

Ecuador: Cross Cultural Communication— spring 2013 (May 20th – Jun 7th 2013)

20May: Depart Chicago O'Hare airport for Quito, Ecuador
Transfer to hotel for orientation and snack

21May: Breakfast at Hotel
Travel by bus to Otavalo
Tour: Guayllabamba Zoo, Otavalo Market, weaving and music workshop,
Indigenous health clinic, leather market, Cuicocaha Lake boat trip.
Group Welcome Dinner:

22May: Breakfast at Hotel:
Travel by bus to Quito
Tour: City
Lecture: ecotourism
Free Time

23May: Breakfast at Hotel
Travel by bus to Selva
Check into lodge
Group Dinner: at Cotococha Lodge

24May: Breakfast at Hotel
Canoe ride: Napo to Misahualli
Visit: Butterfly farm and Amazonico Animal Rescue Center
Group Lunch with river swimming
Visit: Quichua Village for pottery and hunting demonstrations
Return to Cotococha Lodge
Group Dinner

25May: Breakfast at Hotel
Secondary Forest Hike: Cascade and swim in waterfalls
Group Lunch: at Lodge
Primary Forest Hike: Amazon
Group Dinner

- 26May: Breakfast at Hotel
Travel by bus to Banos
Visit: Salasacas—an indigenous community for food, music and dancing
Group Dinner
Free Time
- 27May: Breakfast at Hotel
Travel by bus to Ingapirca and tour ruins
Visit: local straw weavers and church on the hill
Travel to Cuenca and check into hotel
Free Time
- 28May: Breakfast at Hotel
Depart for Cajas National Park
Group Lunch: Traditional Ecuadorian food
Hike: Valley (WET)
Free Time
- 29May: Breakfast at Hotel
Cuenca City Tour
Free Time
- 30May: Breakfast at Hotel
Hike/Tour: Churute Mangroves Reserve
Visit: Banana and cocoa plantations
Travel to Guayaquil and check into hotel
Group Walk: Iguana Park, Cathedral and riverfront
- 31May: Breakfast at Hotel
Transfer to airport for flight to Galapagos
Lunch: Puerto Ayora
Beach: Tortuga Bay
Hike and Kayak for animal watching
Check in Hotel
Group Dinner

- 01Jun: Breakfast at Hotel
Travel by boat to Floreana
Chiva ride to the highlands
Cave visits with picnic lunch
Snorkeling in Enderby Islets
- 02Jun: Breakfast at Hotel
Visit: Charles Darwin Station
Dingy ride to Punta Estrada
Mangrove hike to Las Grietas with cliff jumping
Group Lunch
Boat ride to Isabela and Flamingos Loop for hiking
Group Dinner
- 03Jun: Breakfast at Hotel
Boat ride to Tomas de Berlanga Station
Horseback riding to La Bocanilla and Sierra Negra
Group Lunch
Panga ride to Tintoreras for shark watching and snorkeling
Group Dinner
- 04Jun: Breakfast at Hotel
Transfer to airport for flight to Guayaquil
Free time
Group Dinner
- 05Jun: Breakfast at Hotel
Activities TBD
- 06Jun: Breakfast at Hotel
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- 07Jun: Depart for the US

*** Itinerary is tentative and subject to change**