

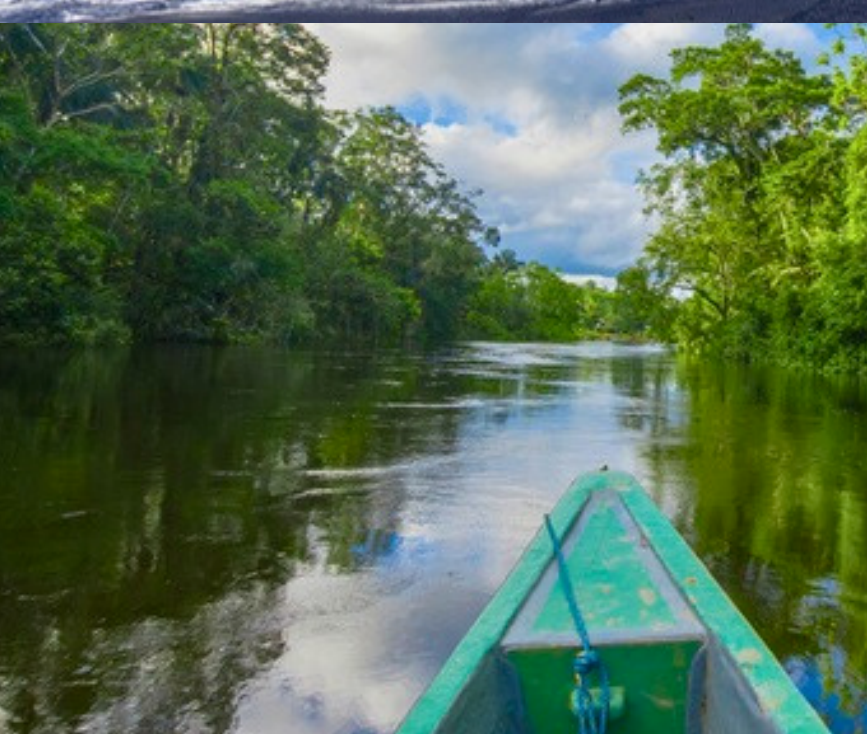
COLOMBIA-ECUADOR

Andes to Amazon

36 days

01 Oct - 05 Nov 2027

Approx. 3,300 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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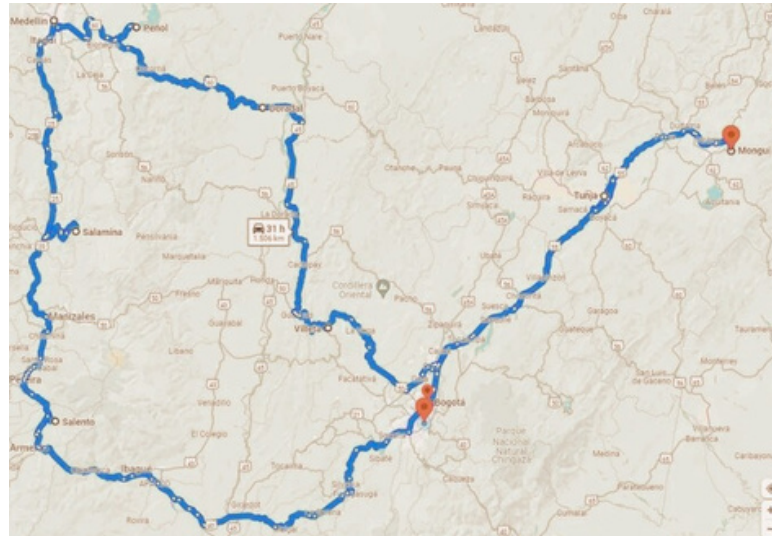
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The Route

