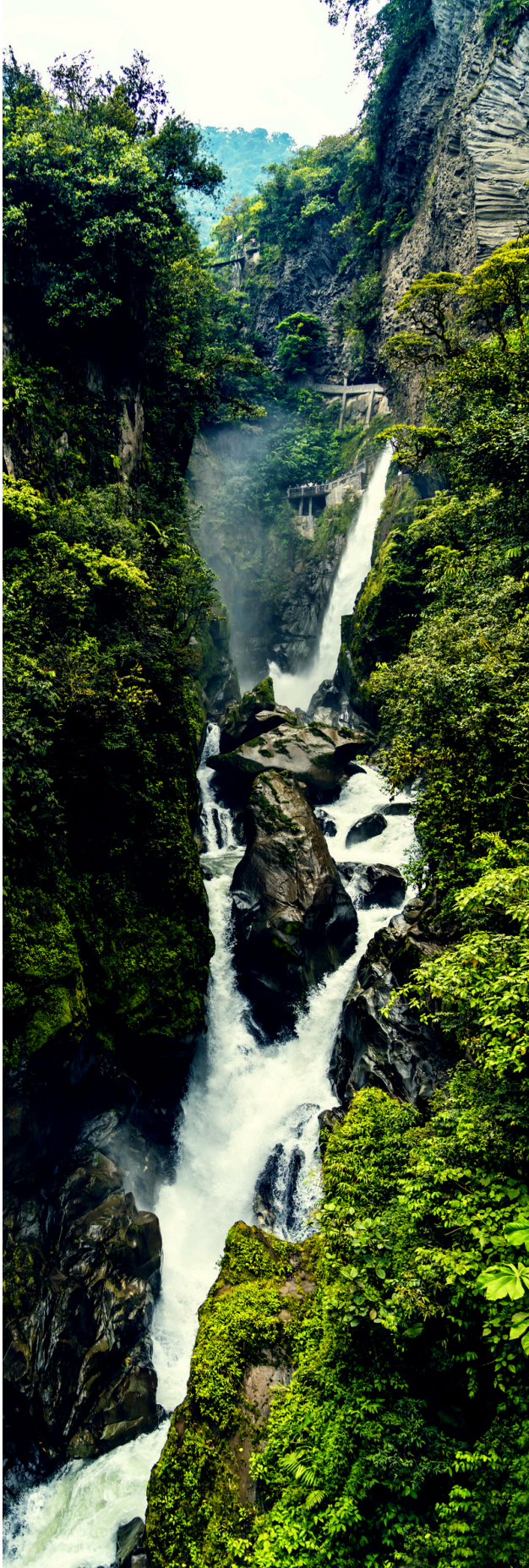
Saturday:

Full Day: Cotopaxi

Sunday:

Hotel - Airport transfer





Itinerary

DAY 1 - (-/-/-)

Airport - Hotel Transfer

Welcome to Quito!

An Ocean Pacific Travel representative will meet you and transfer you to your hotel.

DAY 2 - (B/-/-)

FULL DAY: BAÑOS TRIP (SHARED SERVICE)

We will confirm your pick-up time.

Description:

Known as the adventure capital of Ecuador, Baños is a charming town surrounded by numerous waterfalls, such as the famous Pailón del Diablo. In addition, this area features remarkable viewpoints like the Tree House and its iconic swing. Travelers can also enjoy extreme sports and optional activities in this destination.

We will leave Quito early in the morning and take the Panamerican Highway heading south. A short stop is included at the beginning of the trip to buy some food (not included), use the restrooms, or withdraw cash from an ATM. On the way to Baños, we will travel along the Avenue of the Volcanoes. If the weather is clear, you may be lucky enough to see the Cotopaxi Volcano, a photo stop is included!. Upon arrival in Baños, we will visit the following sites:

First stop: Waterfall Route + Cable Car (Tarabita). Have the best experience in Baños by crossing the Pastaza River on a tarabita. Enjoy breathtaking panoramic views and take photos of the lush jungle landscape, waterfalls, and mountains. (Entrance included)

Second stop: Pailón del Diablo Waterfall. Visit this stunning waterfall and enjoy the roaring sound of the rushing water and the unique scenery of the area. (Entrance included)

Third stop: Swing at the End of the World. At the top of the mountain, a small treehouse offers one of the best views of the Tungurahua Volcano. Ride the famous swing for an unforgettable experience. (Entrance included)

Fourth stop: Optional adventure activities. You'll have free time to enjoy extreme sports like zip-lining, the Tibetan bridge, giant swing, and many more. (Extra activities not included)

Fifth stop: Short visit to the town of Baños. (Lunch not included)

Enjoy a comfortable return to Quito.

