

## THE ANDES SENSES (CHOCOLATE, ROSES & COFFEE) TOUR

This program has been designed exclusively for **Sense Ecuador** guests.

### Day 1 Arrival in Quito

As soon you arrive to Quito an airport representative will be waiting for you at your airplane gate; he will assist during the migration and customs procedures. After customs, a Link Experiences representative will be waiting for you with a special welcome gift from **Sense Ecuador** and will accompany you during the transfer from the airport to hotel. Quito's airport is located 45 minutes away from the main city.

### Day 2 Touch the sky in Quito

After breakfast, discover Quito's beautiful Historic Center, named World Heritage Site by the UNESCO. Quito is a city with a rich history, hiding the most fascinating legends, forbidden love stories, political insurrection plans, and more. Learn about the different architecture styles in the Old Town, stroll through cobblestoned streets and meet some artisans who've kept traditions alive for centuries. Have lunch in a local gourmet restaurant and in the afternoon, experience an **exclusive tasting of the best chocolate in the world! Smell the aroma of fine cacao and try some one of the most prestigious chocolate brands in the country, Hoja Verde.**



*Meals included: breakfast, lunch, chocolate tasting*

### Day 3 – Experiment the Flavors of the Middle of the World

In the morning, your local guide will pick you up from your hotel and take you to visit the Middle of the World Monument, situated at 0°0'0" latitude. Take a picture with your feet on both hemispheres! Continue the tour to the Intiñan Museum where you can see various demonstrations of natural phenomena, gravity and balance manifested in the equatorial zone. This is a fun and interactive museum.

Have lunch at the top of the Pululahua crater, one of the few volcanoes craters where people currently live.

**After lunch, immerse in a cultural experience of flavor, by taking a barista coffee class and discover the aroma of the multiple types of coffee that the renowned Café Velez offers.**



#### Day 4 – Cultivate the sight of colorful Otavalo

After an early breakfast, your private guide will take you to North of the country. The scenery is gorgeous, and if the Cayambe is not feeling shy, you will be able to see the snowcapped volcano in its full splendor. On the road, **your first stop will be the chocolate and coffee factories, where you will discover the process behind the products that you tried before in Quito.**

Continue your trip to Otavalo’s Ponchos Indigenous Market, considered the largest indigenous market in the Americas. Here you will be able to shop textiles, carvings, pottery, jewelry and more, all made by skillful artisans. Enjoy a warm homemade lunch at the beautiful quaint Hacienda Cusín.

**In the afternoon visit one of the lovely rose plantations in Cayambe. Unravel the hundreds of beautiful colors and aromas at this paradise of flower production.**



*Meals included: breakfast, lunch*

#### Day 5 – Smell the Perfume the Cloud Forest

##### Option A – Luxury Accommodation

Early in the morning, you will be transferred to the Northwest region of Pichincha province, **to visit a cacao and coffee plantation. After a few miles, you will be immersed in some unique micro-climates to find where does the unique altitude coffee comes from and see how the best cacao plants are cultivated.**

After this visit, continue in the road to Mashpi Lodge in the cloud forest, located three hours away from Quito. Enjoy this sophisticated and strikingly-contemporary Lodge designed as the ideal springboard for exploring the unique world of the Mashpi Reserve. Located in the heart of the Equatorial Chocó Bio-Region, regarded as one of the planet’s most important “hot spots” of biodiversity.

Guided activities and excursions within the reserve: walks, birdwatching and nature encounters, Life Center, waterfalls and Hummingbird Garden

Fine Dining in the Forest: Mashpi's chefs draws from the diversity of Ecuadorian cuisine and ingredients, making the most of its location between the Coast and the Andes to offer the best of both worlds, using native ingredients of generous flavors such as wild garlic, chillangua and other products of the forest



*Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner*

Accommodation: Mashpi Lodge



### Option B – First Class Accommodation

Early in the morning, you will be transfer to the northwest region of Pichincha province, **to visit a cacao and coffee plantation. After a few miles, you will be immersed in some unique mircro-climates to find where does the unique altitude coffee comes from and see how the best cacao plants are cultivated.**

After this visit, continue in the road to Mindo. Explore one of the worldwide hot spots for birdwatching at the Mindo cloud forest, an ecological reserve. Keep your eyes wide open and your camera ready. Soon, the most unique bird species will show themselves to you in full splendor. You will also visit the Butterfly Garden and the Orquids Reserve.