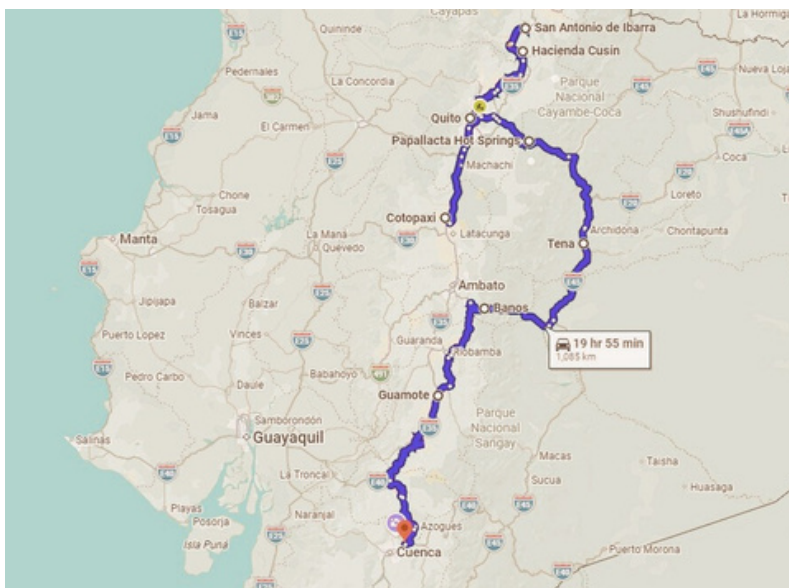
Highlights include

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: 1,500km



Approximate distance: 1,100km

Ecuador:

- Buzzing markets of Otavalo
- Amazon biodiversity
- Relaxing Papallacta hot springs
- Majestic Cotopaxi and Chimborazo volcanoes
- Rich heritage of Cuenca, the ancient Ingapirca Ruins and more...

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Itinerary

DAY 1: Transfer In - Bogotá Airport

An English-speaking guide will drive you from El Dorado International Airport to your hotel. This private transfer takes about 45 minutes. There will be an afternoon briefing followed by a welcome dinner.

DAY 2: Uncovering Bogotá's Gems

Your adventure begins in Colombia, with a tour of Bogotá. Start in La Candelaria, the city's most beautiful neighbourhood, where colourful street art adorns every corner. Dive into culture at the Botero Museum, featuring works by Colombia's famous painter and sculptor, Fernando Botero, known for his exaggerated figures (closed on Tuesdays). Next, explore the Gold Museum, where pre-Columbian treasures tell the story of the indigenous peoples who once thrived here (closed on Mondays). For those seeking a spectacular finish, an optional ride up to the Monserrate lookout offers incredible panoramic views of the city (optional). Breakfast and lunch included

DAY 3: Salt Mines and Valleys

Today you'll transfer to the car pickup location in Bogotá, then drive to Zipaquirá to visit its famous cathedral built deep in the salt mines. This underground Roman Catholic church still holds mass, amidst tunnels lined with salt crystals. After touring the Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral, drive down to Villa de Leyva. Along the way, you'll stumble upon charming colonial towns, each with its own unique story to tell. The cobblestone streets of **Villa de Leyva** beckon you to wander through its well-preserved architecture, transporting you back in time. Breakfast and lunch included
Total drive time is approx. 4 hours, 187 km

DAY 4: Secrets of the Lake

Today's drive takes you on a scenic journey through Colombia's Boyacá region. The road from Villa de Leyva to Tunja winds through rolling green hills and lush valleys dotted with traditional farms and charming villages. Picturesque viewpoints along the way capture the region's Andean vistas and rich cultural history. Continue to Laguna de Tota, Colombia's largest natural lake, located close to white sand beaches like Playa Blanca, surrounded by lush hills. Finally, drive to **Monguí** where you will spend 2 nights. Breakfast included
Total drive time is approx. 5 hours, 190 km



DAY 5: Experiencing Monguí at Your Leisure

This free day in Boyacá promises a haven where time stands still in a postcard-worthy Andean village. Consider a leisurely morning exploration of the central plaza, graced by the Basilica of Our Lady of Monguí. Savour Colombian coffee amidst the bustling local scene. Unveil the secrets of the ancient Puente de Calicanto and delve into the páramo for panoramic vistas and the enchanting frailejón plants. Relish in a traditional Boyacense feast and peruse the artisanal shops for unique finds. Contemplate by the serene Rio Morro and bask in the town's luminous sunset, enveloping Monguí in a serene aura of tranquillity and connection to its captivating essence. Breakfast included



