



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

15 DAYS/ 14 NIGHTS

DAY 1

Nov 2nd **AIRPORT-CUMBAYA**

Meeting at the airport in Quito, then we will drive to hotel Cumbaya.

DAY 2

Nov 3rd **QUITO:**

Quito, the capital city of Ecuador, is a vibrant and culturally rich destination that offers a wide range of tourist attractions. Situated high in the Andes Mountains, Quito boasts a stunning setting with breathtaking views and a pleasant climate.

The historic center of Quito, known as "Old Town" or "Centro Histórico," is a UNESCO World Heritage site and a must-visit. You will spend the night in Cumbaya.



DAY 3

Nov 4th **CUMBAYA - COTOPAXI NATIONAL PARK - CUMBAYA:**

Cotopaxi National Park, located in Ecuador, is a magnificent natural wonder that attracts nature lovers and adventure enthusiasts from around the world. The park is named after its iconic volcano, Cotopaxi, which stands as one of the highest active volcanoes in the world.



DAY 4

Nov 5th **COTOPAXI - QUILOTOA - CUMBAYA:**

Quilotoa, located in the Andes Mountains of Ecuador, is a breathtaking natural wonder and a popular tourist destination. The main attraction of Quilotoa is its stunning crater lake, known as Quilotoa Lagoon, which is nestled within the caldera of an ancient volcano. We will spend the night in Cumbaya.





DAY 5

NOV 6th **CUMBAYA - MINDO:**

In the morning we will drive to Mindo, on the way we will visit the equatorial line and the Pululahua Volcano, we will continue the trip to Mindo inside the humid forest where we will observe a great variety of orchids and extraordinary landscapes, we will spend the night in Mindo.



DAY 6

Nov 7th **MINDO -**

PAPALLACTA

After breakfast we will drive in the direction of Papallacta, we will drive to the Amazon where we will cross part of the Andean Mountain range between 4000 meters above sea level, on this route we will visit the hot springs of Papallacta, we will spend the night in Papallacta.



DAY 7

nov 8th **PAPALLACTA -**

ARCHIDONA

Today in the morning we will continue the tour through the Amazon to Misahualli, in this journey we will observe a great variety of orchids among other plants such as *Bromeliads*, *Melastomataceas*, *Araceaeas*, *Polypodaceas*, among others, as well as majestic landscapes, in the afternoon we will pass through El Tena, to visit the Cacao Wasi Island, and then arrive to Misahualli where we will observe monkeys living free around the town, we will spend the night in Archidona.



DAY 8

Nov 9th ARCHIDONA - PUYO:

In the morning we will take a canoe to visit the Shuar Museum, where we will learn about their customs, we will continue our trip to Puyo, where we will have two options, visit the habitat of *Phragmipedium pearcei* or the Yanacocha Wildlife Park Zoo, we will spend the night in El Puyo.



DAY 9

NOV 10th PUYO - BAÑOS:

After breakfast we will travel to Baños de Agua Santa, on the way we will visit the Velo de Novia waterfall, among other tourist attractions in the area, in the afternoon we will drive to the Tungurahua Volcano, on the way we will observe a great variety of orchids among other tourist attractions, we will spend the night in Baños.



DAY 10

**Nov 11th BAÑOS - RIOBAMBA
-GUALACEO:**

We will continue the tour through the Andean region to Gualaceo, we will leave in the morning to Riobamba on this route we will visit the Pampa Chambo Park, continue with the tour to Ingapirca to make a stop at the Inca Ruins, drive to Ecuagenera in Gualaceo, spend the night in Uzhupud Garden.





DAY 11

Nov 12th GUALACEO:

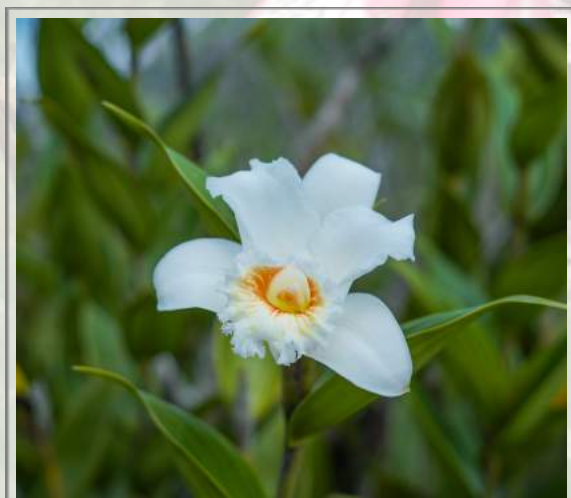
We will have the opportunity to learn about the Uzhupud Garden facilities where thousands of orchids have been planted in the gardens in the afternoon. Also, in Gualaceo there are the Ecuagenera nurseries, where a large collection of orchids is grown, many of them introduced from neighboring countries and some from other continents, we will have the opportunity to spend the whole day visiting the nurseries, we will sleep at Uzhupud Garden.



