

ECUADOR

# CAPITAL CHARMS: QUITO, MITAD DEL MUNDO & MORE

PRE-SLT EXPERIENCE

4D/3N





# Schedule

Day	Excursions	Lodging	Meals
1 - Wed	Flight arrival Transfer from airport to Selina hotel Check in time: 03:00 PM	Quito	- / - / -
2 - Thu	Equatorial Line & City tour	Quito	B / L / -
3 - Fri	Mindo Cloud Forest	Quito	B / L / -
4 - Sat	Otavallo Market	SLT accommodation	B / - / -

## Overview

Ecuador is a land of diversity. Let Good Life Expeditions introduce you to this beautiful South American destination on this Epic Trip. Quito is a beautiful place to start your Ecuadorian adventure: A UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site, the well-preserved colonial architecture, picturesque squares, and historic churches are a pleasure to wander between. Continue learning about local culture and history with a visit to the traditional artisan market in Otavalo on day two of your trip. Next, get a taste for the jungle in Mindo Cloud Forest. Known for its, rich diversity of birds and flowers, you'll be truly immersed in nature while exploring this unique ecosystem. Your final destination is Cotopaxi National Park. Surrounded by numerous peaks, Cotopaxi Volcano stands out as the second highest point in Ecuador, measuring over 19,000 feet (5,897 meters) above sea level. Enjoy the picturesque mountain landscape while learning about the unique history of the area.

## Highlights of the Trip

- Visit Otavalo and go shopping at South America's most famous artisan market
- Straddle the two hemispheres at Mitad del Mundo, the monument which marks the equator line
- Learn about the region's unique flora and fauna at Mindo Cloud Forest
- Support our partner non-profit MEDLIFE by traveling with Good Life Expeditions

# Itinerary

DAY

1

Wednesday

## Arrival in Quito

Upon arrival, assistance and transfer to hotel.

**Check in time: 03:00PM**



Overnight  
In Quito

DAY

2

Thursday

## City tour & Equatorial Line

Today you will visit "Quito" the most beautiful and colonial city in South America, declared by UNESCO part of the Cultural Heritage of mankind. You will explore the colonial part of the city and you will start in the Independence square, with the presidential palace, the city hall, the Sagrario church and the Cathedral.

You will then, visit La Compañía church (1605) and its breathtaking gilded altars, finest example of baroque art in America. After this, you will visit San Francisco church (1535). You will then visit the art & crafts gallery of Tianguéz and finally, drive up to the Panecillo hill and enjoy an amazing view of Quito from above, and admire the only winged-Virgin statue in South America. This is a great spot to take pictures above Quito.

After visiting the colonial center of Quito you will go to the Middle of the World, which is located 25 km north of Ecuador's capital. Here, you will visit the Intiñan museum, where is actually the latitude 0° 0'0" and you will experience all the interesting phenomenon that happens in this unique place. After this, you will visit the Middle of the World Monument, having the opportunity to stand in both hemispheres and take wonderful pictures.



**Lunch included**



Overnight  
In Quito



DAY

3

**Friday**  
**Mindo Cloud Forest**

Today you will be transferred to Mindo from Quito, the cloud forest; a beautiful area between the Andes and the Pacific Coast. Here the clouds and trees blend in a tapestry of mystery and magic, home to hundreds of species of plants, birds and other animals. You will visit a butterfly farm where you can admire many butterflies and learn about their process of life.

You will enjoy of a delicious lunch (included). After this you can enjoy of the canopy (this is not included in the price). This entertaining activity consists in sliding horizontally from one point to another by cables over the tops of trees where nature can be observed in its entire splendor. Then you will be transferred Quito's airport in time for your flight.

**Lunch included**



Overnight  
In Quito



**Saturday**  
**Otavalo Traditional market**

Today you will be picked up from your hotel in Quito to go visit the biggest and most colorful indigenous market in Latin America. The market of Otavalo is famous around the world for its colorful tapestries, hand-knitted wool sweaters, native paintings, wood carvings, silver jewelry, woolen and straw hats, and much more at bargain prices. The people of area are artists and known as great dancers and singers as well as great craftspeople.

**Lunch is included.**

Then, will be transferred to the hotel in Quito.

**Notes:**

- This evening, continue with SLT activities as scheduled.
- Accommodation changes to dorm





## Important Notes

This tour departs from Quito

Average Temperature: 14° C / 57° F

### For a comfortable trip, we recommend you bring:

- Good walking shoes
- Hat or cap
- Binoculars
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen (at least SPF 30), even if it is overcast
- Camera

### Pricing

Prices below are per person, based on a group of at least 10 people. Trips with fewer than 10 people can be arranged upon request and will require updated prices.

Price per person	Private services
Twin accommodation	\$400.00 USD
Single accommodation	\$543.00 USD

### Included

- ✓ Meals: 3 lunches and 3 breakfasts
- ✓ Expert guide and transportation throughout
- ✓ Entrance fees
- ✓ 3 nights accommodation in Quito 3 star hotel

### Not Included

- ✗ Meals (unless otherwise specified)
- ✗ Personal expenses
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages
- ✗ Tips and gratuities