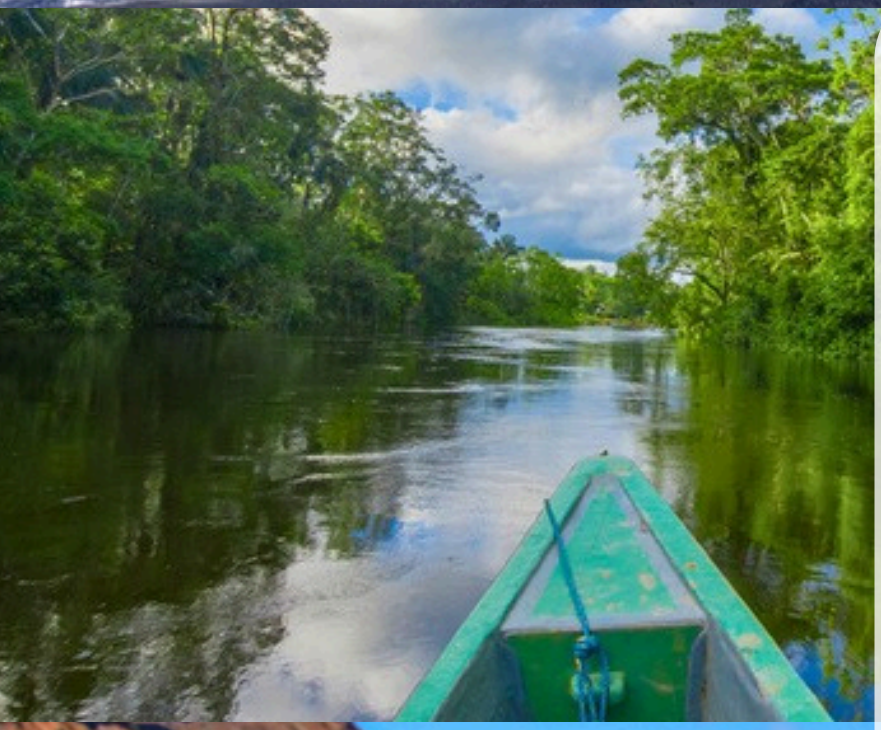
COLOMBIA-ECUADOR

Andes to Amazon

37 days
01 Oct - 06 Nov 2027
Approx. 3,400 km





Part 1: Colombia

The journey begins in Colombia, a country that has undergone a remarkable transformation to become one of the world's top travel destinations. With its biodiversity, lush rainforests, historic sites, variety of climates and vibrant cities, this country offers interesting and welcoming experiences with unique regional cuisine that reflects the rich blend of indigenous, African, and Spanish influences.

Part 2: Ecuador

After a short flight the adventure continues in Ecuador. Nestled between the Andes Mountains and the Pacific coastline, Ecuador offers travellers beautiful landscapes, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality. From the heights of Cotopaxi volcano to the Amazon rainforest, Ecuador offers diverse ecosystems and rich history.

