

# [Gold] Ecuador+ Quito+ Otavalo+ Cotopaxi National Park 5 Days 4 Nights Tour



| Product information             |                                  |                       |                                |
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| <b>Tour No.</b>                 | UIOUIO5-C                        |                       |                                |
| <b>Departure city</b>           | Quito                            |                       |                                |
| <b>Destination</b>              | Quito                            | <b>Way location</b>   | Otavalo、Cotopaxi National Park |
| <b>Travel days</b>              | 5 Day 4 Night                    | <b>Transportation</b> | Vehicle                        |
| <b>Airport pick-up/drop-off</b> | Airport pick-up Airport drop-off | <b>Currency</b>       | USD                            |

| Product price   |   |
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| <p><b>Single occupancy:</b> \$1619 / Person</p> <p>Exist mandatory fee: Estimated total cost 1644</p> <p>Number of rooms: 1; The number of tourist: 1;</p> <p>Basic price[The number of tourist]: 1 x 1619 = 1619</p> <p>Transportation Surcharge[The number of tourist]: 1 x 25 = 25</p> | <p><b>Double occupancy:</b> \$1369 / Person</p> <p>Exist mandatory fee: Estimated total cost 2788</p> <p>Number of rooms: 1; The number of tourist: 2;</p> <p>Basic price[The number of tourist]: 2 x 1369 = 2738</p> <p>Transportation Surcharge[The number of tourist]: 2 x 25 = 50</p> |
| <p><b>Child price:</b> \$1369 / Person</p> <p>Exist mandatory fee: Estimated total cost 1394</p> <p>The number of tourist: 1;</p> <p>Basic price[The number of tourist]: 1 x 1369 = 1369</p> <p>Transportation Surcharge[The number of tourist]: 1 x 25 = 25</p>                          |   |

| Departure date                   |
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| January: 01/05/2024, 01/15/2024  |
| February: 02/02/2024, 02/12/2024 |
| March: 03/01/2024, 03/18/2024    |
| April: 04/05/2024, 04/15/2024    |
| May: 05/03/2024, 05/13/2024      |

June: 06/07/2024, 06/17/2024

July: 07/05/2024, 07/15/2024

August: 08/02/2024, 08/12/2024

September: 09/06/2024, 09/16/2024

October: 10/04/2024, 10/14/2024

November: 11/01/2024, 11/11/2024

December: 12/06/2024

A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

## Highlights

- The country of the equator, Ecuador, has a mild climate. The capital, Quito has rich historical and cultural heritage, with ancient buildings and modern facilities intertwined. On the streets of Quito, you can feel a strong historical and cultural atmosphere everywhere.
- Visit the landmark building of the Basílica del Voto Nacional in Quito, which is solemn and solemn.
- Go to Independence Square and visit famous buildings such as the Independence Hero Monument, the Presidential Palace, and the Catholic Church;
- Explore the "Center of the Earth" Equatorial Tablet, with one foot in the southern hemisphere and one foot in the northern hemisphere, standing at the center of the world overlooking the Andes Mountains, the scenery is breathtaking.
- Visit the largest lake in Ecuador, The San Pablo, and the Cuicocha Crater Lake at the foot of the Cotacaci Volcano, to experience the natural beauty.
- Go to the Otavalo Town Markets, and experience the rich South American charm.
- Cotopaxi National Park is surrounded by spectacular volcanoes. Walking in Park, you can see the towering summit of Cotopaxi Volcano and overlook the panoramic view of the Andes Mountains.

## Join / leave point

### Boarding location

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Mariscal Sucre Quito International Airport (UIO)(Airport); Free pick-up time on the first day of your tour: 09:00, 20:00. This time is the time for the guests to meet with our staff after picking up their luggage at the baggage claim area of the airline they are taking.

### Drop-off location

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Mariscal Sucre Quito International Airport (UIO)(Airport); For detailed information, please refer to the last day's itinerary.

## Tour introduction

### Day 1

#### Home - Airplane - Quito

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##### All day

With a relaxed and happy mood, you will be taking a flight to Quito, the capital city of Ecuador! The tour guide will raise a sign to pick up at the airport, and guests who are close to the flight will be arranged to take the same bus to the hotel. Three meals at your own expense.

Free pick-up airport on the first day of your tour: Mariscal Sucre Quito International Airport (UIO)

Free pick-up time on the first day of your tour: 09:00, 20:00. This time is the time for the guests to meet with our staff after picking up their luggage at the baggage claim area of the airline they are taking.