DAY 3 - (B/-/-)

Double Decker Bus (SHARED SERVICE)

Transfer from hotel to La Carolina

Boarding: 09:00 AM

Hop On - Hop Off system

Board the bus at the United Nations Boulevard - Quito Tour Bus stop to start the city tour.

Get a glimpse of Quito in just one day. With our double-decker bus tour option, you can visit the city's main attractions while traveling through the largest and best-preserved historic center in Latin America.





Be amazed by the richness of its culture and the Hispanic-Ecuadorian legacy reflected in its architecture.

The City Tour takes place aboard the city's double-decker bus, the Quito Tour Bus. Explore the city in a safe and fun way. This tour also includes a thirty-minute stop at the top of El Panecillo.

First Landmark: La Carolina. As you begin the tour, take in the greenery of La Carolina Park.

Second Landmark: In this traditional neighborhood, we find the Artisan Market very close to El Ejido Park and the House of Culture on the busy Colón Street.

Third Landmark: Basilica of the National Vow. Enjoy a 5-minute stop next to García Moreno Park and take the best photos of the basilica from this angle.

Fourth Landmark: García Moreno Street, Benalcázar Street, San Francisco Square and Church, Santa Clara Square and Church.

Viewpoint Landmark: El Panecillo Hilltop. Visit this iconic site and its monument, the Virgin of El Panecillo. Take in incredible and unique views from the viewpoints overlooking the historic center and southern Quito. Enjoy the landscape and admire the inter-Andean valley of Quito. A 30-minute stop at this location is included in the tour.

Enjoy your return to the starting point.

MIDDLE OF THE WORLD (SHARED SERVICE)

Boarding: from 2:00 PM

Drop-off: between 6:30 PM and 6:45 PM

We'll pick you up at Unidas Boulevard, the main stop of the Quito Tour Bus.

First Landmark: Intiñan Museum: Explore ancestral cultures and be amazed by experiments that only work on the equator line. Here, science meets fun!

Second Landmark: Middle of the World: Discover the famous equatorial line, where you can stand in two hemispheres at once. Take a picture at this must-see site and feel the magic of being at the center of the Earth.

Enjoy a comfortable return to the city. Drop-off is at Unidas Boulevard. Return to the hotel.

DAY 4 - (B/-/-)

FULL DAY: OTAVALO (SHARED SERVICE)

We will confirm your pick-up time

Visit the main tourist attractions in the warm and kindness province of Imbabura, where you can visit the largest indigenous market in Latin America in Otavalo. Get ready for a full day of cultural travel. Awesome landscapes, lagoons and local people will accompany you during this day tour.

We will leave Quito early in the morning and take the Panamerican Highway heading north.

Enjoy the north side of the Avenue of the Volcanoes. If you are lucky, and it is clear, you will have the opportunity to observe the greenery of the Taita Imbabura volcano and the glacier of the Cayambe volcano. During this trip, the following stops will be included:

First stop: Local bizcocho bakery in Cayambe. Our first stop will be in Cayambe, where we will visit a local family who prepares and serves delicious bizcochos.





Here, we will discover the recipe for this snack accompanied by a delicious and traditional soft white cheese wrapped in leave (leaf cheese) and caramelized milk (lunch not included).

Second stop: San Pablo Lake viewpoint. Relax with the calm landscape while you have privileged views of the Taita Imbabura volcano. Here we have time to take several pictures.

Third stop: Peguche waterfall. Near Otavalo, is located the sacred place of Peguche, a small village of Otavalo artists. Once there, we will hike to the waterfall. Afterwards, we will walk along the commercial street of artisans. Don't forget to take pictures of the colorful murals of the site (entrance fee included).

