

TRAIN OF WONDERS

5 Days/4 Nights FROM \$1,735 TUESDAY DEPARTURES

NEW!



Tren Crucero

DAY 1 | TUE | QUITO | OTAVALO | SAN ROQUE | ANDRADE MARÍN | SAN ANTONIO | IBARRA | QUITO We depart Quito early in the morning for a one-and-a-half-hour drive north. In Otavalo, home of a millenary market, a carefully restored steam engine awaits us. At a slow pace we will discover the many wonders hidden in this part of the country: musicians, painters, weavers and the skillful woodcarvers who keep the renowned Quito School style alive. After a tasting of traditional Andean cuisine and a visit to very special export-class rose plantation we return to Quito for dinner and overnight. (D)

DAY 2 | WED | QUITO | BOLICHE | URBINA | RIOBAMBA We board our convoy at Quito Chimbacalle station and begin our journey south along the Avenue of Volcanoes. If the weather permits, you can spot up to twenty volcanoes from the train – most extinct or dormant for centuries. Here, the Andes range splits into two arms that run parallel down south. The fertile valley trapped between these stone walls hosts a treasure trove of biodiversity. From the comfort of our panoramic cars, we watch the change of vegetation and landscape as we slowly climb the Andean highlands to Urbina, the highest point in our itinerary at 11,800 feet above sea level. In the skirts of Mount Chimborazo, we meet the last ice-merchant and learn the story of his ancestral trade. We arrive in Riobamba for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 | THU | RIOBAMBA | COLTA | GUAMOTE | DEVIL'S NOSE | BUCAY We depart Riobamba towards Colta, where the Spanish conquerors built their first settlement in Ecuador. We cross colorful quinoa fields painted in purples, yellows and reds, alternating with endemic species of flora and wildlife, indigenous settlements and the remains of ancient cultures. We visit Guamote market, one of the last indigenous markets in the Andes, before continuing south towards the mythical Devil's Nose pass. A vertiginous descent of 1,476 feet zigzag, takes us from the Andean highlands down towards

the coastal plains. We continue our descent along the narrow Chanchán River Gorge and cross an impressive cloud forest towards the temperate city of Bucay for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 | FRI | BUCAY | NARANJITO | YAGUACHI | GUAYAQUIL The landscape changes again as the train leaves the tropical forest behind. Rice, sugar cane, pineapple and banana plantations pass before our eyes. We have lunch at a traditional hacienda, where we can learn about the growing and harvesting of the best cocoa bean in the world. Later, the steam engine whites its way across the fields towards the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Arrival to Duran's train station, transfer to the hotel in Guayaquil for overnight. (B,L)

DAY 5 | SAT | GUAYAQUIL TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY) After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodation for 4 nights
- Transportation aboard Tren Crucero
- All meals during the trip
- Snacks and soft drinks on board
- Spanish and English-speaking guide
- Transportation by bus/van during the program for excursions
- Excursions according to the itinerary
- Transfer from Duran's train station to hotel in Guayaquil
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

Reverse itinerary available from Guayaquil to Quito and is called Train to the Clouds (Saturday departures). Please contact us for details.

HOTEL/STARTING FROM PRICES VALID THRU APRIL 2020

Travel in Style	Double	Single
	\$1,735	\$2,082
City	Nights	Hotels or similar
Quito	1	Swissotel
Riobamba	1	Hacienda Andaluz/Abrasungo
Bucay	1	Hosteria D'Franco
Guayaquil	1	Oro Verde
Travel in Luxury	Double	Single
	\$2,322	\$2,722
City	Nights	Hotels or similar
Quito	1	Plaza Grande or Cultura Manor
Riobamba	1	Hacienda Andaluz/Abrasungo
Bucay	1	Hacienda La Danesa
Guayaquil	1	Hotel del Parque

All rates are per person, based on double occupancy. Extra nights and triple occupancy available upon request. Rates are not valid during certain holidays and blackout periods. Itinerary subject to change

Please call for special international airfares and domestic flights in Economy or Business Class.

Local Departure taxes, local airport taxes, beverages, personal expenses and other items not mentioned above are not included.