Part 3: Optional Galapagos



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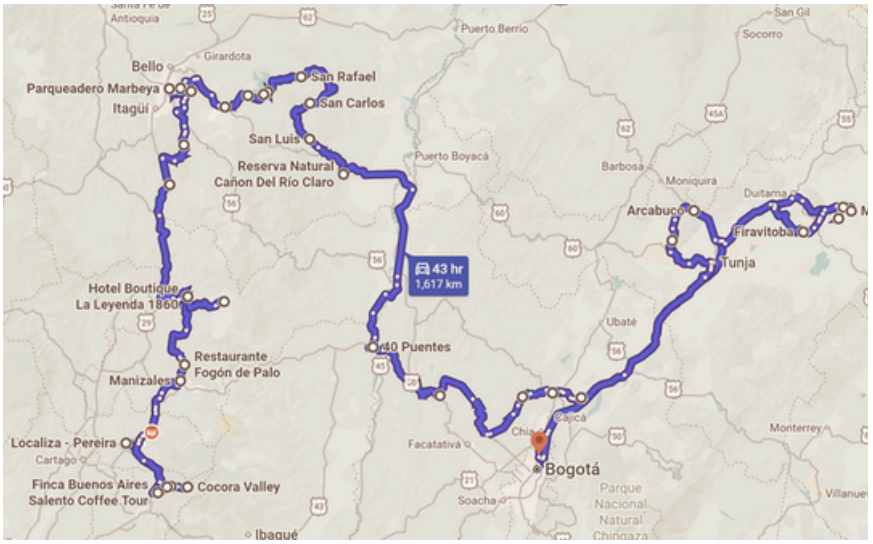
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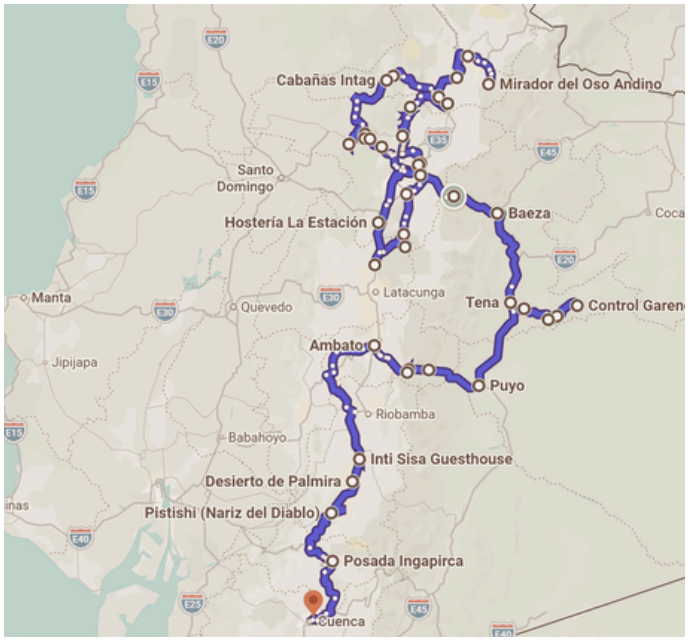
Colombia:

- Colonial charm of Villa de Leyva
- Scenic beauty of Laguna de Tota and Monguí
- Vibrant culture of Medellín
- Lush coffee regions
- Colorful Guatapé
- Dramatic landscapes of Los Nevados National Park

and more...



Approximate distance: 1,600km



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Ecuador:

- Vibrant markets of Otavalo
- Amazon biodiversity
- Relaxing Papallacta hot springs
- Majestic Cotopaxi and Chimborazo volcanoes
- Mindo cloud forest humming birds and butterflies
- Rich heritage of Cuenca, the ancient Ingapirca Ruins

and more...

Please Note: Itinerary subject to change dependent on accommodation availability and the support team decides on final route as per current conditions on day of travel.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Transfer In - Arrival in Pereira
Transfer to your hotel and 5pm briefing before a special welcome dinner at El Canasto Campestre Restaurant, where you will be warmly welcomed to Colombia with a traditional meal featuring the authentic flavours of the region. This will be a wonderful opportunity to discover the local gastronomy, experience the region's culinary traditions, and celebrate the beginning of your Colombian adventure. Dinner included.



DAY 2: Drive to Salento and Coffee Farm
After picking up your rental vehicles, set off on a scenic drive toward Salento through the rolling green hills, plantations, and rural villages of Colombia's Coffee Region. En route, stop at a local coffee farm for an immersive tour covering the entire bean-to-cup journey—from sustainable cultivation and harvesting to pulping, drying, milling, and roasting. Conclude your visit by brewing and tasting coffee using a traditional farm-style cloth filter and pot. Upon arriving at your hotel in Salento, cap off the day with a unique culinary experience featuring Lomo al Trapo, a traditional Colombian specialty. All meals included.