##### Night

Hotel: Hilton Colon Quito Hotel; Or similar;

### Day 2

#### Quito City Tour

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##### All day

Today we will visit Quito, the capital city closest to the equator. We will first visit the Basílica del Voto Nacional. It is considered the largest Neo-gothic temple in the Americas, and the most important piece of Neo-gothic architecture in Ecuador. Then we will continue to the Independence Square. Admire the historical buildings surrounding the square. Afterwards, we will visit the Iglesia de San Francisco. The church houses masterpieces of talented indigenous artists from the famous methods of "Escuela Quiteña" Quito School. One of the highlights of the city tour is the visit of Iglesia de La Compañía de Jesús, considered to be a masterpiece of the baroque style. The facade is made by volcanic stone and the interior is all covered with gold. Following, we will go to the Equatorial Tablet, which is the central point of the equator and has great commemorative significance. Finally, we will visit the Intiñan Site Museum to learn about Ecuador's culture and history

##### Itinerary:

**Basílica del Voto Nacional → Independence Square → Iglesia de San Francisco → Iglesia de La Compañía de Jesús (include ticket) → Equatorial Tablet (include ticket) → Intiñan Site Museum (include ticket)**

##### All day

##### **Basílica del Voto Nacional**

The Basílica del Voto Nacional is one of the most unique and stunning buildings in the entire city of Quito, Ecuador. Not only can you explore the ground floor full of altars, chapel rooms, and more, but you can also climb a few staircases and

ladders to a viewpoint from the towers.

### **Independence Square (Plaza Grande)**

Independence Square ( or colloquially as Plaza Grande) is the principal and central public square of Quito, Ecuador. This is the central square of the city and one of the symbols of the executive power of the nation. Its main feature is the monument to the independence heroes of August 10, 1809, the date remembered as the first cry of independence of the Royal Audience of Quito from the Spanish monarchy. The square is flanked by the Carondelet Palace, the Metropolitan Cathedral, the Archbishop's Palace, the Municipal Palace and the Plaza Grande Hotel.

### **Iglesia de San Francisco**

The Basilica and Convent of San Francisco, commonly known as el San Francisco, is a Catholic basilica that stands in the middle of the historic center of Quito, in front of the square of the same name. It is the oldest and most significant religious site in Ecuador. The structure is the largest architectural complex within the historic centers of all of South America, and for this reason it was known as "El Escorial of the New World". San Francisco is considered a jewel of continental architecture for its mixture of different styles combined throughout more than 150 years of construction. San Francisco is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site "City of Quito".

### **Iglesia de La Compania de Jesus**

The Iglesia de La Compania de Jesus was a summit of the Baroque period in Latin America, built by outstanding Jesuits between 1605 and 1765, inspired by two iconic Roman Jesuit temples: Il Gesu and Saint Ignacio. This temple was built by countless artists from the Quito School, who continued their abilities and dedicated themselves to carving and gilding with thin gold foil of 23 carats per centimeter from the church.

### **Equatorial Tablet**

The Ciudad Mitad del Mundo (Middle of the World City) is a tract of land owned by the prefecture of the province of Pichincha, Ecuador. It is located at San Antonio parish of the canton of Quito, 26 km (16 mi) north of the center of Quito. The grounds contain the Monument to the Equator, which highlights the exact location of the Equator (from which the country takes its name) and commemorates the eighteenth century Franco-Spanish Geodesic Mission which fixed its approximate location; they also contain the Museo Etnográfico Mitad del Mundo, Ethnographic Museum Middle of the Earth, a museum about the indigenous people ethnography of Ecuador.

### **Intiñan Site Museum**

The Intiñan Musuem is located just outside of Quito right next to the Mitad del Mundo monument. Most people know that Mitad del Mundo's equator line is a bit off. Intiñan has their own marker and it's closer to the right spot.

Afternoon Lunch

## Lunch included

Night

Hotel: Hilton Colon Quito Hotel; Or similar;

## Day 3

**Quito - Vehicle - Otavalo - Vehicle - Quito**

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All day

Today, we will head towards Imbabura known as “The Province of the Lakes”. The highway offers a lovely view passing through Calderón and Guayllabamba valleys. We will make short stop here to get to know more about local culture. Passing through Cayambe we can get a sight of the snow-capped volcano, the world’s highest point crossed by the Equator Line. This small town is also famous for its salt biscuits with “leaf cheese” and “manjar”. We can make a stop here to try this delicacy, before we continue to the Imbabura province, named after the Imbabura Volcano, where we will first head to the largest lake in Ecuador, the San Pablo. We will then enter Otavalo City that holds a local Market every day, an ancient tradition and cultural exchange site among the Otavalo community. Following, we will visit the peaceful Cotacachi Village, famous for its leather, and meet the local craftsmen. Finally, we will visit the charming Cuicocha Crater Lake, and we will head back to Quito in the late afternoon.

