



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*

1st DAY:

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 3600m 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 highland to reach 3800m., driving through an amazing and multicoloured landscape, where you will see “**chozas**” which are typical indigenous *mud huts* of this 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**.

Then 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.

2nd DAY:

On Sunday, after breakfast, we set off 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 200m from the crater's rim.

From here there are two walking 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 breathtaking 5 hour hike 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 this 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:

From 3 people US\$ 150.- from 4-5 people US\$ 120.- from 6 people US\$ 105.-

Includes:

Private transportation, bilingual guide, all meals incl. box lunch, accommodation

Does not include:

Fee to the Quilotoa Crater

What to bring:

Trekking shoes, raincoat and warm jacket, sunglasses, sun cream, hat and camera