DAY 3: Salento and Cocora Valley
Visit to the spectacular Cocora Valley, just 20 minutes from Salento. Spend roughly two hours exploring its trails, admiring Colombia's towering 60-meter national wax palms, and enjoying a coffee amid the Andean peaks. Afterward, head into Salento for a short walking tour of its colourful streets and lively main square, with time to browse local artisan shops and enjoy lunch at own cost in town (at own cost). Return to your hotel in the early afternoon for the rest of the day at leisure. Dinner included.



DAY 4: Drive to Salamina
Travel from Salento to Salamina on a captivating drive through Colombia's Coffee Region, winding past lush valleys, Andean mountain vistas, coffee plantations, and rural villages. The destination today is Salamina, founded in 1852 and declared a National Monument, this authentic heritage town remains wonderfully untouched by mass tourism and is celebrated for its colourful façades, colonial architecture, and carved wooden balconies.



DAY 5: San Felix and Samaria Valley
Day visit to the Samaria Valley, located about 45 minutes from Salamina near the village of San Félix. Here you will find the same tall wax palm trees as in the Cocora Valley. They can grow up to 70 meters high and are therefore the largest Monocotyledones in the world. You will go to the valley via a beautiful route, making stops along the way to enjoy the view and to take photos. You can discuss with the guide whether you want to take a longer or shorter walk through the valley. You will stop at the Mirador for a panoramic view and a local lunch. The Mirador has a nature conservation project to protect the wax palm trees and plant new palm trees. Lunch included.



DAY 6: Drive to Santa Elena
Depart Salamina for Santa Elena on a scenic drive through Colombia's Andean landscapes. Upon arrival, check in to Skyline Ecoliving Santa Elena and spend the rest of the afternoon unwinding in this tranquil mountain setting. Nestled in the forest with sweeping panoramic views of Medellín, this eco-friendly retreat features self-sustaining solar- and rainwater-powered cabins that blend comfort, wellness, and nature.



DAY 7: Medellín Day Trip
Discover Medellín's complex past and remarkable social transformation on a full-day city tour. In the morning, visit Plaza Botero to see Fernando Botero's iconic sculptures, pass through Parque Berrío and Santo Domingo, and explore the Museo Casa de la Memoria to learn about the impact of Colombia's armed conflict and the resilience of its communities. Visit Comuna 13 to see how this once conflict-ridden neighborhood evolved into a vibrant hub of street art, music, and community spirit, while learning the stories behind its colourful murals. Complete the experience with a ride on Medellín's cable car system for sweeping panoramic views of the city before returning to Santa Elena in the late afternoon.



DAY 8: Santa Elena and Drive to Guatapé
Day at your leisure. At Río Claro, explore the Cueva de los Guácharos, with its stunning rock formations and underground rivers, or go rafting on the crystal-clear waters surrounded by lush jungle. Hike the reserve's trails for bird watching, spotting toucans, parrots, and the elusive Guácharo bird. For more excitement, zip-line through the forest or take a refreshing swim in the emerald river. In the town of Doradal, admire the Mediterranean-inspired architecture. A peaceful trip to the Río Magdalena offers boat rides, fishing, and beautiful views, making this area a traveller's paradise. All meals included



DAY 9: Guatapé and Boat Trip
Take a private boat tour over the submerged town of El Peñol, spotting lakeside villas owned by Colombian stars alongside the ruins of Pablo Escobar's Hacienda La Manuela, followed by an included lunch at Sam Quesadillas. Spend the afternoon exploring the town at leisure strolling the boardwalk or enjoying a drink in the town square, with an optional evening tuk-tuk ride through Guatapé's colourful streets to dinner.

DAY 10: Drive to Rio Claro
Depart Guatapé for a scenic drive through the Antioquia countryside via San Rafael, San Carlos, and San Luis. Along the way, enjoy the changing scenery as you travel through lush green mountains, tropical forests, winding roads, and picturesque rural communities. This route offers a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the natural beauty and authentic character of Colombia's countryside. Arrive at the hotel in Río Claro near the main entrance of the Río Claro Nature Reserve, surrounded by lush greenery and tropical landscapes.

