

ECUADOR VOLCANOES

CAYAMBE 18,996' | COTOPAXI 19,347' | CHIMBORAZO 20,561'



CLIMB THE ECUADOR VOLCANOES WITH IMG

IMG has been leading expeditions to Ecuador since the early 80's and the contacts and relationships we've built over the years make this program unique! Our Classic program includes ascents of Cayambe and Cotopaxi, and for the interested and capable climber, we offer a summit attempt of Chimborazo as an optional 3-day extension.

On our 12-day trip, we will try to sample as much of this beautiful country as possible! Our enhanced Ecuador program offers luxury hotels, haciendas and restaurants. Your journey is enriched exploring Quito before and after our ascents, visiting cathedrals and markets and sampling local cuisine. We will also sightsee the famous Indigenous market in Otavalo while spending time with local long-time friends of IMG, and your efforts on Cayambe will be rewarded with a night at the famous Papallacta hot springs! Our goal is to make this trip so much more than just a mountaineering expedition!

THE CLIMBS

Our acclimatization schedule includes two mountains. We hike Fuya Fuya (13,986') and Imbabura (15,190') prior to our Cayambe attempt. Additionally, we do a basic technique review on the slopes of Cayambe and spend two nights at the Oleas-Ruales-Berge Refuge prior to our climb. After our summit bid we will drive to the jungle town of Papallacta, where we can soak in the hot springs for which this town is famous.

DATES & PRICES

Cayambe & Cotopaxi \$4600
+Add Chimborazo \$1600
Add Single Supplement \$300 (in hotels as available)

Trip 1: Oct 31 – Nov 11, 2024
+Chimborazo Ext. Nov 12-15, 2024

Trip 2: Jan 23 – Feb 3, 2025
+Chimborazo Ext. Feb 4-7, 2025

PREREQUISITES

Previous mountaineering experience including ice axe arrest, cramponing and rope team travel are required.

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REGISTER

- [IMG Application Package](#)
- Application Fee \$1500
- Passport copy

Non-refundable application fee is due at registration and applies to program fees. **Balance of all fees are due 120 days prior to trip departure.** Please refer to the application package for payment instructions. Program fees are quoted in US dollars. All fees and payments are non-refundable and non-transferable. Payments must be received by IMG on or before the due dates. Prices shown apply to scheduled programs only.

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Cotopaxi is next, which may just be the most picturesque volcano in the world. The team will climb from the José F. Ribas Refuge located at 15,973'. After climbing Cotopaxi, we spend a night at the hacienda of La Cienega. We wrap up the trip with lunch at Hacienda San Agustin and historic Inca Ruins.

THE GUIDES

An IMG Senior Guide leads each of these programs and is joined by some of the finest and most experienced local Ecuadorian guides.

