



# EXPLORE NATURE THROUGH OUR INCREDIBLE ADVENTURES

We understand that immersing yourself in nature is not just about rewarding experiences; it's also about having a blast!

We extend a warm invitation for you to join us in a realm of exciting adventures, ranging from scenic hikes and horseback rides to thrilling cycling tours. All of this set against the breathtaking backdrop of Cotopaxi National Park.



Here at Chilcabamba we firmly believe in the transformative power of ecotourism. It's not just about enjoying the great outdoors; it's about making a positive impact.

By participating in our activities, you'll not only create unforgettable memories but also contribute to sustainable development and uplifting local communities. It's a chance to share authentic experiences and to uncover the traditional lifestyle of the people we proudly call our neighbors.

Let's create memories and make a positive impact together!

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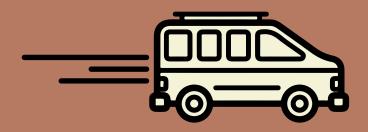
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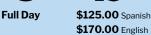
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## **OUR PRICES**

### **DISCOVER THE COTOPAXI NATIONAL PARK:**

#### 01 FULL DAY COTOPAXI NATIONAL PARK







For 1 to 4

**INCLUDES:** Transportation, Guide, Guides'meal and 12% VAT. **NOT INCLUDED:** Boxed Lunch.

#### 02 HORSEBACK RIDING WITHIN THE PARK







2H 3H \$21.00 \$26.00 \$40.00

PERSON

INCLUDES: Local Guide (Spanish only), helmet, poncho and 12% VAT.

NOT INCLUDED: \$25 Transfer Horse's Corral and back to lodge with
+1 to 3 hours waiting time. Price is for 1 to 4 persons

#### **03 HIKING TO RUMIÑAHUI VOLCANO**



Full Day



**\$125.00** Spanish **\$170.00** English

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For 1 to 4

INCLUDES: Transportation, Guide, Guides'meal and 12% VAT NOT INCLUDED: Helmets \$5, Walking sticks \$5 and Boxed Lunch.

#### **04 MOUNTAIN BIKING**





200

**FULL DAY** 

\$125.00 \$110.00 \$180.00 For 2 to 4 Shared departure
For 5+ Shared departure

For 2 to 3 Private departure

**INCLUDES:** Transportation, Guide, mountain bike Trek X Caliber/ Marlin hydraulic disc brakes, protections (gloves and helmets), purified water, tea and Box lunch.

### **EXPLORE THE LODGE SURROUNDINGS:**

### **05 HIKE TO "CASCADA DE FUEGO" WATERFALL**









For 1 to 8

INCLUDES: Local Guide and 12% VAT
NOT INCLUDED:\$25 Transfer + 1-3 hours waiting time.
\*Price is for 1 to 4 persons\*

#### **07 WATERFALLS FULL DAY**







FULL DAY

\$125.00

For 1 to 4

**INCLUDES:** Local Guide (Spanish only), helmet and 12% VAT **NOT INCLUDED:** Boxed Lunch.

### **09 COW MILKING**





200

\$20.00

**INCLUDE:** Local Guide (Spanish only) and 12% VAT. **NOT INCLUDED:** Transportation.

### 06 HIKE INTO THE PITA RIVER CANYON







**INCLUDES:** Local Guide, Guides'meal and 12% VAT. **NOT INCLUDED:** Boxed Lunch

### **08 HORSEBACK RIDING IN THE PEDREGAL AREA**



**2H** 

1H

(\$) \$21.00

200

\$26.00 \$40.00 PER PERSON

INCLUDES: Local Guide (Spanish only), helmet and 12% VAT.

### **10 TROUT FISHING**





2H \$8.25 Per Kg
INCLUDES: Fishing rod and hook y 12% IVA.

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### **VISIT NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:**

### 11 VISIT TO THE INDIGENOUS MARKET OF SAQUISILÍ (THURSDAY ONLY)









INCLUDES: Transportation, Local Guide, 12% VAT. NOT INCLUDED: Lunch.

