EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION
Via Responsible Travel

MY ADVENTURE
ECUADOR
WHAT DO WE DO?

My Adventure Ecuador is a tour operator born in South America; we design and operate educational travel programs for young adults and students. For over ten years, we've been creating authentic experiences that merge with sustainable tourism and social empowerment. That way, our participants discover Ecuador while they cultivate their social and environmental awareness.

We are the perfect ally to carry out the most demanding travel programs, with unforgettable adventures and learning experiences. We're experts in Ecuador's infinite possibilities as an educational and self-development destination. Our know-how ensures that participants will have the highest safety standards while enjoying the best travel itineraries.

MY ADVENTURE ECUADOR helps young adults find the power to change the world.

Our company started operations in 2009 with the aim to bring students closer to nature and the local communities they visit through travel programs that include experiential education.

Our programs focus on developing personal and professional growth in order to help them become leaders of their own communities and key players on sustainable development.

We are local experts of Ecuador and have a high commitment with our communities and environment.
We focus on personalized services for small and medium size groups to ensure that all of our participants receive the best experience, effective learning and leadership skills.

It is important for us to cause minimal social and environmental impact at destinations; therefore, small groups help protecting the environment while creating bonds with the local communities.

Groups and programs are carefully matched in order to ensure that activities fully address the needs and expectations of each group. Accordingly, we take into account the need for participants to be exposed to new cultures and local experiences.

SAFETY IS OUR FIRST VALUE

Safety is our company’s first value. We understand what it means to operate travel programs for young participants. That’s why we make an effort to guarantee a travel philosophy that successfully integrates safety and group management. We’re proud to say that we haven’t had a single emergency throughout our career.

In My Adventure Ecuador we are committed to being responsible, unconditional and helpful with all our clients from beginning to end. We guarantee safety and high quality operations in all our programs, allowing students to live the experience of their lives and challenges that will improve their social and leadership skills, awareness of their environment and commitment to change the world.
THE WORLD NEEDS OUR YOUNG GENERATIONS to use their time & talent for good causes.

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION
All of our programs include Experiential Education as a main component of our programs, the process of learning through experience and challenges is one of our main pillars. We aspire that all participants “learn through reflection” while exploring the jungle with local indigenous guides, volunteering with children in need or just while having a science chat in the Galapagos Islands.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
To connect with nature and the possibility to coexist in spaces that still preserve cultural traditions and species almost intact. The true learning is what happens, with smiles and surprises.

Adapted to each group: trekking in a volcano, swimming with turtles, stingrays and sea wolves; attempting to do kayak and practicing Spanish, learning to dance salsa or doing volunteer work in schools and indigenous communities.

CHALLENGING EXPERIENCES

HOW DO WE STAND OUT?
We’ve established close ties with local organizations and their communities, which guarantees our capacity to offer authentic experiences of culture and biodiversity, some of the main treasures of our Ecuador! We’re highly committed to sustainable local development. We work with certified specialists in local tourism according to the destination, which allows us to ensure retribution with them.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS
We collaborate with local organizations to improve and inspire science education and conservation efforts worldwide through field-based student-scientist partnerships. The main idea is to empower youth to take an active role in conservation.
RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

At MY ADVENTURE ECUADOR we commit to responsible travel by: incorporating the principles of sustainable development in “real life” experiences with our customers and with ourselves as well.

Our values are much more than empty words; this is our philosophy and we encourage our staff, business partners and customers to reflect the principles of conscious travel by showing respect towards people, cultures and the local environment we visit.

Our commitment towards responsible travel focuses on a fair distribution of wealth, promoting cultural exchange and contributing to a sustainable tourism development.

OUR SOCIAL RESPONSIBLE PROJECTS

My Adventure Ecuador connects local indigenous communities in Ecuador with access to tourism economic activities and education, while cultivating a generation of global citizens through service-driven travel.

We support social and environmental responsibility projects at the destinations we visit and other communities in Ecuador that need assistance; this is the best way for us to repay for the cultural and environmental impacts that we may cause with our travels.

