

Orchid Lovers

Ecuagenera Tours

Ecuador is located on the equator and 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 colourful insects and 4,200 orchid species have been described in Ecuador. 16 ethnic groups enrich the trip with an incredible cultural diversity.



ADVENTURE THROUGH THE ANDES

Especially
designed for
Orchid
Lovers to see
Native
Ecuadorian
Species...

Day 1: Jan 6th: Arrival in Guayaquil and transfer to Ecuagenera Guest house in Guayaquil.

Day 2 - Jan 7th:
GUAYAQUIL-BANOS: We will visit the Guayaquil nursery, where we will find hundreds of species from all over the world. After lunch we will go to Banos. We will stay at Hotel Mirador Ojos del Volcan.

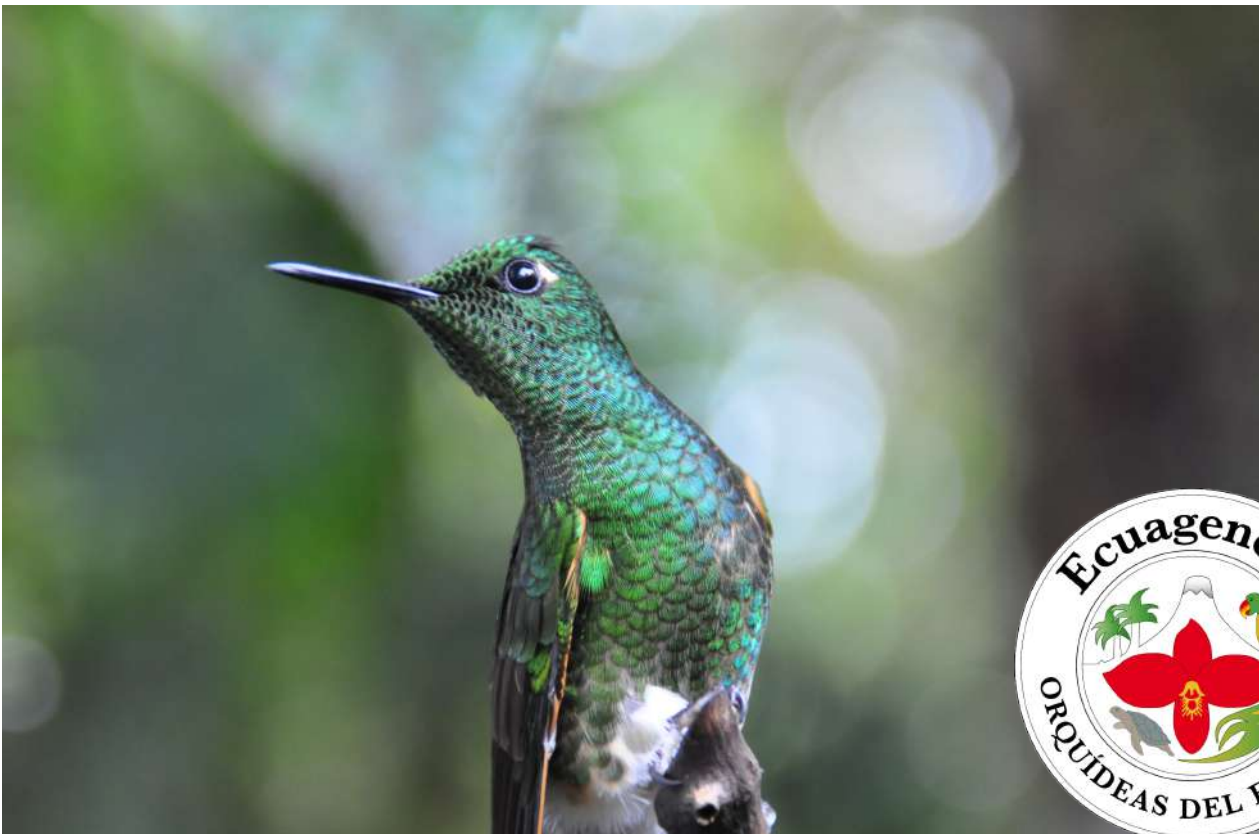
Day - 3 Jan 8th: BANOS: After breakfast we will visit around Banos. We

will stay at Hotel Mirador Ojos del Volcan.

