



Saturday · March 14th, 2026 - Thursday · March 19th, 2026

Ecuador: Where Culture and Nature Meet - Quito & the Amazon

Itinerary for EPICA Travel Show

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Pre Travel



Ecuador: A Gem of Biodiversity and Natural Wonders

ABOUT ECUADOR & THIS JOURNEY

Ecuador is a land of four worlds—the Amazon, the Andes, the Pacific Coast, and the Galapagos—where natural wonders meet a rich cultural mosaic of indigenous, Afro-Ecuadorian, and mestizo traditions.

Discover **Quito**, the first city named a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its beautifully preserved historic center and venture into the **Amazon at Minga Lodge**, immersing yourself in pristine rainforest, and the vibrant life of local communities.

Saturday · March 14th



Transfer in Quito

A representative of Link Experiences will be waiting for you at Quito's airport to welcome you and accompany you during the transfer from the airport to the hotel.

- Private service



Go Quito Hotel

Av. Eloy Alfaro N34-137 y Catalina Aldaz
Quito Ecuador 170504

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Mar 14 · 3:00 PM

Check In

Mar 15 · 10:00 AM

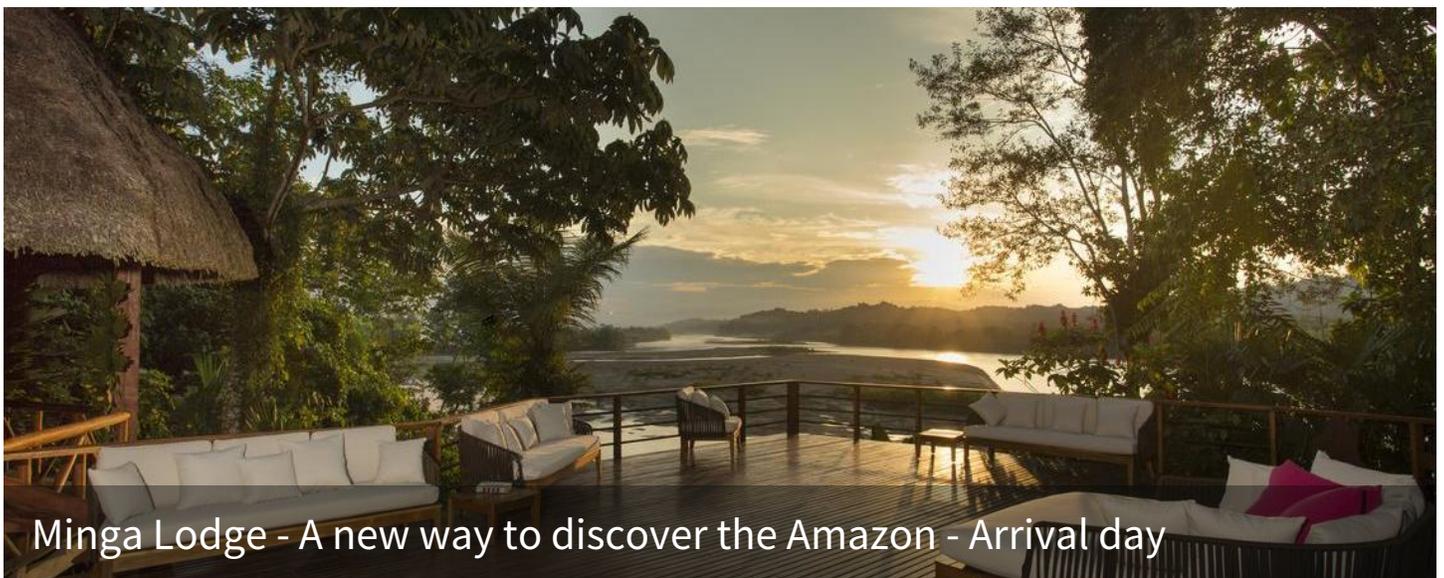
Check Out

1 Night

Duration

Stay at a new 5 stars XL-Boutique hotel in Quito. Go Quito Hotel combines modern comfort with contemporary design, offering spacious rooms, panoramic city views, and easy access to Quito's cultural highlights

Sunday · March 15th



Minga Lodge - A new way to discover the Amazon - Arrival day

Minga Lodge - A bespoke luxury ecolodge in the Amazon

Perched on the banks of the Rio Napo, a tributary of the Amazon River, Minga Lodge & Reserve takes guests on a journey of adventure to discover the spectacular natural surroundings and culture of this fascinating region. Situated on over 700 acres of rainforest, Minga offers exclusive, immersive experiences that unite culture, community, conservation, and wellness.

