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- Day 1** Depart for Ecuador , arrive to Quito in the evening. Pick-up at the airport and transport to hotel. (No meals included)
- Day 2** Quito – Chilcabamba. In the morning visit Quito’s Old Town. Later drive towards Chilcabamba located nearby the Cotopaxi area at 11,150 ft.
- Day 3** Chilcabamba – Yanahurco. From Chilcabamba drive through the National Park to the entrance of Yanahurco. Welcome cocktail. Guests accommodations. Ranch tour. Lunch. Afternoon free for acclimatization, fishing and recreation. Dinner. Games: billiards, ping-pong, cards, videos, etc. Later meet with your party at the same accommodations. Overnight.
- Day 4** Hike – Yanahurco. 06:00. optional cow milking tour; breakfast at 08:00. Depart to the waterfall via DEAD MANS' rock at 09:30 hs. Approx. 2 hours on horseback. Tour the waterfall and surroundings and fishing in the river. Campsite lunch. Return to the ranch bordering the magnificent cliffs of Vicious Valley's river, where condors nest. Afternoon return to hacienda house and meet the rest of the team. Dinner and overnight. Same accommodations.
- Day 5** Ruminahui – Tambopaxi. Breakfast at 08:30. Ride on a 4x4 vehicle to special sightseeing places. Optional fishing and other activities. Lunch at 13:00. In the afternoon drive to Tambopaxi then meet again with your party. Free afternoon. Dinner and overnight at the private section of Tambopaxi.
- Day 6** Cotopaxi – La Estacion. In the morning drive/light hike at the surrounding Limpiopungo Lake and other activities. Lunch in Tambopaxi then in the afternoon meet with your party, pack up then drive to the Hostelry La Estacion located in Machachi. Dinner and overnight.
- Day 7** La Estacion – Cochasqui – Hacienda Guachala. Today the group will split up and we will continue the trip in two different cars and two different Guides. After breakfast with the second Guide drive towards the pre-Incan ruins of Cochasqui for a very interesting visit. Later continue to the “real” Equator monument. Continue to the old and charming Hacienda of Guachala. Guachala was the first hacienda in Ecuador (1580). Check in and free afternoon to rest and relax (games, swimming pool, internet, etc.) Dinner and overnight at Guachala.



- Day 8 Hacienda Guachala – Otavalo. In the morning drive to Otavalo. First check-in at the hotel Casa Sol then continue the trip in order to visit the volcanic lake of Cuicocha for a light hike or simply enjoy the landscape. Visit to the artisans' village of Cotacachi famous for its leather manufactures. In the afternoon visit to the famous Indigenous market of Otavalo. Depending on your climbing parties arrival, we can visit the market earlier or just decided once the whole team is together again. Free afternoon and overnight at La Casa Sol (amazing place).
- Day 9 Otavalo – La Carriona. After breakfast leave for a scenic drive along the mountains to our next destination (Hacienda La Carriona). We can consider it like a rest day. Free afternoon to relax at this comfortable place. Dinner and overnight.
- Day 10 La Carriona – Bellavista Cloud Forest. Today the group will split up again. In the morning with the other Guide and the other vehicle drive towards the western slopes of the Andes. We continue our drive (2 hours) to a protected reserve in the cloud forest. A mountain rainforest but the lower temperatures, wind, moisture patterns, rainfall changes the flora. This is no longer purely tropical and more temperate plant families invade this ecosystem. Trees are smaller due to cooler weather and steeper terrain, but they grow closer together and support many epiphytes like orchids and bromeliads.
- As described by Bellavista "A place for adventure, relaxation and deep contact with nature, home to hundreds of species of plants, birds and other animals". Note: The cloud forest is a different type of rain forest, a mysterious enchanted forest with a much more benign climate than the Amazon Basin, and no malaria (7200 feet altitude). Hike in the extensive network of trails inside the reserve. Excellent opportunities for bird watching and photography. Fabulous dinner in the evening. Overnight in Bellavista Cloud Forest Reserve.
- Day 11 Bellavista Cloud Forest – Papallacta. Early in the morning the best opportunities to take pictures to the hundreds of hummingbirds. We enjoy an early morning hike in the reserve. Pack up and drive to Papallacta hot springs to meet with your party. Free afternoon to rest and treat ourselves with a wonderful SPA experience. Dinner and overnight at Papallacta.
- Day 12 Papallacta – Quito. Easy day. Drive back to Quito (2 hours). Overnight at hotel Quito.
- Day 13 Transfer out from the hotel to the airport (Meals are not included)

*** All meals are included unless otherwise noted*