



Southern Hemisphere Horizons

Cultural and Historical Route Escapes (Ecuador)

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Subject: 10-Night Luxury Holiday Itinerary in Ecuador

Overview: This 10-night luxury escape immerses you in the diverse beauty of Ecuador, from the Andes Mountains to the Galápagos Islands. Experience world-class accommodations, seamless travel, breathtaking landscapes, and rich cultural experiences in Quito, the Amazon rainforest, the Andes and the Galápagos.

Day 1: Arrival in Quito

- Morning: Arrive at Quito's Mariscal Sucre International Airport and transfer to the elegant Casa Gangotena, a boutique luxury hotel in Quito's historic center.
 - Afternoon: Relax and enjoy a welcome cocktail. Take a short-guided stroll around the UNESCO-listed Old Town.
 - Evening: Savor fine Ecuadorian cuisine at Theatrum Restaurant, offering panoramic views of Quito's illuminated plazas.
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Day 2: Explore Quito's Historic Center

- Morning: Embark on a private tour of Quito's Old Town, visiting La Compañía Church, the Plaza de la Independencia and Panecillo Hill for city views.
 - Afternoon: Enjoy a traditional Ecuadorian lunch, then visit the Middle of the World Monument (Mitad del Mundo) for an interactive experience on the equator line.
 - Evening: Relax back at your hotel or enjoy a rooftop drink overlooking Quito's historic skyline.
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Day 3: Fly to the Amazon Rainforest

- Morning: Take a short flight to Coca, then transfer via motorised canoe to the exclusive Napo Wildlife Center, a luxury eco-lodge in the heart of the Amazon.
 - Afternoon: Settle in and enjoy your first guided jungle excursion, exploring the surrounding biodiversity.
 - Evening: Dine on fresh, local cuisine while listening to the sounds of the rainforest.
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Day 4: Amazon Exploration

- Morning: Take a guided canoe excursion through pristine waterways, spotting exotic wildlife like monkeys, caimans and colourful birds.
 - Afternoon: Visit a local Kichwa community for a cultural immersion experience and learn about Amazonian traditions.
 - Evening: Relax at the lodge and enjoy a nature-inspired gourmet dinner.
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Day 5: Return to Quito

- Morning: Return to Coca and fly back to Quito. Transfer to Casa Gangotena for another luxurious stay.
 - Afternoon: Enjoy a free afternoon for shopping at artisan markets or relaxing.
 - Evening: Indulge in a fine dining experience at Zazu, a top-rated contemporary restaurant in Quito.
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Day 6: Travel to the Andes – Otavalo Market and Hacienda Stay

- Morning: Take a scenic 2-hour drive to the vibrant Otavalo Market, famous for its colourful textiles and handicrafts.
 - Afternoon: Continue to Hacienda Zuleta, a historic luxury estate in the Andean countryside. Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch with ingredients grown on-site.
 - Evening: Relax by the fire at the hacienda and enjoy the serene mountain atmosphere.
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Day 7: Explore the Andes

- Morning: Take a private guided tour of the hacienda's grounds, including its cheese factory, organic gardens and condor rehabilitation project.
 - Afternoon: Enjoy activities like horseback riding, hiking or a visit to nearby waterfalls.
 - Evening: Dine on gourmet Andean cuisine and unwind at your elegant hacienda accommodations.
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Day 8: Fly to the Galápagos Islands

- Morning: Return to Quito for a short flight to Baltra Island in the Galápagos. Transfer to the luxurious Pikaia Lodge, perched on Santa Cruz Island with stunning views.
 - Afternoon: Relax and explore the lodge's infinity pool or take a short walk to see giant tortoises in their natural habitat.
 - Evening: Savor a sunset dinner at the lodge's fine dining restaurant.
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Day 9: Galápagos Island Excursion

- Morning: Embark on a private yacht tour to nearby islands such as Bartolomé or North Seymour, known for their incredible wildlife, including sea lions, blue-footed boobies and marine iguanas.
 - Afternoon: Snorkel or relax on pristine beaches. Enjoy a gourmet lunch onboard the yacht.
 - Evening: Return to Pikaia Lodge and relax under the star-filled Galápagos skies.
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Day 10: Discover Santa Cruz Island

- Morning: Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and learn about conservation efforts to protect the unique Galápagos ecosystem.
 - Afternoon: Explore lava tunnels, pristine beaches or take a final snorkelling excursion.
 - Evening: Celebrate your final night with a farewell dinner at Pikaia Lodge, toasting to your unforgettable journey.
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Day 11: Departure

- Morning: Fly back to Quito for your return international flight home. Depart with memories of Ecuador's rich culture, stunning landscapes and luxurious experiences.
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Optional Add-Ons:

1. Cotopaxi National Park: Add a luxury hiking adventure to Cotopaxi Volcano.
 2. Cuenca: Extend your trip with a stay in this charming colonial city, known for its architecture and artisan traditions.
 3. Isabela Island: Spend extra days in the Galápagos for a more in-depth exploration.
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Highlights of the Trip:

- Quito's historic charm, the biodiversity of the Amazon and the Andean countryside.
- A luxury eco-lodge experience in the Galápagos with world-class wildlife tours.
- Seamless travel with private guides and top-tier accommodations throughout.

This 10-night itinerary provides a perfect mix of adventure, culture and relaxation, ensuring a luxurious and unforgettable Ecuadorian escape.

Best regards,

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