#### 12 EXCURSION TO QUILOTOA CRATER







**\$205.00** English



INCLUDE: Transportation, Local Guide, 12% VAT. NOT INCLUDED: Lunch.

### 13 FULL DAY ANTISANA VOLCANO





**\$155.00** Spanish



**INCLUDES:** 

Transportation, Local Guide, 12% VAT.

NOT INCLUDED: Boxed Lunch.

### **ENJOY THE LODGE:**

#### 14 COOKING CLASSES



\$12.20

INCLUDES: Welcome drink, taxes.

#### 15 BONFIRE WITH S'MORES



\$3.50

INCLUDES: Cookies, chocolate, marshmallows and taxes.

### **TRANSFER SERVICES:**

\* TRANSFERS PROVIDED BY LOCAL TAXIS TO VARIOUS DESTINATIONS.



### DISCOVER THE COTOPAXI NATIONAL PARK

- 1. FULL DAY COTOPAXI NATIONAL PARK
- 2. HORSEBACK RIDING WITHIN THE PARK
- 3. HIKING TO RUMIÑAHUI VOLCANO
- 4. MOUNTAIN BIKING





## 1. FULL DAY IN COTOPAXI NATIONAL PARK

Get ready to immerse yourself in the grandeur of Cotopaxi volcano with us!



This is a favorite activity of our guests. Did you know that after the Galapagos Islands, this is the second most visited national park in Ecuador?

Embark on a thrilling adventure as we explore the foothills of the majestic Cotopaxi, the world's highest active volcano towering at an impressive 5,897 meters (19,347 feet) above sea level.

Our meeting point will be the reception area of the lodge where you'll be greeted by a local guide who will take you to the park in a 4x4 vehicle. We'll arrive via the park's north entrance, just 6 km (3.73 miles) from Chilcabamba Lodge. We'll start the day with a panoramic view at the beautiful Limpiopungo Lagoon. We will then ascend to the Refuge's parking lot, from where we'll begin a 2-hour hike to reach the José Ribas Refuge at 4,800 meters (15,748 feet) above sea level. If weather conditions permit and your body tolerates the altitude well, we may even reach 5,000 meters (16,404 feet) to touch the imposing glacier of this majestic volcano! Finally, we'll conclude our day by visiting the fascinating archaeological ruins of Pucará del Salitre. Here, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious snack, relax and unwind after a day filled with unforgettable experiences.



Altitude: 3,800 – 5,000 meters (12,467 – 16,404 feet) above sea level



Start at: 8am



**Duration: 7H** 







Physical Level without reaching the refuge

<sup>\*</sup> According to park regulations, entry by taxi or walking is not possible.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Park opening hours: Entry from 8 am to 3 pm; exit until 5 pm (north and south control points)

# 2. HORSEBACK RIDING IN COTOPAXI NATIONAL PARK: AN EQUESTRIAN ADVENTURE

An exceptional experience for horse enthusiasts!



This thrilling journey begins at Rumicorral, strategically located within Cotopaxi National Park, just 7 km (4.35 miles) from our cozy lodge. Here you'll be welcomed by our experienced guide, an authentic local 'chagra,' who will provide a safety briefing before your adventure begins.

The guide will give you authentic ponchos and helmets to wear as you prepare to embark on an exciting horseback ride. We'll traverse the eastern foothills of the park, winding through beautiful grasslands. As we progress, you'll witness breathtaking views of nearby majestic volcanoes, including the imposing Sincholagua, the serene Rumiñahui, and the majestic Cotopaxi.

This experience is not only an opportunity to connect with nature but also a window into the rich 'chagra' culture. Get ready for an unforgettable equestrian adventure, where the resilience and authenticity of our four-legged companions will transport you to a world of natural beauty and authenticity!



