

You will get unforgettable experience

- Explore Ecuador's Amazon rainforest on foot and by boat alongside a naturalist guide, keeping an eye out for the jungle's fascinating wildlife.
- Take a dip into the restorative hot springs of Papallacta and Baños, and set out on a drive along the majestic Avenue of the Volcanoes.
- To get as close as possible to the summit and glacier of Cotopaxi, one of the highest active volcanoes in the world, and enjoy the breathtaking landscape surrounding it.
- Spend a day in adventures. Choose one or several activities in Baños, whether it's a bike ride, rafting, bridge jumping, or any other adventure.

Study the plan of the journey

Experience the wonders of Ecuador, a small country that offers a big impact with its incredible natural beauty, rich biodiversity, and vibrant indigenous heritage. Embark on an unforgettable adventure as you journey from the emerald-clad Andes to the thriving jungles of the Amazon. Encounter extraordinary wildlife during a captivating nighttime forest walk and get up close with unique creatures on a tour of an animal sanctuary. Hike through the awe-inspiring landscapes of Cotopaxi National Park, where the majestic Cotopaxi Volcano reigns supreme. Discover the hidden treasures of this South American jewel and create memories to last a lifetime.

Day 1: Quito

Arrive at any time; your arrival transfer is included.

Day 2: Quito/Quilotoa

In the morning, we will visit the Basilica of the National Vow, which is considered the largest neo-Gothic temple in America due to its size and style. Then, we will proceed to the Church of the Society of Jesus. This church is a major tourist attraction in the city, known for its rich internal ornamentation completely covered in gold sheets. It holds immense artistic and economic value for the country. After lunch, we will drive along the Avenue of Volcanoes towards the Quilotoa volcano, famous for its emerald-colored lake within its crater. Our accommodation for the night will be at Hacienda La Posada de Tigua. Situated in the rural countryside, surrounded by mountain landscapes at an altitude of 3300 meters above sea level, this hacienda offers an authentic experience. The charming and antique setting of the manor will make you feel like a character in a Latin American novel. Additionally, during our stay at the hacienda, we will have the opportunity to learn how to milk cows and make cheese and yogurt from their milk. The next morning, we will have the pleasure of tasting the cheese that we made ourselves.

Meals Included: Breakfast



Day 2: Quilotoa/Banos

Early morning wake-up, breakfast, a walk to the viewpoint of the Quilotoa volcano. With sufficient physical preparation, a guided descent into the crater to the lake (approximately 2 hours). Then, we head towards the Cotopaxi volcano, the second highest peak in the country. While exploring this magnificent park, keep an eye out for the resident wildlife, which ranges from condors, foxes, and deer to the vicuna and the endangered Andean puma. We will get as close as possible to the summit of the volcano using transportation. Afterward, we drive to Banos. This popular resort town is packed with gorgeous landscapes, thrilling outdoor activities, and—as the name indicates—thermal springs originating from the base of the Tungurahua Volcano.

Meals Included: Breakfast



Day 4: Baños

The day is yours to explore Baños and the surrounding area. Choose to head to the mountains for an invigorating hike, and later soak your tired muscles in one of the town's thermal springs. Set off on a mountain biking adventure, pedaling past rivers, waterfalls, and delightfully green landscapes; opt to hit the rapids on a white-water rafting excursion; and much more.

Optional Activities: Baños Canyoning Adventure, Baños Ziplining Adventure Bundle, Hiking, Hot Springs, Mountain Biking, Whitewater Rafting

