



## Love life in Ecuador

Experience Ecuador's jaw-dropping variety of landscapes - from the heights of the magnificent Andes to the lush jungle of the Amazon. A wealth of indigenous relics, Spanish colonial architecture, dazzling lakes and volcanic panoramas are all packed into this tiny Andean nation.

Love life and join Flying Wheels Travel on this exciting fully accessible tour. This tour is an exclusive small group tour. Space is limited for this once in a lifetime experience.

## Highlands and Amazon Tour

11 – days

Apr, 15 to 25, 2012

**\$3,275.00 per person** (double occupancy)

**\$3,750.00 per person** (single occupancy)

### Tour itinerary

- Apr. 15: Arrive in Quito and transfer to hotel
- Apr. 16: Explore the Andes and San Pablo Lake
- Apr. 17: Visit Otavalo indigenous market
- Apr. 18: Tour Cotacachi
- Apr. 19: Drive through the Andes mountains
- Apr. 20: Tour the Amazon rainforest
- Apr. 21: Accessible Anzu river ride
- Apr. 22: Visit indigenous village of Rukullacta
- Apr. 23: Famous Jachigua ballet performance
- Apr. 24: Tour of Quito
- Apr. 25: Transfer to airport for US departure

*All itineraries and prices are subject to change without notice.*

**Reservation deadline for this tour is Mar. 01, 2012.** Space may be available after this deadline.

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm your reservation. If traveling as a single occupant a \$2,000 deposit is required. All major credit cards accepted for deposit. Final payment is due by Mar. 01, 2012.

### Customized travel

Flying Wheels Travel provides more than 40 years of experience and knowledge to make your dream vacation a reality. We provide customized fully accessible tours for you and those traveling with you.

*\*Rates include all of the listed group benefits. Rates are subject to availability and are the same for accessible or non-accessible rooms. The number of accessible rooms are limited and available on a first come basis. Book early to guarantee your room choice or contact us to establish an interest free monthly payment plan. All itineraries and prices are subject to change without notice and are based on group size, exchange rates as of 19-DEC-11.*

### What makes this tour special?

- Fully accessible tours for people who use wheelchairs or have difficulty walking as specified on itinerary
- Airport to hotel roundtrip transfers
- Deluxe accessible hotel and lodge accommodations
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner included in tour price
- Accessible pool and grounds at Amazon resort
- Entrance fees to listed attractions
- Experienced care and tour escorts to assist throughout travel (based on group size)
- Personal care attendants and nurse (based on group size or arranged on an individual basis)
- Roommates for single travelers may be arranged
- Security and social opportunities of group travel experience

## ABOUT THE TOUR

**Apr. 15:** Arrive in Quito and transfer to hotel. Dinner and then rest for the night.

**Apr. 16:** After breakfast we leave Quito and drive towards San Pablo Lake. On our way we will stop at Calderón, which is a small town outside Quito where the famous “mazapan dolls” are manufactured. We will admire the beautiful views of the Andes, snow capped mountains with the indigenous working and harvesting their land. We will visit the Peguche village where typical Andes music instruments are manufactured.

**Apr. 17:** After breakfast we will visit Otavalo, the most famous indigenous market. We will experience a mix of exotic colors, sounds and smells. Hundreds of local artists offer their products in this market. Lunch in Otavalo and then we will head towards Ibarra city, where we will go around its colonial streets, visiting a couple of colonial churches, and finally end the tour at the local “plaza” park, where we will have typical ice cream from this region.



**Apr. 18:** We will relax in the morning and after lunch visit the town of Cotacachi which is the most famous town in Ecuador for leather products made by local indigenous people.

**Apr. 19:** After breakfast we leave Lake San Pablo and drive to the Amazon. On our way we will cross two mountain chains and will drive through seven different climate floors. Depending on weather we will see some volcanoes and will try food specialties on the way. We will have several stops which include a visit to an Environmental Communication Centre at the entrance to the Amazon Region.

**Apr. 20:** Today we will enter into secondary rain forest for a guided tour. After lunch we will visit an animal rescue center with local animals that have been recovered from illegal animal trade. If we are lucky maybe we will be able to take a picture of a monkey jumping around.

**Apr. 21:** In the morning we will travel to the Anzu river, where we will take an accessible raft in a very calm river. We will start our adventure of going down the river admiring the Amazon nature on each side of the river. During the trip we can stop at several points of interest to take pictures and relax in the river.



**Apr. 22:** Today we will visit a typical indigenous community called Rukullacta. There we will learn about the way the indigenous from this area keep their traditions and at the same time have adapted to 21st century costumes. We will also see some typical dances performed by an indigenous group. After lunch we will visit the town of Archidona, the oldest town in the Amazon.

**Apr. 23:** We will take the morning to relax at the Amazon lodge before driving back to Quito. In the evening we will have a typical famous ballet group performed a private show for us. The ballet Jachigua is famous internationally. We will be fascinated by its great performance, and it will be only for the group.

**Apr. 24:** After breakfast we will visit to Quito’s Colonial Center, declared a World Culture Heritage by UNESCO. Visit the churches and squares and get to know their history and most interesting facts. After lunch we will visit the sky lift of Quito, where we will reach an altitude of 4100 meters above sea level....If it is clear we will admire all the volcanoes around Quito, and the Andes mountains.

**Apr. 25:** We will visit the Middle of the World Monument where we can admire the monument, take some pictures and finally visit the Intiñam Museum where we will witness some experiments that prove we are indeed in the middle of the world. Then we will transfer to the airport for our return flight home.

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