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


This is also your tour number

## EXPERIENCE ECUADOR

9 days / Ecuador

Cascading waterfalls and misty cliffs define the beauty of Ecuador. On your in-depth tour, straddle the earth's hemispheres at the equatorial line, enjoy a boat cruise down the Guayas River and observe Ecuador's unique wildlife on Isla de la Plata. You will also gain a deeper understanding of local communities during your cultural immersion activities.

### EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 1 sightseeing tour led by an expert, licensed local guide; 1 sightseeing tour led by your Tour Director
-  **Entrances:** Santo Domingo Church; Intinan Museum; Guayas River boat cruise; Parque Histórico Guayaquil; Isla de la Plata; Snorkeling; Cocoa and mango plantation
-  **Experiential learning:** Cultural immersion activities; School visit or service project
-  **weShare**, our project-based learning program that combines an online platform with global experiences
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; Breakfast and dinner daily; 4 lunches
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Equatorial line





Anyone can see the world.

# YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your **Tour Director** in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our online learning platform, **weShare**, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. **Expert local guides** will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views of history, art, architecture or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

*@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday*

— MELISSA, TRAVELER



Via Twitter



Learn from your Tour Director and expert local guides



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## What you'll experience on your tour

### Day 1: Fly to Ecuador

– Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Quito, the Ecuadorian capital carved into a narrow plateau high above the Andean valleys, beneath the peaks of the Pichincha Volcano. Here you'll explore the colonial quarter, where wrought-iron balconies and majestic stone pillars grace 300-year-old plazas, churches and palaces. The area was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978. At the Intinan Museum, discover how the Incas determined the middle of the Earth. Pose for a photo on the equator, the namesake of Ecuador. If you've ever wanted to stand in both hemispheres at the same time, this is your chance.

### Day 2: Quito

– Take a tour of Quito: Independence Plaza; Government Palace  
– Visit the Santo Domingo Church  
– Take an excursion to the equatorial line  
– Visit the Intinan Museum

### Day 3: La Tacunga | Riobamba

– Travel to the La Tacunga region  
– Take a short hike at Quilotoa Volcano  
– Travel to Riobamba

### Day 4: Riobamba | Guayaquil

– Participate in cultural immersion activities: Meet children at their school; Observe farming, handicrafts, cooking  
– Travel to Guayaquil, a major South American trading hub and the largest and most populous city in Ecuador. The city was first colonized by the Spanish in the 16th century, and in the years since, has experienced a long history of aggression from a range of Europe's former imperial powers. On a visit to Parque Histórico Guayaquil, you'll see how this history helped shape the city's current cultural landscape, as well as a selection of the region's wildlife. You'll also visit Cerro Santa Ana, a neighborhood famous for its colorful houses and panoramic views, and take a stroll on the bustling Malecón 2000 boardwalk. Then you'll see Guayaquil from a different perspective as you cruise the Guayas River.

### Day 5: Guayaquil

– Visit a local school or take part in a service project  
– Take a tour of Guayaquil: Malecon 2000 riverfront park; Cerro Santa Ana neighborhood  
– Take a boat cruise on the Guayas River

### Day 6: Guayaquil | Puerto López

– Visit the Parque Histórico Guayaquil  
– Travel via the Ruta del Spondylus to Puerto López, a small fishing village set against the warm waters of the Pacific that is renowned for its friendly atmosphere and biological diversity. Most famously, it is the headquarters of Ecuador's Machalilla National Park, whose reach includes Isla de la Plata just off the coast of Puerto López. You'll visit this former pirate hideout, which today has been described as the "Poor Man's Galapagos." As you explore the island's rugged geography, you'll meet a number of creatures known to inhabit the Galapagos, including the blue-footed booby and the albatross. In its coral reef, you'll get the chance to snorkel with a wide, colorful array of fish. Make sure to bring your camera.

### Day 7: Puerto López

– Enjoy a boat ride to Machalilla National Park  
– Visit Isla de la Plata  
– Snorkel off Isla de la Plata

### Day 8: Puerto López | Guayaquil

– Visit a cocoa and mango plantation  
– Return to Guayaquil

### Day 9: Depart for home

*Traveling to Quito in Ecuador was an amazing experience. Quito is a unique city with lots to see.*

– JOHN, GROUP LEADER

“ Tour review

*This trip was so awesome. Now i want to live in Ecuador.*

– RACHEL, TRAVELER

“ Tour review

## TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY OR EXPLORE

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
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*As a parent I am very grateful that I was able to give this opportunity to my child. It was worth every penny to see her smiling face in the pictures on the trip. Encourage your child to embrace the moment; be open to new cultures, foods, and just a new way of life and looking at things.*

—KATHLEEN, DAUGHTER TRAVELED APRIL 2013



Tour review

## THE WORLD LEADER IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Your teacher has partnered with EF because of our unmatched experience and worldwide presence, as well as our commitment to providing students with life-changing travel opportunities that are immersive and affordable. For nearly 50 years, we've worked with educators across the globe to help millions of people become citizens of the world by breaking down barriers of language, culture and geography.

- We always offer the lowest prices guaranteed so more students can travel.
- We're fully accredited, just like your school, so you can earn credit while on tour.
- All of our educational itineraries feature experiential learning activities and visits to the best sites.
- We're completely committed to your safety. We have 450 schools and offices in over 50 countries around the world, so local EF staff members can react quickly and in person wherever you travel.
- Your full-time Tour Director is with your group every step of the way on tour, providing insight about your destinations as well as great local tips.



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