



ECUAGENERA AROIDS TOUR



ECUADOR BIODIVERSE

Ecuador's perfect location has made this country one of the most biodiverse places in the world.

The Araceae family in Ecuador is characterized by a great endemism, especially in mountainous areas at intermediate elevations. In the country there are about 430 species of the 1500 species existing in total in the world.

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ENJOYING NATURE IN ECUADOR

7 DAYS/ 6 NIGHTS

DAY 1

Sep 1st **GUAYAQUIL -**

GUALACEO

Meeting at the airport and take you to Gualaceo. (We suggest to arrive before midday).

Adventure starts when we drive to Gualaceo, where is located the main Ecuagenera nursery and laboratory for propagation of species. On the way trough El Cajas National Park, before the mountain rise, we will make a 30 minutes stop to taste the most delicious fresh fruit on the roadside. Also at El cajas national Park we will make a stop for about 40 minutes for sightseeing, pictures with the lagoons and a short walk to find interesting flora specimens (be prepared for cold temperature, about 55F).

We will take dinner and spend the night at Uzhupud Garden by Ecuagenera.



DAY 2

Sep 2nd **GUALACEO:**

Today after breakfast at 08h30. We will have the opportunity to explore the Ecuagenera-Gualaceo nursery, different species of aroids and orchids. Here you can see our preservation and propagation program. We will spend about 2 hours in the greenhouses and garden area. We will have lunch at Ecuagenera.

After lunch, at 01h00 pm we will hike to the protected natural area of Uchucay so you can explore the area with a microclimate on the Andean side. It will take about 2 hours. We will be back at Uzhupud Garden at 5h00pm, and we will prepare to enjoy a traditional Andean cultural evening from 07h00pm and spend the night at the same place Uzhupud Garden by Ecuagenera.



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DAY 3

Sep 3rd
UZHUPUD - NUEVA TARQUI:

This day after breakfast, around 08h30 we will start the trip to the Amazon basin, we will make a 45 minute stop on the way to enjoy orchid species in the cloud forest. After lunch we will stop at one of the waterfalls on the way, be prepared to relax and have some extra clothes to change. We will arrive at the lodge around 04h00 pm and spend the night at Rio Vida Lodge which is located on the border of the Cuyes River, ideal for swimming and relaxing after a long day.



DAY 4

Sep 4th
**NUEVA TARQUI-
GUALAQUIZA - NUEVA TAQRUI:**

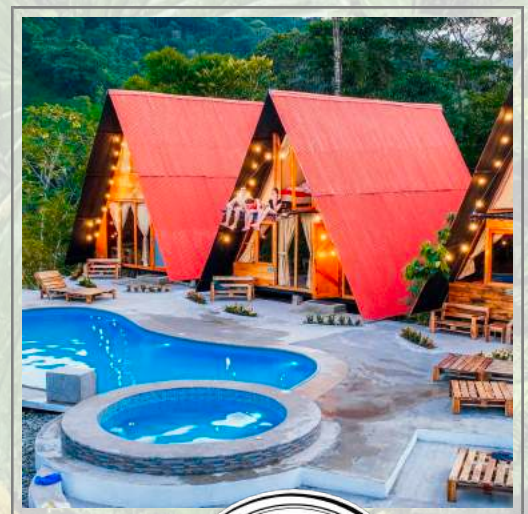
Today after breakfast, at 09h00 we will visit the Bio Shuar cultural center where we will learn more about the traditions of one of the most representative cultural groups of the Ecuadorian Amazon: Shuar. Cultural dances, typical gastronomy, ancestral medicine, walks through trails to learn more about the local flora. After a typical lunch we will finish the visit at Bio Shuar and about 2pm we will visit Zamora River to take a short trip in canoa and live this experience. We will take dinner and spend the night in Rio Vida



DAY 5

Sep 5th
CORDILLERA DEL CONDOR:

Around the town of El Pangui is the Cordillera del Condor, this is the border with Peru and is a great area to enjoy more beautiful species of aroids such as: Anthurium clavigerum, Anthurium cutucuense, Philodendron alatindiulatum, Elaphoglossum and many other species. This day we will make a nice trekking to explore the area starting at 09h00 and returning to Rio Vida Lodge at 04h00pm, this day we will have a box lunch. Overnight at Rio Vida Lodge.



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DAY 6

Sep 6th

EL PANGUI - GUALACEO

After breakfast we will leave Rio Vida Lodge and visit El Pangui also known as the "Orchid of the Amazon". This is a small town located in the south of the Ecuadorian Amazon basin, here is the Ecuagenera nursery, where a large number of species of aroids and miniature orchids are cultivated. There is also a place dedicated to conservation, where we will find different species, not only Ecuadorian but also from other parts of the world. We will be there from 09h00 to 12h00pm. After lunch, it is time to return to the Andean side, we will leave El Pangui and travel to Uzhupud, this trip will take about 03h30 hours. After arriving in Uzhupud we will have an hour to relax before heading to Cuenca for night sightseeing and dinner. We will spend the night at Uzhupud Garden by Ecuagenera.



