

ECUAGENERA TOURS

Enjoy some memorable days in
Our country



Ecuador is located on the equator, has perhaps the highest number of species of plants and animals in the world. Galápagos is already a world full of miracles. From the coast with its beautiful beaches, which invite you to a beach holiday, it goes up to 4000m high into the Andes. Crossing it, you will reach the Amazon Basin, full of plants and animals, waiting for your discovery. In addition to approximately 1600 species of birds, countless colorful insects and 4,200 orchid species that have been described in Ecuador. 16 ethnic groups enrich the trip with an incredible cultural diversity.



Especially designed for Orchid Lovers to see Native Ecuadorian Species... more flora and fauna and live its culture.

ADVENTURE THROUGH THE ANDES

29 Oct: Arrival in Guayaquil and transport to the hotel.

30 Oct: GUAYAQUIL - GUALACEO: We will drive through the Cajas National Park across the Andes. Before the mountains rise, you can taste the most delicious fresh fruit on the roadside. Afterwards it goes up to Tres Cruces at about

4,000m altitude. It is a fascinating ride, the ever-changing vegetation. By the way, there are also a lot of orchids that grow hidden along the road: Epidendrum, Oncidium, Stelis and Masdevallia are easily accessible and discover at your locations, We will spend the night in Gualaceo.





Ecuador is among the highest of any country in the world by its extreme diversity of habitats and microclimate. Being it the home of different Orchid Species which grow from the lowlands to the highlands, grouped into 240 different genera.

Around the Andes and its wonderful Ecosystem diversity.

31 Oct: GUALACEO OPEN HOUSE: Today we stay at our nursery, with thousands of different orchids. It is probably the largest collection of Andean orchids in the world. Here you can see our program for preserving the orchids with your own eyes. After lunch, continue to Chordeleg, the Ecuadorian city of silver. In many shops you can admire the art of craftsmanship, and buy cheap souvenirs for those who

are at home or for themselves. We will spend the night in Gualaceo.

01 Nov: We will visit the Ecological reserve of Uchucaj at 300 meters, many interesting orchids grow in this area. Fernandezia, Telipogon, Odontoglossum. We will spend the night in Gualaceo.

02 Nov GUALACEO - EL PANGUI: Breakfast. We will be heading to the

southwest (Amazon side) to look for Phragmipedium besseae. Box Lunch. This is a rich area in orchids to see species like Telipogon, Epidendrum, Sobralia, Oncidium, Prostechea, Maxillaria, etc. Dinner. We will spend the night in a small town, El Pangui.





Perfect getaway for nature lovers.