DAY 6: From Páramo Peaks to Tropical Valleys

Depart the quaint streets of Monguí for the misty páramo, where the rugged beauty of high-altitude plains and unique frailejón plants await. Descend into a shift from mountain chill to tropical warmth, winding through lush valleys, by waterfalls and alongside shimmering rivers. Pass through picturesque villages sharing stories of Colombian rural life. We spend the night in **Villeta**, known for sugarcane fields and waterfalls. Breakfast included. Total drive time is approx. 5.5 hours, 300 km



DAY 7: Tropical Wilderness Adventure, Río Claro

Today's journey from Villeta to Río Claro Canyon Natural Reserve covers vibrant tropical scenery. Wind through lush green hills as the climate warms towards the Magdalena Valley, encountering charming towns, fertile fields, and Colombia's rural essence at every turn. As you near the Magdalena River, the terrain shifts dramatically, with towering cliffs and dense forests guiding your path. Descend into a lush valley where the river weaves through dense jungle, leading to the dazzling **Río Claro**. We have two nights here with time to explore emerald waters carving through marble canyons. Breakfast, lunch in local restaurant and dinner included. Total drive time is approx. 3 hours, 157 km



DAY 8: Río Claro Canyon Natural Reserve

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: From Doradal to Guatapé

On today's journey you will be captivated by the ever-changing landscapes. Overlooking **Guatapé**, is the mighty Peñol Rock, a colossal monolith that offers breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding area. Hop on a boat ride and let the gentle waves carry you through the pristine waters of Guatapé Lake and when hunger strikes, indulge in a delicious lunch, savouring the flavours of the region. Breakfast included. Total drive time is approx. 3.5 hours, 118 km

DAY 10: Guatapé

A free day in Guatapé to relax and explore in one of Colombia's most colourful towns. In the morning those who would like to take the optional climb of the 740 steps to reach the summit (Piedra del Peñol) will go with our guide. Otherwise, stroll along the malecón (boardwalk) to browse handicrafts, local art, and souvenirs. The vibrant atmosphere and friendly locals make it a pleasant way to unwind. For a bit of adventure, rent a kayak or paddleboard to explore the lake at your own pace. As the day winds down, find a cosy café or bar in the town square to enjoy a drink while watching the sunset over Guatapé's vibrant streets. The town's lively yet laid-back vibe, paired with the surrounding natural beauty, creates a truly memorable experience. Breakfast included

DAY 11: From Guatapé to Santa Elena

The road winds through rolling green hills and dense pine forests, invigorated by the crisp mountain air. The journey passes through farmland with traditional fincas and flower fields, hinting at Santa Elena's floral heritage. Charming villages dot the landscape, offering glimpses of rural life and opportunities to enjoy local treats or sweeping valley views. As you ascend into the mountains, the scenery becomes more dramatic, with misty peaks and lush vegetation. Arriving in **Santa Elena**, the birthplace of the famous silleteros tradition, you'll be welcomed by vibrant flowers and warm hospitality, capping. Breakfast and lunch included. Total drive time is approx. 2 hours, 70 km

DAY 12: Medellín Wonders

After a 20-minute drive to Arví Park you'll hop on a cable car for a fun ride into Medellín for a full-day tour, visiting the lively Plaza Botero, Parque Berrio, and Santo Domingo. In the afternoon, get a closer look at the transformation of Comuna 13, a neighbourhood that's gone from dangerous to joyful, with colourful street art and bustling energy. Soar above Medellín in the cable cars for breath taking views before heading back to Santa Elena in the late afternoon. Breakfast and lunch included