THE ITINERARY

	Trip 1	Trip 2	Classic Cayambe & Cotopaxi Itinerary
1	31-Oct-2024	23-Jan-2025	Depart home for flights to Quito. Most flights arrive to Quito just before midnight (Day 1) or just after midnight (Day 2).
2	1-Nov-2024	24-Jan-2025	Morning gear checks followed by a hike above Quito via the Teleferico (Gondola). Afternoon will be spent seeing famous churches and other sights in Old Town Quito. A second night in Hotel Quito.
3	2-Nov-2024	25-Jan-2025	Early morning departure from Quito. We will visit the famous indigenous Otavalo Market ("Día de los Muertos" celebration in November!). On the way we will stop for lunch in San Pablo Lake and enjoy a view of Imbabura Volcano. Afternoon visit to Lake Cuicocha with a short hike along the lake. Overnight at the historic Hacienda Pinsaqui.
4	3-Nov-2024	26-Jan-2025	Early morning hike and scramble to the top of Fuya Fuya (13,986') followed by a stop in Otavalo to visit local knitting workshop. Travel to San Clemente for the night.
5	4-Nov-2024	27-Jan-2025	Early morning to hike and scramble to the summit of Imbabura (15,109'). Spend the night at Cabañas Cayambe where we will sort our gear and pack for Cayambe.
6	5-Nov-2024	28-Jan-2025	Drive to the Oleas-Ruales-Berge Hut (15,092') on Cayambe. The group will spend the afternoon relaxing at the hut and discuss topics including high altitude and expedition climbing.
7	6-Nov-2024	29-Jan-2025	Training day on the lower slopes of Cayambe. Review to include basic cramponing, proper use of the ice axe and roped travel. Second night spent at the hut.
8	7-Nov-2024	30-Jan-2025	Summit attempt of Cayambe (18,997'). Return to the hut, pack gear and transfer to Papallacta for the night at the famed hot springs and hotel.
9	8-Nov-2024	31-Jan-2025	A nice recovery day spent visiting old historic haciendas, tasting Ecuadorian food and fruits and taking photos on the way to Hacienda los Mortiños (just in front of Cotopaxi volcano). We'll visit Jorge Anhalzer, famed Ecuadorian explorer, climber, photographer, journalist, ultra-light pilot and old friend who occasionally flies over the top of the mountains when we are climbing. Nice views of the mountain, perfect altitude location before climbing Cotopaxi, excellent food and perfect resting place.
10	9-Nov-2024	1-Feb-2025	After breakfast, we start preparing our staff for climbing Cotopaxi. At noon we have lunch before a 20 minute drive to the Cotopaxi parking area, (15,092'). From here, we hike up for about 40 minutes to the hut where we will serve dinner between 6 pm, then go to our bunks to rest.
11	10-Nov-2024	2-Feb-2025	Midnight wake up, climbers enjoy hot drinks (coffee, tea, hot chocolate) before starting the summit attempt of Cotopaxi (19,347'). It takes us around 7 hours up and 3-4 hours down. Next we'll head to another incredible hacienda, La Cienega to overnight.
12	11-Nov-2024	3-Feb-2025	We'll visit some Indian painters, and have lunch in San Agustin amongst the historic ruins built at least 600 years ago by the Inca. Tour a flower plantation and finish with an early team dinner. Those traveling home will depart for Hotel Quito in the afternoon while those climbing Chimborazo will spend another night at the hacienda in La Cienega. For those headed home, any flight after 8pm of Day 12 will work.
Day	Trip 1	Trip 2	Chimborazo Extension Itinerary
13	12-Nov-2024	4-Feb-2025	Travel day to Chimborazo. Depending on the weather and conditions, we may stay at the Carrel Refuge (16,000ft) at the end of the road, or we climb to high camp for the night (17,400ft).
14	13-Nov-2024	5-Feb-2025	Summit attempt on Chimborazo (20,561') if weather allows. Long day of climbing followed by travel to Baños for famous hot springs and nice food.
15	14-Nov-2024	6-Feb-2025	Contingency summit day for Chimborazo with travel back to Quito in the afternoon. If we summit on this day, then we will go straight from Chimborazo to Quito and be back in time for flights after midnight.
16	15-Nov-2024	7-Feb-2025	Travel day home. Any flight after midnight on Day 15 will work well.

THE DEAL: Here is what is included and not included in your land cost fee.

Included

- IMG Leadership & local guides
- Group climbing equipment
- Double occupancy in hotel & haciendas for dates indicated in itinerary
- Shared accommodations in refugios and in tents while climbing
- Group transportation in-country as indicated in itinerary
- All meals for the trip during the published itinerary with the exception of snacks while climbing
- Sightseeing in itinerary
- Permit fees and park entrance fees
- Papallacta hot springs
- Tip pool contribution for local guides and staff
- IMG buff

Not Included

- International airfare/tax/baggage fee
- Transportation to/from airport
- Hotel accommodations after program and early arrivals
- Single supplement accommodations in hotel/hacienda
- Snacks while climbing
- Alcoholic beverages and personal sundries
- [Personal gear/climbing equipment](#)
- Travel Insurance; evacuation, hospital or medical costs
- Covid tests (if required for travel), any Covid-related expense resulting in delays or quarantine
- Optional but customary IMG guide gratuities (pay direct to guide, USD cash)

THE ODDS & ENDS:

Single Supplement

Accommodations are based on double occupancy. If you would like a single room in the hotels and haciendas, this is available for an additional \$300. If we cannot pair you with a roommate, you will be charged the single supplement fee.

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance including emergency evacuation and medical expense coverage is required by IMG. IMG strongly recommends trip cancellation/interruption coverage due to the IMG cancellation policy.

Flights

Flights typically arrive just before midnight on Day 1 of the itinerary, or just after midnight on Day 2. We encourage you to book your flights early if possible. For best service and support, we recommend that you work with a knowledgeable travel agent that can assist you quickly should you need help while traveling. Please provide your complete flight itinerary to us so we can book your hotel reservation.

Passport & Visa

A valid passport with at least 6 months of validity is required. A "well-traveled" passport should have extra blank pages available for visa stamps. We suggest that you make a copy of your passport and keep it with you during your travels. Currently no visa is required to enter Ecuador for visits less than 90 days. Familiarize yourself with Travel Advisories and entry requirements available on the U.S. State Department website.

Immunizations + Covid

Requirements are subject to change. Currently Ecuador has no Covid-related entry requirements for US citizens. We encourage you to refer to the [CDC website](#) for the most up to date requirements and recommendations.

QUESTIONS:

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