Fourth stop: Ñanda Mañachi cultural center. Visit the artists of Ñanda Mañachi. Discover more about the people of Otavalo and their most used musical instruments (entrance fee included).

Fifth stop: The indigenous market of Otavalo. You will be able to see and buy Ecuadorian handicrafts exhibited in this market. It's Includes free time to walk around. Take the opportunity to enjoy traditional Ecuadorian food (lunch not included).

Enjoy your comfortable return to Quito.

DAY 5 - (B/-/-)

FULL DAY: MINDO (SHARED SERVICE)

We will confirm your pick-up time

Visit the impressive cloud forest of Mindo. This beautiful area is located in the heart of the South Andean-Chocó region. You'll experience natural landscapes and enjoy amazing activities surrounded by nature.

We will depart from Quito early in the morning and take the northwestern road. We'll stop in Nanegalito to grab something to eat local fruits are highly recommended! (Food not included).

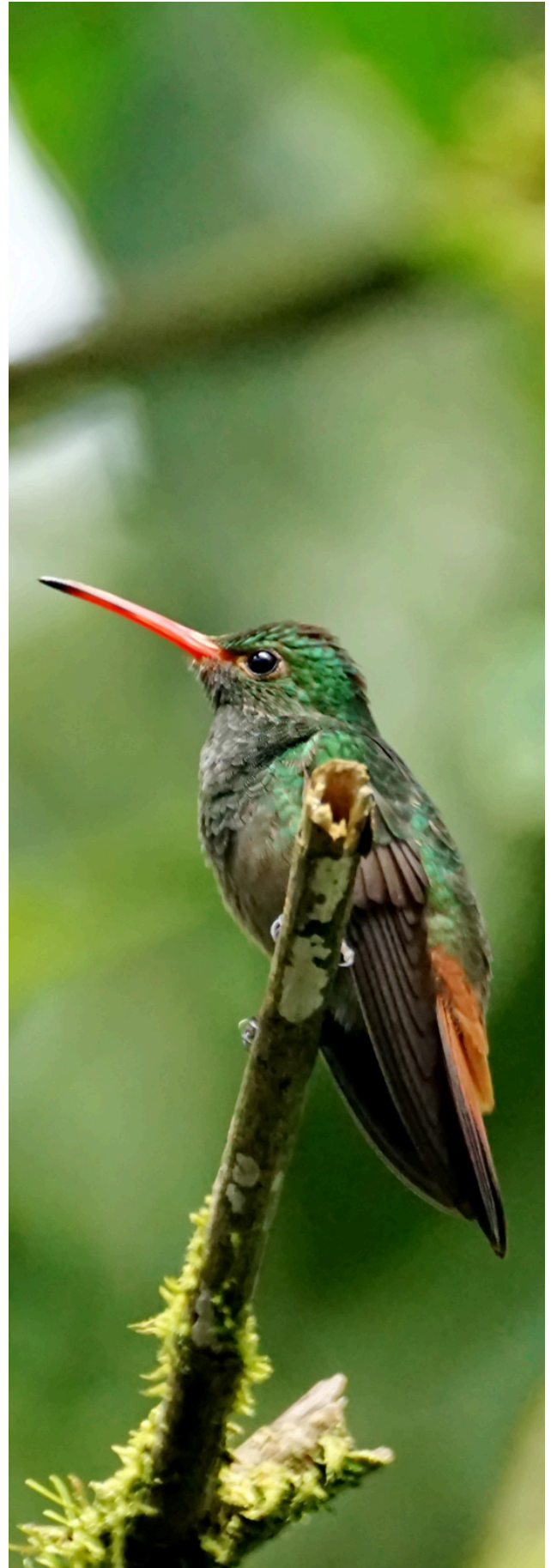
Get ready for a day that includes hiking and birdwatching. During this trip, we will visit the following places:

First stop: Alambi Hummingbird Reserve. On our way to Mindo, we'll stop at a hidden garden nestled in the green landscapes of the cloud forest. Here, we'll enjoy birdwatching and the beauty of the natural surroundings. Entrance fee: \$6.00 (not included).

