

## Off-Road Expedition In Ecuador (M-ID: 3497)

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from \$3,280.00
Dates and duration (days)
On request
8 days

# Ecuador, despite being small compared to its neighbors, has a great diversity in landscapes, climates, cultures, and animals.

In these routes we propose a tour focused on roads little-traveled in the country where you can see in the front row hidden villages with amicable people in their daily tasks, taking care of their livestock, harvesting the fields, enjoying a football match with their friends and many other activities that will thoroughly demonstrate their culture.

On the way you will be amazed by the landscapes that will take your breath away, you will cross from 2800 meters to reach sea level, you will get to know the natural wonders that Ecuador has for you, waterfalls, lagoons, cliffs, lots of flora and their fauna.

We must warn you that after this unforgettable adventure between dirt roads and asphalt, you will not want to stop riding motorcycles in Ecuador.

### Itinerary:

DAY 1: QUITO - ALLURIQUIN | 173 km (125 miles) We will have an informative session in our offices in Quito, where the latest documentation will be completed, the equipment will be delivered and tested, and the motorcycle of your choice will be provided. Then, after a summary of roads and safety, you will be on your way.

We begin our adventure with a short road but full of adrenaline, perfect to fit the motorcycle for the next few days.

After crossing the city and being able to see a little of its contrasts, we say goodbye to the asphalt to start the first stretch of land of our adventure, this road leads us through small villages full of color, where we'll see the city of Quito from above while little by little the city landscape becomes only nature.

After a few minutes, the weather begins to change, from a typical climate of the mountains we begin to feel a little warm, the perfect time to take a break and wet our heads under a refreshing waterfall next to a view of the mountains that surround Quito.

We return to the route, and it is time to enjoy the tour along the river that forms the waterfall in a path that encourages us to accelerate and experience the power that our companions of adventure offer us. This river will accompany us all day to our hotel, and we will have moments that we lose sight of it and then find it again.

After having traveled by dirt, we will take a break at the hotel that is located along the river that accompanies us all the way, we will have a delicious lunch, and we can enjoy a delightful dip in the pool or head towards the enigmatic Diablo de Tandapi and know a little about its history.

After a day full of surprises, we'll prepare for dinner and a well-deserved rest.

DAY 2: ALLURIQUIN - QUILOTOA | 201 km (125 miles) We started early with breakfast by the river.

We are heading towards one of the most beautiful places in Ecuador, the Quilotoa Lagoon, a few minutes after leaving the hotel we find the detour in which we leave the asphalt and take a dirt road.

We begin our ascent again towards the mountains, a little technical road but full of adrenaline and culture. We start the road with a waterfall next to the road, with which we can verify that Ecuador is a rich country thanks to its water sources that cross the entire country.

We continue our way to meet friendly people who always

greet us with a smile while they carry out their daily agricultural activities. Between cornfields, pastures full of life, green mountains lead us on our way to reach a village San Francisco de las Pampas in the middle between the coast and the mountains. In this place, we can take a break and wander around its market and the happiness of the children who come to know a little more about who we are and what we do. And of course to satisfy their curiosity, looking at the bikes all packed up.

We continue our way and enter a cloud forest with lots of vegetation, animals, and water streams accompanying us to cross it, with the Ecuadorian Andes mountain range as a sight to follow.

After a well-deserved rest and getting dressed for what is coming, we resume our way to the highest part of our route, it starts a little cold, and the landscape changes dramatically. In the middle of nowhere, between mountains and valleys, we'll arrive in Sigchos, a town right in the middle of the Andes mainline. Our hotel will be greeting us with a perfect view of the Base of Quilotoa, the active volcano with a lake inside its crater. We'll go to visit Quilotoa riding to it, or leave it for the next day and relax by visiting an artisanal cheese factory nearby.

DAY 3: QUILOTOA - QUEVEDO | 140 km (87 miles) We start our day early with some dirt that will take us between the valleys seen from the top of our hotel.

