

COMBINED TOURS FOR INDIVIDUAL TRAVELERS

(MONTHLY FIXED DEPARTURES, UP TO 12 DAYS)

Mix and Match

Choose the options of your preference and make your own combination. You can join any part of this program. Travelers from all over the world meet on these tours. This experience can be very enriching. The guide is English and Spanish speaking. The prices are very competitive.

Please note: A minimum of 4 participants is required for each segment. Our office will be glad to keep you informed on the booking status for each departure.

The tours can also be operated anytime of the year for 1, 2 or 3 participants . Rates upon request.

SEG-01	<p>Otavalo Countryside Tour, with Thermal Springs of Papallacta <i>3 days, all accommodations – only breakfast included (Departure on Fridays)</i></p> <p><i>Day 1.</i> Leave Quito towards the North, to visit the Equator line and ethnographical museum. Continue journey driving to the Northern province of Imbabura (2.5 hrs.) and hike around Cuicocha lake, a beautiful crater lake in the Ecuadorian highlands. Overnight at Hosteria Las Palmeras.</p> <p><i>Day 2.</i> Visit the colorful Otavalo market and Otavalo's interesting surroundings. A 2.5 hours drive crossing the Eastern Cordillera will bring us later to Papallacta, known for its hot springs with curative sulfate alkaline thermal waters. Accommodation at Hosteria Termas de Papallacta.</p> <p><i>Day 3.</i> Papallacta is an ideal place to spend the day bathing, relaxing, hiking, or horseback riding. Back in Quito late afternoon.</p>
SEG-02	<p>The Chimborazo Trekking <i>5 days, all meals & accommodation; in two person tents at campsites (Departure on Mondays)</i></p> <p>This trek will bring us close to the famous Mt. Chimborazo, highest peak in Ecuador (6.310m / 20,703ft) and Carihuairazo (5.020m / 16,471ft), its sister volcano. Both snowcapped volcanoes are very well known among mountain climbers, but hiking around in this area for a few days will be an unforgettable experience as well. Our trek will pass between the two mountains, among the typical "paramo" vegetation, allowing for great views of these and other volcanic peaks, like Tungurahua to the East and El Altar to the Southeast.</p> <p><i>Day 1.</i> From Quito, 150 kilometers South on the Panamerican Highway, also known as the Avenue of the Volcanoes, to our first camp near Mochapata. Visit a typical Indian market en route.</p> <p><i>Day 2.</i> Breakfast. AM hike through beautiful highland vegetation. Set base camp around midday. PM hike to Cerro Negro, close to the Mt. Carihuairazo glaciers. Pack animals will carry our gear to all campsites.</p> <p><i>Day 3.</i> Continue westward crossing Quebrada (ravine) Aucacan. Set up camp at midday. Interesting side-trips. Camp</p> <p><i>Day 4.</i> Hike to the area around Nido de los Condores (Condor's nest) on the old route to Mount Chimborazo. Possibly see some of these enormous, ecologically important birds (Vultur gryphus). By midday reach El Arenal. Drive to Chimborazo refuge. Continue to Baños (1800m), known as the gateway to the jungle. Hotel accommodation in Baños.</p> <p><i>Day 5.</i> Visit Baños and its surroundings (subtropical, lush vegetation, waterfalls). Back in Quito in late afternoon or, for those taking the 3rd segment to Cuenca, stay another night in Baños.</p>

SEG-03	<p>Quito (Baños) to Cuenca with Train Ride via famous "Devil's Nose" <i>4 days, all accommodations only breakfast included. Airfare Cuenca-Quito not included (Departure on Saturdays)</i></p> <p><i>Day 1.</i> Journey to Riobamba and visit the town of Guano. Explore Riobamba and its colonial city. Overnight at Hotel Abraspungo or Hosteria Andaluza. (Participants taking only the 3rd segment will be transported from Quito in the morning of Day 1 to meet the rest of the group in Baños)</p> <p><i>Day 2.</i> Early morning board train in Riobamba. Travel through spectacular Andean countryside while viewing indigenous people at work in their fields. Arrive in Alausi/Sibambe around noon, board bus and continue on to Incan ruins of Ingapirca (3 hours) and interesting museum. Continue journey to Cuenca. Overnight at Hotel Crespo or similar. Please note: We cannot hold responsibility for the train operation. In case train is not operative on the day required, the tour will be completed overland.</p> <p><i>Day 3.</i> City Tour of Cuenca and surroundings. Overnight at Hotel Conquistador or similar. <i>Day 4.</i> Breakfast. Free time in Cuenca. Flight to Quito Rest of the day free in Quito.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR we can offer SEG-04 instead of SEG-03</p>
SEG-04	<p>Carihuairazo & Cotopaxi Climb <i>3 days, all meals & accommodation (Departure on Saturdays)</i></p> <p><i>Day 1.</i> A private transport takes participants early in the morning to the climbing area. After choosing the necessary equipment climbers start ascending Mt. Carihuairazo (5020m). In the late afternoon, drive to Hosteria La Cienega for a well earned rest.</p> <p><i>Day 2.</i> After breakfast drive to Cotopaxi National Park (about 1.5 hours drive). Hike to refuge at 4.800 m. In the afternoon 'glacier school' with some practical exercises.</p> <p><i>Day 3.</i> Climb to summit usually starts at 1h00 am. Participants reach summit at 6 - 7 am. Around midday climbers will be back at refuge. Lunch. Drive back to Quito to arrive late afternoon.</p> <p>Please note: For clients taking the whole package (SEG-TOT), the following services can be included: 2 transfers; airport/hotel/airport, 2 nights hotel accommodation at Sierra Madre or similar, City tour of Quito with a visit to some museum and lunch.</p>