We donate a percentage of each enrolled participant to the Quina Care Foundation (www.quinacare.org). This tangibly improves the lives of disadvantaged Ecuadorians living in the isolated jungle.
OUR PROGRAMS
Each of our programs is carefully designed for every group of participants in order to deliver successful and unforgettable experiences. They incorporate educational, leadership, adventure, science and culture components, with a high social and environmental commitment.

These programs and itineraries are designed for different types of participants, such as high school and college students, scientific researchers, volunteers and independent group travellers.

Each program has the support of local guides and specialized professionals who not only ensure proper operations but they are also experts of the local environment.

WHAT PROGRAMS DO WE HAVE?
Our programs are designed based on the requests of our clients, most of them are high schools and universities. From My Adventure Ecuador, we give them support in the planning and operation of programs such as:

- Summer camps
- Volunteering
- Science research
- Educational field trips

These programs can be combined.

CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMS
Customized programs and activities in different destinations of Ecuador.

- Vernacular architecture and ecological design.
- Religious and spiritual programs.
- Cultural exchange with indigenous communities.
- Local celebrations and special events.
- Ancestral knowledge and medicine.
- Gastronomic routes.
- Impacts of extractive activities.
OUR MOST LOVED PROGRAMS:

SUMMER CAMPS
This program can explore four different destinations (regions) of Ecuador in a journey that lasts from 12 to 30 days. This itinerary offers the opportunity to explore the Highlands, the Coast, the Amazon Jungle and the Galapagos Islands.
The combination of landscapes, biodiversity, culture and contact with local communities guarantees an enriching experience. In addition, this experience is a valuable social contribution through responsible volunteering activities in different communities of your choice.

SCIENCE RESEARCH
This program is designed for those who build their professional training with scientific and cultural experiences, including unique adventures deep into the most wonderful destinations of Ecuador.

EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS
Our programs include learning-related field trips for students from ages 14 to 35. They are carefully planned to show the biodiversity, culture and history that of Ecuador while ensure an outstanding academic experiences.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS
Designed for young people with adventurous spirit and a great sense of social commitment, volunteering opens a new world to explore and learn from our different contexts and the places we visit.

These volunteer programs have been carefully selected and planned to ensure that both participants and communities receive the best outcomes in a safe environment.
The programs are designed for ages 14 to 25 and encourage knowledge through a variety of experiences, observation, activities and analysis. We also have professional volunteer programs for adults looking to contribute with their professional expertise while traveling.

ARE WE FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTABLE TO YOUR REQUIREMENTS?
Yes, we can adapt to the requirements of different programs according to the needs of each group or the concept of the trip. We are prepared to face the challenge of designing customized programs activities and analysis. We also have professional volunteer programs for adults looking to contribute with their professional expertise while traveling.
# Sample Itineraries

## GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

### DAY 1
**SANTA CRUZ**
- **AM** Arrival to Baltra Airport + Highlands visit.
- **PM** Orientation and academic activities at Charles Darwin Foundation and Giant Turtle Breeding Center.

### DAY 2
**SANTA CRUZ**
- Full Day Tour to uninhabited island (Yacht).
  - Choose the destination between: Santa Fe, North Seymour, Bartolomé or Plazas Sur islands.

### DAY 3
**ISABELLA**
- **AM** Early transfer to Isabela - Experiential education, leadership and other activities.

### DAY 4
**ISABELLA**
- **AM** Los Tuneles tour
- **PM** Flamingos ponds and free afternoon.

### DAY 5
**SANTA CRUZ**
- **AM** Early transfer to Santa Cruz -
- **PM** Tortuga Bay Excursion and free afternoon for experiential education, leadership and other activities.

### DAY 6
**SANTA CRUZ**
- **AM** Early visit to Los Gemelos twin Crater and transfer out to airport.
- **PM** Return to Ecuador Mainland

### EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (EEP) with the Galapagos National Park

#### DAY 1
**SANTA CRUZ**
- **EEP**: Endemism, evolution theory and the Galapagos Islands.
  - Monitoring of giant tortoises at the Galapagos National Park Centre.