DAY 11: Free Day at Rio Claro
Spend the day at leisure relaxing in Río Claro, or choose from several optional activities (subject to availability): early morning forest birdwatching, gentle river rafting, or an afternoon river cruise in nearby Puerto Triunfo located 30 km away.

DAY 12: Drive to Villeta via Honda
Depart Río Claro after breakfast for a scenic drive to Villeta. Stop mid-morning in the colonial town of Honda to browse the local market, enjoy an early lunch in the main square, and take in views of the Magdalena River from a hilltop paragliding lookout before continuing to tropical Villeta, a charming town known for its sugarcane plantations, warm tropical climate and beautiful natural surroundings.

DAY 13: Drive to Zipaquirá and Salt Cathedral
After breakfast, depart Villeta for Zipaquirá, watching the scenery shift from warm tropical landscapes to the cooler Cundiboyacense highlands, rolling green hills, and rural villages. Upon arrival, explore the extraordinary Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá, a Roman Catholic sanctuary carved out of salt rock 200 meters underground inside an old mine, renowned for its illuminated chambers, sculptures, and engineering. During your visit, discover the history of salt mining in the region, the spiritual significance of the cathedral, and the fascinating engineering behind this remarkable underground sanctuary. Enjoy lunch (not included) either in town beforehand or at the cathedral complex, depending on timing and traffic.







DAY 14: Drive to Monguí
After breakfast, depart from Zipaquirá towards Monguí, traveling through the beautiful landscapes of Colombia's Boyacá region. You will join the main highway near Gachancipá and continue east towards the Andean highlands, enjoying scenic views of rolling green hills, cultivated fields, and traditional rural communities along the way. As you travel deeper into Boyacá, the landscape gradually reveals its charming mountain scenery, with picturesque villages, farmland, and expansive valleys that reflect the region's agricultural traditions and cultural heritage. Upon arrival in Monguí, one of Colombia's most beautiful heritage towns, you will discover a charming destination renowned for its well-preserved colonial architecture, cobblestone streets, whitewashed houses, and traditional craftsmanship. Surrounded by the Eastern Andes, Mongui offers a peaceful atmosphere and an authentic glimpse into the cultural identity of the Colombian highlands.

DAY 15: Mongua & Tópaga
After breakfast, depart for a scenic excursion to the neighboring villages of Mongua and Tópaga (route subject to road conditions). Travel through the Andean highlands and unique páramo ecosystem, spotting iconic frailejones above 3,500 meters and passing traditional coal-mining areas. Stop in Mongua for coffee and a local snack before continuing to Tópaga to admire local craftsmanship, including unique artisan goods carved from coal. Return to Monguí around midday for an afternoon at leisure, with an optional 20-minute demonstration showcasing the town's famous handmade leather football tradition.

DAY 16: Drive to Villa de Leyva via Lake Tota
After breakfast, depart Monguí for Villa de Leyva via a scenic route through Boyacá. Pass by Lake Tota—Colombia's largest natural lake—with a possible photo stop to admire its deep blue waters and Playa Blanca's white sandy shores (weather and time permitting). Continue through the traditional towns of Firavitoba and Arcabuco, arriving in Villa de Leyva around lunchtime for a meal at a local restaurant (not included) and hotel check-in. In the afternoon, take a guided walking tour of this charming colonial town, exploring its cobblestone streets, whitewashed architecture, and grand main square, followed by free time to relax or explore on your own.

DAY 17: Drive to Bogotá
After breakfast, depart from Villa de Leyva and drive towards Bogotá, enjoying the scenic landscapes of the Andean highlands along the way. Upon arrival in the outskirts of Bogotá, you will return the rental cars and a private transfer will take you into the city and to your hotel in Bogotá's historic La Candelaria neighbourhood.







DAY 18 Bogotá Day Tour
Today, you will discover the heart of Bogotá as you explore La Candelaria, one of the capital's most charming and historic neighbourhoods. Admire its colourful colonial architecture and vibrant street art while learning about the city's rich cultural heritage. Visit the Botero Museum, dedicated to Colombia's renowned painter and sculptor Fernando Botero, whose distinctive works are known for their voluminous proportions.

