



## Quilotoa Volcano Crater Lake & Indian Market Zumbahua

### *TWO DAY TRIP*

*Panoramic Views of Quito,  
Surrounding Volcanoes and Quilotoa  
Hike Down or Around a Volcano Crater - Indian Markets*

#### **DAY 1 :**

We leave Quito at 08h00 and take the Panamericana highway south along the famous **AVENIDA DE LOS VOLCANES**.

We pass the **small agricultural town of Machachi** and the **highlands of Cotopaxi** at 3600 m above sea level.

We continue south passing the **village of Lasso**, and arrive at the medium-sized town of **Latacunga** to visit its **Indian Market** and discover its **colonial buildings**.

Afterwards we will pass Pujili another traditional Indian village, famous for its dancing festivals.

We continue to the highlands to reach 3800m., driving through an amazing and multicoloured landscape, where you will see the **“choza” mud huts** typical of the indigenous villages and farms of the region.

The road winds through a **patchwork of farm fields**.

Along the way, we stop to visit the **Indian Market of Zumbahua**, one of the most **authentic Indian Markets of Ecuador**.

After Zumbahua, we will have a break to enjoy lunch and take a short walk around the area.

In the evening, we have a typical dinner at the small village called **CHUGCHILAN**, where we will spend the night.

#### **DAY 2 :**

On Sunday, we set off after breakfast to visit the impressive **QUILOTOA CRATER**, an **extinct volcano of which crater holds a beautiful lake**.

This crater has a diameter of 2 km and a depth of 200 m from the crater's rim!

From here there are two options available:



- 1) A **30 minute walk down to the lake**, with a steep 1 ½ hour return climb (The “ecological taxi” option (**ascent by mule**) is also available) or
- 2) A **brehtaking 5 hour walk around the edge of the crater**, where you will discover communities living in a beautiful landscape.

After the walk, we will enjoy a picnic which consists of typical food from the region.

Then we drive to the **small town of PUJILI to visit its Sunday market**. Later in the afternoon we will return to Quito and should be back by 19h00.

**Price per person:**

3 pax US\$150 p.p. 4-5 pax US\$120 p.p. 6 pax US\$105 p.p.

<b>Includes</b>	<b>Private transportation, bilingual guide, all meals incl. typical food, accommodation and fee to the Quilotoa Crater</b>
<b>What to bring</b>	<b>Trekking shoes, raincoat and warm jacket, sunglasses, sun cream, hat and camera</b>