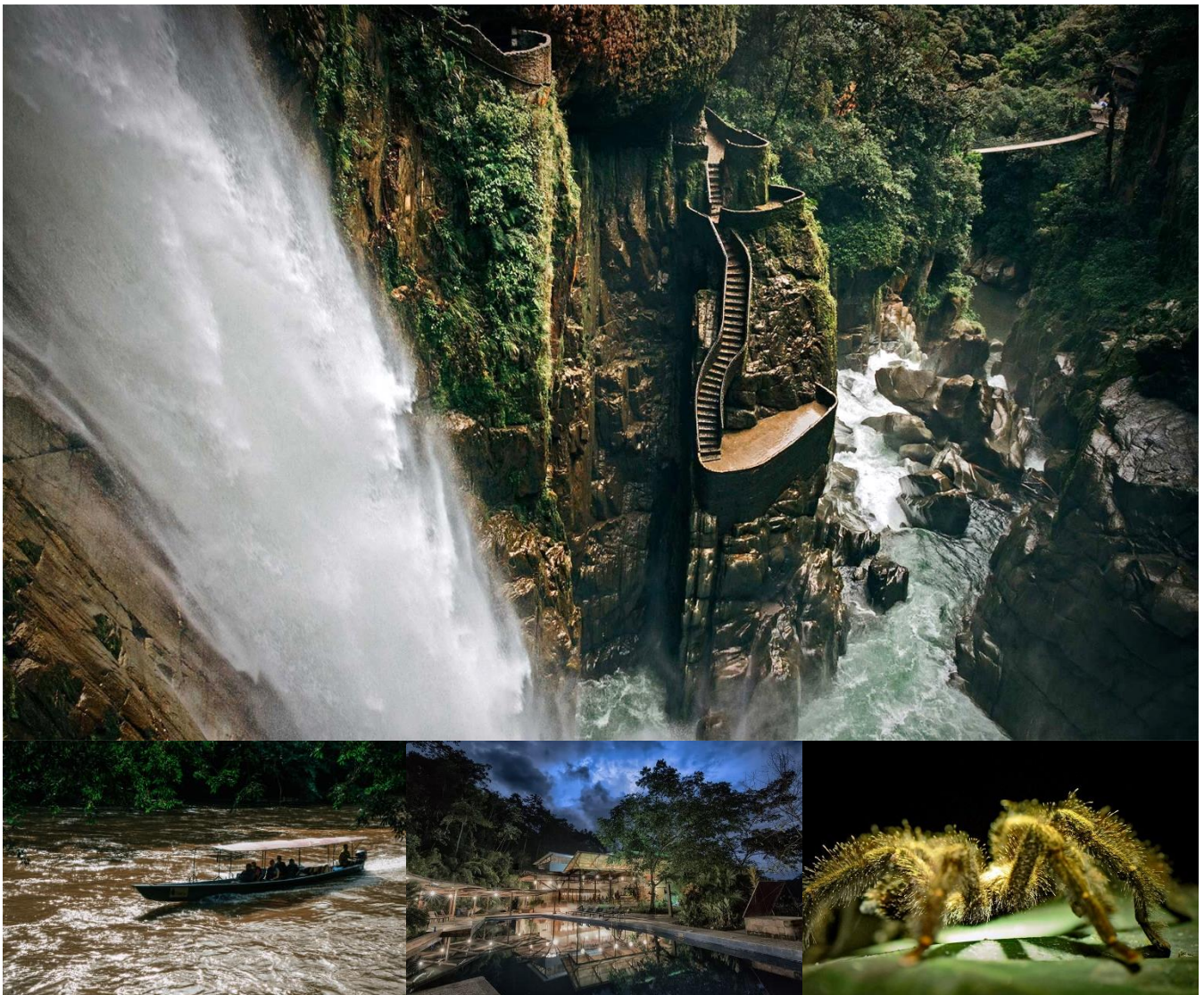
Meals Included: Breakfast



Day 5: Banos/Tena

Head towards Tena, often called Ecuador's gateway to the Amazon. Along the way, stop at El Pailón del Diablo. The name "El Pailón del Diablo" translates to "The Devil's Cauldron," which is derived from the shape and power of the waterfall, resembling a swirling cauldron. Overall, El Pailón del Diablo is a natural wonder that captivates visitors with its beauty and power. With its stunning scenery and thrilling experiences, it has become a must-visit destination for those exploring Ecuador's natural treasures. Arrive in Tena and board a motorized canoe to our jungle lodge, perched along the banks of the Arajuno River. This evening, embark on a walk into the forest with a naturalist guide, looking out for the Amazon's nocturnal creatures.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 6: Tena

Depart early by canoe to visit a saladero, or a parrot clay lick. Alongside our naturalist guide, observe brightly coloured parrots and parakeets gather here to snack on the mineral-rich clay, which studies suggest aids in digestion and provides an important nutrient supplement. Return to the lodge for breakfast, then take a tour of AmaZOOnico, an animal rescue centre that rehabilitates wild creatures that have been victims of illegal trafficking. Later, we'll visit the home of a local Amazonian family for a unique cultural experience. Chat with your hosts about their traditions and beliefs and learn about everyday life in the jungle; then sit down to a delicious homemade lunch.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7: Tena/Papallacta

Make your way to the village of Papallacta, known for its abundant natural hot springs. On the way, we'll stop at Guango Lodge to explore the property's cloud forest reserve—home to a plethora of avian species, including more than 10 varieties of hummingbirds.

Enjoy lunch in the lodge's orchid garden. Continue to the Papallacta Hot Springs Resort for an afternoon of relaxation. Soak in the mineral-rich waters of the thermal pools, enjoying stunning mountain views, and indulge in a variety of optional spa treatments.

Meals Included: Breakfast



Day 8: Papallacta/Quito

We will enjoy relaxation at the hot springs and take walks along the trails amidst the mountain landscape surrounded by lush vegetation that can be called high mountain jungles. For those who wish, we can also organize trekking in the nearby mountains. After lunch, we will return to Quito.

Meals Included: Breakfast



Day 9: Quito

Depart at any time.

What can you expect when you travel on a InAdventures trip?

- A dynamic local guide
- A group of usually 14 or fewer fellow travelers
- Free time to explore on your own, along with some included meals and activities
- 100% guaranteed departures
- No extra fee for solo travelers—same gender roommate will be provided, or pay extra for your own space
- An unforgettable experience at an incredible value

Age Requirement: 10+

All travelers under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Choose your Journey

DATES & PRICES

DATES & PRICES 2023/ 2024	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE OCCUPANCY
Nov 2 -Nov 9, 2023	\$2,580 per person	\$2,990 per person
Dec 20 - Dec 28, 2023	\$2,950 per person	\$3,780 per person
Jan 14 – Jan 21, 2024	\$2,840 per person	\$3,650 per person

All trip prices are per person based on double occupancy or single occupancy unless otherwise noted, are subject to change without notice and do not include airfare. Optional activities are at an additional cost. All prices and fares are quoted in U.S. dollars.

What is important to know about this trip

WHAT'S INCLUDED

INCLUDED

Accommodation: Hotels (6nts), camping (2nts)
 Meals: 8 breakfasts
 Transport: Private vehicle, boat
 Arrival transfer
 All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to and from destination
- Visas
- Any activity not described in What's Included
- Meals on your own
- Gratuities

MY OWN ROOM

During your trip, sometimes it's just more convenient and comfortable to have your own room. That's why we offer the "My Own Room" option - a single room all to yourself. **My Own Room Option:** From \$2,990