



## Haciendas of Ecuador - 6 Days (#20091)

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### Overview

This 6-day tour takes you through Ecuador's historic haciendas, showcasing their cultural and natural beauty. Explore Quito's colonial charm, visit the equatorial line, shop at Otavalo's indigenous market, and relax in Papallacta's hot springs. Discover the scenic landscapes of Cotopaxi and enjoy traditional Andean hospitality.

### Trip Highlights

Quito-Otavalo-Papallacta-Cotopaxi

### Detailed Itinerary

**Day 01**

**Day 1 : Arrive In Quito**



Begin your trip in Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage City known for its colonial charm and rich history. Upon arrival, settle into your hotel and attend a welcome meeting with your guide, who will introduce you to the itinerary and provide information on what to expect. Later, take a leisurely evening stroll through Quito's historic centre to see its beautifully lit churches, plazas, and colonial buildings, such as the iconic Plaza de la Independencia and the impressive La Compañía Church.

**Meal:** No Meal

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

Start the day with a guided tour of Quito's colonial district, visiting key landmarks such as the Monastery of San Francisco, Independence Plaza, and the Government Palace. Continue to the Middle of the World Monument, where you can stand on both hemispheres at once and learn about the cultural significance of the equator. Enjoy lunch of local Andean cuisine at a nearby restaurant, and then visit the Intiñan Museum for interactive exhibits on Ecuador's indigenous cultures.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 03****Day 3 : Otavalo Market And Indigenous Artisans**

Travel north to Otavalo, a city famous for its indigenous market where you can find vibrant textiles, handicrafts, and traditional artwork. Visit the market's main plaza and take the opportunity to meet local artisans demonstrating their weaving techniques. After lunch at Hacienda Pinsaquí, visit the nearby town of Peguche, where you'll see indigenous musicians making traditional instruments. Finish the day with a scenic drive around Lake San Pablo for breathtaking views of the Andean mountains.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 04****Day 4 : Papallacta Hot Springs And Cotopaxi National Park**

Head east to Papallacta, known for its therapeutic hot springs. Relax in the natural pools surrounded by cloud forest, then enjoy a rejuvenating spa treatment. In the afternoon, travel south to Cotopaxi National Park, home to the iconic snow-capped Cotopaxi volcano. Take a guided hike around the Limpiopungo Lagoon, where you can observe Andean wildlife and enjoy the stunning scenery of the high altitude paramo ecosystem.



**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 05****Day 5 : Andean Hacienda Experience - Horseback Riding & Traditional Meals**

Spend the day at a historic Andean hacienda such as Hacienda La Cienega or Hacienda San Agustín del Callo. Participate in activities such as horseback riding, hiking, or touring the surrounding farmlands. Learn about the history of these grand estates and their role in Ecuador's colonial past. In the evening, enjoy a cultural presentation with music and folklore stories by the hacienda's staff.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 06****Day 6 : Depart Quito**

On your last day, enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hacienda, taking in the serene mountain views and peaceful atmosphere. Depending on your flight schedule, you may have time for a final visit to Quito's artisan shops to purchase souvenirs or enjoy a short walk in one of the city's parks. Your guide will then transfer you to the airport for your departure or onward journey.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

Accommodation in double rooms

Indicated Meals

Private transportation

Bilingual naturalist guide

Scheduled Visits

Entrance Fee

## Exclusions

- Air Ticket



- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages
- Tips

### Note

#### Accommodation

Quito: Ikala UIO or similar

Otavalo: Hacienda Chorlaví or similar

Papallacta: Termas de Papallacta

Cotopaxi: Hostería La Cienega or similar

#### Highlights

**Historic Hacienda Stays:** Experience the charm of Ecuador's centuries-old haciendas, each with its own unique history and character.

**Cultural Experiences:** Visit indigenous markets, meet local artisans, and enjoy traditional Andean cuisine.

**Natural Wonders:** Explore Cotopaxi National Park, San Pablo Lake, and the relaxing hot springs of Papallacta.

#### Travel Tips

Bring warm clothing for the cooler highland climate, and lighter layers for warmer daytime temperatures.

Don't forget a swimsuit for the hot springs and a camera for capturing the stunning landscapes.

Use comfortable shoes suitable for walking and light hiking.

#### Weather Preparedness

The highlands have cool temperatures and potential rain. Dress in layers and carry a waterproof jacket and comfortable hiking shoes.

#### Fitness Requirements

The tour involves light walking, occasional short hikes, and horseback riding activities. It is suitable for travellers with basic to moderate fitness levels.

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 3,988 P P twin share

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