



**Terra Ecuador**

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## General information

Start date : April 3 - 12, 2019

Category : GIR circuit

Duration : 10 days

Validity prices : 02/10/18

For all public



## Visited countries

### Ecuador

Ecuador is a country of spectacular variety and beautiful scenery. From beaches to volcanoes, you can expect to find almost any kind of environment here. Ecuador is one of the few countries that has such a variety in types of regions, the coast, the mountain range, the Amazon and in the peninsular area, the Galapagos Islands. This means Ecuador's tourism opportunities are some of the best in the world - it also means that there are a lot of activities to enjoy in this country. Best of all, Ecuador offers the opportunity to enjoy the ruins left behind by the Amerindian cultures that populated this country many years ago. It also gives easy access to one of the greatest rainforests in the world - the Amazon! Besides the Amazon, the Galapagos Islands have much to offer to the intrepid adventurer. You will never run out of places to discover when you visit Ecuador!

[Ecuador video presentation](#)



## Regions to discover

### Sierra Norte



The great market of Otavalo opens the door to the Northern Sierra with beautiful lakes and the crafting villages that arrive till the Colombian's border. This city has specialized itself with the creation of pieces of clothing made of wool, like sweaters, rugs and hammocks for example. The natives have not lost their traditions, men and women use their typical clothes and women are very popular because of the use of necklaces of a great variety of colors which can be bought in the market. The Imbabura province, located in the north of Quito is also part of the touristic reputation of Ecuador. It is to say that the volcanoes, the lakes and the valleys there are truly like postal cards, while the diversity of indigenous groups make the area very interesting for cultural knowledge. The area is also well known for its crafting: the wooden sculptures of San Antonio, the leathers of Cotacachi and the famous weaving of Otavalo.

### Quito



The capital of Ecuador is a beautiful colonial style city with a 1.7 million population located at 2,800m above the sea level and surrounded with mountains. The temperature varies from 23 to 8 degrees centigrade in the same day, because of the altitude. With white walls, red roofs, flourishing patios, fountains and wooden doors, the Ronda is the oldest street in the old city. You can admire a superb architectural ensemble from the Panecillo. Different museums are located in the city centre, such as the Colonial Art Museum, the Art and History Museum of "Alberto Mena Caamaño", the Sugar House, the Party Temple, the Jacinto Jijon Museum of the Catholic University and the Guayasamin Museum. The anthropology museum and the gold museum of the Central Bank are the most complete and interesting in the country. Other places are also places we have to see, like, Guapulo and its church, the Sugar theatre, the Astronomy Observatory in the Alameda park, the El Ejido and La Carolina parks, and the Government and the Archbishop palaces. One of the most particular places around Quito is the monument of the "Mitad del Mundo", indicating the exact place of the parallel 0 of Equator. The Ethnographic Museum is located inside the building where you can see the city of the "Mitad del Mundo", a model of the colonial Quito, the Astronomical observatory and the French stand. A few kilometers from there, you can visit the inactive crater of the Pululahua volcano with its different vegetation species, and the protected areas of: Nono, Tandayapa, Mindo, with an abundant vegetation and animal life. In the north of Quito we can find the village of Calderon which is well known for the marzipan sculptures.

We invite you to look at the following website to get you convinced of the beauty of the city: [Interactive presentation of Quito](#)

## Your itinerary



## Your trip summary

Day 8 - Wednesday 10/04/19 : Otavalo - San Clemente

Day 9 - Thursday 11/04/19 : San Clemente

Day 10 - Friday 12/04/19 : San Clemente - Otavalo - Quito Airport

## DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 8: Wednesday 10/04/19, Otavalo - San Clemente

distance : 37miles

You will take the route towards San Clemente village, south of Ibarra. You will get to San Clemente autochthonous community, down the Imbabura volcano, where you will spend the night. A family will welcome you and invite you to share not only their house and food, but their customs and way of living. Many surprises await you, as the live-stock farming of guinea pigs or lamas, and the medicinal plants path maintained by their own users.

*Included: private transport, dinner (no drinks), local spanish-speaking guide, room & breakfast*



## Day 9: Thursday 11/04/19, San Clemente

Presentation of the andean calendar and the agricultural cycles in relation with the ancestral medicine. You may participate to agricultural tasks as preparing the soil with the help of bulls, with the idea to understand the link between food safety and previous obligations in the andean cosmovision.