Continue to the Gold Museum, where you will see an impressive collection of pre-Columbian gold artifacts and learn about the indigenous cultures that inhabited the region. Later, enjoy a visit to Monserrate, one of Bogotá's most iconic landmarks allowing you to make the most of your visit and admire panoramic views of the city. In the evening, celebrate the end of your Colombian journey with a special farewell dinner. All meals included.





DAY 19: Transfer from Bogotá to Quito, Ecuador
Transfer to the airport for your included Bogota-Quito flight. On arrival in Quito, you will be met and transferred privately to Hacienda Jimenita, a peaceful property just outside the capital. Its natural surroundings, walking paths and birdlife offer a refreshing introduction to Ecuador after your Colombian adventure. If flight schedules permit, meet your Ecuadorian tour leader for an afternoon welcome briefing and enjoy an included welcome dinner this evening. Dinner included.



DAY 20: Historic Quito Tour and Rental Car Collection
After breakfast, travel by group transport into the historic heart of Quito for a guided walking tour of its colonial streets and traditional market. Discover how centuries of local history and everyday city life come together in Ecuador's capital. A coffee tour is also included. Enjoy lunch in the city at your own expense. In the afternoon, collect your rental car and drive back to the hacienda. Dinner included.



DAY 21: Drive to Mindo via Alambí Reserve
Today your self-drive adventure leads west from the Quito area towards Mindo, where the high Andes give way to green cloud forest. Along the way, stop at Alambí Reserve to watch hummingbirds feeding and explore the extraordinary birdlife that makes this region so special. A packed lunch is planned for the journey. Continue towards Mindo and settle into your accommodation, surrounded by the lush scenery and relaxed atmosphere of Ecuador's cloud forest region. Lunch included.



DAY 22: Mindo Butterflies and Chocolate
Spend the morning discovering two of Mindo's best-loved experiences. Visit a butterfly garden to observe colourful tropical butterflies up close, learn about their life cycle and appreciate the diversity of the cloud forest habitat. Continue with a chocolate tour that follows cacao from its origins to the finished product, introducing Ecuador's rich cacao heritage and the techniques used in local chocolate making. The afternoon is available at leisure; river tubing may be possible as an optional activity, depending on timing and local conditions.

DAY 23: Drive to Otavalo via Intag and the Northern Highlands
Leave Mindo behind for a scenic journey towards Otavalo, following a route through the Intag region and the northern Andean foothills. The changing landscape brings winding mountain roads, small communities and sweeping views of the valleys along the way. Time permitting, stop near Cuicocha crater lake and in Cotacachi, a town known for its leather craftsmanship. An Otavalo market visit may also be arranged this afternoon, depending on the drive and arrival time. Continue to Hacienda Cusín, your base for the next two nights. Dinner included.

DAY 24: Otavalo Market, Condor Park and Spectacled Bears
Begin early with a visit to the colourful Otavalo market, where local textiles, woven goods and artisan traditions reflect the cultural identity of the northern Andes. Continue to the Condor Park for its scheduled bird presentation and the chance to learn about Andean raptors and their conservation. In the afternoon, head towards a spectacled-bear viewing area in the mountain landscape. Sightings depend on wildlife activity and cannot be guaranteed; late-afternoon observation may mean a return to the hacienda after dark. Travellers preferring a shorter day may return earlier, subject to vehicle arrangements. A picnic lunch is planned (at own cost). Dinner included.

DAY 25: Puembo via San José de Minas and the Middle of the World
Depart Otavalo and follow a scenic back-road route towards Perucho and San José de Minas. Stop for a morning break in the countryside and enjoy a glimpse of traditional highland village life. Continue to the Middle of the World area, where the equatorial line is celebrated, with time for lunch at your own expense. Afterwards, drive on to Puembo and check in at your hotel. The evening is free for dinner and a briefing ahead of the next day's volcanic exploration.








