

# Ecuador *By Design*

## A La Carte Land Modules



### QUITO

#### 3 days/2 nights from \$199

The capital of Ecuador has a setting that few cities can match. During the 13th century it was the prosperous center of the Kingdom of Quitus. It later became the northern capital of the Inca Empire. In the 16th and 17th centuries, Colonial architects built formidable temples, monasteries and mansions, creating an urban jewel designated by UNESCO as a World Cultural Heritage Site. A visit to the Middle of the World, the very center of the earth, at latitude 0° is a must.

**Day 1:** Meeting at the airport and transfer to your hotel.

**Day 2:** Quito & The Center Of The World – Today's half-day tour includes a stroll downtown starting at the Independence Plaza, the Presidential Palace, the Municipal Building and the Archbishop's Palace. Visit the Church of La Compañía de Jesús. Continue to the Church of San Francisco. Then continue to the Equatorial Monument, which marks the exact Middle of the World, latitude 0°, where you can stand with a foot on each hemisphere. Overnight at hotel in Quito. (B)

**Day 3:** Transfer from your hotel to the airport. (B)

Rates are per person including breakfast daily.

Hotels	PACKAGE		EXTRA NIGHTS	
	Double	Single	Double	Single
Dann Carlton	\$199	\$349	\$59	\$109
Hilton Colon	219	399	69	139
JW Marriott	299	539	109	199
Swissotel	319	559	119	209

### GUAYAQUIL

#### 2 days/1 night from \$229

Guayaquil is Ecuador's largest city, natural port and the country's financial and commercial center. The people of Guayaquil are outgoing and open, they enjoy their city and are fiercely proud of their heritage. It is not surprising to hear the drama of Guayas, a brave indigenous leader, who in his desperation to avoid falling into the hands of the Spanish conquerors, decided to kill his wife, Quil, before drowning himself in the waters of the river. Their names were joined: a city was baptized.

**Day 1:** Meeting at the airport and transfer to your hotel.

**Day 2:** Half day City Tour of Guayaquil begins along the main avenue of Guayaquil, the heart of the business district of the city. A stop is made at Bolívar Park, also called "the park of the iguanas", as they roam around the park undisturbed and perch on the treetops. Then stroll along Guayaquil's ravishing Malecon 2000, 1.5 mile waterfront, running parallel to the River Guayas and featuring historical, cultural and entertainment areas. Transfer from your hotel to the airport. (B)

Rates are per person including breakfast daily.

Hotels	PACKAGE		EXTRA NIGHTS	
	Double	Single	Double	Single
Hampton Inn	\$229	\$419	\$69	\$139
Oro Verde	239	439	79	149
Four Points Sheraton	259	459	89	159
Hilton Colon	279	499	99	169

### OTAVALO

#### 2 days/1 night from \$539

**Day 1:** Departure from Quito on a trip through brilliant scenery and artisan villages. Continue along the valleys of Guayllabamba and Cayambe, with their dairy farms and rose plantations. Arrive at lunchtime to one of the charming country inns or colonial haciendas where you will spend the night. Visit the town of San Antonio de Ibarra, famous for the woodcarvings, the town of Cotacachi, an entire town dedicated to selling fine leather products, and the town of Peguche where textiles are woven in old-fashioned shuttle looms. Overnight at Hacienda Cusin or Pinsaqui. (L,D)

**Day 2:** After a hearty country breakfast, visit the market of Otavalo, piled high with ponchos, woolen goods, tapestries, the original "Panama" hat, sweaters, Indian jewelry and many handicrafts. Return to Quito. (B,L)

Rates are per person including all meals.

Hotels	PACKAGE		EXTRA NIGHTS	
	Double	Single	Double	Single
Cusin or Pinsaqui	\$539	\$879	\$76	\$116

### "CHASKI ANTAWA" & OTAVALO TREASURES

#### 2 days/1 night from \$360

**Day 1:** The tour includes Calderon, a village known for its decorative bread dough figurines, the valleys of Guayllabamba and Cayambe, landscapes of towering volcanoes with amazing opportunities for taking pictures, the crater lagoon of Cuicocha, and finally the leather-making village of Cotacachi. Visit the Otavalo market, the largest in South America. Overnight in Otavalo at a hacienda. (L)



**Day 2:** The Chaski Antawa Train (messenger train) rides on the railroad built at the beginning of the 20th century connecting the northern highlands with the tropical coast. From Ibarra, the train climbs down to the warm, dry valley of Amбуqui, going through sugar cane plantations, magical landscapes, and tunnels and crossing bridges that span large canyons and gullies.