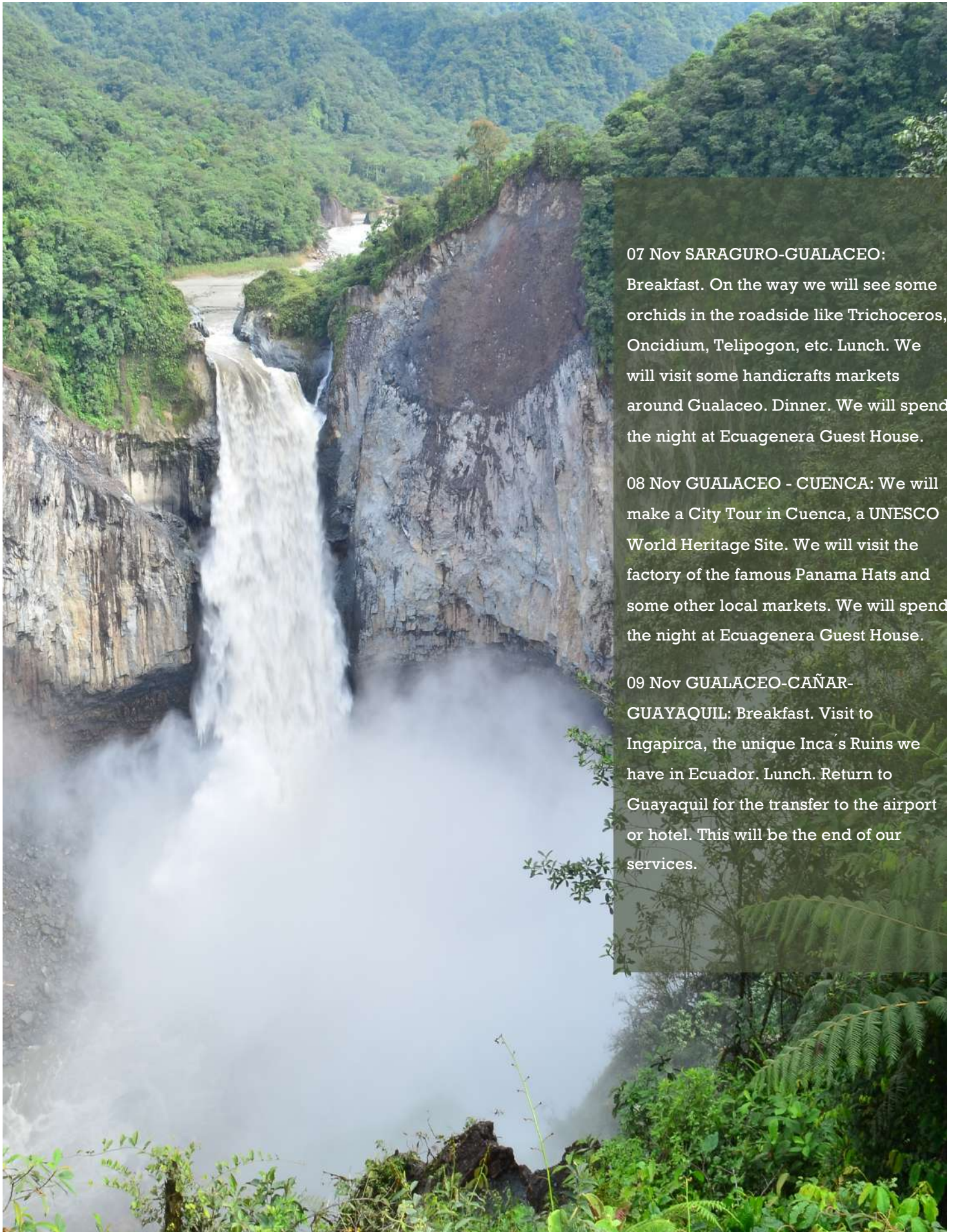


03 Nov EL PANGUI - ZAMORA: Breakfast. We will visit Ecuagenera greenhouses situate at 900m above sea level for warm-intermediate orchids. Lunch. On the way to Zamora, we will see orchids as Rodriguezia, Epidendrum, Masdevallia and more. Dinner. We will spend the night in Zamora.

04 Nov ZAMORA - CATAMAYO: Breakfast. We will leave the Amazon side to go back to the Andes, on the way we will find different types of orchids on the road like Masdevallia, Sobralia, Eriopsis, Maxillaria, Prostechea, etc. Lunch. Dinner. We will spend the night in Catamayo.

05 Nov CATAMAYO SOZORANGA CATAMAYO: We will be looking for Cattleya maxima, it's the perfect habitat to find many variations of maxima, we will visit the dry forest plus other interesting flowers.

06 Nov CATAMAYO-LOJA-SARAGURO: We will take the old road and on the way we will see Fernandezia, Telipogon, Cyrtochillum Ocidium,, Epidendrum, and will live the traditions of Saraguros ethnic group. Dinner. We will spend the night in Saraguro.



07 Nov SARAGURO-GUALACEO:
 Breakfast. On the way we will see some orchids in the roadside like Trichoceros, Oncidium, Telipogon, etc. Lunch. We will visit some handicrafts markets around Gualaceo. Dinner. We will spend the night at Ecuagenera Guest House.

08 Nov GUALACEO - CUENCA: We will make a City Tour in Cuenca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will visit the factory of the famous Panama Hats and some other local markets. We will spend the night at Ecuagenera Guest House.

09 Nov GUALACEO-CAÑAR-GUAYAQUIL: Breakfast. Visit to Ingapirca, the unique Inca's Ruins we have in Ecuador. Lunch. Return to Guayaquil for the transfer to the airport or hotel. This will be the end of our services.



RECOMMENDATIONS

- All countries (except Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Eritrea, Ethiopia, China, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia) **do not require a VISA**. A passport with at least 6 months validity is required.



- The local currency is USD and you will find Currency Exchange points at the airports. We recommend you travel with cash and credit card. Traveler`s checks are not accepted.
- In order to avoid inconvenience during the trip we suggest you bring: waterproof walking shoes or **rubber boots**, rain coats, mosquito repellent and sunscreen, as well as basic medication for general problems such as altitude sickness and stomachache. Bring your personal medication; it could be difficult to find the same here.

Price in USD:

Double Room: \$1650

Single Room: \$1900

INCLUDES:

Transfer Airport-Hotel-Airport, Hotel, Food, Beverages, Guide.

NOT INCLUDES:

Alcoholic Drinks, Extras not specified here or tips.

The itinerary is subject to change, due to operational or climatic reasons. The itinerary may vary.

- We recommend you to be prepare for the variation of climate. We are going to experience the chill of high altitudes and warmth and humidity of Amazon. Weather in our country is unpredictable; it could be sunny and 5 min later rainy.

- According to the regulations of the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador, **is not allowed to collect or extract seeds, plants, or any biological resource from nature**. We are going to experience the chill of high altitudes and warmth and humidity of Amazon. Weather in our country is unpredictable; it could be sunny and 5 min later rainy.

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