1 Hour: 9am / 11:30am / 2pm 2 Hours: 9am or 2pm

3 Hours: 9 am or 2 pm



Altitude: 3,800 meters (12,467 feet)

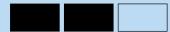


Physical Level





**Technical Level** 



<sup>\*</sup>This activity is suitable for children from age 6 and up.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Prior experience horseback riding is recommended for this activity

# 3. HIKING TO RUMIÑAHUI VOLCANO: AN ENCOUNTER WITH ANDEAN MAJESTY

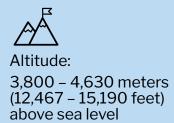


Rumiñahui, an impressive dormant volcano nestled in the heart of Cotopaxi National Park, unfolds its unique beauty with three majestic summits, with the northern summit being the most imposing. In this thrilling journey, we will ascend towards its central summit, rising to 4,630 meters (15,190 feet).

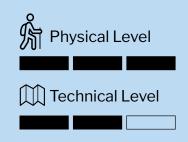
Our experienced guide will pick you up at the lodge for a brief car ride (approximately 40 minutes). The starting point will be the picturesque Limpiopungo Lagoon, from where we will begin our ascent through high-altitude grasslands, wetlands, and sandy terrain, climbing along the mountain's central ridge to reach the base of its rocks. From this point, we will face the final rocky stretch, culminating in the conquest of the summit.

Throughout this beautiful day, you'll delight your senses with the characteristic flora and fauna of the high-altitude grassland while enjoying panoramic views of the surrounding majestic volcanoes: Cotopaxi, Sincholagua, Corazón, Pasochoa, and the serene Santo Domingo Valley.

Embark on this adventure, where Andean majesty reveals itself with every step and the summit of Rumiñahui offers an incomparable spectacle.







<sup>\*</sup> Helmets are required for the last stretch. Rental price is \$5 per person.

# 4. MOUNTAIN BIKING: EPIC DESCENT IN COTOPAXI



Embark on our thrilling mountain biking tour through the majestic Cotopaxi National Park, an experience that will immerse you in the magnificence of this protected area while enjoying an adventure on two wheels.

The journey begins early in the morning when you are picked up directly from the hotel to take you to the starting point. Your first stop will be the parking area, located at 4,500 meters (14,764 feet) above sea level, where we'll reach the highest point of the route. From this privileged position, you'll enjoy panoramic views that stretch to take in 8 volcanoes on a clear day. Equipped with helmets, gloves, and protective gear, we'll start our thrilling mountain bike adventure by descending dirt roads for the first 8 km (4.97 miles). Volcanic terrain and tundra landscapes will unravel before you as you become immersed in this unique experience. As you descend to an altitude of 3,800 meters (12,467 feet), you'll pedal an additional 8 km (4.97 miles), surrounded by volcanic rocks and the beauty of wild horses in their natural habitat.

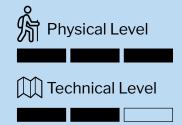
Our next destination is Limpiopungo Lagoon, situated at 3,800 meters (12,467 feet) altitude. Here, we'll begin an exciting 16 km (9.94 miles) bike descent, combining both dirt and paved roads. Finally, around 3:00 PM, we'll return to the lodge, concluding this incredible biking adventure that will be etched in your memory.

Get ready to experience adrenaline and natural beauty with every pedal turn!



3,800 - 4,500 meters (12,467 - 14,764 feet)





