

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

03 Dic: Arrival in Quito and transport to the hotel.

04 Dic: QUITO: We will visit the Open House and enjoy all the species that will be show there. We will have a City tour of Quito to see the important Chruches and the colonial style of the City. Declared by the UNESCO as a world heritage site (City of Quito

– 1978 = The best preserved, least altered historic Center in Latin America). The old part of the city is impressive, stunning churches with fine details fill the cobblestone streets at every turn.





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.

05 Dic: QUITO - MINDO: We will have a visit to the Equator after lunch we will continue our way to Mindo, it is a very rich area in biodiversity, on the way will see a good number of Orchids, like Masdevallia, Dracula, Epidendrum, We will also enjoy a wonderful cloud forest. We will spend the night in Mindo.

06 Dic: Mindo: We will spend the Day around Mindo Exploring very interesting habitats, looking for Dracula, Maxillaria, Cyrtochilum, Odontoglossum and many other species that grow in this area. We will spend the night at the same Hotel.

07 Dic MINDO - BAEZA: We will be heading to the Amazon basin, going up to 4000 meters through the

Andes, at this elevation we will find paramo vegetation and some terrestrial plants but as soon we will star facing to the east side, we will find a lot of diferent species of orchids like Cyrtochilum, Caucaea, Pleurothallis, Lepanthes, and some other species. We will spend the night in Baeza.





Perfect getaway for nature lovers.



08 Dic: BAEZA - PUYO: Starting with a short walk to the waterfall we will see some wonderful species that grow in this area. We will pass by a rainforest where we will be looking for *Odontoglossum*, *Maxillaria* and many species of *Epidendrum*, We will spend the night in Puyo.

09 Dic: PUYO- MENDEZ: We will be driving mostly of the time in the lowlands, looking for species of Orchids that grow in the lowlands, We will be looking for *Encyclia*, *Epidendrum*, *Erycina*, and other species that grow in this area. We will spend the night in Mendez.

10 Dic: MENDEZ – EL PANGUI: We will

be driving along the amazon basin, enjoying the different habitats that we will have on the way, We will be looking for *Phragmipedium besseae*, *reticulatum*, *Sobralia*. We will spend the night in El Panguí.

11 Dic: EL PANGUI: We will visit the nursery in the morning and after lunch we will visit the habitats of orchids around Panguí.

12 Dic: EL PANGUI – CATAMAYO:

Leaving the Amazon basin to go back to the Andes, we will find many different kind of orchids, *Cyrtorchilum*, *Masdevallia*, *Lepanthes*, *Eriopsis*, *Epidendrum*, are some of the genus that we will be looking today.



13 Dic: 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.

14 Dic: CATAMAYO - GUALACEO:
 Breakfast. On the way we will see some orchids in the roadside like *Trichoceros*, *Oncidium*, *Telipogon*, etc. We will visit some handicrafts markets around Saraguro. We will spend the night in Gualaceo.

15 Dic: GUALACEO NURSERY: 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 souvenirs for those who are at home or for themselves. We will spend the night in Gualaceo.

16 Dic: GUALAECO- GUAYAQUIL: We will be heading up to 4200 meters passing by the National Park El Cajas, we will find some very nice Paramo vegetation at this altitude, We will spend the night in Guayaquil.

17 Dic: GUAYAQUIL NURSERY: We will visit the nursery in Guayaquil and flight back Home.



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: \$1900

Single Room: \$2200

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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