

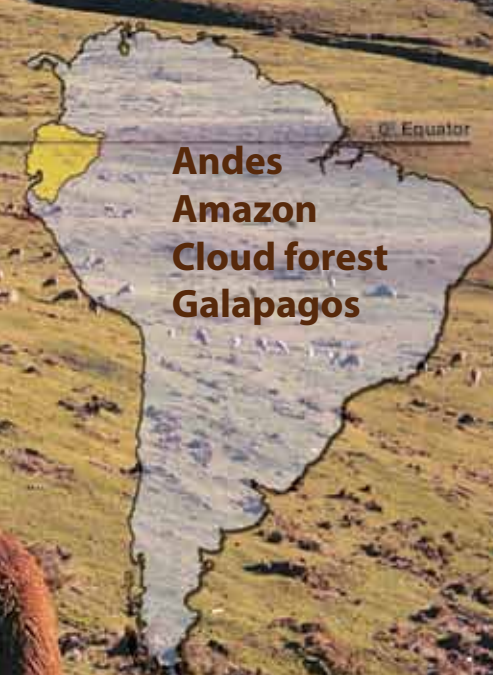


**YACU AMU**  
experiences

Enriching  
Active  
Sustainable



**adventure  
nature  
cultural  
TOURS  
SINCE 1996**



**Andes  
Amazon  
Cloud forest  
Galapagos**

**Yacu Amu Experiences** is an Ecuador-based inbound tour operator that specialises in adventure, nature, and cultural tourism for active travellers.

Since 1996 we have delighted tour operators, wholesalers and travel agents from around the world with our exceptional levels of service and reliability. We provide our partners with packaged and bespoke products either as Yacu Amu Experiences or under your company's brand.

We derive our name from yacu amu - a serpent-like water spirit of local folklore. Water is a common theme in all our travel experiences; from glaciers, lakes, rivers, and waterfalls to thermal springs and the Galapagos islands.

If you are a travel agent, wholesaler or tour operator looking for an expert local partner in Ecuador, Yacu Amu is the answer.

Why do travel businesses choose Yacu Amu Experiences when looking for an expert local partner in Ecuador?

- We understand the particular demands and expectations of each of our partners - and if we don't know yours yet, then we're listening.
- We understand you want to choose or design exceptional itineraries for your customers, then focus on selling, confident in the knowledge that your local partner, using contacts and relationships built up over 15 years, is making it all happen.
- We understand you want prompt replies to your enquiries, and even prompt solutions if a problem arises.
- We understand you want the peace of mind that comes from knowing your customers are in the best of hands and will return home loving you.
- Most of all, we understand that when you place your customers in our hands you are staking your reputation on the services we provide. Taking that responsibility very seriously has been the key to building our own reputation amongst our valued customers and partners.

In short, we aim to provide service so personalized and so well coordinated with your own operations that you'll feel you have a branch office in Quito. Here's what one of our partners wrote:

"I wanted to thank you for a great summer in Ecuador. Our leaders came back speaking very highly of their experience. They were impressed with your company, the friendly attitude of the people and the beauty of the areas in which they travelled. I appreciate the efforts on your part to make this trip a reality.

I truly appreciate your attention to detail and your quick responsiveness. It is one of those trips that I don't really have to worry about once they are down there. Thank you for all of the care and consideration that you put into these trips."

So if your customers want hassle-free active experiences and you want peace of mind, contact us with your specific requirements

First tour operator in Ecuador to be



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sustainable tourism  
requirements

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## Wildlife & real life for the active traveller

Your exploration of the islands, the Galapagos National Park and the communities that live there is an opportunity to experience the other face of Galapagos. You'll come close to the famously tame wildlife, meet the Ecuadorians that call themselves Galapagueños and learn about the complex issues facing this extraordinary World Heritage environment.

There's so much to see and do that you'll appreciate the program of full, active days followed by a restful nights sleep in a comfortable bed to recharge for the next day's experiences.