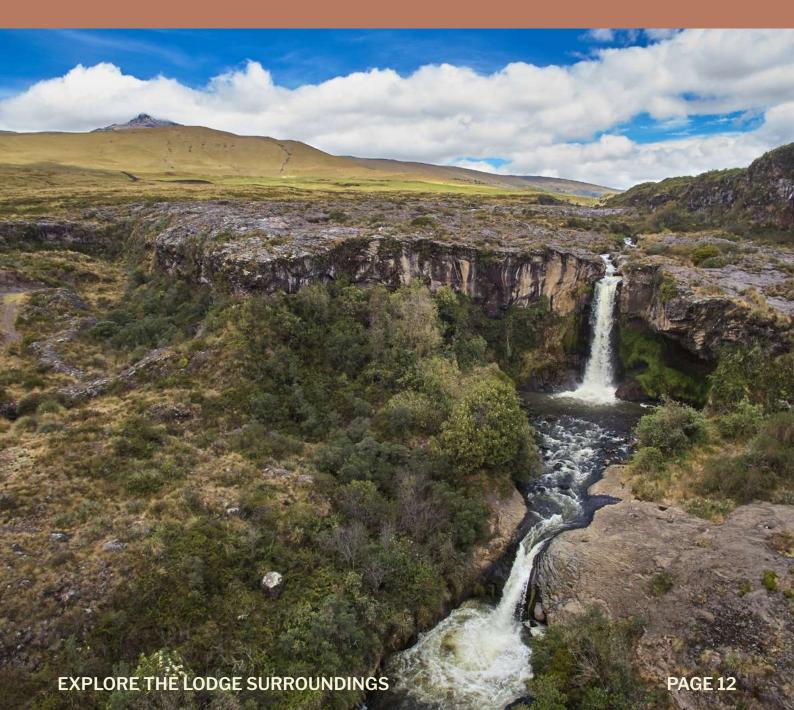
<sup>\*</sup> Our service provider partner comes from Quito, so it's important to confirm this activity at least 48 hours in advance.

\*\* Please note that this standard itinerary may undergo modifications due to weather conditions or the biking skills of other participants as safety is always our priority.

# EXPLORE THE LODGE SURROUNDINGS

- 5. HIKE TO "CASCADA DE FUEGO" WATERFALL
- 6. HIKE INTO THE PITA RIVER CANYON
- 7. WATERFALLS FULL DAY
- 8. HORSEBACK RIDING IN THE PEDREGAL AREA
- 9. TROUT FISHING
- 10. COW MILKING





# 5. HIKE TO THE "CASCADA DE FUEGO" WATERFALL DISCOVER YOUR EXPLORER SIDE



This activity is perfect for those looking to explore the surrounding area of the lodge at their own pace. Walk along trails surrounded by petrified lava, and if you wish, take a short ascent among the rocks to reach a beautiful waterfall. Once there, you can rest, take photos, and refresh yourself with the rejuvenating breeze and spray from the 60-meter-high (197 feet) waterfall.

This activity can be done without a guide and will take you around 2 hours. Simply reach the trailhead parking lot just 6 km (3.73 miles) from the lodge, then follow the trail on the right side of the river.

If you require a guide or transportation to the trailhead, please make a reservation in advance with our staff.



Start: 10am or 3pm



Duration: 2H



Altitude: 3400 msnm





Technical Level





# 6. HIKE INTO THE RIO PITA CANYON: DISCOVER EVERY CORNER ON FOOT



Immerse yourself in the magic of Rio Pita Canyon, where waters from the Cotopaxi and Sincholagua volcanoes give life to a beautiful adventure. This river is not only a natural treasure but also a vital water source for the city of Quito, adding a touch of importance to this exploration.

As you venture through the canyon, you'll appreciate traces of lava, silent witnesses of Cotopaxi's past eruptions. This circuit is done entirely on foot. Our guide will take you from the lodge to the heart of the canyon, passing by the captivating Firewater Waterfall and exploring various landscapes and community areas before returning to the lodge.

The ascent is gradual, allowing you to explore waterfalls, spot birds, learn about the rich diversity of plants, and stroll through lands cultivated by our local neighbors. We recommend you bring a box lunch, to recharge your batteries surrounded by the serenity of the environment.



Start Time: 8am



Duration:



Altitude: 3400 - 3500 msnm



Physical Leve







# 7. FULL DAY OF WATERFALLS: A REFRESHING JOURNEY



Ready for a day full of aquatic wonders, we'll meet at the lodge reception with a local guide who will be your companion on this exciting journey. We'll board a 4x4 vehicle and head to the Santa Rita Ecological Reserve. Once there, you'll have the opportunity to explore the trails winding through the reserve and discover up to 5 spectacular waterfalls.

To fully enjoy, we recommend bringing a box lunch or snacks - you can arrange this previously with us- as we'll make a special stop in a charming corner of the reserve. Is there anything better than enjoying a delicious lunch surrounded by nature?

