

Day 1

Arrival to Quito, welcome briefing and itinerary review at the hostel.
Overnight at Hostal Fuente de Piedra, Quito.

Day 2

Sleep in and relax. Time to acclimate our bodies to Quito City altitude: 9,300 ft. Possible flights in the morning and evening over city sites. Overnight at Hostal Fuente de Piedra, Quito.

Day 3

Early flight from Casitahua Mountain. Launch at an altitude of 11,480ft ASL, with a drop of 2,624ft to the Landing Zone. This first flight will start getting us used to altitude flying.
Afterwards we will depart towards the Imbabura Province north from the Capital city, Quito. On this first day of touring the Ecuadorian Andes we will visit Otavalo market (Native Market). It is a good place for handicrafts shopping and to interact with the Otavalo people. They are considered the most prosperous native group in America.
Afterwards we will get to the colonial hostel in Ibarra, which will be home for the next three nights.
Overnight at Hosteria Rancho Totoral Yaguarcocha.

Day 4

Early departure towards Yahuarcocha flying site. After setting up our windsocks at the LZ (7,000 ft ASL) we will drive up to the Launch (9,300 ft ASL). This site is suitable for thermaling and ridge soaring. Many flights can be done depending on the weather conditions.
After lunch, if conditions allow us, we'll have an afternoon flight, otherwise we will visit Cotacachi leather market and Cuicocha crater lake, a beautiful place for sightseeing.
Overnight at Hosteria Rancho Totoral Yaguarcocha.

Day 5

On this day we will travel further north towards El Chota valley. We will climb up to our next flying site at Cabras (9,920 ft ASL) a flight with a difference of 4,160 ft between Launch and the LZ. This is considered one of the best flying sites in Ecuador. We will be launching from paramo (a high altitude ecosystem) and land at the dry warm valley of El Chota. El Chota valley is home of the only Afro Ecuadorian group living in the Andean region.
Overnight at Hosteria Rancho Totoral Yaguarcocha.

Day 6

This will be our last flying day in the Ecuadorian Andes. After an early flight at Yahuarcocha mountain we will head south along the Eastern Andean mountain range towards the Papallacta Hot springs. On the way we will pass by the highest paved road in Ecuador at 12,000 ft encountering different ecosystems to finally enjoy the hot springs at the base of the Antisana volcano.
Overnight at Papallacta hot springs.

Day 7

During this day we will be driving through the Western Andean mountain range crossing the highlands and through cloud forests and tropical forests to end up in the dry forests of Canoa, located in the Manabi Province. In Manabi we will encounter great flying sites such as Canoa and Crucita where the everyday prevailing ocean wind would come around 10 A.M. and won't shut down until 5 or 6 P.M. Also the Ecuadorian seafood cuisine will complete your visit combined with nice hostels located right at the beach.
Overnight at Hostal Canoa.

Day 8 - Day 9

During these days we will enjoy the ridges of Canoa while soaring for many hours a day.
Overnight at Hotel Canoa.

Day 10

Early departure towards Crucita, 3 hours south from Canoa. This site also offers the same perfect conditions to ridge soar for many hours a day. You can fly this site almost everyday and land right in front of the Hotel.

Overnight at Hosteria Zucasa.

Day 11-12

At mornings you can visit one of the fish markets in the area located right at the beach or maybe help the fishermen pull the nets out from the ocean. The rest of the day will be enjoying: some great flying, delicious food and the warmth of our people.

Overnight at Hosteria Zucasa.

Day 13

Leave early in the morning towards Manta city, 30 minutes south of Crucita. Get our flight back to the capital city, Quito.

We will visit old colonial town and have good by dinner at a beautiful restaurant at the suburbs of Quito. The night will be spent at Hostal Fuente de Piedra.

Day 14

Depart Quito for the US and catch connecting flights home. Tour is over! =(