

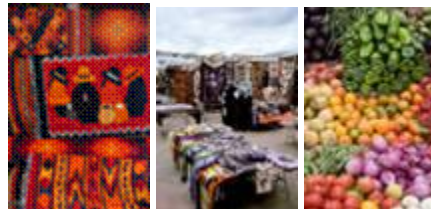
ECUADOR ADVENTURE AND HUMANITARIAN ITINERARY
April 24 to May 2, 2008
Presented by Micky Enright



Day 1, April 24 – Thursday – Upon arrival in Quito, Ecuador, you are greeted and transferred to Four Star Hotel Quito. Fabulous views of the city and a volcano. A chance to play your luck in their new Casino. Airport Transfer, Hotel and Breakfast included next morning.



Day 2, April 25 – Friday – Enjoy breakfast at our hotel before briefly touring Quito, Ecuador's Capitol, as well as Olde Quito. This city is rich in history and culture, but adventure beckons us to move on! Leaving Quito, we view the Equator lines at the Intinan Equator Museum and tour the museum complex where we have lunch. After a brief stop at Calderon, a place where everything imaginable is made from bread dough – a truly magical art form, we continue our drive over the Pan American Highway to our final destination, Cotacachi. El Meson de Flores will be our home base for the next six days. (B, L, D included)



Day 3, April 26 – Saturday – After breakfast we visit the largest indigenous market in South America. Otavala Market is over 400 years old! Enjoy shopping and bargaining with the friendly, smiling locals, followed by lunch.



After lunch we visit a nearby village to meet and mingle with their children. If you wish to join our humanitarian efforts to support their school and children we can supply you with a list of much needed supplies to bring along with you to distribute. This is one of many villages we can service. (B, L, D included)



Day 4, April 27 – Sunday – After breakfast we visit the beautiful, picturesque area, Chachimbiro. Bring your bathing suit and relax in healing, thermal waters. There are several pools ranging from very cold to quite hot. Enjoy a picnic lunch and then we will visit San Antonio de Ibarra, the wood-carving village. We get to watch craftsman work – chiseling and designing their art in wood. (B, L, D included)



Day 5, April 28 – Monday – After breakfast we visit Cuichcha Crater Lake, formed by a massive volcanic explosion estimated to have happened 3,000 years ago. As we glide over the lake on our guided boat tour, volcanic gasses bubble to the surface. This lake is held sacred by the indigenous people, thus sometimes shamans hold ceremonies on the island in the middle of the lake. We will lunch at Crater Lake before visiting the village of Peguche. This is home of the best known weavers' workshops in the region where we will watch them weave. Before returning to our hotel for dinner, we visit the Peguche Waterfalls where cleansing ceremonies are still held. (B, L, D included)



Day 6, April 29 – Tuesday – After breakfast we visit La Mirage Garden Hotel and its 5-Star Spa. Surrounded by beautiful flower gardens, humming birds, and peacocks, you are encouraged to enjoy a spa treatment. Here are some of your choices: Touch of Eternal Youth, Ecuadorian Volcanic Clay Body Treatment, Shamanic Purification Treatment, Algae Detoxification Treatment, or Lavender Luxury. All treatments include relaxing in a sunken tub covered with rose petals or special oils – depending upon the massage you choose. After your treatment, rest in a beautiful relaxation room. Before your treatment, you may use their pool, Eucalyptus steam room, sauna, and rose petal covered Jacuzzi. This delicious experience includes a sumptuous lunch served by indigenous women in local dress. Imagine this: Appetizers are served in individual music boxes! A splendid day you will long remember. (Spa treatment, breakfast, lunch and dinner included.)

After returning to our hotel this makes for a nice afternoon to visit the leather shops that are in walking distance. Great buys on leather goods. A chance for you to do some exploring.



Day 7, April 30 – Wednesday - After breakfast we visit Parque Condor park, a nearby rescue center for owls, hawks, eagles and the majestic Condor bird with a wing span of 9 ft. We get to marvel at the beauty of these birds in flight as resident falconers allow several to fly free. (B, L, D included)

Farewell party and dinner with local musicians.



Day 8, May 1 - Thursday - After breakfast we head back to Quito by a different route. On the way we stop in Cayambe, famous for bisoches (cookies) and caramel dip. In the afternoon we arrive at the town of Sangolqui in a valley just outside of Quito. We visit a couple of silversmiths and admire and maybe buy some Ecuadorian hand made silver jewelry. High quality and interesting designs. If time permits, we will stop at a locally renowned ice cream parlor on the town square to sample delicious ice cream made from exotic fruits. (Hotel Quito and dinner at Hunters included.)



Day 9, May 2 - Friday – Early morning flight to Miami. Transfer to airport included. There is a \$42 departure fee at the airport that you pay. Must show your plane ticket and passport.

Included:

- 2 nights at hotel Quito
- 6 nights El Meson de Flores
- All meals
- Mini bus with driver and translator
- All entrance fees to parks
- La Mirage Massage and lunch
- Tips for the driver, translator and staff

THIS INCLUSIVE VACATION PACKAGE IS PRICED AT \$1,399 PER PERSON

For further information and to make your reservation please email me at mickyreal@comcast.net or call (239) 860-7511

Note: This itinerary may change slightly due to unforeseen circumstances and opportunities that present themselves when we are in Ecuador, but it will only get better!