DAY 13: Entering the Coffee Region Through Salamina

From Santa Elena's flower-filled highlands you'll drive to where the Coffee Region's traditional fincas invite you to learn about the coffee-making process or enjoy a fresh brew. Upon reaching **Salamina**, one of Colombia's most beautiful and authentic villages, founded in 1852, you'll explore its highlights with a local guide. Visit the main square, La Basílica, the cemetery, and La Última Lágrima (the last tear), a unique bar. The tour includes stops at two traditional houses, where you can enjoy regional snacks and experience the town's beautiful architecture, complete with wooden balustrades, terraces, and vibrant flower-filled spaces. Breakfast and regional snacks included. Total drive time is approx. 5 hours, 170 km



DAY 14: San Félix and Samaria Valley

Today, a day trip from our base is Salamina to visit the Samaria Valley, about an hour away near San Félix. Here you'll find towering wax palm trees similar to those in the Cocora Valley. The scenic route to the valley includes stops for photos and breath taking views. You can choose a longer or shorter walk through the valley, guided by your preferences. At the Mirador, enjoy a panoramic view and a local lunch. The Mirador also hosts a conservation project to protect and plant new wax palms. You can plant your own tree for AUD17 per year, with a sign bearing your name, while the project plants five additional trees for each one you sponsor. Breakfast and lunch at local restaurant in Samaria Valley included. Total drive time is approx. 2 hours (1 hour each way)



DAY 15: Discovering Salento

Start your day with a scenic drive from Samaria to the charming town of **Salento** where you will spend 2 nights. As you wind through the rolling hills, you'll pass through quaint villages and expansive coffee plantations, offering a glimpse into the heart of Colombia's coffee culture. Upon arriving in Salento, known for its colourful colonial architecture and vibrant atmosphere, take time to explore the town's bustling streets, visit local artisan shops, and enjoy a traditional meal. In the afternoon, you can visit a nearby coffee farm or hike in the stunning Cocora Valley, home to towering wax palms and breath taking views. Breakfast included. Total drive time is approx. 4 hours, 160 km



DAY 16: Coffee Tour in the Cocora Valley

A short drive takes you to a traditional coffee finca to immerse yourself in the rich world of Colombian coffee culture. The tour shows the entire coffee-making process, from planting the seed to tasting a freshly brewed cup. Wander through flourishing coffee fields, inhale the fragrant aroma of ripe coffee cherries, and learn about the meticulous care that goes into every step of cultivation. The passionate growers will share their secrets and stories, making this an enriching experience. Of course, you'll have the chance to indulge in a cup of Colombia's finest coffee. Breakfast and included. Total drive time is approx. 1 hour , 30 mins each way



DAY 17: Back to Bogotá

You will drive through the heart of the Coffee Triangle takes you from rolling hills and verdant valleys to expansive highlands as you ascend into the Andean foothills. The road winds through agricultural fields, charming villages, and lively markets, offering glimpses of rural Colombian life. The scenery shifts to dramatic mountain vistas with sweeping views of the Magdalena River Valley and the Andes. As you approach Bogotá, the climate cools, and the urban landscape unfolds against the backdrop of surrounding mountains. Your day ends with a farewell to Colombia dinner. Breakfast & dinner included. Total drive time 6.5 hours, 300km

DAY 18 Bogotá to Quito Ecuador

An English-speaking guide will drive you from the car drop off point to El Dorado International Airport for your flight to Ecuador that takes about 2 hours. An English-speaking guide will drive you from Mariscal Sucre International Airport to your hotel. This private transfer takes about 45 minutes. You will spend 2 nights in **Quito**. Breakfast included

DAY 19: Quito Activities

Prepare for a culinary adventure in Quito's vibrant capital. Start with a tasting at a cosy coffee lab before exploring the Historical Centre. Enjoy a welcome drink at Altamira Experience, then join French-trained indigenous chef Edwin on a walking tour to a traditional food market to gather ingredients. Along the way, visit the main square and an iconic church. Participate in a cooking class complete with a chef's hat, apron, and recipe book, culminating in a self-made traditional lunch and sweets. Conclude at a classic fonda quiteña (small economical restaurant) with a traditional beverage before returning to your hotel, enriched by Quito's flavours and traditions. Breakfast and lunch included