This full day of waterfalls will provide you with a refreshing experience, connecting you with natural beauty at every step. Get ready to dive into a day of aquatic discoveries!



Start Time: 8am



Duration: 6H



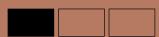
Altitude: 3400 - 3500 msnm



Physical Level







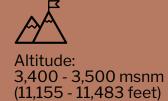
### 8. **HORSEBACK RIDING IN EL PEDREGAL: DISCOVER** THE SURROUNDINGS ON HORSEBACK



The excitement begins at the lodge. Our experienced guide will arrive with magnificent horses, ready to take you on a unique adventure. Before starting, you'll receive helmets and a safety briefing to ensure a fun and secure experience.

You'll ride horses to explore the picturesque surroundings of the lodge and, depending on the duration of the ride, you may visit various places to learn more about our 'neighborhood.' With each step, you'll immerse yourself in the tranquility of the environment, letting the natural beauty and authenticity of the community envelop you.

Get ready for a horseback ride that will not only take you to beautiful places but will also connect you with the essence of our surroundings!



Start Time: Flexible Schedule











<sup>\*</sup> This activity can be done by kids from 6 years old.

<sup>\*\*</sup> We recommend having prior horse riding experience for this activity.

# 9. TROUT FISHING: A FAMILY ADVENTURE



A delightful fishing adventure awaits you just a short walk from our lodge at the trout pond located on our neighbor's property in Mauca Pedregal. It is perfect for enjoying a fun fishing excursion with your family!

To reach this spot, follow the lodge's internal trail for approximately 20 minutes, where you'll witness the rich diversity of local flora, such as blueberries, chuquiraguas, and chilcas, among others. On a clear day, your walk will be watched over by the majestic volcanoes that surround us.

Upon reaching the pool, you'll be greeted by our friendly neighbors, who will provide you with fishing rods, bait, and a bucket for your fishing experience. With a little patience and skill, you're sure to get your well-deserved reward! At the end, your catch will be weighed, cleaned, and ready for you to take home. Or, if you prefer, we can prepare it at the lodge for a delicious lunch.

A fishing day that will become a lifelong memory! Immerse yourself in the serenity of the pool and enjoy the authenticity of trout fishing in a natural setting.





Start Time: Flexible Schedule



Duration: 2 HOURS







### 10. COW MILKING: EXPERIENCE RURAL LIFE IN LORETO DEL PEDREGAL



In our peaceful community of Loreto del Pedregal, neighbors are dedicated to growing potatoes, cereals, and producing milk, either for local consumption or sale. In this authentic activity you'll have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the lives of our neighbors and learn about their traditions.

A friendly guide will greet you at the lodge reception and take you to the pasture where their cows graze in a walk of approximately 20 minutes. Milking will be done manually, following the ancestral technique that some of our neighbors still practice. It is necessary to make your reservation at least 24 hours in advance.