Explore the reserve's unique biodiversity, revitalize with a forest canopy walk, and nourish your well-being with delicious superfoods grown on-site. At the end of the day, retreat to your own canopy sanctuary: modern, climate-controlled luxury cabins with floor-to-ceiling glass windows that frame the beauty of the forest.

Arrival and Journey into the Amazon

After breakfast, a Link Experiences representative will pick you up from the hotel and take you to the airport. Our staff will assist you with the check-in process and provide a brief overview of the exciting journey ahead.

From there, you'll board a short 30-minute flight to Coca, where your adventure to the remarkable Minga Lodge will begin. Get ready to immerse yourself in the breathtaking beauty of the Amazon rainforest!

Arrival to Minga Lodge

After a quick 30-minute commercial flight to Puerto Francisco de Orellana, also known as "El Coca," our representative will accompany you on a short 5-minute road transfer to Coca port. Here, your Amazon adventure truly begins with a scenic two-hour motorized canoe ride upriver to the beautiful Minga Lodge.

As you cruise along the majestic Rio Napo, the gateway to the Amazon, you'll witness stunning sights, such as:

- Breathtaking landscapes and small riverside villages.
- Locals panning for gold along the riverbanks.
- Lush jungle forests teeming with vibrant birdlife.
- The majestic Sumaco Volcano standing tall in the distance.

Enjoy complimentary beverages and snacks on board, and don't worry about a little rain—waterproof ponchos are provided, just in case.

Activities at Minga Lodge

- Explore the Minga Rainforest Reserve

Dive into the heart of the Amazon as you explore lush trails, spot exotic wildlife, and learn about the unique ecosystem of the rainforest.

- Jungle Weapons Training

Experience a hands-on activity where you'll learn about traditional Amazonian tools and techniques used for survival in the jungle.

- Traditional Shamanic Cleansing

Immerse yourself in a cultural ritual led by a local shaman, designed to cleanse and rejuvenate your spirit.

- Dinner at the Lodge

End your day with a delicious meal, featuring local flavors and ingredients, served in the serene atmosphere of the lodge.

Meals included: breakfast / lunch / dinner

Note: The itinerary at Minga Lodge is provided as an example and may vary in order or activities depending on weather conditions and staff guidance.



Minga Lodge

Mar 15 · 3:00 PM

Check In

Mar 18 · 10:00 AM

Check Out

3 Nights

Duration

During your time at Minga: all excursions, transportation, tour guides, accommodation and full board meals are included.

Monday · March 16th



Immersive Amazon Adventures - Minga Lodge

- Early Morning Birdwatching

Start your day with a magical birdwatching experience! The Amazon is home to a dazzling variety of bird species—keep your eyes peeled for toucans, parrots, and other vibrant wildlife as the rainforest comes alive at dawn.

- Breakfast

Savor a hearty breakfast back at the lodge, prepared with fresh, local ingredients to fuel your day of exploration.

- Amazon Hike

Embark on an adventurous hike through the lush rainforest, guided by an expert who will introduce you to the fascinating flora and fauna of the region. Discover medicinal plants, unique ecosystems, and the hidden wonders of the Amazon jungle.

- Lunch

Enjoy a well-deserved lunch at the lodge, featuring a mix of local and international flavors.

- Tour of the Minga Farm & Bean-to-Bar Experience

Visit the Minga Farm and learn about sustainable agriculture in the Amazon. Participate in a hands-on ****Bean-to-Bar workshop****, where you'll see how cacao is harvested, processed, and transformed into rich, artisanal chocolate.

- Honey & Superfood Tasting

Sample delicious honey and other superfoods grown locally in the Amazon. Learn about their health benefits and cultural significance while indulging in these natural treats.

- Dinner

Unwind with a delightful dinner at the lodge, a perfect way to reflect on the day's experiences.

- Night Walk

As the sun sets, venture into the rainforest for an exciting night walk. Witness the Amazon's nocturnal creatures and hear the mysterious sounds of the jungle after dark—a thrilling end to your day.

Tuesday · March 17th



- Coffee Tasting

Begin your day with an aromatic coffee-tasting experience, sampling locally sourced beans from the Amazon. Learn about the cultivation and processing of coffee in this unique region.

- Breakfast

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at the lodge to energize you for a day of meaningful cultural exchanges.

- Visit a Local Women's Group

Spend time with an inspiring local women's group and learn about their community initiatives, crafts, and traditions. This is a unique opportunity to support and connect with the vibrant Kichwa culture.