DAY 20: Andean Volcanoes and Indigenous Handicrafts

Pick up your new rental car and then you embark on a road trip from Quito to **Otavallo** where you stay for 2 nights. The first stop is the awe-inspiring Cayambe Volcano. Next, straddle two hemispheres simultaneously at the "Middle of the World" site. Bask in the vibrant atmosphere as you wander through the renowned Otavallo indigenous artisan market, where a kaleidoscope of colours and textures awaits. Lastly, visit the Mirador del Oso Andino project, a sanctuary dedicated to the study and conservation of the elusive Andean spectacled bear. Breakfast and dinner included. Total drive time 2 hours, 90km



DAY 21: The Artistic Wonders of San Antonio de Ibarra

Buckle up and get ready for an unforgettable adventure as you embark on a scenic day trip from Otavalo to Ibarra. As you wind through the picturesque roads of Ecuador, you'll be impressed by the beauty of the surrounding landscapes. Upon reaching Ibarra, take a detour to the delightful village of San Antonio de Ibarra. This charming place is a haven for art enthusiasts, renowned for its exquisite woodwork and talented craftsmen. Admire the intricate details of the sculptures and furniture created by skilled artisans, each piece reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the region. Breakfast included. Total drive time is approx. 1hour, 30 mins, 22 km each way

DAY 22: Quito

Return to **Quito** on a drive filled with exquisite views of rolling hills, lush forests, and majestic mountains. Breakfast included. Total drive time is approx. 2.5 hours, 113 km

DAY 23: Thrills and Natural Wonders in Cotopaxi

The journey continues south with the mighty Cotopaxi volcano dominating the horizon. Upon reaching the park, you'll be greeted by a paradise of untouched wilderness, from sprawling meadows to snow capped peaks. Breakfast included. Drive time to Cotopaxi is approx. 2.5 hours, 102km

DAY 24: Recharging at Papallacta Hot Springs

Today you will drive from the Cotopaxi National Park to the Papallacta Hotsprings. You will pass the mountains on a very high altitude point (4,000 metres). From here you have amazing views over the valley. Upon reaching the **Papallacta** Thermal Hot Springs, unwind in the soothing waters. Breakfast and dinner included. Total drive time is approx. 2.5 hours depending on the traffic around Quito, 140 km

DAY 25: High Andes to Amazon Rainforest

You will start your drive to the Amazon in the high Andes at the Papallacta Hot Springs at around 3,000 metres. After about an hour you reach the village of Beaza where you have a delicious treat in a charming local Restaurant names Gina. After approximately 1.5 hours driving you will arrive at the sub-tropic climate of the Amazon. It is interesting to see how the vegetation changes in the different regions. Just before arriving to Tena you take a scenic journey to **Itamandi Ecolodge** from the Arajuno River bridge, board a motorised canoe and travel upstream, surrounded by dense rainforest and the sounds of the Amazon coming to life. Upon arrival, the lodge team welcomes you and introduces the rhythm of jungle living. After lunch, head out for an exciting tubing experience along the river, drifting gently beneath towering trees. As night falls, join an optional guided walk where flashlights reveal frogs, insects, bats, and other nocturnal creatures. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included. Total drive time is approx. 4 hours, 145 km



DAY 26: Cultural Encounters

After breakfast at Itamandi Ecolodge, set out on a guided walk through primary and secondary rainforest. Over several hours, your naturalist introduces towering trees, medicinal plants, hidden insects, and the layered sounds of the jungle, offering a deeper understanding of this vibrant ecosystem. In the afternoon, visit a local **Kichwa community** for an authentic cultural exchange. Learn about daily life in the Amazon, traditional farming practices, and the community's connection to the forest. Participate in the preparation of chicha, a fermented cassava drink, and sample local dishes. The visit concludes with traditional music and dance, along with the opportunity to support the community by purchasing handmade crafts. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.