DAY 26: Cotopaxi National Park
Today's route takes you into the spectacular volcanic landscapes surrounding Cotopaxi. Begin with a stop around Selva Alegre to learn about local food traditions, including chicha and Andean broad beans, before continuing along mountain roads towards the national park. Enjoy a break at El Cucayo and travel onwards through the dramatic high-altitude scenery, stopping to observe historic lava formations. Lunch can be enjoyed at Tambopaxi at your own expense. Depending on weather, altitude and road conditions, continue to an upper car park for a short walk, followed by a visit to a highland lake. End the day at historic Hacienda La Ciénega. The altitude is significant, so walking will be kept flexible.

DAY 27: From the Highlands to Papallacta Hot Springs
After breakfast, travel north through the Avenue of Volcanoes and stop near Machachi, where a historic country property offers a taste of the area's rural heritage. Continue with a farm visit and a chance to try fresh local empanadas, while enjoying the scenery of the Andean highlands. Lunch is planned at Hacienda Jimenita before continuing towards Papallacta. Arrive in the afternoon with time, subject to schedule, for a gentle walk and a relaxing soak in the area's renowned thermal waters. Lunch included.

DAY 28: Drive to Tena and Enter the Amazon
Leave the cool mountain air behind and descend towards the Amazon basin. The landscape changes dramatically as cloud forest and mountain valleys give way to dense tropical vegetation. Pause for a coffee break around Baeza and continue towards Tena before reaching the river embarkation point. From here, travel by boat to your jungle lodge, where lunch is planned on arrival. Later, enjoy a river tubing experience, followed by an evening nature walk introducing some of the sounds and nocturnal wildlife of the rainforest. Activities are subject to river and weather conditions. All meals included.

DAY 29: Amazon Wildlife and Rainforest Exploration
Discover the incredible biodiversity of the Ecuadorian Amazon with guided experiences around the lodge. A boat excursion takes you towards AmaZOOnico, a wildlife rescue centre, together with a visit to nearby caiman pools, where your guide will explain the animals and ecosystems of the region. Enjoy a relaxed guided rainforest walk of approximately two hours, focusing on plants, insects, forest ecology and the everyday details that make this environment so fascinating. An early-morning parrot-clay- lick visit may be arranged on a suitable dry morning during the stay; its timing depends on the weather and lodge operations. All meals included.



DAY 30: Gareno Community Cultural Experience
Today is dedicated to a visit to the Gareno community. Begin with a boat journey and continue by road through the Amazon countryside to meet your hosts and learn about local traditions and ways of life. During the experience, community members may demonstrate traditional skills such as spear throwing and blowpipe use, and lead a forest walk with explanations of useful plants and their relationship to the environment. There will also be opportunities to browse local handicrafts and enjoy a traditional lunch served in the community. Some paths are uneven and include steps; return to the lodge in the late afternoon. All meals included



DAY 31: Amazon to Baños via Puyo
After breakfast, leave the lodge by boat and begin the journey west towards Baños. On the way, visit Refugio Silvestre Yanacocha, a wildlife refuge near Puyo, where you can learn about its work and see some of the animals in its care. Continue to Puyo for lunch at your own expense, then drive into the valley town of Baños, surrounded by mountains and waterfalls. Arrive in the late afternoon and enjoy the lively atmosphere of this gateway between the Andes and the Amazon.



DAY 32: Baños
Discover the dramatic scenery around Baños, beginning with Casa del Árbol and its well-known swing overlooking the mountain landscape, weather permitting. Continue along the Route of the Waterfalls, where steep green slopes and cascading water create some of the area's most memorable views. Enjoy the included cable-car crossing above the river and visit the impressive Pailón del Diablo waterfall. There will be time for lunch at your own expense along the route before returning to Baños in the afternoon.