A flat view crossing places that will leave us breathless with a flavor of Ecuador among pastures with cattle and crops in the area, potatoes, peas, among others while riding towards Quilotoa. The transition between off-road and asphalt in every leg allows us to have some rest while covering some distance to the next destination of interest. After approximately 30 minutes on the road, we will go out to the pavement.

A winding road between immense green mountains takes us to the coast, with a change in vegetation in every kilometer. Many contrasts of vegetation change, landscapes are taken from movies, you will think that you are in an Indiana Jones movie as we cross several towns, such us Zumbahua, Pilaló, La Maná.

We arrive at the Mana Valley, a magical place full of stories, myths, and legends. Like the Mining Goblin, history tells us that throughout the years the gold mines that formed this town were abandoned after its low production, it is here where these places became perfect places for the goblin to keep its gold, one day a group of workers entered a mine and heard that there was movement inside, after a few meters and after taking a sample of the wall they appeared a dreadful elf with gleaming rubbers that looked like gold, he exclaimed to the visitors that the gold that was in the mine was his and if they wanted to keep their lives they should leave immediately, one of the visitors asked him to share a little of his gold to which the elf reacted by hypnotizing him and making him jump for a well towards his death, the other people wanting to leave were trapped like their workers who, after finishing their work after several days, were released giving them their life as a reward. With a great landscape charm, we will have the opportunity to meet a set of waterfalls with a unique beauty Las 7 cascades del Zapanal, enjoy a moment of relaxation and enjoyment in its refreshing waters.

After lunch, we head to the city of Quevedo where we will get to know a little of its culture; it's very warm and cheerful people. To prepare, sleep early and rest for our next day.

A delicious dinner is served based on cuisine from both Coast and Andes traditional flavors.

DAY 4: QUEVEDO - CHONE | 220 km (137 miles) The first step will be to cross a river part of the Daule Peripa dam over a barge, this is where we say goodbye to the asphalt again, and a great adventure begins.

The road with some loose stones and surrounded by water, green vegetation, banana, and coffee plantations, leads us to the Daule Peripa dam. And to cross it we will have to ride over a floating bridge in which we can feel that we sail with our 2-wheel companions, we will have time to take pictures and enjoy it while we share with residents willing to have a good talk.

Continuing with our path and already accustomed to our motorcycles we'll go for the longest part of our route, an open road with ascents and descents that will make us feel like true conquerors having a prize to meet at the end of the journey. Tiny farmhouses where its inhabitants are doing their daily work that will be interrupted by the roar of our engines, their smiles, and joy to see us, positive energy flow while we continue enjoying the landscapes full of red clay, green trees, and twisty roads. People around usually approach out of curiosity, which is the best hook for a conversation starter and to satisfy the mutual interest in each other's affairs.

After our night meal, we'll walk around the town.

DAY 5: CHONE - MOMPICHE | 256 km (160 miles) We're heading north this time, and our road takes us to our first stop in the town of Eloy Alfaro, here we will take a break after traveling approximately 1 hour, its inhabitants come to us with open arms and tell us a little about their traditions. The Manabita has unique peculiarities, which are reflected in its festivities where the religious and the pagan are mixed, inheritance of European peoples that are intertwined with the customs of the aborigines that inhabited this fertile land. Festivals such as San Pedro and San Pablo, and the famous Montubios rodeos, which have their origin in the ironwork and dressage of cattle and foals in the haciendas, are examples of the typical Manabita culture.

Manabi is a privileged area for archeology, important discoveries have been made here that have determined the existence of the first cultures of Ecuador. It is a culture forged in the time and space of this territory, an identity that generates belonging and pride of the authentic Manabitas. It is here where we say goodbye to the paved road for a moment and start a wide dirt road that will take us to our next destination, along the way we can see how cattle are transported, banana trees, cacao, palm trees, and much more.

Arriving at a small but moving town called Convento, we can enjoy a refreshing coffee ice cream, which will give us the necessary energy for the next section, a dirt road that will take us through farms, streams, hamlets that are rarely seen. We can make the most of our motorcycles in perfectly straight lines to enjoy the speed and its landscapes in the middle of tropical forests and their

sounds and smells that remind us that we are a few kilometers from the expected coast and its spectacular beaches.