DAY 27: Amazon Wildlife

Depending on the weather you might have the chance to visit a parrot clay lick early in the morning. After breakfast at Itamandi Ecolodge, travel by canoe along winding jungle waterways to **Anaconda Island**. As you glide through the forest, watch for hoatzins, monkeys, and other wildlife hidden among the trees. Visit a local indigenous family to learn about traditional farming, medicinal plants, and ancestral hunting techniques using blowguns. Following a box lunch, continue to **AmaZOOnico**, a respected wildlife rescue centre dedicated to rehabilitating Amazon animals. Walk through forest enclosures where rescued species live in natural surroundings before returning to the lodge to relax and enjoy dinner. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.



DAY 28: Huarani Gareno visit

Get immersed in more of the Amazon rainforest culture. After breakfast, embark on a scenic 1.5 hour long journey to the **Huaorani Gareno community**. There you will be shown the daily life in the rainforest, traditions and customs surrounding this community, as well as traditional dances and even a simulated hunt. All closing with a delicious local lunch. After this enriching experience, you will return to the lodge and relax for the remaining part of the day. *Note: Please be aware that the entrance fee into the community is USD35 per person and is not included. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.



DAY 29: Natural Wonders in Baños

Savour one last breakfast at the lodge before a final canoe ride downriver. Drive from Tena to **Baños de Agua Santa** for 2 nights, following the scenic waterfalls trail. Along the way, enjoy several stops for short hikes and photo opportunities. In Puyo (Tarqui), visit an animal rescue centre where a local family cares for Amazonian wildlife. As the evening falls, Baños comes alive with vibrant restaurants and bars, offering a lively atmosphere to unwind and explore. Breakfast included. Total drive time is approx. 3 hours, 140 kms



DAY 30: Waterfalls and Swing Adventure in Baños

Spend today exploring the stunning waterfalls of Baños. Start with the famous Ruta de las Cascadas, where you can visit the Pailón del Diablo and Manto de la Novia waterfalls. Rent a bike or take a local chiva (open-air bus) to fully enjoy the scenic route. After marvelling at these natural wonders, head to the iconic "Swing at the End of the World" at Casa del Árbol. Here, you'll experience thrilling swings over the edge with astonishing views of the Tungurahua Volcano and the lush valley below. Breakfast included



DAY 31: Nature and Culture in the Andes

Set off from Baños to the majestic Chimborazo Volcano, then continue to the charming village of Guamote. Along the way, enjoy incredible views of lush landscapes and Chimborazo's towering, snow-capped peak—the highest in Ecuador. After taking in the stunning scenery, head to **Guamote**, where time seems to stand still. Explore vibrant markets, connect with the friendly locals, and immerse yourself in the rich indigenous culture. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included. Total drive time is approx. 4.5 hours, 175 km



DAY 32: Wonders of the Palmira Desert

We will visit the **Guamote Indigenous Market** and Community, a vibrant gathering place where ancient traditions come alive. Brace yourself for an explosion of colours, aromas, and sounds as you step into the market's vibrant tapestry of indigenous culture. Engage with local artisans, marvel at their exquisite textiles and handicrafts, and savour the tantalizing flavours of traditional cuisine. Just a short distance away lies the captivating **Palmira Desert**, a mystical oasis of golden sand dunes that seem to stretch into infinity. We continue onto **Cuenca** for two nights. Breakfast included. Total drive time is approx. 4.5 hours, 215 km



DAY 33: Exploring Cuenca's Gems

Spend a full day exploring the charming city of Cuenca, starting with its UNESCO-listed Historical Centre. Wander through the cobblestone streets, admiring the beautifully preserved colonial architecture. Visit the stunning Cuenca Cathedral, known for its iconic blue domes, and take a moment to soak in the peaceful atmosphere of the surrounding parks. Explore the vibrant local markets, where you can discover traditional crafts, fresh produce, and a variety of local delicacies. This immersive day in Cuenca offers a perfect blend of history, culture, and authentic Ecuadorian experiences, giving you a true sense of the city's rich heritage and vibrant community. Breakfast included.



