

Andean Fox Express North Acclimatization Program 5 days - 2 peaks Imbabura - Cayambe

The 5 days acclimatization program was designed to educate and instruct people in high altitude mountain climbing of 4,000 m – 6,000m. With the assistance of a qualified and bilingual mountain guide, this program acclimatizes and increases the fitness of climbers so, it is possible to make a successful climb of some of the highest volcanoes in South America. Over the 5 days, you will reach the summit of 2 of Ecuador’s most famous volcanoes, the last being the mighty Cayambe which is the 3rd highest peak in Ecuador! These climbs offer you spectacular and peerless sightseen of the Avenue of Volcanoes. This specially designed program enables people with little or no experience to gain the ability and skills of climbing some of the most beautiful landscapes in the world.

Day	Activity	Altitude	Ascent	Approximate time		Hotel/Refuge	Altitude night
				Trek	Drive / way		
1						Papagayo Norte	3130 m
2	Imbabura	4630 m		4-5h	1h	Papagayo Norte	3130 m
3	Day off	3130 m		--	--	Papagayo Norte	3130 m
4	Cayambe day 1	4600 m		8-10h	1h30	Ruales Oleas Berge Refuge	4600 m
5	Cayambe day 2	5790 m				--	--



Day 1: Arriving to PapaGayo Hosteria Norte (-/-/-)



Make your way or get a private transfer to **PapaGayo Norte Hosteria**.

****Night in Hosteria PapaGayo Norte**

Day 2: Imbabura Summit Climb (B/BL/-)



Pick up: 08h00

The extinct Imbabura volcano is 8 km south of Otavalo located in a province of the same name and resides over the breathtaking San Pablo Lagoon, which flows into the Peguche waterfalls. The Imbabura consist of two craters, the “Huarmi” in its West and the “Taita Imabura”, its highest peak. “Taita Imabura” is Kichwa for father and has a holy status in the indigenous mythology. The climb takes you through tall grasses into rocky outcroppings, followed by lush vegetation high on the mountain

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Day 3: Day off (B/L/-)

After breakfast, you will have a day to rest at **PapaGayo Norte Hosteria**. Optional non included activities: Hiking, visit to Roses farms (Monday to Friday), biking or horseback riding. Please check at the reception to organize any of these activities. * Bikes are included for 5-star program.

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Day 4 (B/L/D) & 5 (Midnight Snack/-/-): Cayambe Climb



Pick-up: 11h00

Cayambe volcano is the 3rd highest volcano in Ecuador with 5790 m high. It is located in the Cayambe - Coca Ecological Reserve in the Cordillera Oriental of the Andes, north-east of Quito. At the altitude of 4690 m on its south slope, is the highest point in the world crossed by the Equator and the only point on the Equator covered with snow. On the 1st day you will reach the parking lot by car and then will have a hike of about 30-40 min to reach the refuge. The climb takes between 5-7 hours while the descent will be around 2. Professional ice equipment is necessary as well the presence of a professional guide.

****Day 4: Night in Ruales Oleas Berge Refugio**

**** END OF SERVICES ****

Packages

4 Stars-Tourist Superior package includes:

Professional mountain guide, transportation in a shared vehicle to the mountain from **PapaGayo Norte Hosteria** and return in a shared vehicle from the mountains to **PapaGayo Norte Hosteria**, 3-nights' accommodation at **PapaGayo Norte Hosteria**, 1 night accommodation at the Cayambe Refuge, free wireless internet access, 3 breakfasts, 1 box lunch (two sandwiches, a bottle of water, sweet cookies, and one fruit), 2 lunches at **PapaGayo Norte Hosteria**, 1 dinner at the Cayambe Refuge, 1 midnight meal before climbing the Cayambe.

4 Stars-Tourist Superior package excludes:

Pick up from/to Quito, (we can arrange this for you, please enquire), tips for guides, dinner at **PapaGayo Norte Hosteria**, lunch after the Cayambe climb, breakfast on day 5, bike hiring on your free day (\$10).

**** NOTE: In case you do not want to use the previous night to the first climb, you can change it for a Quito-Papagayo Or Papagayo-Quito transfer****

5 Stars- Royal package includes:

Pick up from/to Quito, professional mountain guide, transportation in a shared vehicle to the mountain from **PapaGayo Norte Hosteria** and return in a shared vehicle from the mountains to **PapaGayo Norte Hosteria**, 3 nights' accommodation in **PapaGayo Norte Hosteria**, 1 night accommodation at the Cayambe Refuge, free wireless internet access, 3 breakfasts, 1 box lunch (two sandwiches, a bottle of water, sweet cookies, and one fruit), 2 lunches at **PapaGayo Norte Hosteria**, 1 dinner at the Cayambe Refuge, 1 midnight meal before climbing the Cayambe, celebration lunch with a beer at **PapaGayo Norte Hosteria** upon completion of Cayambe, bike during free day.



5 Stars- Royal package excludes:

 Tips for the guide, dinner at **PapaGayo Norte Hosteria**.

**** NOTE: In case you do not want to use the previous night to the first climb, you can change it for a dinner at PapaGayo Hosteria****
Important: Departure time can change depending on weather and mountain conditions. Please reconfirm every night with your Gulliver agent or in Papagayo Hosteria.
Special climbing equipment included in both packages:

- polar pants	- plastic climbing boots	- gaitors
- polar jacket	- crampons	- outside gloves
- climbing harness	- ice axe	

Necessary Equipment (not included):

- sleeping bag (rent for \$10)	- big and small back pack (\$10)	- wool hat
- water	- inside polar gloves	- energy drinks and snacks
- camera	- sun cream	- head lamp (rent for \$10)
- clock	- sunglasses	
-Large rucksack (50-70 liter)(only needed to transfer gear from the bus drop off at the Cayambe base up to the refuge)		
- Reasonably day pack(35 liters) (needed from the refuge to Cayambe summit to accommodate plenty of water, crampons, warm gear including puffer jacket, etc.)		

***The renting of equipment should be confirmed in advance with your agent.**

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances (weather conditions or health risks), you will might be unable to reach the summit of Cayambe. However, we do promise not only a fantastic but unforgettable experience with qualified and highly experienced mountain guides, fresh and delicious meals, lots of laughter, and of course good cold beers!



Important Notice: Mountain climbing can be a highly risk activity which can expose your physical ability to extreme conditions. For this reason we highly recommend to realize a previous appointment with your doctor for a general physical checkup. We also recommend not to take any medication during your climbs, but in case you have to, ask your guide previously before taking your dose to your guide.

All Gulliver cars come with advanced satellite tracking devices to control position and speed, or for extra safety in an unlikely case of an accident. Every car has full insurance.

We always make sure to fulfill the highest security and safety standards for all our clients. It is important that you have current travel insurance including personal medical insurance. Please inform us of any known medical conditions or dietary requirements you may have.

We put a lot of effort in organizing the tour; therefore cancellations require **1 day notice in business hours** by which we would give you a **50% refund**. Cancellations will not be refunded with a shorter time notice.

Please note tips for our guides are not included in the price. If you enjoyed your trip, a tip of around 10% would be greatly appreciated.

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY YOUR ADVENTURE!