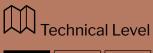


Start Time: 2:00 PM



Duration: 2 HOURS



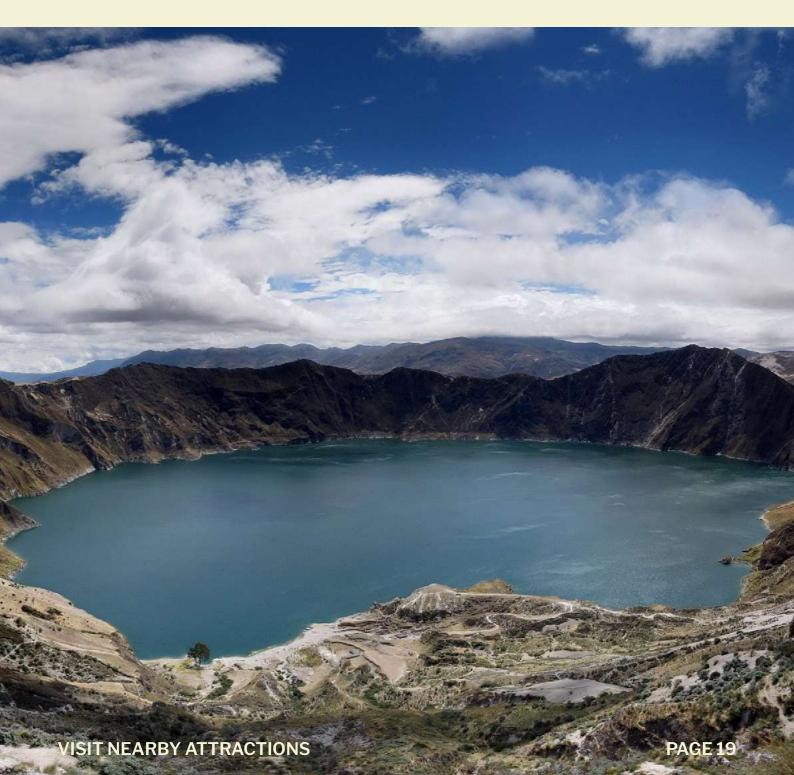


### VISIT NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

11. VISIT TO THE INDIGENOUS MARKET OF SAQUISILÍ

- 12. EXCURSION TO QUILOTOA CRATER
- 13. FULL DAY ANTISANA VOLCANO





# 11. VISIT TO THE INDIGENOUS MARKET OF SAQUISILÍ: AN ENCOUNTER WITH LOCAL CULTURE



Immerse yourself in the vibrant cultural traditions of Ecuador's indigenous communities with a visit to the Saquisilí market. Taking place every Thursday, this market is one of the largest and most authentic in the country, offering a unique opportunity to witness the daily life of mountain communities.

Our guide will be waiting for you at the lodge reception to take you to this fascinating market. From kitchen utensils, pigs, and goats to ponchos and local crafts, the market offers a wide variety of products. You will stroll through various sections, immersing yourself in the cultural richness of the area.

After exploring, you will enjoy lunch in one of the cozy local eateries in the picturesque village. Experience the authenticity of Saquisilí, where every corner tells a story of indigenous life in the Ecuadorian mountains.



Start Time:

7:30 am



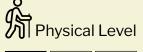
Transfer: 1H50 each way



Duration:

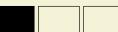


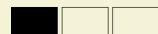
Total: 7H





Technical Level





# 12. EXCURSION TO QUILOTOA CRATER: A JOURNEY TO NATURAL MAJESTY



Get ready for an unforgettable experience. At 7:30 am, a car will pick you up directly from the lodge to begin a journey of approximately 3 hours to the astonishing Quilotoa Crater, traversing roads and picturesque communities typical of the Ecuadorian Andes.

Once in Quilotoa, you'll have the chance to descend about 2 km on foot along a dirt trail that leads to the beautiful and serene turquoise lake. Enjoy moments of tranquility by the enchanting waters. Later, you'll have to ascend to the trailhead, and you can relax at one of the local restaurants, savoring delicious dishes and exploring the small craft shops that adorn the area.

After absorbing all the beauty and energy of Quilotoa, our guide will take you back to the lodge.



Start Time:

7:30pm



Transfer: 3H each way



Duration: 3H



Total: 9H









### **13**. **FULL DAY IN ANTISANA**





The Antisana volcano, the fourth-highest mountain and one of the most beautiful snow-capped peaks in Ecuador, awaits you on this unforgettable excursion. This site is ideal for condor watching, adding a unique touch to your experience.

Our guide will be waiting for you at the lodge reception to take you on a drive of approximately 75 km, around two hours, to reach the Antisana Ecological Reserve. During the journey, you can observe small lagoons in the old Antisanilla volcano, where you can also spot different birds such as hummingbirds and blackbirds, among others. Within the reserve, you'll be amazed by the beauty of La Mica Lagoon. From this point, you'll have the option to explore various trekking trails, rest, and enjoy a delicious picnic lunch.

Immerse yourself in the majesty of the Andes, observe the imposing presence of the Antisana volcano, and be captivated by the pristine nature surrounding La Mica lagoon. A full day's adventure in **Antisana, full of natural wonders** and unforgettable experiences.













