



IMAGES OF ECUADOR

A PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY

Ecuador is a paradise for photographers. Its wide diversity of landscapes ranges from the snowcapped white peaks of the Andes mountains to the green jungles of the Amazon and the unique Galapagos Archipelago. This journey is a great opportunity to take unique pictures from Ecuador's most colourful and impressive sites and its friendly people.

Day 01 Quito

Arrival to Quito. Surrounded by snow-capped mountain peaks, Quito is a city offering the best possible blend of Old World charm and modern sophistication.

Day 02 Quito

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city of Quito to give you a first impression of the variety there is regarding religious and cultural sites. Visit of a photographer's workshop where the painter will show you his works and explains to you the differences of taking pictures in Ecuador or anywhere else.

Day 03 Quito - Mindo

Drive to the small subtropical town of Mindo. The Yanachocha reserve is home of many animals like raptors, pumas, spectacled bears, hummingbirds and a huge number of birds, which all make perfect objects to photograph.

Day 04 Mindo - Otavalo

Just before sunrise explore the Refugio Paz de Las Aves, a private property of 120 hectare to take pictures of the different birds and amphibians in the early daylight. On the way to Otavalo, stop at the Pahuma Orchid Reserve for a short visit. Many stops will be made to take pictures from the flora and fauna.

Day 05 Otavalo

Visit the famous handicraft market of Otavalo. It's a great opportunity to take pictures from the communities, the colourful people and the market. Continue to visit the crater lake Laguna Cuicocha on an altitude of 3000m above sea-level.

Day 06 Otavalo - Quito - Amazon Region

Transfer to Quito and flight to Lago Agrio. Continue by motorized canoes to the Cuyabeno Lodge. 3 night package including full board. In the evening exploratory tour to observe animals, take a swim in the lake and enjoy the sunset from the canoe.

Day 07 Amazon Region

Walk through the "terra firma forest" with a naturalist guide to explain the wildlife and forest ecosystem. Go on a trip in a dug-out canoe to the flooded igapó and enjoy a night walk in primary forest to look for insects and observe nocturnal flora wildlife.

Day 08 Amazon Region

Visit the Siona Indigenous Village to observe and participate in how they cook the typical "Casabe". Night excursion by canoe to spot caimans, snakes and nocturnal birds.

Day 09 Amazon Region - Quito

Enjoy the sunrise and bird watching. A great occasion to take last pictures! Return to Lago Agrio and flight to Quito. Visit the historical city centre by night and take wonderful pictures.

Day 10 Quito - Cotopaxi National Park

Take a ride with the highest cableway in South America and make amazing pictures of Quito. Continue to the Cotopaxi national park, one of the most attractive ecological reserves.

Day 11 Cotopaxi National Park

Walk near the shallow lake "Laguna de Limpiopungo" in an altitude of almost 4.000m and visit Quilotoa, the lagoon inside a crater, one of the most famous motifs of Ecuador.

Day 12 Cotopaxi - Quito - Galapagos Islands

Transfer to Quito and flight to the Galapagos Archipelago. On Santa Cruz Island visit the Twin Craters, the giant tortoises at "El Chato" and the lava tunnel formed by lava streams. Lunch at a typical hacienda.

Day 13 Galapagos Islands

Full day boat excursion to one of the islands North Seymour, South Plazas, Bartholomew, Santa Fe or the Dragon Hill on Santa Cruz Island including lunch.

Day 14 Galapagos Islands

Walk to the Tortuga Bay, one of the longest white sandy beaches in the archipelago. Time to swim, snorkel or just relax. Transfer by speed boat to Isabela Island. Time to explore Puerto Villamil.

Day 15 Galapagos Islands

Depending on weather conditions visit Sierra Negra or the wetlands of Isabela. Lunch at a local restaurant. Drive to Las Tintoreras to see a colony of white tipped reef sharks, marine iguanas and sea lions.

Day 16 Galapagos Islands

Transfer to Baltra airport and flight to Guayaquil to catch the international connecting flight.