*Included: private transport, dinner (no drinks), local spanish-speaking guide, lunch (no drinks), room & breakfast*



Day 10: Friday 12/04/19, San Clemente - Otavalo - Quito Airport

We will go down to Otavalo.  
From Otavalo, you will directly go to Quito's Airport.

Free connection for your international flight from Quito. According to your flight schedule, you will dispose of more or less free time.

*Included: private transport*



## YOUR ACCOMMODATION



### Comunidad San Clemente

dates : 10 & 11/04

Category : 2\*

Correo postal 10-0-332 Ibarra - para Manuel Guatemala, San Clemente, Imbabura

<http://www.sanclementetours.com>

Let's discover one of the most authentic and traditional project of community tourism.

San Clemente guarantees the provision of quality service, the sincerity of their hosts, professional native guides for excursions and hikes, and real traditional food.

Information :

Available meals : B / L / D

Capacity : 17 rural accomodation (2 to 8 pax / home)

Access to Internet : No

Certification : Community tourism



# Escape to the Amazon - Rates per person in double room

Base 1 person: **731 \$us**

Base 2 persons: **440 \$us** per person

Base 3 persons: **350 \$us** per person

Base 4 persons: **302 \$us** per person

Base 5 persons: **290 \$us** per person

Base 6 persons: **266 \$us** per person

Base 7 persons: **248 \$us** per person

Base 8 persons: **236 \$us** per person

Base 9 persons: **227 \$us** per person

Base 10 persons: **218 \$us** per person

Base 11 persons: **221 \$us** per person

Base 12 persons: **212 \$us** per person

## Hotels availability

- Hotels are subject to availability at the moment of the reservation / confirmation of your trip.
- In case of unavailability at one of the indicated hotels, another option in the same category will be proposed.

## Included :

- Hotel and touristic services taxes
- English speaking assistance 24h/24 during the trip
- Guide, private transportation, entrance fees and the excursions indicated as "included" in each day
- All breakfasts (not guaranteed if leaving early the hotel)
- Lunch and dinner indicated as « included » in each day
- Nights in indicated hotels or equivalent in twin or matrimonial room.

## Not included :

- International flight
- Domestic flight (except if mentioned in this proposal)
- Options
- Individual equipment
- Hospitalization / medical repatriation insurance (mandatory)
- Lunch and dinner not mentioned (around 8 to 16 \$US / person / meal)
- Beverages
- Tips (restaurants, guides and drivers)
- Not mentioned visits
- Any services not mentioned in section "our prices include"
- For a journey to Galapagos, price per person: entrance tax to the Galapagos national park (100 \$US), likely to increase any time without previous notice, migration card (20 \$US), any embarkment tax (ex.: Isabela (10 \$US), taxi-boats in harbour, transfer bus between airport and Itabaca channel (Santa Cruz) (5 \$US).

## Pictures

This proposal uses pictures that cannot be considered as contractual. They can not reflect changes occurred in the sites and



not match exactly to the service, especially in the case of hotels with rooms that can be all different. Therefore they cannot be used as a base for any claim.

### Tips

It is an habit in Ecuador to reward your guide and driver who went with you all along your trip. We remind you that the tips are not included in this offer : therefore at the end of your stay, do not forget to make a gesture toward whom had attentions for you, having you discovering their country with passion.

### Booking / Payment :

Any reservation must be performed with along a deposit that represents 30% of the total price of the services plus 100% of the airtickets; the reception of this deposit implying the acceptation of the booking only if the places are still available. In case of agreement, the rest of the price of the services will have to be paid 45 days before the effective start of the package. At the confirmation of this proposal, it will be asked to the customer to provide as soon as possible the information concerning the travellers (forenames, first names, birthdays, passports number and as quick as possible a scanned copy of the passports), so as to guarantee the bookings. Terra Ecuador will no be kept responsible if the information is not received on time and if the reservations are impacted.

### Terms and conditions of sale

Any confirmation implies the acceptance of our [terms and conditions of sale](#).

### Children in Galapagos

The majority of Operators in the Galapagos impose that the less than 6-year-old children can participate neither in the day-tours on boat nor in the cruises for obvious reasons of safety. If you do not respect this rule, you will be completely responsible for any event that may occur.