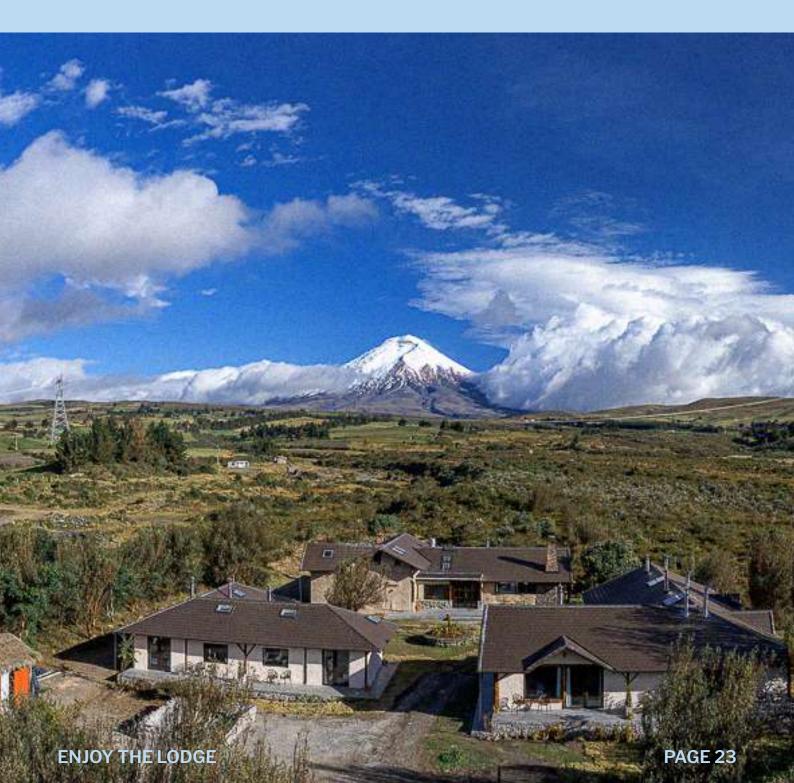




## ENJOY THE LODGE

14. COOKING CLASSES
15. BONFIRE WITH S'MORES





## 14. COOKING CLASSES: DISCOVER LOCAL RECIPES



Immerse yourself in the gastronomic culture of the region with our cooking classes. During the afternoons, you can enjoy an even more special stay learning from our talented kitchen staff. You will learn the secrets of our traditional recipes, allowing you to take home not only memories but also new culinary skills.

This culinary experience is available Monday through Friday (except holidays) and is offered with prior reservation, which must be made at least 24 hours in advance. It is subject to availability.



**Duration:** 1 H



Start Time: 16h00

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## 15. BONFIRE: MAGICAL SUNSETS AND DELIGHTS BY THE FIRE



Upon request, we light our cozy campfire, creating the perfect setting for you to relax and enjoy the breathtaking sunsets on the moor with the majestic view of the surrounding volcanoes as a backdrop.

Immerse yourself in the warm and friendly atmosphere while roasting marshmallows and creating your own "sandwich" with cookies and melted chocolate: authentic s'mores. A delicious campfire experience that will add a sweet touch to your evenings.

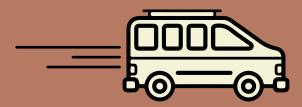
We extend a daily invitation to join us for our happy hour, taking place between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity to savor exquisite artisanal spirits from Ecuador, offering the perfect setting to raise a toast and relish the genuine ambiance of our establishment.



Subject to weather availability

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## TRANSFER SERVICES



At our lodge, we prioritize ensuring your experience is as comfortable as possible.

That's why we provide a transfer service arranged with local taxis. Allow us to streamline your journey and ensure that every moment is as relaxing as it is memorable!