*Meals included: breakfast, lunch*

Accommodation: Kapari Natural Lodge

### Day 6 Transfer out Quito

Back to Quito and transfer to the airport. You will get assistance from one of our representatives in order to take your international flight.

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## END OF SERVICES

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### INCLUDED

#### TOUR GUIDE:

- English-Spanish speaking – guide. (Other languages available upon request)

#### ACCOMMODATION:

- Accommodation at 4\* or 5\* hotel in Quito. Accomodaion is subject to availability until confirmation.

#### TRANSPORT:

- All transfers & private ground transportation as mentioned in the itinerary

#### ENTRANCE FEES AND ACTIVITIES:

- All excursions as mentioned in the itinerary with private bilingual speaking naturalist guide (English & Spanish)
- Assistance with the check-in procedure at Quito airport
- Meals as detailed on the program, Ecuadorian and international gastronomy.
- Airport fast track service on your international flight arrival
- Personalized assistance 24/7

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### NOT INCLUDED

- International air tickets to Ecuador
- Personal expenses, Extras and Tips.
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Meals not stated in the program
- Medical services
- Personal travel insurance

## RATES

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Package rates per person in **US dollars** in double accommodation.

### From 2 to 3 travelers:

Price per person	Based on double occupancy	Single accommodation supplement
First Class Accommodation (Hotel Patio Andaluz or San Jose Garden in Quito & Kapari Lodge in the Cloud Forest)*	\$ 1395	\$ 440
Luxury Accommodation (Casa Gangotena in Quiito & Mashpi Lodge in the Cloud Forest)*	\$ 3145	\$2095
<b>Net price per person in US Dollars</b>		

### From 4 to 6 travelers:

Price per person	Based on double occupancy	Single accommodation supplement
First Class Accommodation (Hotel Pation Andaluz or San Jose Garden in Quito & Kapari Lodge in the Cloud Forest)*	\$ 1208	\$ 440
Luxury Accommodation (Casa Gangotena in Quiito & Mashpi Lodge in the Cloud Forest)*	\$ 2970	\$ 2095
<b>Net price per person in US Dollars</b>		

\*Hotels subject to availability.

## ADDITIONAL EXTRAS

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A wide range of excursions and optional pre and post-program are available. If you have any additional questions, please write at [experiences@grupo-link.com](mailto:experiences@grupo-link.com) for prices and terms.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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- Itinerary is subject to change in case of force majeure caused by exceptional and natural circumstances.
- All rates are per person and apply only to foreign passengers.
- Prices may change without warning and can only be guaranteed once the reservation has been made.



- Bookings shall include the passenger's full name, nationality, passport number, age and birthdate.
- Any deposit or payment made by the Client to the Company, for the services that the Company will provide, constitute acceptance for any person that will receive the services of the Company of the Terms and Conditions described at <http://www.linkexperiences.com/index.php/terms-conditions/>

## **PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY**

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- Our cancellation charges for land services will apply as follows:
  - To confirm reservation: 25% of total price
  - 70 days prior to departure: 75% (full payment)
  - For tours confirmed within 70 days prior to the starting date of the tour: full pre-payment is required in order to confirm booking
  - Deposits or payments are non-refundable.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Comfortable and light clothes, wind breaker jacket, bathing suit and comfortable walking shoes are convenient when visiting the Cloud Forest, while warmer clothes are required for stays in Quito and Andean mountain areas. Visitors should not wear sleeveless shirts, shorts, short skirts or skimpy clothing when visiting religious or official buildings. Sun protection, sun glasses, one small backpack, a hat and mosquito repellent can be very useful during your stay.

## **ABOUT SENSE ECUADOR**

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