- Lunch

Return to the lodge for a nourishing lunch, featuring fresh, local ingredients.

- Visit a Local Family

Step into the heart of Amazonian hospitality with a visit to a local family. Discover their daily lives, hear their stories, and gain insights into their rich traditions and relationship with the rainforest.

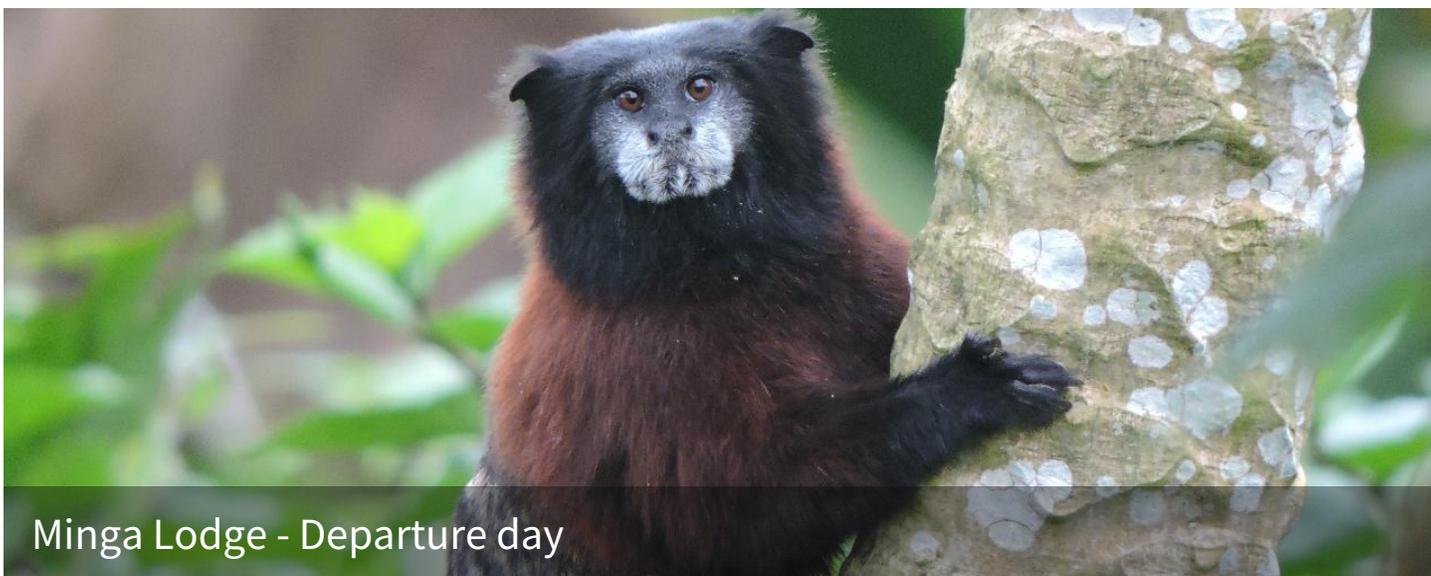
- Traditional Kichwa Cooking Class

Join the family for a hands-on cooking class and learn how to prepare traditional Kichwa dishes using locally sourced ingredients. This interactive experience offers a delicious way to deepen your cultural connection.

- Farewell Dinner

Celebrate your final evening at the lodge with a special farewell dinner. Share memories of your Amazon adventure with fellow travelers and toast to an unforgettable experience.

Wednesday · March 18th



Minga Lodge - Departure day

- Breakfast

Enjoy your last breakfast at Minga Lodge, savoring the peaceful sounds of the rainforest one final time.

- Departure from Minga Lodge

Bid farewell to the Amazon as you embark on your journey back. A motorized canoe will take you down the Rio Napo, where you can reflect on the incredible experiences of the past few days.

- Flight to Quito

After arriving at Coca, you'll board your flight back to Quito, carrying unforgettable memories of your Amazon adventure.