DAY 33: Guamote
Leave Baños early for a rewarding drive into the central Andes, with possible views across the Patate Valley and towards Tungurahua volcano when skies are clear. Continue towards Chimborazo, Ecuador's highest mountain, whose vast slopes and rugged volcanic scenery dominate the highlands. The route allows time for a high-altitude stop and, for travellers who wish, a short walk towards a mountain refuge, subject to the group's comfort, weather and elevation. After lunch, continue to Guamote, a traditional highland town, where you will stay at Inti Sisa. Lunch & dinner included.



DAY 34: Guamote
Explore Guamote and its surrounding communities through activities organised by Inti Sisa. If operating as scheduled, visit the local indigenous market, an important gathering place where people from nearby villages come to trade, shop and connect. The day offers an opportunity to engage more deeply with the traditions, daily life and cultural identity of Ecuador's central highlands. The precise programme and visits will be coordinated locally according to the market schedule and community availability.



DAY 35: Ingapirca - Cuenca
Depart Guamote early and travel south through changing Andean landscapes, stopping around Pistishí for views of the famous Devil's Nose railway area and its dramatic mountain setting. Continue to the Ingapirca area, with lunch planned en route. Visit the Ingapirca archaeological complex, Ecuador's best-known Inca site, where impressive stonework and archaeological remains reveal the history of the region's pre-Hispanic cultures. Afterwards, continue towards Cuenca, return your rental vehicles at the agreed depot and transfer to your hotel. Dinner is included this evening.



DAY 36: Cuenca
Guided walking tour of Cuenca, celebrated for its graceful architecture, historic UNESCO-listed Historical Centre and distinctive Andean atmosphere. Discover the city's churches, public squares and neighbourhoods while learning about the traditions that make Cuenca such a rewarding place to explore on foot. The afternoon is free to spend at your own pace. An optional visit to the Turi viewpoint and its elevated viewing platform can be arranged separately. In the evening enjoy a farewell dinner.



DAY 37: Transfer to Airport
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward journey, whether returning home or continuing your travels to the Galápagos Islands.

Optional Galapagos Adventures

There are many options for the Galapagos. If you have a specific cruise you would like to book our local operator can assist. See Galapagos Extension Page for more information (last page).



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Prices, Dates....

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2 people per car: USD18,325*per person double/twin share
Prices for a 3rd or 4th person sharing or solos available on request

*The prices above are based on the 2027 prices and are based on 2 people per car on a double/twin share basis. 2028 prices to be confirmed. There will be a minimum of 4 vehicles and maximum 7 vehicles (plus support vehicle). Prices are subject to exchange rate fluctuations – please see booking form for all terms and conditions.

Please do not book flights nor pay for travel insurance until you have been advised that we have received deposits from the minimum number of participants for this adventure to depart.

Flights need to be arranged to arrive in Pereira, Colombia day 1 for in time for the 5 pm group briefing. You can fly out anytime on day 37 from Cuenca Ecuador. We can assist with booking additional nights of pre and post tour accommodation.

Dates...

01 Oct - 06 Nov 2027

Inclusions...

Arrival and departure transfers, vehicle hire (SUV), vehicle insurance (standard), hand held two-way radio in vehicle, accommodation (twin/double), meals as per itinerary (all breakfasts, 11 lunches and 15 dinners included), activities as outlined in itinerary, one way flight from Bogota to Quito, support vehicle, Self Drive Adventures escort and local English and Spanish speaking guide.

Exclusions...

Airfares return to South America (arrive Pereira, Colombia, depart Cuenca, Ecuador), fuel (approx. USD300 per car), vehicle excess, secure parking & tolls (approx. USD85 per car), food other than listed in itinerary (budget approx USD600 per person excluding drinks), any pre-post tour accommodation requested, optional activities (budget USD100 per person), local tips (approx. USD350 per person), travel insurance (medical evacuation insurance highly recommended), visas (if required), vaccinations (if required), any other items of a personal nature and local tips. Car excess and car rental terms and conditions will be supplied separately.



Other Information

This section provides you with important information about travelling in South America prior to booking this adventure. As always, if you have any other questions about joining this tour, please don't hesitate to contact our knowledgeable team.