Second stop: Butterfly Sanctuary. Once in Mindo, you'll learn about the different butterfly species found in this diverse region of Ecuador. You'll also have the chance to take photos of them. Entrance fee: \$8.00 (not included).

Third stop: Mindo-Nambillo Waterfall. First, enjoy an impressive view of the cloud forest from a tarabita (cable car). After this short ride, we'll hike along a trail leading to the waterfall. Take in the walk through dense forest. (included)

Fourth stop: Mindo Local Chocolate Factory. Visit a local Ecuadorian chocolate factory where you'll learn about the importance of cacao, its production process, and enjoy a tasting of high-quality chocolate.





Discover flavor combinations and learn about chocolate percentages. (Short tasting included)

In the middle of this itinerary, you'll enjoy a local lunch. We recommend trying the fried trout, the traditional dish of the region. (Lunch not included)

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DAY 6 - (B/-/-)

FULL DAY: COTOPAXI (SHARED SERVICE)

We will confirm your pick-up time

Just outside Quito lies Ecuador's second-highest volcano: Cotopaxi, standing at 5,897 meters (19,347 ft) above sea level—and still active today. On this full-day tour, you'll explore this protected area and hike up to the first refuge at 4,864 meters (15,953 ft).

We'll leave Quito early in the morning and head south along the Pan-American Highway.

We'll make a short stop along the way so you can grab a snack (not included), use the restrooms, or withdraw cash from an ATM.

Next, we'll enter Cotopaxi National Park, where all passengers must register to access the protected area. Once inside, the tour includes the following stops:

First Stop: Limpiopungo Lagoon. From this spot, you'll observe various bird species, native Andean plants, and surrounding volcanoes that form part of the park's majestic scenery.

Second Stop: Mariscal Sucre Interpretation Center. This exhibition features photos and essential information for those who want to learn more about Cotopaxi Volcano and the local ecosystem.



Third Stop: Cotopaxi Base Camp. The hike begins at the parking lot and leads up to the José Rivas Refuge, located at 4,864 meters above sea level. The trail is steep and takes about an hour on foot. Take your time and enjoy the stunning high-altitude landscape with your guide.

Lunch stop near Cotopaxi: Enjoy a delicious local lunch. We recommend trying the traditional locro de papa (potato soup) or caldo de gallina (hen soup) to warm up. (Lunch not included)

Hotel drop-off: Overnight accommodation near Cotopaxi National Park.

DAY 7 - (B/-/-)

FULL DAY: QUILOTOA (SHARED SERVICE)

Pickup between 09:00 and 09:30

On this full-day tour, you will enjoy the culture and nature of the Andes mountains and their communities.

We will depart in the morning from the hotel and take the Pan- American Highway heading south. Then we'll continue toward the Ilinizas Ecological Reserve.

The trip includes the following stops:

First stop: Traditional Highland House. Here, we will learn about guinea pig farming and local agricultural practices in the highlands.

Second stop: Tigua Art Workshop. Home to renowned artists and craftsmen. This gallery offers a variety of handmade items and crafts. The paintings are hand-painted on llama leather and sheepskin.

Third stop: Toachi River Canyon Viewpoint. On our way to Quilotoa, we'll visit this stunning viewpoint to take in breathtaking Andean landscapes.

Fourth stop: Crater with turquoise lake. Once at the top of the Quilotoa crater, we'll go on an adventure walk down to the lagoon's shore.

There are several trail options to choose from, and the route will be selected based on the weather forecast and difficulty level.

On the way back to Quito, we'll stop for lunch in the area and to rest after the hike. (Lunch not included).

