

## THE NEW CLASSICS



### UP & DOWN

#### FROM THE ANDES TO THE PACIFIC COAST

For those who love nature as its best, Ecuador presents a wonderful opportunity to taste and admire different landscapes in a short period of time.

Mixing in a fabulous program the Andean Region with the warm tropical Pacific Coast, you will be able to experience some of the tallest active snow-capped volcanoes, green and tall beautiful palm trees, different kinds of potatoes and corns, splendid bananas plantations, cities with history as well as the most modern ones.

Join us in this perfect itinerary that takes you from the north to the south and from south to the west; including: Quito, Humboldt's Avenue of the Volcanoes, Cuenca, Guayaquil and the charming fisherman villages of the Ecuadorian coast.



### BETWEEN HUMBOLDT'S & DARWIN'S SECRETS

During your stay visit the unforgettable cities of Quito and Cuenca, both declare a UNESCO "World Cultural Heritage site" for its rich colonial legacy and architectural value in the year of 1978 the first and in 1999 the second.

The amazing "Avenue of the Volcanoes" geographically named by the German scientist Alexander Von Humboldt; which displays a breathtaking natural boulevard flanked by impressive volcanoes and giant peaks covered with glaciers and perpetual snow.

The Galapagos Islands in a fantastic trip following Darwin's steps in his 5-week visit to the islands in 1535 which end in his famous Theory of Evolution, and finish your trip in the modern city and main port of Ecuador, the city of Guayaquil.

## THE ADVENTUROUS



### ECUADOR EXTREME

For those who want to experience a vacation full of adventure, beautiful scenarios with safety and reasonable comfort, Ecuador offers that and much more...

Trekking along hidden and fascinating Inca trails; climbing some of the colossal snow covered Andean peaks like Chimborazo (6310 meters above sea level); rafting down roaring whitewater rivers grading from III - IV+; scuba diving at the Pacific Coast or in one of the best planet's marine reserve at the Galapagos Islands; kayaking at fascinating locations at the Amazon Basin; biking up and down winding roads between the Andes and the cloud forests towards the coast or the tropical rainforests; horseback riding at the foothills of the world's highest active volcano, Mt. Cotopaxi (5.897 meters above sea level) or soaring high in adrenaline filled canopy adventures are just some of the activities which can be offered with the best experts and equipment.

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# ECUADOR SPECIALS



## AROMAS OF COFFEE & CACAO

For more than 150 years of history a distinctive and exotic aroma has been the perfect companion for Ecuador's inhabitants. Due to its geographical location and the different climate zones found in the country, the Ecuadorian production of coffee and cacao is one of the best and tastier of South America.

Today, the Ecuadorian territory counts with approximately 350.000 hectares of coffee and cacao farms. Geographically distributed on the Pacific Coast, the Andean Region, the Amazon Rainforest and the Galapagos Islands these farms produce different and exquisite varieties of coffee and cacao.

Come and join us in this fascinating program that mixes different panoramic landscapes, cultures, history and some of the best Ecuadorian aromas.

## ECUADOR GOURMET

Ecuador's location sets the stage for a fantastic combination of dishes. When you mix 4 cups of any of Ecuador's regions and an immeasurable number of climate zones, the result is one of a kind combination of food, distinctive tastes and splendid aromas.

You may be offered from the most traditional and ancient recipes to the most sophisticated fusions and combinations of ingredients, essences and textures that, based on tradition, are part of a new Ecuadorian cuisine.

If you are willing to take the tastiest trip of your life, don't doubt to join us in this absolutely flavorsome adventure enjoying at the same time extraordinary landscapes combined with unique and delicious local flavors.



## ART MIX AT THE MIDDLE OF THE WORLD

Since the beginning, the aboriginal populations of Ecuador expressed their religious concepts in the construction of ceremonial spaces where the ceramic and the metallurgic art reached a high of artistic and technological level. With the influence of the Spanish Conquest a new type of art was born, which used elements of the old and the new worlds, by combining European Invents, Christian inspiration and the indigenous abilities. This new type of expression was known as the "Quito school of Art".

From the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to our days the artistic Ecuadorian tendency has been influenced directly by the international Art movements. Ecuadorian painters and sculptors internationally recognized such as Guayasamin, Kingman, Viter Tabara among others, are the result of the Expressionism and other worldwide movements.

## ECUADOR A LA CARTE

Explore the Andes with their famous Avenue of Volcanoes, green and gold valleys, picturesque villages and majestic cities like Quito and Cuenca, World Heritage Sites, full of history and rich colonial architecture and art. Venture into the magic world of the most remote, pristine and naturally awesome parts of the Amazon rainforest, explosively rich in fauna, flora and ancient cultures.

Relax and enjoy all the beauty of the Pacific coastline, its beaches, fishing villages, seaports, ancient archaeology and practice all kinds of water sports or visit the grand city of Guayaquil, Ecuador's main seaport, full of history and tropical charm. Or...travel thousands of years back in time and wonder at the enchanting world of the Galapagos Islands with their unique species, found nowhere else on earth...



## ARCHEOLOGY & PRE INCA CULTURES

For those interested in archeology, Ecuador provides numerous opportunities to learn about and visit the testimonials of millenary cultures present in our territory for centuries.

Thousands of years ago, well before the famous Pyramids of Gizeh were built in Egypt, human settlements flourished particularly along the Ecuadorian coast and later in the Andes and Amazon regions.

The Ecuadorian Coast was home of some of the most ancient (10000 B.C.) and remarkable cultures in Latin America, leaving behind a truly superb legacy of their skills and knowledge. The presence of these great cultures is evidenced on the many excavations, site-museums and the outstanding objects which can be admired in dozens of museums and private collections across the country.

## LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCES

The intercultural exchange had given a new way to travel while spending your time working in the indigenous communities and learning through real experiences.

Sharing ways of living and customs represents an extraordinary personal legate when understanding other cultures and when breaking languages barriers.

The outstanding experience for the visitors and the visited communities is just a small part of the journey to the most fantastic knowledge of life, sharing your time in a real and different world.