



Ascent to the active volcano Guagua Pichincha - 4784m

1 Day mid-mountain





Description

Pichincha Active volcano (4784 m)

The "Guagua" Pichincha or the Pichincha boy in Kichwa (4784 m) is one of the eight active volcanoes in Ecuador. Located only 12 km west of Quito in the western mountain range of the Ecuadorian Andes, it is part of the great Pichinchas massif. Its ascent is an excellent training for your acclimatization to the altitude. Overlooking the city of Quito, Pichincha offers us not only a unique panorama of the avenue of volcanoes but also an aerial view of its crater and fumaroles.



Program

Departure from Quito at 8 am in private transport to the town of Lloa. We will go up to 4000 meters by vehicle. Then we will walk for approximately 2 hours until we reach the Pichincha refuge located at 4,550 meters above sea level and built by the Civil Defense.

Box lunch during the hike. We will climb up to the crater until reaching the summit located at 4,784 meters from where we will be able to observe the permanent activity of the volcano with its fumaroles, depending on the visibility at the time. Magnificent view of the crater.

Return to Quito planned for the afternoon.

Hiking time : 4 to 5 hours

Type of terrain : Sandy trail, rocky close to top of volcano and occasional snow

Unevenness : 780 meters



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Due to the type of terrain and in relation to the altitude and the reduction in the amount of oxygen, participants must report any symptoms of dizziness, headaches, excessive sweating, vomiting or pain in the stomach or chest, these symptoms are related to altitude sickness and the guide, upon being informed, will take the necessary measures for your well-being and safety.

Note :

The program may be cancelled or modified if the number of participants is not reached, if weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances disrupt the normal running of the circuit. In the event of a natural disaster, social or political problem, road closure or other, we will seek an alternative solution trying to disrupt the program as little as possible, or otherwise, we will refund part of the program deducting the costs incurred.

Additional information and conditions :

Minimum age : 10 years olds

Required physical condition: Good condition

Required experience: Not necessary

Altitude : From 3900 to 4784 meters

Difficulty level : Medium

Hiking time : 4 to 5 hours

Total Duration of the program : 7 hours

Type of terrain : volcanic sand and dirt trails, rocks and occasional snow.

Unevenness : 900 meters

Climate : Partly cloudy with possible isolated showers especially between March and May. From December to January, possible snowfall, the rest of the year is drier with moderate winds.

Location : Western mountain range of the Andes

Required clothing: gloves, hat, waterproof jacket and pants, thermal clothing, good walking shoes.

Required personal equipment: small backpack, walking sticks, sunglasses, sunscreen.





Price per person :

Base 1 participant : 180 Usd

Base 2 participants : 90 Usd

Base 3 participants : 80 Usd

Base 4 participants : 70 Usd

Our rate includes

Transportation in a private vehicle.

Certified guide

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Entrance to the shelter



Our rate does not include

Personal expenses

Drinks

Tips