DAY 34: Unveiling Ancient Wonders at Ingapirca

Begin your day in the morning departing from Cuenca for a scenic drive to the impressive **Ingapirca ruins**, Ecuador's most important Inca archaeological site. As you explore the ancient Temple of the Sun and surrounding stone structures, your guide will share the fascinating history of this ceremonial complex and the connection between the Cañari and Inca civilisations. Distance is approx. 1 hr 20 mins / 70 km each way. After your visit, return to Cuenca and enjoy a pleasant lunch in the area before heading to Cuenca Airport. At the end of the afternoon, return the vehicles and prepare to board your 45 minute flight back to Quito. Breakfast included.



DAY 35: Mindo Cloud Forest Adventure Day Trip

Approximately 1 hour (60km) from Quito, nestled in the western Ecuadorian Andes, Mindo is a mountain paradise where two of the world's most biodiverse ecoregions, the Chocoran Lowlands and the Tropical Andes, converge. Discover unique flora and fauna, visit a butterfly farm, and marvel at hummingbirds up close. Indulge in delicious local chocolate and hiking to waterfalls. Breakfast, lunch and farewell dinner included



DAY 36: Transfer to Airport

You will use the free airport shuttle service from EB Eurobuilding Hotel to Quito Airport.



Optional Galapagos Adventures

There are many options for the Galapagos. We have offered 3 options or if you have a specific cruise you would like to book our local operator can assist. See Galapagos Extension Page after the Prices and Dates information.

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Prices, Dates....

Dates...

01 Oct - 05 Nov 2027

Prices...

2 people per car: USD17,830*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 5 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 Bogota, Colombia day 1 for in time for the 5 pm group briefing. You can fly out anytime on day 36 from Quito Ecuador. We can assist with booking additional nights of pre and post tour accommodation.

Inclusions...

Arrival and departure transfers, flight from Bogota to Quito and Cuenca to Quito, vehicle hire (SUV), vehicle insurance (standard), hand held two-way radio in vehicle, accommodation (twin/double), meals as per itinerary (all breakfasts, 15 lunches and 12 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, fuel (approx. USD250 per car), vehicle excess, secure parking & tolls (approx. USD85 per car), food other than listed in itinerary (budget approx USD375-400 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.

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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.

Vehicles & Convoy Size...

For Colombia the vehicle is the category SUV Intermediate 4WD AT / SUV Intermediate 4WD AT, example Renault Duster 2.0, Suzuki Vitara 1.6 or similar. In Ecuador the vehicle is the category SUV Intermediate 2WD AT or Manual. For example Suzuki S- Cross 1.6L 2WD AT/Manual or similar.

The minimum number of 4x4s in our convoy is 5 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.

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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 "picnic 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 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. For price indications here are a few examples:

8-Day Galapagos Multisport Adventure

This is a non-cruise based option. 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. From approx USD2,250 p.p. twin/double

7-Day 3 Islands Luxury

This 7-day luxury Galápagos tour combines the archipelago's most iconic wildlife experiences with premium accommodations across three islands. Snorkel at Kicker Rock alongside sea turtles, rays, and reef sharks, explore the lava formations of Los Túneles, and walk among giant tortoises in the highlands of Santa Cruz. Stay in the best boutique hotels, enjoy exceptional dining, and discover the natural wonders of San Cristóbal, Isabela, and Santa Cruz at a relaxed pace. From approx. USD6,750 p.p. twin/double

5 day/4 night Cruise (Monserrat)

Newly refurbished in 2018, the Monserrat is a beautiful vessel designed to complement an unforgettable excursion to the Galapagos Islands. Guests are comfortably accommodated in ten fully air-conditioned double cabins with low beds, and private bathrooms which have hot and cold water options and glass shower doors. Elegance and attention to detail are on display in fine carpeting, wood-panelled interiors, original paintings, and granite surfaces. The Monserrat's ample social areas include a lounge with a flat screen TV, a bar, dining room, small boutique and three solariums. The yacht is among the fastest power vessels in the Galapagos and creates a comfortable experience for its passengers. From approx. USD3,845 p.p. twin/double

7 day cruises are also available - there are many options to explore



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