

Family Adventure - 5D/4N

Enjoy nature and culture in all its splendor

Come face to face with Ecuador's emblematic bird, the Andean Condor, in Condor Park and experience the beauty of the Conrayaro forest, full of waterfalls and orchids. Visit the multicolored market of Otavalo and Ibarra and take the Ecuador Train for an unforgettable adventure. Visit Andean villages, exploring their geography on foot and horseback. We'll take you to an ideal place to spot the spectacled bear as well as the Chachimbiro Hot Springs.

Highlights:

- Visit to Condor Park
- Horseback riding or mountain biking
- Thermal baths
- Travel by train through the Andes
- Easy walk in the dry forest
- Walk to the waterfall
- Andean bear watching
- Visit to Otavalo Market

Day 1:

Pick up from the airport or from your hotel in Quito and transport to the hostel. On the way, we will stop at points of interest such as Condor Park, a rehabilitation center for birds and condors just outside of Otavalo. We will also pass by the Otavalo market. After passing beautiful rural landscapes, you will arrive at the hostel between 4:30 pm and 5:00 pm and you'll be received with a local welcome beverage on the house.

Registration and dinner.

Included meals: lunch and dinner

Day 2:

After a hearty breakfast, including homemade bread, fresh juice and more, you will have the option of a bike or horseback ride on a half day excursion that requires booking in advance. During either experience you will be able to get to know local community life.

After lunch, we will visit the hot springs, just 10 minutes from the lodge, for a relaxing afternoon.

Dinner and accomodation in Pantaví.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 3:

On Day 3 we will visit Ibarra, 35 minutes away. A short walk through the heart of the city will give you the opportunity to experience the people and daily life of Ibarra. At 11:15 am, your train will depart for Salinas, an Afro-Ecuadorian village. During 1h30 hours of travel, you will enjoy the picturesque landscapes of the Chota Valley, crossing tunnels and bridges. Once in Salinas, you'll get a tour of the town, known for its salt mines. Then, we will return to the lodge for lunch (not included).

In the afternoon, we will depart the hostel with sufficient water, sunscreen and suitable walking shoes. You will go on an easy walk to an Afro-Ecuadorian village, starting at an altitude of 2350 meters / 7710 feet and ending at 2050 meters / 6725 feet, passing through asparagus and wild blackberry plantations. Finally, we will arrive at the village where a small group of women will show us their ceramics. If you wish, you can try your hand at ceramics, please let us know in advance.

Dinner and accomodation in the hostel.

Included meals: desayuno, almuerzo y cena.

Day 4:

On Day 4, we'll take you to the Conrayaro cloud forest, only 45 minutes away and reaching 2700 meters. Afterward, we'll head to Conrayaro waterfall and, along the way, you'll be able to appreciate the local flora, including orchids and epiphytes. The hike will take around 2 hours on an uphill, dirt path up until 3100 meters.

Visit the epiphytes, the waterfall and return to the hostel. This is a half day excursion.

After lunch, you'll have some free time at the hostel where you can enjoy the pool, jacuzzi, sauna and gardens.

Dinner and accomodation at the hostel.

Included meals: desayuno, almuerzo y cena.

Day 5:

We'll begin our day early in the morning, during which a 1.5 hr ride will take you to a natural reserve where you will be able to view the Andean Spectacled Bear. Don't forget to take our set of binoculars to see them in greater detail; these animals are very shy and don't allow people to come close.

A local breakfast will be ready upon your return to the hostel.

Enjoy a refreshing bath in the pool. After lunch, you'll return to Quito.

Included meals: breakfast and lunch

Price:

1095 USD per person

Simple supplement: 190 USD

Children under the age of 12 years, 25% discount

Children between 0 – 3 years old, free of charge

Includes:

Private transport with an English speaking guide/driver, accommodation for 4 nights at Hostería Pantaví, all meals from lunch on Day 1 until lunch on the last day, mentioned outings, entrance fees, train tickets, entrance to thermal baths

Does not include:

Beverages, lunch, personal expenses, tip, outings that weren't mentioned