Day 4 - Jan 9th: BAÑOS: Today we will spend the day at Baños, will make a city tour visit a nice waterfall and stay at Hotel Mirador Ojos del Volcan.

Day 5 - Jan 10th: Baños: Today we will spend the day at Baños, looking for some orchids around this place, will stay at Hotel Mirador Ojos del Volcan.

Day 6 - Jan 11th . After breakfast we will go from Baños to Puyo. On the way





we will have the chance to enjoy of Wonderful orchids in situ. Will spend the night in Puyo.

Day 7 – Jan 12th. We will travel to the Puyo, and we will go to Mera to visit the habitat of Puyo *Phargmipedium pearcei* where we will also observe other varieties of orchids such as; *Pleurothallis*, *Camaridiums*, *Maxillarias*, *Epidendrums*, *Sobralias*, etc. we will spend the night at the Don Elias inn in Puyo.

Day 8- Jan 13th. Puyo - Mendez. This day we will go to Mendez, we will pass through the city of Macas where we will visit the banks of the Upano River to observe a great variety of orchids including *Vanilla pompona* and *Vanilla odorata*. We will spend the night at the Hosteria Estacion del Sol.

Day 9- Jan 14th Mendez – El Pangui: We will travel to Pangui, near the town of El Limon, before we will take an alternate route into the forest to visit the habitat of *Phragmipedium besseae*, it is a variety that grows in an intermediate-warm climate. Then

we will continue the tour to Pangui, we will always make some stops along the road to observe some orchids that grow in that place, we will spend the night at the Dozule hotel.

Day 10- Jan 15th. El Pangui: In El Pangui is located the Ecuagenera plantation where in addition to orchids, tropical plants such as Aroids, Bromeliads, Maranta among other varieties are grown, we will have the opportunity to visit the nurseries as well as the



forest area near the nurseries protected by Ecuagenera, we will spend the night at the Dozule hotel.

Day 11- Jan 16th. El Panguí Today we will take a look of El Panguí and the waterfalls that are located close to the town. We will spend the night at the Dozule hotel.

Day 12- Jan 17th. El Panguí – Zamora: This day we will travel from El Panguí to Zamora, where we will enjoy beautiful landscapes in addition to observing a



great variety of orchids such as *Dichaea*, *Epidendrums*, *Elleanthus*, *Maxillarias*, *Oncidiums*, *Pleurothallis*, *Sobralias*, among others, we will spend the night in El Arenal hotel.

Day 13- Jan 18th: Zamora - Loja The way from Zamora to Loja is a nice way to see some beautiful orchids.

Day 14- Jan 19th: Loja In Loja we will take a walk at the downtown area to enjoy of the gastronomy and the traditional Lojan coffee.

Day 15- Jan 20th: Loja – Gualaceo: We will continue the tour through the Andean region to Gualaceo, we will observe species of orchids such as *Lepanthes*, *Pleurothallis Stelis*, *Oncidiums*, *Epidendrums* among other varieties, we will spend the night in Ecuagenera guests house.

Day 16- Jan 21th. In Gualaceo there are the Ecuagenera nurseries, where a large collection of orchids is grown, many of them introduced from neighboring countries and some from other continents, we will have the opportunity to spend the whole day visiting the nurseries, we will spend the night in Ecuagenera guests house.

Day 17-Jan 22th. Gualaceo – Guayaquil: After breakfast we will go to the Guayaquil airport, we will take the route through El Cajas national park.

Ecuador is among the countries with the highest biodiversity, due to its extremely diverse habitats and microclimates. Making it the home of different Orchid Species, which grow from the lowlands to the highlands, grouped into 240 different genera.

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. Travellers 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.

- 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. The 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, **it is not allowed to collect or extract seeds, plants, or any biological resource from nature.**

Price in USD:

Single room: \$2550

Double Room: \$2210

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.