### Highlights

- Receive an informative introduction to the islands from a Galapagos National Park ranger
- Snorkel with colourful reef fish, marine turtles, sea lions and Galapagos sharks
- Prepare a fresh fish dinner in the home of a local food stall holder and her family
- Sight the famous Giant Galapagos Tortoise in the wild and learn about breeding programs underway to ensure their survival
- Mountain bike through the highlands
- Learn about alternative energy sources being adopted in the islands
- Hike to El Junco lake and around the rim of Sierra Negro volcano - special places only a privileged few get to visit
- Join the locals for a relaxing family BBQ lunch at an organic farm in the highlands of Santa Cruz island

### LIVE ON BOARD CRUISES

Visit the Galapagos Islands aboard one of a small number of carefully selected vessels. Ask us about our special packages including airfares, transfers, hotels and optional extensions.



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# New Insider's Ecuador short escapes

We have designed several new 5 day programs specifically for people short on time but looking to sample the very best of Ecuador. The programs are also ideally suited as an extension to a Galapagos cruise as a 3 day / 3 night program.

Three levels of accommodation are available for each package with stays in carefully selected Standard, Superior or Deluxe boutique hotels.



## Flavours of Ecuador

Ecuador boasts an impressive range of natural environments and cultures which in combination have inspired outstanding culinary diversity. We offer you the opportunity to savour a wide variety of gastronomic creations with ingredients including fresh seafood brought daily from the coast, exotic fruits from the lowlands, and some of the wonderful variety of grains and potatoes grown in the Andes.

### Itinerary

- Day 1 Arrival in Quito
- Day 2 Teleferico / City by night / Ecuadorian fine dining
- Day 3 Avenue of the Volcanos / Saquisilí market / Home-style Andean dining
- Day 4 Guayasamin Art Museum / Dining with a view
- Day 5 Departure from Quito

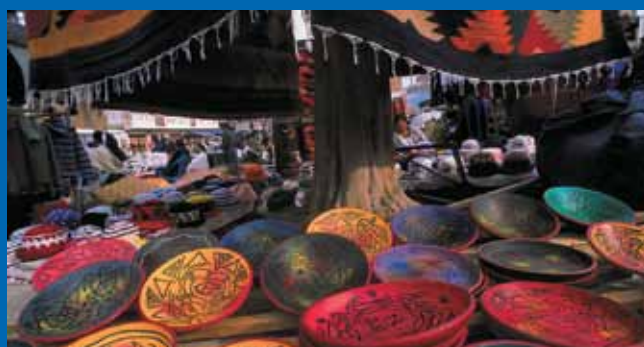


## Natural Treasures of Ecuador

Explore the hidden gem of Ecuador - the Quijos valley - just two hours and a world away from Quito. Trace the Quijos river's journey from its source on the glaciers of volcano Antisana to where it thunders over the spectacular San Rafael falls. Hike to sites well off the regular tourist trail then reward your weary muscles with a soak in the mineral-rich thermal springs of Papallacta.

### Itinerary

- Day 1 Arrival in Quito
- Day 2 Relax, relax, relaaaaaaaax
- Day 3 Hike to Cascada San Rafael – Ecuador's highest waterfall
- Day 4 Discover the sights and flavours of Quito
- Day 5 Departure from Quito



## Andean Cultures of Ecuador

Ecuador records centuries of civilization and a rich cultural heritage that is evident in its traditions, archaeology and art. Your visit to our country will introduce you to a world full of people representing diverse cultures many of which still use their pre-Columbian languages.

### Itinerary

- Day 1 Arrival in Quito
- Day 2 Historic Quito / Contemporary art and cuisine
- Day 3 Museo del Banco Central / Hacienda Pínsaquí
- Day 4 Otavalo market
- Day 5 Departure from Quito



## Colonial Treasures of Ecuador

Absorb the charm of Ecuador's Spanish colonial architecture in two of the most beautiful cities of South America, Quito and Cuenca, declared World Heritage by UNESCO. Then take a step further back into the past wandering the Inca ruins of Ingapirca.

### Itinerary

- Day 1 Arrival in Quito
- Day 2 Colonial Quito
- Day 3 Colonial Cuenca
- Day 4 Ingapirca ruins
- Day 5 Departure from Quito

Find a short escape at [www.yacuamu.com](http://www.yacuamu.com)

# ECUADOR UNCOMMON ADVENTURES

*in the Middle of the World*



Our range of Uncommon Adventures combine adventure and comfort across the diverse geography of Ecuador. We take the hassle out of travel so that you can participate fully in an active day knowing that you'll have a hot shower, cold beer, delicious meal and a comfortable bed waiting for you in the evening.