#### DAY 2
**SANTA CRUZ**
- **EEP**: Eradication of invasive plants at the Galapagos National Park Centre.

#### DAY 3
**SANTA CRUZ**
- **EEP**: Identification of seeds for research on the impact of turtles on the dispersal of native and endemic species at the Galapagos National Park.

#### DAY 4
**SANTA CRUZ**
- **EEP**: Identification of seeds focusing a research on the impact of turtles on the dispersal of native and endemic species at the GNP.
## ANDES REGION

### DAY 1  QUITO
**PM**: Arrival to Quito, Ecuador

### DAY 2  QUITO
Quito visit to Mitad del Mundo Monument (Equator Monument) and sundown cultural experience at the Old Town UNESCO’s World Cultural Heritage Site.

### DAY 3-6  QUITO
Volunteering at one of our programs helping orphans, single mothers, young adults or conservation activities. Experiential education, leadership and other activities.

### DAY 7  OTAVALO
Otavalo visit to crafts city and traditional Ecuadorian highlands communities. Experience the textile production and local arts-culture at Peguche.

### DAY 8  OTAVALO
Cotacachi “cultural” walk. Ancient ritual experiences at local traditional hacienda.

## AMAZON JUNGLE

### DAY 1  AMAZON JUNGLE
**AM** Transfer to Amazon Jungle  
**PM** Experience the biodiversity and local culture at the Napo Basin.

### DAY 2  AMAZON JUNGLE
**AM** Hike through shores of the Napo River and explore ecological trails with local naturalist tour guides.  
**PM** Cultural exchange with local community while learning about traditions of the Amazon.

### DAY 3  AMAZON JUNGLE
**AM** Early canoe ride to discover different animal and medicinal plants.  
**PM** Experiential education, leadership and other activities.

### DAY 4  QUITO
**AM** Transfer back to Quito with highlands views on the eastern Andes.
ECUADOR

We can merge different programs and destinations in order to design the best itinerary for you!

DESTINATIONS WE OPERATE IN ECUADOR

We develop programs all over Ecuador. We’ve created solid relations with organizations, service providers and communities in the four regions of this magical country: Los Andes, La Amazonia, La Costa and the Galapagos Islands. We’ve visited each one of these regions with our own programs of adventure and experiential learning.

**How many places do you know on Earth that combine authentic and mega diverse natural and cultural experiences?**

Ecuador is a land of opportunities; few places encompass four worlds in constant evolution: from a range of volcanoes with their highest post at 6,268m; up to 120,000 km² of an Amazonian jungle full of culture; and a volcanic archipelago with numerous unique species!
**Galapagos Islands, cradle of the evolution theory**

Galapagos is a natural laboratory open for your people. Here we can walk on Charles Darwin’s footsteps, as he proved his theory of evolution in the Galapagos. Through iguanas, young people can discover this theory and understand how they developed gills to explore the sea in search for food to survive.

**The Andes, Ethnics And Wonders Of The Heights**

Ecuador has one of the largest concentrations of volcanoes in the world, around 30 across ranges of 300 km from north to south! Young people encounter Pachamama, which allows them to discover artisan centers and towns of great cultural heritage on their slopes; national parks of great biodiversity and cities that are a Heritage of Humanity, such as Quito and Cuenca.

**Amazon Jungle, the encounter with Incredible Biodiversity**

The wild symphony and the air of mystery, legend and fascination engulfs us as we cross the Amazonian jungle. Young people encounter various indigenous ethnicities of huge cultural value, who guard this green haven in which a single tree may have more ants than all the British islands and a single hectare houses more species of amphibians that all of North America
Ecuador may be the smallest Andean nation but it’s packed with the most startling contrasts of scenery. With its astounding biodiversity, impressive historical legacy, stunning colonial architecture, bustling highland markets and diverse mix of people — blacks, whites, indigenous and mestizo — it’s easy to see why this friendly and exotic destination is regarded as a microcosm of South America. From the icy pinnacles of Chimborazo, to the tropical forests of vast reserves like Parque Nacional Yasuní, to the palm-fringed beaches of the Pacific coast, Ecuador hums with life — all within easy reach of Quito, its jewel of a capital.

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