

A few good reasons to choose this climbing trip to Ecuador ...

There are a lot of climbing trips to Ecuador to choose from, but not all of them are the same. A few of the many advantages to this one are:

1 Quality Guiding by an American

Trip responsibilities are not contracted or delegated to some agency on another continent.

2 Best Local Information and Support

Local support will be provided as needed by a professional engineer who is a Quito native and completed graduate work in the US.

3 Client-to-Guide ratio

On acclimatization routes this may be up to 4-1, on longer routes it will be either 2-1 or 3-1.

4 Flexible Schedule

By keeping accommodation in Quito available for the week our group and individual flexibility is very high.

5 The Routes

The climbing routes have been chosen with quality climbing in mind. Although the plans include some of Ecuador's major peaks this is not a high-points trip and we will not be just following heavily used boot-tracks.

6 Reasonably Priced

Granted this isn't the cheapest trip available, but it's not the most expensive either. In view of the quality and the nature of the trip the cost is highly competitive.

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Highlights

⇒ Quality organization, leadership and guiding from start to finish by your American guide, who is directly accessible to answer your questions or obtain further information you may seek.

⇒ Current and up-to-date information prior to the trip via e-mail and the web

⇒ Accommodation in Quito which remains available all week. This allows us great flexibility and will be greatly appreciated by anyone slow to acclimate or unfortunate enough to feel ill.

⇒ The itinerary includes acclimatization time, shopping time, flexibility for weather conditions and time to enjoy the local culture.

⇒ Local support/information available from a local native who is a professional engineer speaking English well

⇒ A focus on the quality of climbing, not a trek up the well-beaten paths

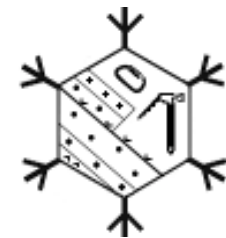
⇒ Options on peaks attempted and routes from some basecamps/huts

⇒ Non-climbing accompanying travel can be arranged, as can extensions to arrive sooner or leave later. Visit the coastal or amazon regions while you're there.

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Ecuador Mountaineering

June 16 - 30, 2002



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Itinerary

The following schedule is tentative. (Possible sources of schedule changes include, but are not limited to: volcanic activity, general strikes, and weather) It is possible to rest rather than climb on some of the days.

June 16-17: Arrive in Quito (2850 m, 9350 ft). See the city, hikes to Pululagua Crater and/or Loma Lumbisi (3-4 hr, 3045 m, 9987 ft)

June 18: Ungui (4-5 hr, 3578 m, 11735 ft)
Remain based in Quito

June 19: Cerro Imbabura (4580 m, 15022 ft)
Remain based in Quito

June 20: El Corazon (2 hr, 4788 m, 15705)
Arrive at Hacienda San Jose (3400 m)

June 21: Travel to Ilinica refuge or glacier camp via horse from Hacienda (4 hr)
Iliniza Norte possible (2-3 hr, 5126 m, 16813 ft)
Rest and prepare for next day

June 22: Iliniza Sur (All day, 5248 m, 17213 ft)
Iliniza Norte possible today as an alternative

June 23-24: Return to Quito, rest
Short walks, hikes, scrambles all possible

June 25-27: Chimborazo (5570 m, 18274 ft)
Note that this is the lowest of the four summits, which offers the finest climbing on the mountain

June 28: Piedro Negra possible
(climbing on rock up to 5.5)
Descend to a refuge for the night

June 29-30: Return to Quito, Rest, reorganize, etc. (If weather is poor earlier on the trip then see the previous few days)

Backgrounds

Jim Frankenfield - Guide

Jim has been guiding professionally for over 5 years and climbing for almost 20. He believes strongly in the client-oriented model, offering personalized and custom services with client safety, comfort and satisfaction as the primary goal.

His professional technical training spans the fields of technical rescue, wilderness medicine and snow safety. He has an academic background in Physics and Engineering, including avalanche physics.

Jims travel experience includes backpack travel through the Balkans and middle east. He spent three weeks in rural Romania following the revolution there, while the miners stormed Bucharest. He has travelled in rural Jordan (by hitchhiking) shortly after the Gulf war. And he travelled through Croatia during the 1991 period of war. Of course he has travelled in less problematic places and times as well!

Fernando Sarmiento - Local Support

Fernando will offer local support as needed. He is a native of Quito and therefore has extensive local knowledge. Due to his professional responsibilities as an engineer he will not be actively involved in planning or travel.

Fernando will offer suggestions on local dining (and the best beers), current security and safety information, and assistance with problem resolution should that be required for any reason.

Fernando is a professional engineer who works for Schlumberger in the oilfields region. He completed his M.Sc. degree in Arizona following intensive English improvement studies in Corvallis, Oregon.

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Particulars

Cost - \$2500, as of April 16 full payment is required to guarantee a place on this trip.

Arrival - Your travel to/from Quito is not included. When you make your arrangements plan to arrive on June 16 or 17. The 16th will give you an extra day to enjoy the Quito area and begin to acclimate.

Experience and Fitness - This trip is targeted to intermediate climbers with some previous general mountaineering experience. You are expected to be familiar with the use of all personal climbing gear such as your ice-axe and crampons, and to be able to travel as a member of a rope team. Iliniza Sur has short sections that are very steep, Chimborazo will involve a bivouac.

You will acclimate quicker and maximize your enjoyment if you are in good physical condition upon arrival in Quito.

Pre-trip conditioning, and preferably some mountaineering, in the spring months is highly recommended.

Inquire if necessary. Advice and/or assistance is available.

Safety/Security - While Ecuador is a common destination for many types of trips and is not considered a particularly dangerous country it is possible to experience disruptions in plans and there are some risks. To ignore this in the interest of marketing is irresponsible. There will be pre-trip information and, as needed, in-country briefings on how to minimize potential problems.

Insurance - All fees are nonrefundable at the time they are paid. (As of April 16 this is the entire trip cost.) Please consider travel insurance.

Business liability insurance for guides does not include individual rescue or medical costs. Short-term policies good for trips outside the US are readily available at low cost and are highly recommended.