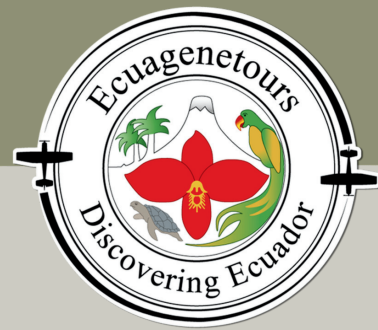


CATTLEYA MAXIMA

TOUR

November 2026



Ecuador's privileged geographic location has positioned it as one of the most biodiverse countries worldwide. Its territory ranges from stunning coastal regions with inviting beaches ideal for relaxing vacations, ascending to altitudes exceeding 4,000 meters in the Andes mountains. Crossing this majestic mountain range leads travelers to the Amazon Basin, a region abundant with diverse flora and fauna awaiting exploration. Ecuador is home to approximately 1,660 bird species, countless vibrant insects, and around 4,400 orchid species described scientifically. Additionally, the presence of 16 distinct ethnic groups enhances the travel experience through remarkable cultural diversity.



10 DAYS/ 09 NIGHTS



DAY 1/ nov 06

> GUAYAQUIL

We will pick up you in the Jose Juakin de Olmedo Airport, and transfer to your hotel.



DAY 2/ nov 07

> GUAYAQUIL - UZHUPUD GARDEN

We will drive through the Cajas National Park through the Andes. Before entering the mountainous part, you will taste the most delicious fresh fruit at the roadside. Then we will continue to the sector called Tres Cruces, at about 4,000 m of altitude. It is a fascinating ride with beautiful scenery and ever-changing vegetation. Overnight in Uzhupud Garden.



DAY 3/ nov 08

> ECUAGENERA GUALACEO

After breakfast we will visit the Ecuagenera greenhouses in Gualaceo and learn about orchids from intermediate and cold climates, both species and hybrids.

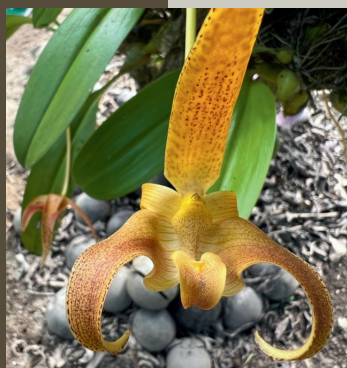
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DAY 4/ nov 09

> UZHUPUD – EL PANGUI

After breakfast, we continue our journey through the Amazon Basin, searching for orchids such as *Phragmipedium*, *Trisetella*, *Masdevallia*, *Gongora*, *Epidendrum*, *Pleurothallis*, *Lepanthes*, and various other fascinating species that thrive in this region. Our overnight accommodation will be in El Panguí.



DAY 5/ nov 10

> ECUAGENERA EL PANGUI

Following breakfast, we will visit the Ecuagenera facilities in El Panguí, home to an extensive collection of orchids, bromeliads, and Araceae. You will have the opportunity to explore a remarkable botanical garden, which houses an extraordinary variety of native plant species from the region. We will stay overnight in El Panguí.



DAY 6/ nov 11

> EL PANGUI – CATAMAYO

Early morning departure after breakfast towards Catamayo. Our first stop will focus on visit the Podocarpus National Park. After lunch, we will continue to Loja, crossing the Andes at approximately 3,000 meters of elevation, with roadside views of orchid genera including *Pleurothallis*, *Eriopsis*, *Masdevallia*, *Stelis*, *Epidendrum*, *Maxillaria*, *Sobralia*, and *Cyrtorchilum*. Overnight accommodation will be in Catamayo.

10 DAYS/ 09 NIGHTS



DAY 7/ nov 12

> CATAMAYO - SOZORANGA

After breakfast, we'll drive to the habitat of *Cattleya maxima*, a very dry, special place where it grows. After visiting this fascinating place, we'll have lunch and then begin our return to Catamayo, where we'll spend the night.



DAY 8/ nov 13

> CATAMAYO – SARAGURO

In the morning, we will return briefly to Loja and take a gravel road above the city toward Cajanuma. Here, we will explore habitats of orchid genera such as *Fernandezia*, *Cyrtorchilum*, *Maxillaria*, *Pleurothallis*, *Oncidium*, and *Stelis*. After lunch, we will head towards Saraguro to visit the habitat of *Caucaea nubigena*, among other species. We will spend the night in Saraguro.