### Natural activity

Ecuador being a country situated in the Andes and thus on a "young" volcanic chain, we are submitted to the fact that the authorities, which watch the volcanic and seismic activity, decree at any time the ban on access to certain regions of the country, for obvious reasons of security. It concerns just as much the Galapagos, the archetypal volcanic archipelago (in particular the volcano Sierra Negra). It is then about a case of "force majeure" for which we shall try to compensate at best by proposing you an alternate activity. We shall ask you then for your understanding, being not our responsibility.

### Cruises itineraries & Activities on the islands of Galapagos

The itineraries of the cruises in Galapagos are subject to approval by the Authorities of the Galapagos National park. Itineraries are submitted 1 year in advance by the cruise owners. A program confirmed this year for the next year can be modified by authorities. Even approved programs for the current year can still be modified according to ecological and climatic criterias.

For "island hopping" programs, some sites can be closed by the Authorities at any time for the same reasons. Thus we beg you to be understanding as these measures allow to protect this natural jewel.

### Useful links

[In case of emergency](#)

### Notes



#### Your international flight

The international flights are not included in these prices y we do not offer this service for not being competitives and not IATA agreed. In general, you can find on internet the best fares and it will be more advantageous to book by yourself the flights. You can visit our website to get more information on the international flights for Ecuador; see this internet platform to find the best offers : [www.vols-internationaux](http://www.vols-internationaux). On the other hand, it will be a pleasure for us to book the domestic flights. Please feel free to contact us for some help or additional information.



#### Our quality commitment

We invite you to consult our quality commitment, common to all the Terra Group agencies, [by clicking on](#).



### Passport

Your passport must be valid 6 months after your date of return to your country. It is of your responsibility to get proper information concerning a required visa according to your nationality and origin. You may have, as for most of the countries, a 90 days turistical visa at the entrance in Ecuador.

We invite you to consult the following site : [IATA](#), that will give you some information on the requirements concerning the passports, visa and health regulations according to your origin.



### Sexual tourism

Terra Ecuador rejects sexual exploitation and other forms of child abuse. We warn our customers that these forms of behavior are subjected to penal and administrative sanctions provided for by the law in force. Any activity related to prostitution is entirely your responsibility and will never be proposed by our agency.

Terra Ecuador supports the environmentally-responsible behavior. You are therefore encouraged to protect the flora and wildlife species and avoid its illegal marketing. We are committed against the trafficking in cultural property.



### Terra Ecuador's ASSETS

- Our local expertise of Ecuador and Galápagos, from Quito.
- Our technical knowledge of activities and fine assessment of hotels we carefull pick-up and fine tune specifically for your travel
- Our meticulous selection of qualitative and confident providers here in Ecuador
- Our team, mix of rich personalities, with original experiences and melted profiles... all in love with Ecuador
- Our belonging to TERRA network with its own identity and shared values
- Our originality through our ability to re-enchaut our proposals for any kind of traveler, even atypical.
- Our desire to go further to make you discover another hidden Ecuador with authentic and unseen facets (from meetings with indigenous leaders to private cooking masterclass with a chef, up to adventures raid or survival trek in the jungle ...)
- Our strong requirements of transparency and integrity to as to promote a responsible, fair and sustainable tourism here
- Our customized care before and during your travel, always promoting your well-fare and your security

« **Together, let's invent a lifetime unique experience here in Ecuador** »



### Insurance

The Ministry of the Ecuadorian Tourism requires that the tourists entering the country present the proof of a Health insurance which covers them during the stay, this from February, 2018.

Plan to take with you a document which proves it because it stays of your responsibility.

Terra Group in partnership with the french company "Valeurs Assurances" (GAN group) can propose you solutions of insurances during your stay, in multi-risks or only health-repatriation and cancellation. Do not hesitate to ask us.



### Personal data privacy

Confidentiality of your provate data is guaranted by our Toogo tool system that allows us to elaborate the quotation you have in front of your eyes.

Detail of this policy is indicated et the following link: [TOOGO PRIVATE DATE POLICY](#).

### Memberships



### Quotation revision

We remind you that all **our programs can be modified before their confirmation**. Do not hesitate making us know your feeling on the suggested itinerary; we can adapt it the times you need it (duration, stages, types of lodging, activities...) to build, together, the trip you dreamed of.



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