



## Amazon & Andes Tour - 7 Days (#20089)

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### Overview

This 7-day tour combines the best of Ecuador's central highlands and Amazon rainforest. Explore the colonial charm of Quito, visit the indigenous market in Otavalo, relax in the hot springs of Papallacta, and immerse yourself in the Amazon for a full immersion in the region's biodiversity and culture. The tour includes visits to local communities, scenic hikes, and wildlife encounters.

### Trip Highlights

Quito-Arajuno-Baños-Quito

### Detailed Itinerary

**Day 01**

**Day 1 : Arrival In Quito**



Arrive in Quito, one of the highest capital cities in the world, surrounded by the Andean mountains. After meeting your guide, transfer to your hotel and enjoy a welcome briefing. Explore Quito's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its well-preserved colonial architecture, plazas, and churches. Take a short walking tour to learn about the city's rich history.

**Meal:** No Meal

**Day 02****Day 2 : Quito Historical Center And Equator Line**

Begin your day with a guided tour of Quito's historic centre, visiting important landmarks such as the Cathedral, La Compañía Church, and San Francisco Convent. Learn about the city's artistic and cultural heritage as you explore the colonial streets. In the afternoon, travel to the Middle of the World Monument, located at 0° 0'0" latitude. Stand on both hemispheres and visit the Intiñan Museum to understand the scientific and cultural significance of the equator

**Day 03****Day 3 : Otavalo And Lake Cuicocha**

Head to Otavalo, known for its vibrant indigenous market. Browse a variety of handmade textiles, jewelry, and pottery while interacting with local artisans. Continue to Cuicocha, a crater lake formed by a dormant volcano. Take a boat ride on the lake or hike its scenic trails, surrounded by breathtaking views of the Andean landscape. Return to the hotel for a relaxing evening.

**Day 04****Day 4 : Papallacta Hot Springs**

Travel to the Papallacta Hot Springs, nestled between the Andes and the Amazon basin. Enjoy a soak in the mineral-rich thermal pools surrounded by lush cloud forest and views of the towering Antisana volcano. After lunch, travel to Hakuna Matata Lodge in the Amazon region. Settle in and enjoy the lodge's amenities, including the pool and nature trails, before dinner at the on-site restaurant.



### Day 05

#### Day 5 : Amazon Cultural Experience - Hakuna Matata

Embark on a full day of exploration in the Amazon. Take a canoe trip down the Arajuno River to observe local wildlife and visit an indigenous community. Participate in traditional activities such as tasting “chicha” (a fermented drink), learning to use a blowgun, and discovering local customs. Enjoy a jungle buffet with fresh local ingredients. After lunch, visit the Jatun Sacha Reserve to observe tropical flora and fauna, then return to the lodge to relax.

### Day 06

#### Day 6 : Baños Waterfalls And Adventure

Travel to Baños, a gateway town between the Andes and the Amazon known for its waterfalls and adventure activities. Visit the famous Pailón del Diablo waterfall and explore other scenic spots such as Manto de la Novia and Agoyán. Enjoy a cable car ride for panoramic views of the lush surroundings. In the evening, relax at your hotel and explore the vibrant downtown of Baños.

### Day 07

#### Day 7 : Cotopaxi National Park And Return To Quito

Finish your trip with a visit to the Cotopaxi National Park. Hike around the Limpiopungo Lagoon and enjoy views of Cotopaxi, one of the highest active volcanoes in the world. Observe native wildlife including llamas and a variety of bird species. After a scenic lunch, return to Quito for a final evening in the capital before departing the next day.

## Inclusions

Accommodation in double rooms

Indicated Meals

Private transportation

Bilingual naturalist guide

Scheduled Visits

Entrance Fee

Roundtrip flights (Quito-Cuenca-Quito)



### Exclusions

- Air Ticket.
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages.
- Personal expenses.
- Tips.
- Meals not described in the program.

### Note

#### Accommodation

- Quito: Ikala Hotel
- Arajuno: Hakuna Matata Lodge
- Baños: Sangay

#### Travel Tips

- Pack layers for varied climates, as temperatures range from cool in the Andes to warm and humid in the Amazon.
- Bring insect repellent and comfortable shoes for hiking.
- A swimsuit is recommended for hot springs and waterfall visits.

#### Weather Preparedness

- Expect cooler weather in the highlands and warm, humid conditions in the Amazon. Prepare for potential rain in both regions by packing waterproof gear.

#### Fitness Requirements

- Moderate fitness is needed for light hikes and walking activities. The tour is suitable for most travellers.

- Rates are based on 3 star hotels, in case of upgrade please let us know enable quote accordingly.

- All prices are indicative and starting from prices. Final price will be available based on availability and dates of travel.

### Program Touring / Guide

- Private touring

### Periodic Departure



01 Jan, 2025 to 31 Dec, 2025

3 Star

AUD 4,722 P P twin share

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