Choose from ready to go Adventures that range from two days to a week or ask us to tailor an Experience that combines activities and regions according to your specific interests.

## Activities



**Hiking** – Be wowed by the spectacular Andes and follow ancient trails.



**Biking** – Whiz down the slopes of active volcanos and explore quiet backroads.



**Rafting** – Drift through scenic pools and tackle challenging whitewater.



**Horse Riding** – Saddle up with Andean cowboys and ford jungle streams.



**Snorkelling** – Explore the underwater world of tropical reefs and sea life.



**Kayaking** – Paddle down Amazon rivers and around the Galapagos islands.



**Canopy** – Zip through the tree tops and across gaping chasms.



**Family** – Bond two or three generations with unforgettable memories.



**Hot Springs** – Soak weary muscles after days of active exploration.

## Regions



**Andes** – The world's second highest mountain range splits the country from north to south with a series of glaciated peaks and several active volcanos.



**Amazon** – Snowmelt and rains on the eastern side of the Andes drain into the vast Amazon basin that is home, in Ecuador, to nine indigenous peoples.



**Cloud Forest** – Found on both the western and eastern slopes of the Andes in an intermediate altitude zone that supports a megadiverse range of birdlife.



**Galapagos** – The archipelago of volcanic islands located 1,000km off the coast is renowned for its tame wildlife and for inspiring Darwin's theory of evolution.

Find an adventure online at [www.ecuadoruncommonadventures.com](http://www.ecuadoruncommonadventures.com)



## Rafting, hiking & jungle adventures

*That was fun! Great people, great river, great equipment. The food was perfect, too! Enjoyed ourselves completely.*

John, Dorr, Susie & Samantha  
(England) April 17, 2009

Rios Ecuador offers fun, professionally-organized adventures on the very best of Ecuador's rivers, a new range of hikes that traverse the scenic headwaters and lower reaches of the river valleys, and our ever popular trips combining rafting with jungle exploration based out of comfortable lodges in the Upper Napo river basin.

### Rafting

Jatunyacu river - Class III 1 and 2 days

*Our most popular trip! BIG WAVES and BIG FUN!*

Anzu river – Class II & III- 1 day

*Magnificent scenery. Ideal for families and kids!*

Upper Misahualli river – Class IV 1 day

*Technically challenging. Fast and continuous.*

Lower Misahualli river – Class IV & IV+ 1 day

*Rapid-filled gorge through pristine jungle.*

Jondachi river – Class III+ & IV 1 day

*Our newest adventure. Hike in. Raft out.*

Toachi / Blanco rivers – Class III & IV- 1 and 2 days

*The beginning of a whitewater addiction!*

Upper Blanco river - Class IV 1 and 2 days

*The longest rafting trip in Ecuador.*

Quijos river Class IV – IV+ 1 and 2 days

*Site of the 2005 World Rafting Championships.*

Upano river Class IV+ 5 days

*Whitewater and waterfalls in Namangosa Gorge.*

Rafting Safaris Class II – IV+ from 3 to 8 days

*Custom programs on the best of Ecuador's rivers.*



### Kayaking

Introductory 1 day

*A fun day for those with no whitewater kayaking experience.*

Guided kayaking trips 1 day to as many as you like

*For intermediate and advanced paddlers.*

Kayak school 4 days

*Learn to kayak on warm tropical rivers.*

### Hiking

Upper Blanco Headwaters 1 day

*Hike through megadiverse cloud forest teeming with life.*

Quijos Headwaters 1 day

*Traverse highland lake country. Soak in Papallacta hot springs.*

Quijos Valley Waterfalls 1 day

*Explore the hidden gem of Ecuador – the Quijos valley.*

### Jungle

Adventure experience 1 day

*Canyons, cascadas and caves. Pure adventure.*

Cultural experience 1 day

*Learn about the Quichua culture as a guest of a community.*

Combined tours 2 to 4 days

*Ethnic communities, jungle exploration and rafting.*

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