DAY 7

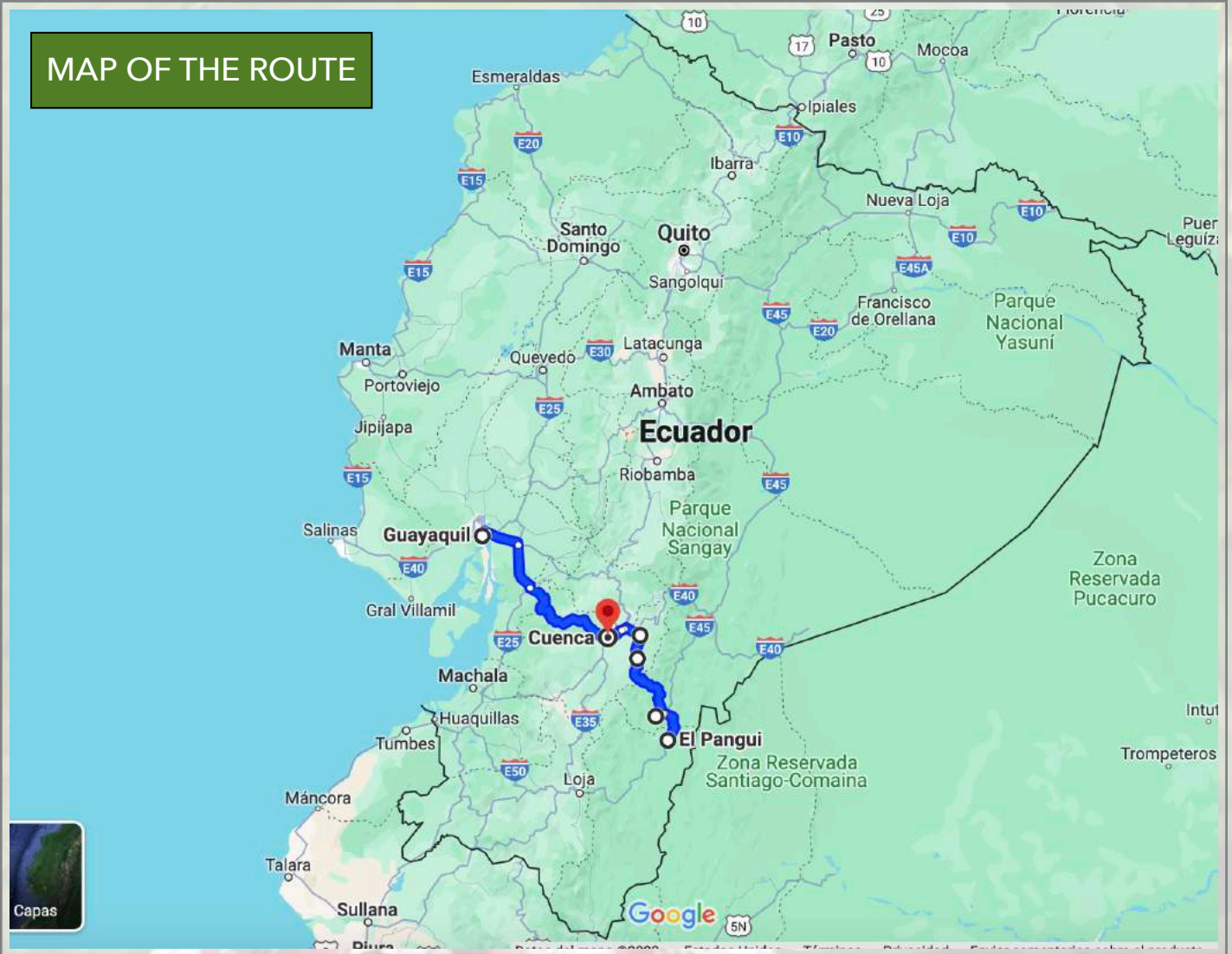
Sep 7th

GUALACEO - GUAYAQUIL

After breakfast, we are ready for your transfer to the airport in Guayaquil.



MAP OF THE ROUTE



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	EARLY BIRDS (First 8 people)	Regular price
PRICE PER PERSON	\$2190	\$2390

INCLUDES:



Hotel accommodation



Food and beverages



Transfer Airport-Hotel-Airport, tour guide.

NOT INCLUDES:

Alcoholic Drinks, Extras not specified here or tips.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

-PayPal: paypal@ecuagenetours.com please add 6% fee

- Bank Transfer

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Bank Address: Av. Solano y 12 de Abril, Cuenca -

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- * For bookings 50% payment is required, difference can be paid once you arrive. For total refund on your payments, cancellations has to be made at least 3 months before the start of tour, after that we will have to charge the total payment.
- * Tour and prices are designed for groups of minimum 5 people. If you would like to personalice it please ask for more information to tours@ecuagenera.com
- * The itinerary is subject to change, due to operational or climatic reasons. The itinerary may vary.



RECCOMENDATIONS:

- All countries (except Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Eritrea, Ethiopia, China, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia) **do not require a VISA**. A passport with at least 6 months validity is required.
- The local currency is USD and you will find Currency Exchange points at the airports. We recommend you travel with cash and credit card. Travellers checks are not accepted.
- In order to avoid inconvenience during the trip we suggest you bring: waterproof walking shoes or **rubber boots**, rain coats, mosquito repellent and sunscreen, as well as basic medication for general problems such as altitude sickness and stomachache. Bring your personal medication; it could be difficult to find the same here.
- We recommend you to be prepare for the variation of climate. We are going to experience the chill of high altitudes and warmth and humidity of Amazon. The weather in our country is unpredictable; it could be sunny and 5 min later rainy.

IMPORTANT: According to the regulations of the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador, is not allowed to collect or extract seeds, plants, or any biological resource from nature.