DAY 12

Nov 13th GUALACEO:

Getting closer to our final stop, we will visit Cuenca which is the city in Ecuador that in 1999 was nominated like Cultural heritage of the world. We will spend the night at Uzhupud Garden. **Optional: Trip** to El Pangui in the amazon basin where the Ecuagenera aroids nursery is located, we will leave after breakfast



DAY 13

Nov 14th GUALACEO:

Spend the day and relax at Uzhupud Garden. Lunch will be in Ecuagenera

For the group that travelled to the amazon basin today at midday after lunch we will be back to Uzhupud.

DAY 14

Nov 15th GUALACEO - GUAYAQUIL:

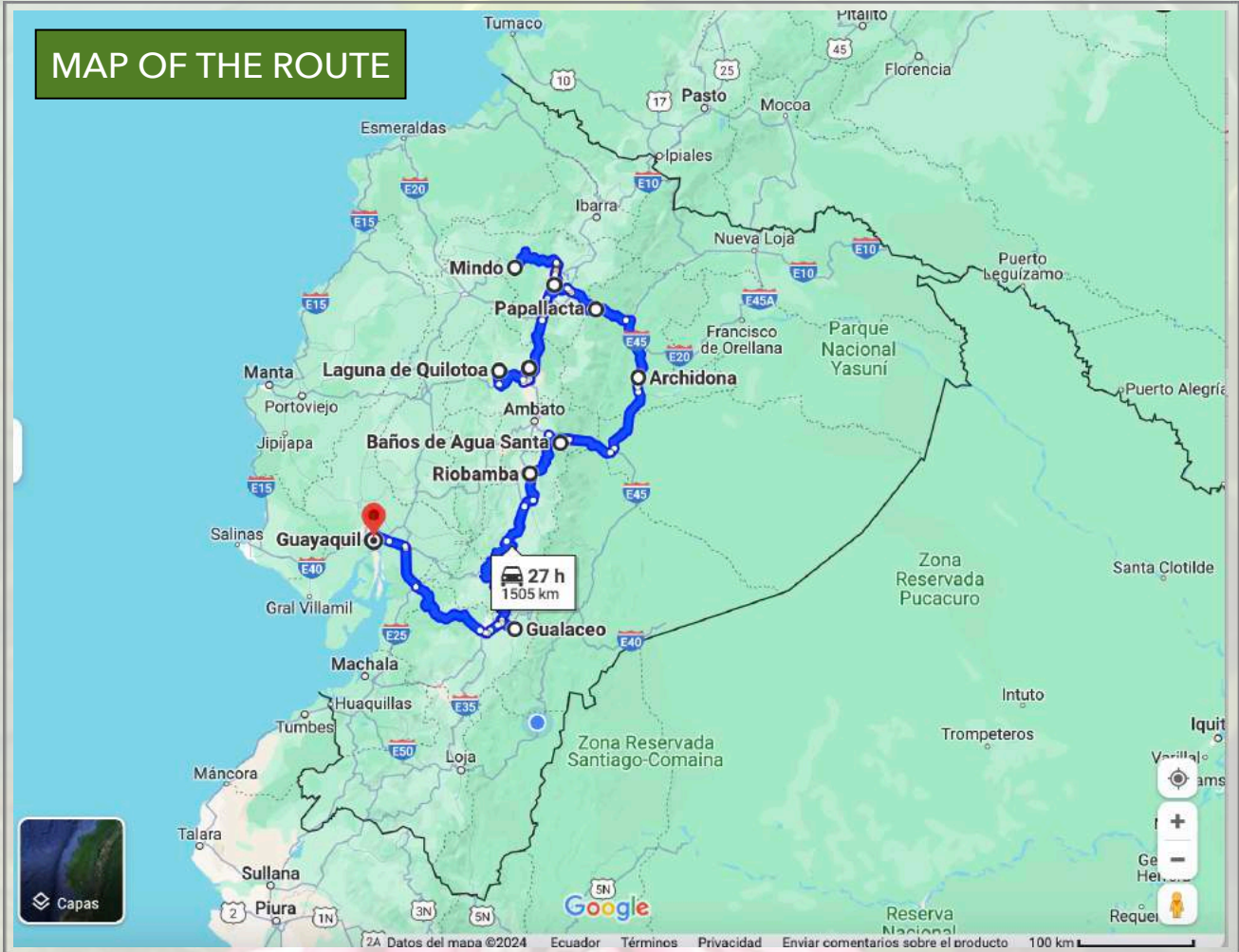
After breakfast we are ready to go to Guayaquil airport, we will take the route through El Cajas national park. We will spend the night in Guayaquil.



DAY 15

NOV 16th GUAYAQUIL:

After breakfast we take a walk around Guayaquil and then get ready for your transfer to the airport.



15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS TOUR

| | SINGLE ROOM | DOUBLE ROOM |
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| PRICE PER PERSON | \$3000 | \$2800 |

INCLUDES:



Hotel accommodation



Food and beverages



Transfer Airport-Hotel-Airport, tour guide.

NOT INCLUDES:

Alcoholic Drinks, Extras not specified here or tips.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Bank Transfer

Ecuagenetours Cia. Ltda.

Address: Km2 Via a Cuenca, Gualaceo - Azuay.
01011110

Bank: Banco del Pichincha

Account: 3484459104

Aba Code: 066012867 Swit Code: PICHECEQ

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

- * *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.

