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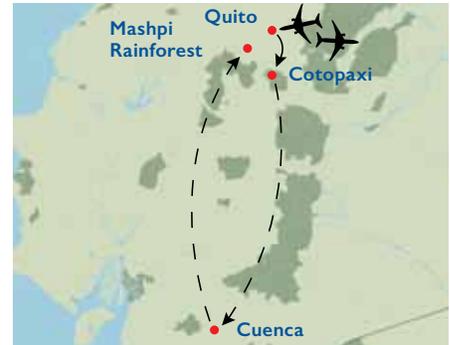
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ECUADOR: AVENUE OF THE VOLCANOES

SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY
8 DAYS & 7 NIGHTS QUITO, AVENUE OF THE VOLCANOES, HACIENDA SAN AGUSTIN DE CALLO, CUENCA & THE ECUADORIAN CLOUD FOREST

Discover the wonders of Ecuador, from the Avenue of the Volcanoes to the cloud forest. Begin in colonial Quito and then travel to a hacienda near Cotopaxi National Park. Ride horses and hike through the spectacular terrain before heading to the city of Cuenca for a cruise along the Tomebamba River. Trace the legacy of the Inca Empire at the atmospheric ruins of Ingapirca. Then delve into the jungle in the Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve.



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Ride on horseback and hike through the foothills of the Cotopaxi volcano

Explore colonial Quito, including La Compañía church and expansive Independence Square

Discover the breathtaking landscapes of the majestic Ecuadorian Andes

Visit indigenous textile and food markets for some local flavor

Delve into the past at Ingapirca, the largest Inca ruins in Ecuador

Spend two full days immersed in the biodiverse jungle of the Ecuadorian cloud forest

COX & KINGS RECOMMENDS

Spend the day with the Saraguro people in the Ecuadorian highlands

Enjoy a closed-door food sampling and wine pairing with a local chef in Quito

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

Napo Wildlife Center, Amazon Mindo Cloud Forest • The Galapagos

Departure Date:

Through March 2018

Note: Prices listed are per person, based on double-occupancy
 *Internal Airfare is from \$300 per person

Price From:
 *Two People

\$8,175

Price From:
 **Four People

\$7,280

Day 1: Arrive Quito

Upon arrival in Quito, you will be welcomed and accompanied to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours at leisure to begin your exploration of the city or just relax and enjoy the amenities of your hotel. **Casa Gangotena – 1 night**

Day 2: To Cotopaxi

This morning, stroll with your guide down charming La Ronda Street, the oldest street in the city. Discover the baroque architecture of La Compañía church and expansive Independence Square. After a stop at the site of the signing of Ecuador's declaration of independence, savor lunch at a local restaurant. Then travel via the scenic Avenue of the Volcanoes to historic Hacienda San Agustín de Callo, which was built on the site of an Inca palace in 1480. **Hacienda San Agustín de Callo – 2 nights (B, L, D)**

Day 3: Cotopaxi National Park

Enjoy a day of outdoor activities in this

wonderfully scenic area. Hike or ride on horseback along the trails in the wild lands of the national park. Then savor a picnic lunch in the foothills of the Cotopaxi volcano, the highest active volcano in the world. If you like, visit one of the colorful local markets. **(B, L, D)**

Day 4: To Cuenca

Return to Quito for your flight to the university city of Cuenca. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of the lovely old section of the city where you'll see the 19th-century blue-domed cathedral, gracious mansions with wrought-iron balconies, art galleries, handicraft markets and flower stalls. Then board a boat for a relaxing cruise along the Tomebamba River to see the ancient houses of the city perched along the banks of the river. **Mansion Alcazar – 2 nights (B, L)**

Day 5: Cuenca

Head out of town to explore the ruins at Ingapirca, the largest known Inca site in Ecuador. On the way, marvel at the



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Cabo San Juan, Tayrona National Park

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verdant valley landscapes and stop in several charming villages. After exploring the grand Temple of the Sun and soaking up the atmosphere at this historic site, savor a traditional lunch at a local farm. Return to Cuenca this afternoon. **(B, L)**

Day 6: To Mashpi Rainforest

This morning you will be escorted to the airport for your short flight back to Quito. Descend by road from Quito toward the Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve and stop to learn about hummingbirds before reaching your lodge. After lunch, begin your exploration of the forest with your expert naturalist guides. **Mashpi Lodge – 2 nights (B, D)**

Day 7: Mashpi Lodge

The Mashpi Lodge offers a wide range of activities that you can customize based on

your interest. Take an early-morning hike to see the forest waking up, and attempt to spot the many endemic birds. Spend some time on the walking trails around the lodge. Hike to a waterfall, watch tropical birds perform courtship dances, learn about medicinal plants, climb to the top of the observation tower and explore the forest at night. **(B, L, D)**

Day 8: Depart Mashpi Lodge

After an early morning exploration, enjoy breakfast at the lodge. On your way to the airport, stop at the intriguing archaeological site of Tulipe. **(B)**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the itinerary **(B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner)**
- All transfers and transportation
- Sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional local guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International air travel
- Airport departure taxes
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage fees
- Personal items and alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service



Rosario Islands

¹ Price per person in US dollars based double occupancy and subject to availability. ^{*}Price per person in US dollars based on two people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. ^{**}Price per person in US dollars based on four people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. Single Supplements and Solo Traveler rates are available upon request. [†]Internal Air prices are based on economy class and are subject to change until paid in full. Further restrictions may apply. Please contact your Travel Professional or Cox & Kings for more details or visit coxandkingsusa.com. CST - 2105853-50