### Itinerary:

**Quito → The San Pablo → Otavalo Town Markets → Cotacachi Village → Cuicocha Crater Lake → Quito**

All day

### Lago San Pablo

The largest lake in Ecuador, Lago San Pablo.

### Otavalo Town Markets

This colorful indigenous market takes place each Saturday and features some of the finest woven products in the region including ponchos, sweaters, wall hangings and shawls.

### Cotacachi Village

Cotacachi is a town that is the seat of Cotacachi Canton, Imbabura Province, Ecuador, in South America. Cotacachi is located at an altitude of 2,418 metres (7,933 ft) and had a population of 8,848 in 2010. Cotacachi is an artisan city that is famous for its leather goods and handicrafts. Cotacachi residents are also well known for their carne colorada (filet of pork cooked in red achiote sauce), and queso de hoja (soft cheese wrapped in a plant leaf).

### Cuicocha Crater Lake

Cuicocha (Kichwa: Kuykucha, "lake of guinea pigs" or Kuychikucha, "rainbow lake") is a 3 km (2 mi) wide caldera and crater lake at the foot of Cotacachi Volcano in the Cordillera Occidental of the Ecuadorian Andes.

Afternoon Lunch

**Lunch included**

Night

Hotel: Hilton Colon Quito Hotel; Or similar;

## Day 4

**Quito - Vehicle - Cotopaxi National Park - Vehicle - Quito**

All day

Today's adventure starts early in the morning when you drive south through the Avenue of the Volcanoes. We will first visit one of the highest active volcanoes in the world and one of Ecuador's most popular highlights: the elegant Cotopaxi Volcano. This impressive, snow-capped volcano stands proudly in the middle of the beautiful national park that bears its name. Upon arrival at the entrance of the Cotopaxi National Park, your guide will explain about the unique flora and fauna of the area, and about the history of the volcano. Subsequently, you'll continue to the Limpiopungo Lake, to enjoy a hike through the stunning "paramo", or grassland, landscape where you can see hummingbirds, wild horses, and other wildlife.

**Itinerary:**

**Quito → Cotopaxi National Park → Limpiopungo Lake → Quito**

All day

**Cotopaxi National Park**

Cotopaxi National Park is located in the central region of Ecuador found with the Andes Mountains. The national park boundaries encompass an area of 128.9 square miles (333.9 sq km). Named for the highest active volcano in the world (5,897 meters), this national park is dedicated to protecting llama and other animals such as bears, wolves, puma and deer.

**Limpiopungo Lake**

Limpiopungo Lagoon is a beautiful lake formed by water from the glaciers. It is located very close to the Cotopaxi volcano. Limpiopungo lagoon is like a mirror that reflects the beauty of the surrounding peaks. In fact, the image of the Cotopaxi volcano reflected in the middle of the lagoon. The hike around the lagoon offers excellent views and lots of

birds.

Afternoon Lunch

**Lunch included**

Night

Hotel: Hilton Colon Quito Hotel; Or similar;

**Day 5**

**Quito - Airplane - Home**

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All day

After breakfast, we will take you to Mariscal Sucre Quito International Airport (UIO) to end your pleasant journey.

Our staff only provides drop-off service from the hotel at 8:00 in the morning. If the guest has an early flight and needs to leave the hotel before 8 o'clock to the airport, the guide can help the guest take a taxi.

### **Cost Description**

#### **Cost includes**

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1. Transportation is provided on the days mentioned.
2. Accommodations are based on double occupancy.
3. English-speaking driver/guide or driver and guide on the days mentioned.
4. Buffet breakfast and 3 lunch.
5. Entrance to La Compania Church, Middle of the World, Intinan Museum and Cotopaxi National Park.

#### **Cost excludes**

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1. Food and beverage.
2. Air ticket, ferry, and shuttle transfer in some attraction areas/national parks.
3. Attraction admission fee (Prices are subject to change without prior notice; Tickets should be purchased from the tour guide).
4. Service fee ( Suggest USD\$15/person/day, any child and Infant reserving a seat has to pay that service fee as well).