Mindset...

A mindset required is one of patience and flexibility. You need to understand that travelling some parts of South America does not always go smoothly, no matter how well planned. Things may not happen as quickly as you'd like but it's all part of the adventure and your Self Drive Adventure's escort will do their utmost to smooth out any hiccups during the journey.



Accommodation...

This is not a 5-star holiday. It is an adventure. We are staying in 3-star accommodation and "best available" along the route. The accommodation will be comfortable and with local South American style. Where possible we are staying in family run accommodation to support the local communities within which we are travelling. Please note that for the 3 nights in the Amazon, there is no air-conditioning and limited power. It will be hot and humid (there is a pool) and you may have to charge your phones and cameras at a group charging point.



Vehicles & Convoy Size...

The vehicles used are SUV Intermediate 2WD manuals (auto upgrades may be issued on collection). For example Kia or Renault Duster or similar. The minimum number of vehicles in our convoy is 4 and the maximum is 7. This excludes support vehicles. The convoy does travel together for the vast majority of the journey, so you need to be willing to be flexible to fit in with the determined start time each day, stops for breaks etc. There are some days when you can be on your own too. We try to allow breaks for photos, toilet stops, sightseeing, lunch, morning and afternoon tea but road conditions and travel time for the day may affect how long or how many of these we may have.

Weather...

The temperatures and climate can be quite different depending on the location and altitude during this adventure. Night time temperatures could be as low as 10C and up to 27-33C during the day. Rain could be expected during the tour.

Activity Level...

We do recommend a good level of fitness for any adventure. This trip is not physically demanding as any walking required is usually a short distance. Some of the activities may involve stairs and uneven terrain but these are optional.



Flights...

Before booking flights and other arrangements it is your responsibility to confirm with us that we have the minimum number of cars required for this adventure to depart. The flight from Bogota to Quito is included.

Driving Ability & Conditions...

No off-road driving skills are needed. You drive on the right-hand side of the road (left hand drive). In and around towns the traffic will be busy, but once out of town the roads are not generally busy. We will drive on tar roads, dirt roads, very rough gravel roads. Expect dust and rough conditions to be normal on this adventure. There are some long days when we need to get between destinations.



Food & Drinks...

See the itinerary inclusions for meals that are included. In general, the food is excellent in quality and variety. Breakfast will be included in the accommodation each morning. Lunch will sometimes be in restaurants, hotel or a "packed lunch" on the road. Dinners will be in hotel and other restaurants in the towns we visit.



Support Team...

On this adventure you will be joined by a Self Drive Adventures English speaking escort as well as a local guide who speaks English and Spanish. The decision of the Self Drive Adventure's escort is final on all matters likely to affect the safety, well-being or best interests of any persons participating in the trip.

Risks & Health...

By participating you acknowledge that the nature of the trip is adventurous, and participation involves a degree of personal risk. Health facilities in South America may not be on par with what would be expected in western countries. We will often be remote and at least a day's drive from the closest town on many occasions. Health risks such as altitude sickness (max altitude 4,800m but highest accommodation approx 3,500m), Hepatitis A&B, Yellow Fever, Rabies, Typhoid Fever, Dengue Fever, Diphtheria and other health risks affect this region. You should discuss the risks with your doctor before agreeing to join this trip.





Galapagos Extension



There are many options for the Galapagos. Our local operator can work directly with you as they understand that everyone has unique preferences, and they're committed to making sure you get what you are looking for.

Land Based

There are non-cruise based options available. The days will be full of activities in the water and on land. You will explore the Galapagos Islands with a combination of organised day tours with an English-speaking guide and time to explore by yourself with self-guided packages.



Cruises

Cruises could be from 5 day / 4 nights up to two weeks. Various grades and sizes of yachts are available. Even though are you are cruising, each day you will have an itinerary that includes land based activities and snorkelling.



We do recommend speaking with our local operator experts to organise your Galapagos adventure to connect seemlessly with our Self Drive Adventure.

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