Enjoy a unique lunch at the exclusive social project "Chaski Antawa Restaurant", which helps the local people of Valley of Salinas. Return to Quito. (B,L)

Rates are per person.

Hotels	PACKAGE	
	Double	Single
Cusin or Pinsaqui	\$360	\$425

Note: Operates: Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday from Quito.

### AMAZON RAINFOREST KAPAWI ECO LODGE

#### 4 days/3 nights from \$1049

**Day 1:** Fri – Quito-Kapawi – Depart from Quito via flight to the landing strip at the Kapawi community. Continue by a motorized canoe ride through the Capahuari River to the lodge. During the ride passengers can appreciate part of the wonderful nature and eco-system of the Amazon including some species of animals such as birds, dolphins and butterflies. Overnight at the Kapawi Eco Lodge. (L,D)

**Day 2 & 3:** Sat & Sun - Kapawi – During your stay at Kapawi activities include visits to the Achuar communities, where you can spend a day with the Achuar families, hikes in the rain forest, canoeing in rivers and lakes, swimming, watching piranhas, pink dolphins, caimans and other animals of the area, as well as bird watching, where there are 480 species. (B,L,D)

**Day 4:** Mon – Kapawi – Avenue of the Volcanoes – Quito – Today's return to Quito begins with a 20-minute canoe trip to the Community, where you board a plane for the approximately 50-minute flight to Shell. Then, the journey continues by land through the Avenue of The Volcanoes where passengers see the Cotopaxi, Illinizas and Chimborazo volcanoes. (B)

Rates are per person including all meals.

Hotels	PACKAGE		
	Double	Single	Triple
Kapawi Lodge	\$1049	\$1339	\$949

Note: Achuar community fee \$10 per person to be paid locally 3 night package Fri-Mon

### GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - FINCH BAY HOTEL

#### 4 days/3 nights from \$1055



Located amid superb natural beauty the this Eco-Hotel situated directly on the beach is the perfect complement to your Galapagos Expedition. Ideal for the adventure seeker, the nature lover, family or traveler looking for a beautiful place to relax, the Finch Bay is designed for you to make the most of your Galapagos experience. Hotel facilities and activities include a pool, Jacuzzi, kayaking, snorkeling, and bicycles

#### Included Features:

- Transfers Baltra airport/hotel
- 3 nights hotel accommodations with all meals
- 2 full-day yacht excursions to the Galapagos Islands
- Guided visit to Charles Darwin Research Station
- Guided Visit to Los Gemelos
- Hotel taxes

Not Included : Air ticket to/from Galapagos and \$100 Galapagos National Park Fee.

Rates are per person including all meals.

Hotels	PACKAGE		EXTRA NIGHTS	
	Double	Single	Double	Single
Finch Bay	\$1055	\$1390	\$349	\$469

Note: Galapagos National Park entrance fee additional \$110.00 per person. Does not include airfare.

### THE CHIVA EXPRESS – QUITO/RIOBAMABA/CUENCA

#### 3 days/2 nights from \$810

**Day 1:** Transfer to the old train station of Quito to start the adventure. The one car "Chiva Express" resembles a bus on metal wheels along the train tracks. One of the highlights of the trip is to "ride the roof" with a panoramic view of the stunning Andean region of Ecuador. Voyage along the "Avenue of the Volcanoes". Visit an Indian market. After lunch, continue toward the impressive mount Chimborazo and visit an Indian hut. Continue on to Riobamba for a short visit of the city. Dinner and overnight in Riobamba. (L,D)

**Day 2:** After breakfast, transfer to the train station to board the Chiva Express for a scenic ride to Alausi. Twist and turn over the Andes, tunneling through rocky impasses, bridging ravines and river gorges. Disembark in Alausi, and board the motorcar to continue the trip by road along the Andes towards the south. Visit the Inca Ruins of Ingapirca. Box lunch en-route. Continue to Cuenca for overnight. (B,L,D)

**Day 3:** Cuenca is Ecuador's third largest city and a World Cultural Heritage Site. It retains its pleasant provincial air with its red tiled roofs, cobblestone streets, flowery plazas and museums. Today, enjoy a walking tour in the colonial downtown area of Cuenca. Transfer to airport for your flight to Quito. (B,L)

Rates are per person including all meals.

Hotels	PACKAGE		EXTRA NIGHTS	
	Double	Single	Double	Single
Oro Verde or Similar	\$810	\$890	\$219	\$230

Note: Operates Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

