



## Ecuador

Ecuador's Four Worlds - the Pacific Coast, the Andes,

the Amazon rainforest and the unique Galapagos Islands



Ecuador can be the perfect explanation of diversity!. Come and discover this fabulous blend of landscapes, climates, ecosystems and cultures, all in a small territory, similar to the surface of the U.K. Here, within minutes by air, you can move between the Pacific Coast, the Andean Highlands, the Amazon Rainforest and the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador's Four Worlds, all in one fascinating, friendly country. Ecuador is a colorful universe of varied, pure magic.

Located in the northeastern portion of South America, with the Pacific Ocean as its western border, the Amazon Basin as the eastern border and flanked by Colombia and Peru, Ecuador straddles the Equatorial line and is considered a melting pot of cultures and a hot spot of biodiversity. Along with people and history, Ecuador multiplies awesome visions of snow covered volcanoes, green valleys, tumbling rivers and



waterfalls, flatlands and rice fields, pristine and unspoiled beaches, the majesty of the Pacific Ocean, the lush world of the Amazon rainforest and the extraordinary Galapagos islands with their unique species, found nowhere else in the planet.

The history of Ecuador dates back to more than 10.000 years ago, when the most ancient recorded inhabitants established along the Pacific coastline. Prior to the colonization, the Incas ruled for several decades, finally succumbing to the Spanish conquistadors who ruled for four centuries. During the Colonisation, much of today's greatly admired architecture and religious art, especially found in Quito and Cuenca developed what was recognized as a world-class school of art, which led UNESCO in the 20th century to declare both cities as World Cultural Heritage Sites.

Today Ecuador is a thriving country, making its way through the 21st century with modern cities, new airports and sea ports, commerce, businesses, roads, transportation means, top quality hotel infrastructure in the main cities and glorious country inns around the major tourist centers; great and varied gastronomy, handicrafts and folklore, all complemented by hospitable people, ready to welcome visitors with a warm, friendly smile.

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