DAY 9/ nov 14

> SARAGURO – UZHUPUD

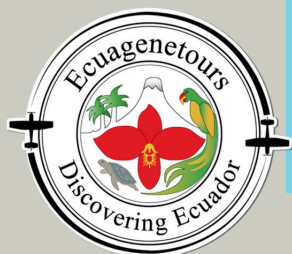
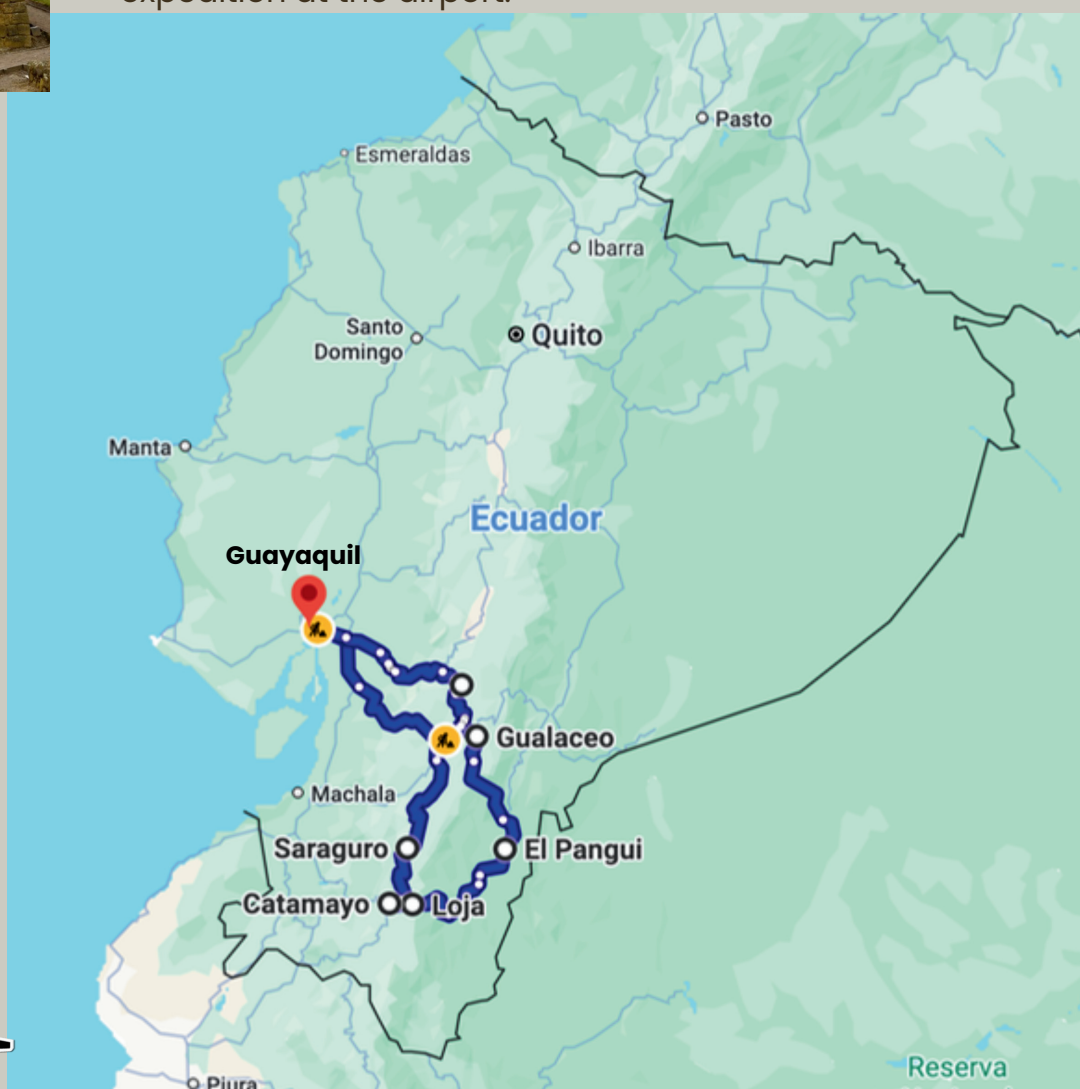
After breakfast, we will travel along a gravel road to observe a variety of orchids, including *Lepanthes*, *Masdevallia*, *Pleurothallis*, *Cyrtorchilum*, *Epidendrum*, and other species. After lunch, we will continue our route to Gualaceo, where we will stay overnight.

10 DAYS/ 09 NIGHTS

DAY 10/ nov 15

> UZHUPUD – GUAYAQUIL

Following breakfast, we will depart toward Guayaquil, making a detour to visit the Ingapirca Ruins. Here, we will have the chance to learn about Ecuador's ancestral cultures. After lunch, we will continue our journey to Guayaquil, ending our expedition at the airport.





	SINGLE ROOM	DOUBLE ROOM
PRICE PER PERSON	2500	2300

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09 NIGHTS**



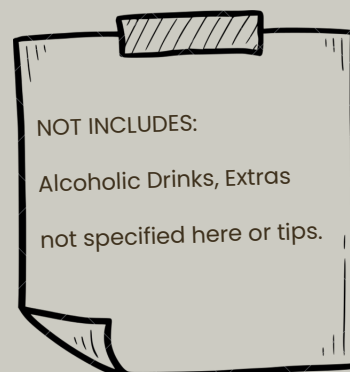
> Hotel accommodation



> 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.

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Bank: Banco del Pichincha

Account: 3484459104

Aba Code: 066012867 Swit Code: PICHECEQ

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

* A 50% deposit is required at the time of booking. The remaining balance can be paid upon your arrival. For a full refund, cancellations must be made at least a month prior to the tour start date. After this period, the total payment will be charged.

* Tours and pricing are based on groups of at least 5 participants. If you wish to arrange a personalized tour, please contact us for more information tours@ecuagenera.com.

* Please note that the itinerary may be subject to modifications due to operational requirements or weather conditions.



TRAVEL RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Visa Requirements:

Visitors from most countries do not require a visa to enter Ecuador, with the exception of nationals from the following countries: Nigeria, Nepal, Pakistan, Somalia, China, Bangladesh, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya. A passport valid for at least six months beyond your date of entry is mandatory for all travelers.

Currency Information:

The official currency in Ecuador is the US Dollar (USD). Currency exchange facilities are available at international airports. We recommend traveling with a combination of cash (USD) and credit cards. Note that traveler's checks are not accepted.

Climate and Clothing Recommendations:

We advise travelers to be prepared for significant climate variations. The tour includes areas with high-altitude chill in the Andes and the warm, humid conditions of the Amazon Basin. Ecuadorian weather can be highly unpredictable, shifting from sunny to rainy within minutes. Layered clothing and waterproof gear are strongly recommended.



Important Notice:
In compliance with
Ecuador's Ministry of
Environment
regulations, collection
or extraction of flora
and fauna from natural
habitats (including
seeds, plants or
wildlife) is strictly
prohibited.