5. Any expenses are not listed in Fee Included.

### **Know Before You Book**

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1. Customer under 18 years old MUST be accompanied by at least one adult. In consideration of the guest safety, pregnant women are only allowed to join the tour if pregnant for 24 weeks or less by the end of the trip.
2. Please be sure to provide accurate and complete information upon booking. This includes name, gender, valid contact information (preferably a mobile phone), accurate flight information, tour location, etc., This helps to avoid any errors upon the reservation because errors affect travel. Any losses due to inaccurate or invalid information will be at your own cost and the company will not be held responsible.
3. Hotels have different room types, such as a King/Queen size beds or two double size twin beds. The maximum number of people who can legally stay in a room is 2 to 4 people. In addition, each hotel has a different method of charging the deposit, which requires the cooperation of the guests according to regulations. Please be noticed that most of the deposit collection and refund is handled by credit card. ALL AMERICA TRAVEL guarantee the number of rooms for guests but does not guarantee the specific room type and location. Hotel check-in time is usually after 15:00.
4. This tour does not accept any City Pass or your own tickets for any of the attractions. Tour attraction admission charges and meal expenses are subject to change at any time without notification. Any purchased ticket cannot be refunded for lower prices.
5. ALL AMERICA TRAVEL have the right to make appropriate adjustments to the itinerary under the conditions of facilitating the operation for the tour group. This, however, will not reduce the items that should be included in the itinerary.
6. During the actual trip, the tour guide or driver has the right to appropriately adjust the tour sequence, stay time or assembly time of scenic spots according to the weather, traffic, and other conditions to ensure the smooth progress of the trip.
7. If the scenic spots are temporarily closed or closed on a particular holiday, etc., the tour guide will adjust the appearance according to the actual situation or replace the location with another scenic spot to ensure the richness of the itinerary. The opening hours and capacity limits of certain attractions and national parks will be subject to change from time to time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When the operating hours and capacity restrictions have an impact on the itinerary, it shall be regarded as force majeure. Thank you for your understanding.
8. Children under the age of 8 require a booster seat in order to participate in the tour group. ALL AMERICA TRAVEL provide the rental service for \$10.00/person/day. Please make a request when booking the itinerary so that we may have the booster seat ready in advance. Please understand that the violations and fines are borne by the guests themselves. There is no need for a booster seat for bus travel on the day of travel, and the fee can be refunded to the guest.



9. Normal health conditions are required to participate and enjoy our full itineraries. Contact us for specific policies or information regarding passengers with disabilities and the handicapped who do need to provide advance notification to make a reservation. ALL AMERICA TRAVEL do not guarantee a wheelchair lift-equipped bus and/or seating availability to disabled passengers without prior notification and approval.

10. We may alter these terms and conditions from time to time and post the new version on our agents' website. It is your responsibility to check the [\[Terms & Conditions\]](#) on their website regularly and prior to making a reservation.

Unless specifically stated otherwise herein or required by law, ALL AMERICA TRAVEL shall not be liable for any consequential, compensatory, indirect, incidental or punitive damages arising out of or in connection with the performance of its obligations under these terms and conditions.

11. Due to the oil price soar and the cost of vehicle greatly increased, starting April 1, 2022, please be advised that all bus tours will be subject to an additional transportation surcharge of \$5 per person per day, which will be paid together with the tour fees when you place the order.

### **Know Before You Go**

1. The maximal waiting time for any late passengers is 10 minutes beyond the meeting time announced by the Tour Guide. While ALL AMERICA TRAVEL makes every effort to provide on-time service, it does not guarantee to arrive at or depart from any point as a specific time, which may be affected by any number of factors including weather, traffic, strikes, government shutdowns, war or terrorist attacks, or mechanical problems. ALL AMERICA TRAVEL is not liable for any inconvenience or expense caused as a result of such a delay, not liable for the expense of connecting air or train or bus service missed as a result of a delay and not liable for any other travel expense caused as a result of a delay.

2. ALL AMERICA TRAVEL reserve the right, when operating conditions require, transferring passengers from one vehicle to another en route.

3. The following documents are recommended to make your check-in process smooth: A valid photo ID is required to board the bus; We recommend you bring a copy of the email confirmation to board the bus.

4. This product is a group activity. If you choose to leave the group, please inform in advance, and obtain the consent of the tour guide. You need to sign the departure agreement form and the unfinished part will be regarded as your own abandonment. The group fee will not be refunded.

5. Gift items in the itinerary that cannot be given away due to force majeure factors such as traffic and weather conditions or personal reasons may be subject to change. Please understand that the fees will not be refunded.

6. Smoking is prohibited aboard the bus in accordance with Federal law and prohibited in most hotel rooms. Customers are responsible for any penalty charged by the hotel in a non-smoking room at least \$250 per night.

7. Pets and animals are not allowed on the vehicle.

8. Only for products with airport pick-up service: only one pick-up service within the free pick-up time range is provided for each order. If it is impossible to arrange due to weather and flight delay, etc., please pay for your own transportation costs.