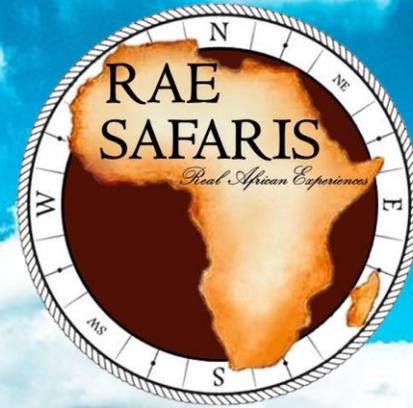
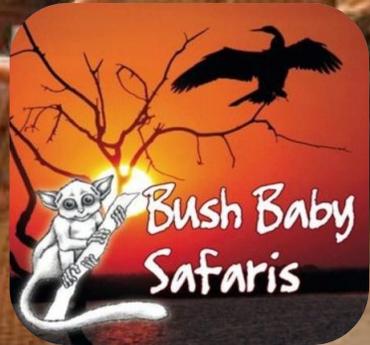


Discovering Ecuador



Day one - 6 March:

Airport meet and greet. Overnight at Patio Andaluz.



Day two - 7 March:

Full day in Quito, visiting the old (colonial town).
Visit the main square followed by a short walk through the colonial and commercial districts.

This tour finishes with a drive to El Panecillo Hill for a panoramic view of the town.

OR we can add a drive north of town to visit the Equator landmark and the anthropological museum.

Overnight Patio Andaluz. Includes lunch in a local restaurant. (B, L)



Day three - 8 March:

We drive north-west of Quito for a full day tour of the cloud forest region of Mindo located at about 1300 m above sea-level, 1500 meters lower than Quito. The lush vegetation with its characteristic epiphytes and hanging moss is home to a plethora of colourful bird species and several mammals.

Today we will experience a rich combination of natural highlights and the cultural aspects of this area. We will enjoy lunch at "Sachatamia" where we will have the opportunity to explore some of the local trails. Back to Quito in the late afternoon/evening for dinner and overnight. (B, L)



Day four - 9 March:

An early start heading east toward the Antisana Volcano reserve located at approximately 3900 meters above sea level. This high-altitude Andean environment is known as Paramo, characteristic landscapes with low growing vegetation and its own local bird life. As we hike in the reserve surrounding the Mica Lake, we will look out for Andean Condor. Our descent over the eastern side of the Andes will take us to a small lodge (Guango) where we will take advantage of their hummingbird feeders in an effort to photograph these magnificent little birds. We will be taking a packed lunch with us.

Our final destination today will be Termas de Papallacta where there will be the chance to relax in the hot springs or even enjoy a massage in their spa. Dinner and overnight at Termas.

(B, L)



Day five - 10 March:

Our driver will collect us from Termas de Papallacta to take us to the airport for our flight to Coca. Here we will be met by representatives of the lodge to start our programme in the Amazon basin. We will stay at Napo Wildlife Centre located inside the Yasuní National Park.

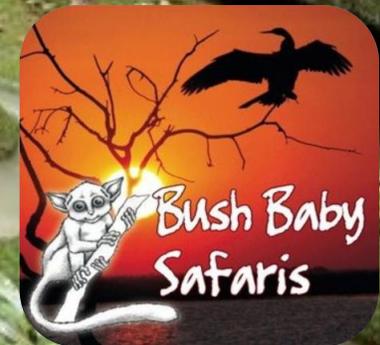
(FULL BOARD)

Day nine - 14 March:

Return from Coca to Quito and on to our hotel, Patio Andaluz. Dinner and overnight. (B)

Day ten – 15 March:

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.



RATES:

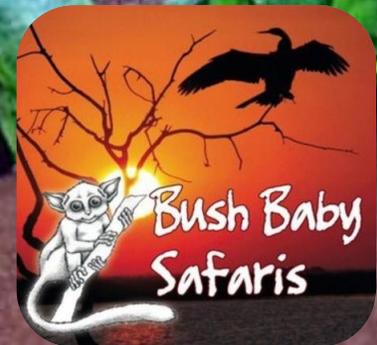
US\$ 5850,00 per person sharing
US\$ 1450,00 per person single

Inclusions:

All accommodation, local flights,
all meals, transport,
fuel and tolls, bed levies,
professional guides
(Pierre Duval and Andrew Rae),
excursions, conservation fees.

Exclusions:

International flights and airport
taxes, drinks and hotel extras,
items of a personal nature, travel
insurance and gratuities.



WHAT TO PACK

Comfortable neutral clothing, avoiding white and bright colours. Expect hot days and cooler mornings/evenings. A mixture of summer and winter clothing is ideal, and a warm hat, jacket and gloves will keep you warm on night game drives when the wind chill factor in a moving open vehicle can make life a little chilly!

Other essentials include comfortable, durable walking shoes, hat and sunscreen, camera and binoculars, toiletries, insect repellent, hand sanitizer, etc.

Important: don't forget to bring any prescription medication along with a broad-spectrum antibiotic, medication for nausea and stomach problems and antihistamine cream for insect bites and scratches. Please provide details of any allergies and specific dietary requirements or preferences, e.g., vegetarian.