After approximately 2 hours we arrive again at a paved road but very little traveled that takes us to what will be for us the first look at the Ecuadorian beaches.

We will have a delicious lunch in Pedernales, the best delights of the sea, a warm climate, and the sound of the sea will accompany us for the next few days.

After making a final stretch to the hotel, we can enjoy the comforts that it offers in its swimming pools and exquisite dinner.

## DAY 6: MOMPICHE (RELAX AND ACTIVITIES AT THE BEACH) | 0 km

This day is dedicated to relaxation. We can enjoy one of the best beaches that Ecuador offers us, surfing, sand, a small hiding place to enjoy.

We have some places that we can visit this day, Playa Negra, a beach whose natural sand is black and bright. Also, Portete beach, where we will enjoy a relaxing walk along its beach and its silence, or take surf lessons To complete the day.

DAY 7: MOMPICHE - MINDO | 325 km (202 miles) We say goodbye to the beach after breakfast.

Today we will have mostly asphalt to one of the most iconic places in Ecuador. The population of Mindo is known for its immense variety of flora and fauna, birds of all colors, and its beautiful waterfalls. We can see an abrupt change of vegetation while enjoying a delicious freshly opened water coconut for us.

Upon arriving in Mindo and after leaving our belongings in our selected eco-lodge you could go to a restaurant where you will enjoy the fantastic cuisine of the place most of it based on Palmito, other typical dishes, international dishes, everything is at your disposal.

In the afternoon we can enjoy a relaxing bath in one of the waterfalls of the place, get to know in-depth the process of making chocolate and its history and of course, try some varieties of this delicious product made entirely in the area.

For the night we will have a frog concert accompanied by crickets and animals that will keep us attentive to their sounds, the best company for dinner.

DAY 8: MINDO - QUITO | 110 km (68 miles) We prepare for a final with a flourish, a short day but full of fun.

After breakfast, we leave for the most prominent place in Mindo, where we can learn about the evolution of butterflies, from eggs to become beautiful and colorful butterflies that will flutter around us.

We continue our journey overland to Quito, we can see crops of various types of fruits, cocoa, tree tomato, among others are the protagonists on the sides of the road until we reach a magical place where we can feed directly from our hands to the flagship bird from the city of Quito, the hummingbird.

We will enjoy a drink, a snack while hundreds of these small but beautiful birds fly around us, the perfect time to take a break and concentrate on our surroundings.

Our dirt road takes us to Nono, just outside of Quito. We can enjoy an ice-cold beer or refreshing cold water to finish this adventure and start planning the next one where we will discover many more of this small but pretty varied country with many hidden wonders to show us.

Countries Ecuador

Category Motorcycle Tour

Terrain Offroad

Vehicle motorcycle rent incl.

Tourguide / Coach yes (guided)

Accommodation Hotel / B&B or similar

Flight to / from no, not incl.

Ferry no, not incl.

Support vehicle (luggage/service) optional

Level of difficulty difficult

Customer payment protection yes

Special Winter escape

\* PRICING Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

## **Pricing**

per rider in a single room with rental motorcycle KTM - 1290 Super Adventure R	\$4,400.00
per rider in a single room with rental motorcycle HONDA - Africa Twin DCT	\$4,120.00
per rider in a single room with rental motorcycle KTM - 890 Adventure R	\$4,160.00
per rider in a single room with rental motorcycle TRIUMPH - Tiger 900 Rally	\$4,120.00
per rider in a single room with rental motorcycle KTM - 790 Adventure	\$4,080.00
per rider in a single room with rental motorcycle SUZUKI - Vstrom 650 XT	\$3,800.00
per rider in a single room with rental motorcycle SUZUKI DR 650	\$3,600.00
per rider in a single room with rental motorcycle HONDA - XRE 300	\$3,280.00
per rider in a single room with rental motorcycle ROYAL ENFIELD - Himalayan 400	\$3,280.00
per rider in a single room with rental motorcycle BMW - F700GS	\$3,840.00
per rider in a single room with rental motorcycle BMW - F800GS	\$4,000.00
per rider in a single room with rental motorcycle HONDA XR650L	\$3,720.00
per rider in a single room with rental motorcycle KTM ADVENTURE 390	\$3,440.00
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per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers can only book	\$550.00

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\$550.00

## Included

Ready to roll fully fueled unlimited Mileage Motorcycle Rental with all the toys installed.