Quito City Tour

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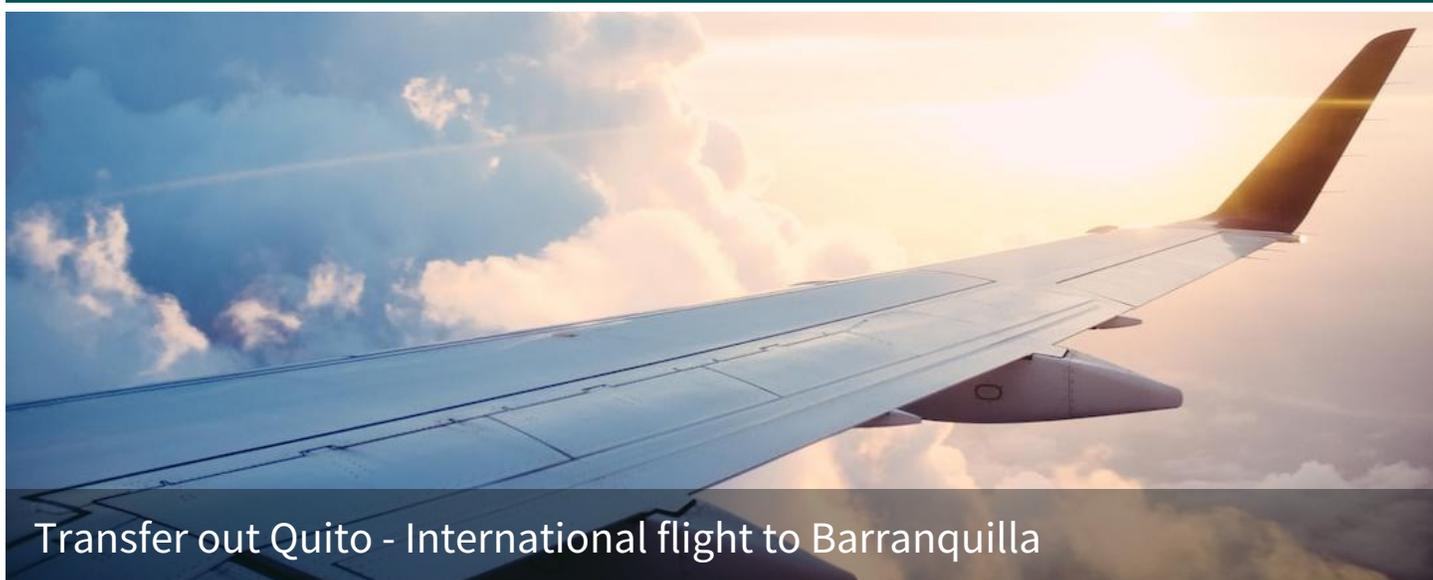
Upon your arrival from the Amazon to Quito, delight in Ecuador's unique cuisine with a specially selected local lunch experience.

In the afternoon, discover Quito's beautiful Historical Center, named World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Your local guide will pick you up from your hotel and take you on a journey through time. Quito is a city with a rich history, hiding fascinating legends, forbidden love stories, political insurrection plans, and more. Learn about the different architectural styles in the Old Town, stroll through cobblestone streets and meet some artisans who've kept traditions alive for centuries. Enjoy a private visit to San Francisco and Basilica churches.

Touch the sky on top of the La Compañía Church! After the visit to this gold leaf covered church, climb the stairs and visit the cupolas for a fantastic and unique view of the city. This tour will give you a 360° experience of Quito's Historic Centre. To finish the tour, we will enjoy an exclusive chocolate tasting, to learn more about the incredible Ecuadorian cocoa.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch. Free time for dinner

Thursday · March 19th



Transfer out Quito - International flight to Barranquilla

Private transfer from your Quito hotel to the airport to take your international flight to Colombia.

Please note you should arrive to Barranquilla before 2pm to attend the inauguration event at EPICA.

- Meals: Breakfast.

Itinerary Notes

BUDGET - PRICES

Fam Trip Contribution 2026

- Fam Trip Rate per person in single or double accommodation US\$ 650

Inclusions & Exclusions

INCLUDED

Tour Guide & Activities:

- Private English-Spanish speaking guides in Quito and the Amazon

- All tours and entrances throughout the itinerary in Quito and Minga Lodge

Accommodation:

- Double or single accommodation with daily breakfast at Minga Lodge and Go Quito Hotels
- Accommodation is subject to availability until confirmation.

Transport:

- All transfers & ground transportation as mentioned in the itinerary
- Assistance with the check-in procedures at Quito airport

Entrance fees and activities:

- All excursions as mentioned in the itinerary with a bilingual-speaking guide (English & Spanish)
- Meals as detailed on the program, Ecuadorian and international gastronomy.
- Personalized assistance 24/7
- Conservation fee at Minga Lodge

NOT INCLUDED - rates subject to change without notice:

- Air ticket Quito / Coca / Quito (\$275p/adult)
- International Flights
- Tips and personal expenses
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Meals not stated in the program
- Medical services

Terms & Conditions

- 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

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