



COTOPAXI NATIONAL PARK & LAGUNA LIMPIOPUNGO

ONE DAY TRIP

Panoramic Views of Quito, Cotopaxi, Nature Hiking, Highland Vegetation, Indian Market, Lava Fields

We leave Quito at 08h00 and then take the Pan American highway south along the famous **AVENIDA DE LOS VOLCANES (Avenue of the Volcanoes)**.

Visit the **Indian food market of MACHACHI** which takes place only on Sundays.

Then we continue along a countryside road where we begin our ascent by car (4x4) into the Cotopaxi National Park (3800 m). With the change of altitude, we can observe the transition to a colder climate, smaller **highland vegetation**, and different wildlife.

Our journey continues to reach an altitude of 4500 m, where we will leave the vehicle and proceed to **climb the awe-inspiring snow-capped Cotopaxi (5897 m)**, one of the world's highest volcanoes. It is a 45 minute walk to the Refuge (4800 m) and an additional 25 minutes to reach the **glacier**, from where we have a stunning view of the National Park.

After our descent from the refuge and the glacier, our hike continues through the **highland vegetation** towards the **LAGUNA LIMPIOPUNGO**, a small picturesque lake, where we will stop for a picnic lunch. There is an optional 30 minute walk around the lake, which is a great place to spot some of the Park's **abundant birdlife**.

Arrival in Quito at about 18h00

Price per person:

From 3 people: US\$ 53.- from 4-5 people: US\$ 48.- from 6 people: US\$ 43.-

Includes:

Private transportation, bilingual guide, box lunch

Does not include:

Entrance fee to the National Park Cotopaxi (US\$ 10.--)



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