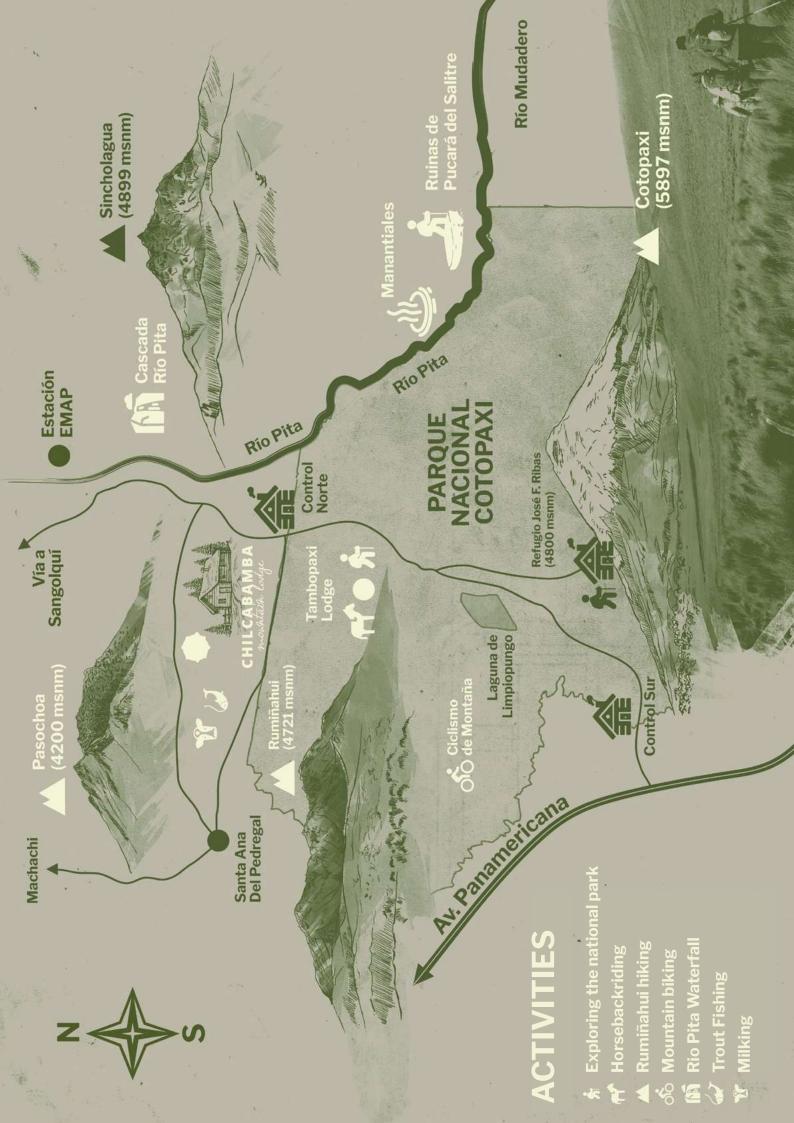
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Quito	\$60
From the aereport	\$70
To the aeroport	\$65
Papallacta (Vía Sangolquí)	\$85
Baños	\$95
Sighos - Isinlivi	\$120
Otavalo	\$105
Quilotoa	\$105
Mindo	\$125
Archidona	\$165

PER WAY AND FOR 1 TO 4 PERSONS

### Please note that payments should be made directly to the driver in cash.

<sup>\*</sup>Transfers to/from the valleys surrounding Quito will have an additional surcharge of \$5

<sup>\*\*</sup>Transfers to/from the airport have an additional surcharge of \$10 per night / early morning (22:00 - 5:00).



## WE RECOMMEND THIS MOUNTAIN ATTIRE:

In the Andes, weather changes are constant. The temperature ranges from 39.2°F to 68°F



BREATHABLE FIRST LAYER



WARM LAYER FLEECE



WINDBREAKER / RAIN COAT JACKET



CONFORTABLE WALKING PANTS



**WALKING SOCKS** 



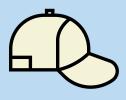
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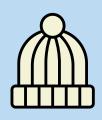
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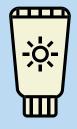
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**SUNSCREEN** 



RE-USABLE WATER BOTTLE



**SCARF** 



**GOOD VIBES!** 

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