



# **SAT SUSTAINABLE**

# **A TRAVEL IDEA**

# **PURE ECUADOR**

"Take nothing but memories, leave nothing but footprints!" - Chief Seattle

Our pure-line offers authentic and nature based encounters with the countries and their inhabitants, while minimizing the negative and maximizing the positive impacts of tourism. During the Pure Ecuador journey you'll get a valuable insight into the lives of the local communities and become one with its natural treasures.

## Day 1 Quito

Arrival at the airport in Quito and transfer to the hotel.

Day 2 Quito

City tour through Quito to dive into its colonial history. Afterwards you will attend the Equatorial Line Monument "Mitad del Mundo".

# Day 3 Quito - Mindo

Transfer from Quito to Mindo. On the way you will visit the community of Yunguilla to get to know their work and to have lunch there. Afterwards drive to Mindo.

## Day 4 Mindo

Explore a butterfly farm to admire the colourful diversity of Ecuadorian butterflies. Afterwards visit to a coffee plantation with tasting of the products.

# Day 5 Mindo - Otavalo

Get to know the Pahuma Reserve, a truly paradise for lovers of nature. Later on the journey will continue to Otavalo.

# Day 6 Otavalo

Visit the school project in Peguche. This project looks after the education and adequate care of children in need. Upon arrival in Otavalo, attend the Indian handicrafts market.

## Day 7 Otavalo

Participation in a kawasaymi cooking project of an indigenous kichwa family to prepare typical Andean dishes.

Day 8 Otavalo - Papallacta

Visit to the thermal baths of Papallacta, known as the most beautiful and cleanest ones in the country. Possibility to go for a walk near the Papallacta river.

Day 9 Papallacta – Amazon Region

Transfer from Papallacta to the lodge El Jardín Alemán in Misahuallí. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

## Day 10 Amazon Region

Participation in one of the offered excursions by the lodge. Fullboard at the lodge.

Day 11 Amazon Region - Baños

After breakfast, visit to the indigenous community Shuar Tawasap to learn more about them. Transfer to Baños.

# Day 12 Baños

Hike to the famous waterfall "Pailon del Diablo" east of Baños.

# Day 13 Baños - Cotopaxi

Continue to Salasaca, a kichwa village, and Huasalata to watch the natives weaving in a traditional way. Drive along the "Avenue of the volcanoes" to the hotel near Cotopaxi.

Day 14 Cotopaxi

Explore the National Park Cotopaxi. Walk near the "Laguna de Limpiopungo". Optional: Horseback riding to the viewpoint "Guardianes del Volcan" or Mountain Biking tour.

Day 15 Cotopaxi - Riobamba

Visit to Quilotoa. The journey will continue southwards to Riobamba, where a great number of indigenous communities live.

Day 16 Riobamba - Cuenca

Attend the non-profit Inti Sisa foundation that supports the locals of Guamote. The ride continues to Cuenca.

Day 17 Cuenca

City tour in Cuenca. Afterwards get to know to the small district of Sigsig, famous for its handicrafts.

Day 18 Cuenca - Guayaquil

Transfer to Guayaquil. On the way, visit to a cocoa project. Panorama city tour upon arrival in Guayaquil.

Day 19 Guayaquil

Transfer to the airport. End of the roundtrip.



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