



Trek the Unknown Andean Trail Altar Volcano - 7 Days (#20498)

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Overview

By joining this expedition, you will be off the beaten path to exploring the most remote mountains and crater lakes of the Andes of Ecuador. Enjoy trekking the hidden trails used by multiple Indian groups including the Incas to reach the most sacred volcano in the region Altar, amazed yourself by looking at magical nights full of stars while learning the ancient tales of the Andes. Dare yourself to reach the horizon and beyond with the company of passionate and experienced guides.

Trip Highlights

Cotopaxi-El Altar-Valle de Collanes-Mandur Lagoon-Yellow Crater Lake-Colonial Hacienda-Quito

Detailed Itinerary



Day 01**Day 01: Cotopaxi First Trek**

Today we have a scenery drive through the Avenue of Volcanoes, on the way depending on the weather you may be able to see Cotopaxi, Rumiñahui, Ilinizas, and Tungurahua volcanoes, driving down the Panamerican highway will make you enjoy the views of the colourful fields on the mountains, as the main activity is the agriculture we will easily recognize the plantations of corn, potatoes and the grain of gods “Quinua”.

About noon we will trek for about 5 hours to reach our campsite.

Hotel: Camping

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 02**Day 02: Trekking to El Altar - Valle De Collanes**

Today is the longest and most fantastic trek of this expedition. We will be gone for several hours trekking along these unique trails in the Paramo ecosystem, known for being so high in elevation as well as the thin oxygen that exists here We will go through the Vollanes Valley —or Valle de Collanes.

Hotel: Camping

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 03**Day 03: Trekking to Mandur Lagoon**

Today is the longest and most fantastic trek of this expedition. We will be gone for several hours trekking along these unique trails in the Paramo ecosystem, known for being so high in elevation as well as the thin oxygen that exists here We will go through the Vollanes Valley —or Valle de Collanes.

Hotel: Camping

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



Day 04**Day 04: Trekking to the Yellow Crater Lake - Colonial Hacienda**

Today after a very healthy breakfast we will continue our adventure with a trek as amazing as the one yesterday but shorter in distance. We will head to the most impressive crater lake (4250 meters), which is yellow because of the high concentration of sulfur.

In the afternoon we start our return to Hacienda Releche. We will arrive by sunset and you will spend the night there to refresh.

Hotel: Camping

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 05**Day 05: Relax Day on Colonial Hacienda**

After breakfast, we will take a car ride to The Illinizas Ecological Reserve. After 2 hours we will have a quick stop at the Toachi Canyon to enjoy the amazing view of this place, later we continue 10 minutes to the Quilotoa Volcano and get hiking into its crater. This lake is considered as one of the most beautiful crater lakes on earth, it is optional to kayak here, later we will hike or ride a mule back up and then drive back to Quito.

Today, our trip with us will end. Take with you your memories and photos and leave a piece of your heart, as you will want to return to Ecuador soon to experience more of this enchanted land. We wish you a “buen viaje”!

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Inclusions

Transportation: Comfortable land transportation.

Accommodation based in double occupancy: 5* hotel in Quito, 3 nights in comfortable camping in the Andes, 1 night in a Colonial Hacienda.

Meals: 6 Breakfast, 5 Lunches and 3 Dinners.

Activities: Trekking.

Out-door gear: Trekking stick, Dry bags, Eureka tents, air mattresses, bathroom tent, portable toilet, social kitchen.

Staff: Certified AJ expert English-speaking adventure trip leader and local guides.



Exclusions

International flights.

Airport transfers to/from Quito airport.

Travel insurance (mandatory).

Meals not described in the itinerary.

Personal expenses & Tips.

Note

Please note that the prices are starting from and that upon sending a new request with specific date we will send the applicable rate and availability.

Unique Experiences:

Trek hidden trails only known by experienced local guides and discover the real adventure of a lifetime exploring the most remote and unexplored volcano in the Andes “ Altar Volcano”.

Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

Periodic Departure



20 Dec, 2024 to 31 Dec, 2025

2-3 pax

AUD 4,835 P P twin share

AUD 5,280 P P single

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4-5 pax

AUD 3,436 P P twin share

AUD 3,881 P P single

AVAILABLE

6 plus

AUD 2,910 P P twin share

AUD 3,354 P P single

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