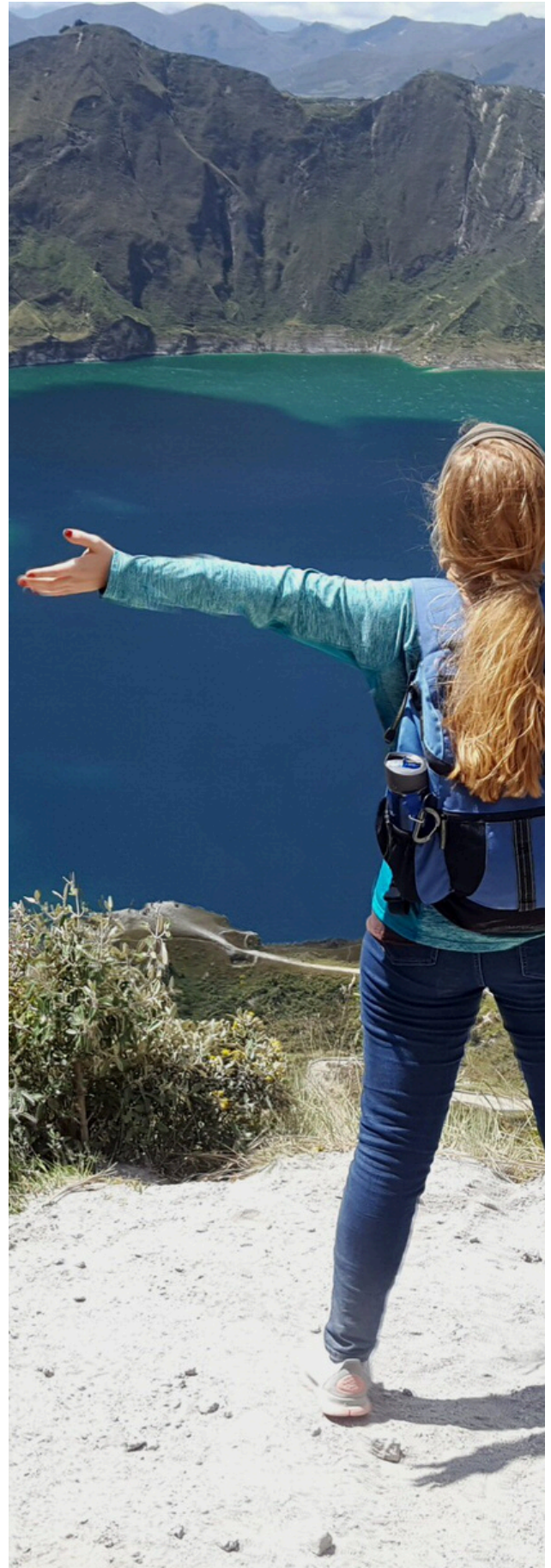
Enjoy a comfortable return to Quito.

DAY 8 - (B/-/-)

HOTEL - AIRPORT TRANSFER

An Ocean Pacific Travel representative will pick you up at the hotel and transfer you to the airport.

We wish you a pleasant journey home.



INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

INCLUDED

- Meals (6 buffet breakfasts + 1 American breakfast)
- 7 nights of accommodation in a standard double room
 - Quito:
 - 4* Hotel Río Amazonas or similar
 - Cotopaxi:
 - Chuquiragua Lodge or similar
- Entrance fees as detailed in the itinerary
- Shared ground transportation
- Certified bilingual national tour guide

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic airfare
- Anything not specified in the itinerary
- Meals not mentioned
- Personal expenses

RATES IN USD PER PERSON (STANDARD DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

	1 person	From 2 persons
ADULTS	\$997.00	\$826.00
CHILDREN (UP TO 12 YEARS OLD)	N/A	\$751.00

NOTES

- This excursion includes walking at altitudes above 2,800 meters and climbing stairs
- Church visits on Sundays are not permitted
- Altitude range: 1,100 to 4,864 meters
- Average daytime temperature: 0°C to 25°C (32°F to 77°F)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Dress in layers (t-shirt, blouse, sweater, jacket)
- Wear synthetic clothing for quick drying
- Bring warm clothing for high-altitude such as jackets and sweaters
- Comfortable and sturdy footwear, especially for hiking or outdoor activities
- Rain protection is recommended for the afternoon
- Sun protection
- Good walking shoes
- Opportunities to purchase souvenirs and local handicrafts
- Camera
- Sunglasses
- Ecuador uses Type A and B plugs, so a universal adapter is recommended for charging electronic devices

SELECTED HOTELS OR SIMILAR:

QUITO:

- 4* Hotel Río Amazonas or similar



- CHUQUIRAGUA LODGE OR SIMILAR