We do provide you with touring Helmets (2). However, we know how comfortable a trip can be with your own gear in hand, especially helmets and boots. Hence, if you prefer to bring your own helmet and boots, we can store them after your riding adventure until the end of your stay in Ecuador so it won't be a hassle.

Multilingual local guide, connected with intercoms with all participants.

Single occupancy base in hotels and eco-lodges.

Briefing the day before we start. (Here is where your adventure begins).

Specified Meals in the tour (breakfasts and dinners).

Activities specified in your tour.(Ingapirca, Pailón del Diablo Waterfall fee, swing to the end of the world, night walk in the jungle, Los Frailes, Chocolate Tour)

35lt. GIVI last generation saddlebags and a 45 lt. duffel bag.

Travel Insurance (specifics under "More details")

Emergency kit, full tire repair kit, portable air compressor, and tool kit.

GPS Tracking System with a panic button on each bike for you to use, and with it, 24-hour assistance from our support center.

Support Truck for groups of 5+ riders.

Tolls.

Joe Rocket textile water-resistant jacket.

Waterproof touring gloves.

Rain Tops (upper and lower body).

Touring trousers.

Gasoline for your whole tour.

Guaranteed departure on YOUR date.

Third-party liability and medical insurance mandatory in Ecuador (SPPAT).

Snacks during your ride.

Storage for your luggage excess during your ride.

We may not have a Lounge™, but if you are leaving on the same date as your tour end, you are very welcome to crash at David's place to chill for few hours, enjoy the wideband wifi, swimming pool, jacuzzi, Sauna, Turkish bath or a nap and to grab as many beers as you want from the fridge whilst delighting yourself with one of the best views of the city. You will feel like family with us, we'll even arrange the cab to the airport.

#### Not included

A voucher for a security deposit using a major card is required.

Ecuador IVA tax (if you're Ecuadorian).

Hotel accommodations before and after your tour.

Alcoholic beverages.

Unspecified meals on the tour.

Tips and gratuities for your guide.

Everything that is not specified under features

### More details

Duration: 8 days | 7 nights

Distance: 1425km (890 miles)

80% off-road, 20% asphalt

Highlights: Ride across the andes to the pacific coast

Weather: Chill in the mountains, warm in the pacific coast

Advanced difficulty, two long off-road legs

Languages: English, Spanish

The comprehensive travel insurance package includes the following:

Before your adventure:

- Telephone Psychological assistance

- Nutritional and medical assistance

During your adventure:

- 24/7 global assistance: up to USD 8000

- Medical Expenses due to accident: up to USD 4000

- Medical Expenses due to illness up: to USD 4000

- Medical attention due to preexistent illness: up to USD 300

- Post Mortem repatriation: No Limit

- Medicine Expenses: up to USD 600

- Emergency dental care: up to USD 1500

- Medicine Delivery: YES

- Hotel expenses due to convalescence: up to USD 1000. (100/day)

- Flight ticket for accompanying person in case of an emergency: yes

- Luggage localization and delivery: YES

- Complementary compensation for luggage loss: up to USD 700 (\$40/kg)

- Legal assistance in case of accidents: up to USD 1000

- Bail advance: up to USD 8000

- Urgent messages transmission: YES

- Founds transfer: up to USD 800

- Documents loss or thief assistance: YES

- Territorial validity: Ecuador

After your trip

- Medical Orientation due to acquired deseases during your trip up to 30 days after your trip

Ecuador is rich in culture, therefore, we strive to show you as much variety of the local culture as possible. You can also make modifications to the tour, to visit certain part of the country, that most appeals to you. We can change the length of the tour, the route and, the activities you will be doing. Please inquire.

Offered dates are not fixed. You can pick any other date for your tour. Please inquire.