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## DISCOVER ECUADOR

9 or 12 days | Quito | Tena | Riobamba | Guayaquil | Extension to Puerto López

From towering waterfalls to dreamy cloud forests, Ecuador is where Mother Nature did some of her best work. In this lush South American sanctuary, nestled between Colombia and Peru, journey past volcanoes in the central Andes, hike around mangroves in the Manglares Churute Ecological Reserve, and hold on tight during a whitewater rafting adventure in the rainforest. You'll also experience the country's rich culture, from meeting indigenous people in the Amazon to dining with locals in the Andes.

### EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 1 sightseeing tour led by your Tour Director; 2 sightseeing tours led by a licensed local guide with extension
-  **Entrances:** Church of the Society of Jesus; Intinan Museum; Train of the Volcanoes; indigenous visit; whitewater rafting; Devil's Cauldron; community visit; evening cruise; Manglares Churute Ecological Reserve; with extension: Isla de la Plata; snorkeling
-  **Experiential learning:** Cultural immersion activities
-  **weShare:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; boat; 7 overnight stays in hotels (10 with extension); breakfast and dinner daily; lunch on days 5, 7, and 8 (and on days 10 and 11 with extension)
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Anyone can see the world.

# YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your **Tour Director** in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, **weShare**, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. **Expert local guides** will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

*@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday*

— MELISSA, TRAVELER



Via Twitter



Learn about Ecuador from expert local guides



Ride a train through the central Andes



Enjoy waterfront views in Guayaquil



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## What you'll experience on your tour

### Day 1: Fly to Ecuador

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Quito.

### Day 2: Quito

- Take a tour of Quito: Independence Plaza; Government Palace.
- Visit the Church of the Society of Jesus, a Baroque marvel with an ornate interior decked in gold leaf.
- Take an excursion to the equatorial line. If you've ever wanted to stand in both hemispheres at the same time, this is your chance.
- Visit the Intinan Museum, where you'll discover how the Incas determined the location of Earth's center.

### Day 3: Quito

- Take a ride through the central Andes on the Train of the Volcanoes. More than five volcanoes surround this railway, which takes travelers from Quito to El Boliche and back. In El Boliche, travelers will disembark for a hike through a mountain cloud forest and a local farm visit.

### Day 4: Quito | Tena

- Travel to Tena, a city in the Amazon rainforest and the charming capital of the Napo Province.
- Visit an indigenous Kichwa community and immerse yourself in local culture and customs.

### Day 5: Tena

- Enjoy a whitewater rafting excursion.

### Day 6: Tena | Riobamba

- Travel to Riobamba via Baños.
- Climb the winding staircase alongside the massive Devil's Cauldron waterfall. Be prepared to get wet!

### Day 7: Riobamba | Guayaquil

- Visit a rural community and enjoy lunch with the locals.
- Travel to Guayaquil.
- Take an evening tall ship cruise around the Guayaquil harbor.

### Day 8: Guayaquil

- Visit the Manglares Churute Ecological Reserve. Tour the park with an expert local guide, then hike around the reserve's abundant mangroves.
- Travel to the airport for your overnight flight home.

### Day 9: Arrive home

## ✦ 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

### Day 9: Puerto López

- Travel via the Ruta del Spondylus to Los Frailes Beach and Puerto López, a small fishing village set against the warm waters of the Pacific that is renowned for its friendly atmosphere and biological diversity. Most famously, it is the headquarters of Ecuador's Machalilla National Park, a former pirate hideout whose reach includes Isla de la Plata just off the coast of Puerto López. As you explore the island's rugged geography, you'll meet a number of creatures known to inhabit the Galapagos, including the blue-footed booby and the albatross. In its coral reef, you'll get the chance to snorkel with a wide, colorful array of fish. Make sure to bring your camera.

### Day 10: Puerto López

- Enjoy a boat ride to Machalilla National Park.
- Take an expert-led tour of Isla de la Plata.
- Snorkel off Isla de la Plata.

### Day 11: Dos Mangas | Guayaquil

- Take an expert-led tour of Dos Mangas.
- Hike in the coastal rainforest.
- Enjoy lunch with the local community.
- See a handicraft-making workshop.
- Travel to Guayaquil.
- Travel to the airport for your overnight flight home.

### Day 12: Arrive home

*Traveling to Quito in Ecuador was an amazing experience. Quito is a unique city with lots to see.*

– JOHN, GROUP LEADER

“ Tour review

*This trip was so awesome. Now I want to live in Ecuador.*

– RACHEL, TRAVELER

“ Tour review

## TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

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*My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.*

—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

“ Tour review

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- **Your full-time Tour Director is with your group** every step of the way on tour, providing insight about your destinations as well as great local tips.



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