

- Climbing to Cotopaxí volcano - 5897 m

- High mountain tour 2 days - 1 night

the great and unforgettable classic in Ecuador

Its ascent does not require a technical level or particular experience, however due to the altitude, participants require excellent acclimatization and good physical condition.



Volcan Cotopaxí 5897m

The highest active volcano in Ecuador



The Cotopaxí volcano is the second highest peak in Ecuador (5897 m) and is located 70 km south of Quito in the Eastern Cordillera of the Andes. It is one of the 8 active volcanoes in the continental area of Ecuador and one of the highest active volcanoes in the world, its eruptive history dates back to 1534 and coincides with the arrival of the Spanish conquerors. Its last major eruption took place in 1877, its lava and mud flows destroyed a large part of the towns of Latacunga, Lasso, Machachi, Los Chillos valley near Quito...

Climbing the highest active volcano in the world is a fantastic experience that will take about 8 hours of walking (hut - summit - hut).



Day 1:

Departure at 10 am. from Quito, in a private vehicle to the Cotopaxi National Park. Lunch at the entrance of the park. Ascent to the parking area at 4,500 meters and then walk up to the José Ribas refuge located at 4,864 m (45 minutes hike). In the afternoon, depending on the weather conditions, we will set the crampons on boots and the guide will explain us the handling of the technical equipment, the progression on the glacier with this equipment (helmet, harness, rope, crampons and ice axe), as well as the instructions and safety techniques, according to high mountain standards. The guide will also see the level of each one to form the ideal couple ropes. Return to the shelter for dinner and rest in the dormitory set up for this purpose. **Night in the refuge at 4864m. L - D**

Meals included are indicated as follows:

B: Breakfast - L: Lunch - D: Dinner

Hiking time: 45 minutes - Type of terrain: volcanic ashes and rocks - Elevation: 300 meters



Day 2:

We got up around midnight to eat something light and dress with the technical equipment. The ascent will start around 1 a.m. We will tie the rope when we reach the glacier 200 meters above refuge. The ascent will take 5 to 7 hours and the descent around 3 hours. Return to the refuge to collect the extra equipment and return to Quito at the end of the morning. **B**

Hiking time: around 8 to 10 hours

Type of terrain: sand and rock trails, occasional snow and glacier

Unevenness: 1100 meters

Price per person

Base 1 participant: 590 Usd

Base 2 participants and more 340 Usd



We provide:

Ice axe, crampons, harness, helmet, rope and carabiners

Our rate includes:

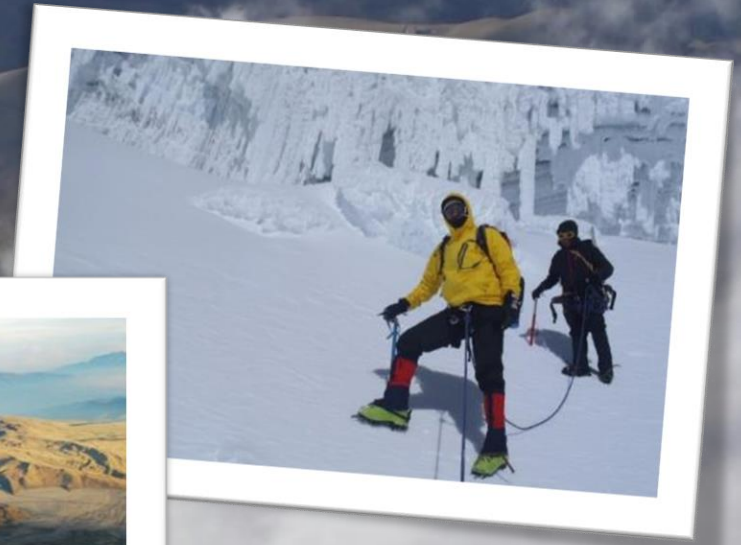
*High mountain guide (1 for every 2 participants)
High mountain technical equipment (No boots)
Night at the refuge
Meals mentioned in program. Except for breakfast
(day 1) and lunch (day 2)
Transportation Quito / Refuge / Quito*

Our rate doesn't include:

*Sleeping bag
High mountain boots
Entrance to Cotopaxi Park - Free for the moment*

Precautions and advice:

Plan to acclimatize for 5 to 7 days in the Andes before making this ascent. Our team will be happy to advise you on the various possible hikes.



List of personal equipment to bring:

Wool Cap

Light gloves and waterproof gloves or mittens, jacket and technical pants

Headlamp, Glacier glasses (protection 3 or 4)

Rigid mountaineering boots equipped with a thermal liner intended for temperatures below -10° or -20° and which accept semi-automatic crampons or boots with rigid shells (less modern models). It would be preferable, for a better comfort during the ascent, that you wear your own shoes, however, there is also the possibility of renting them on site (Maximum size 47). If you need to rent equipment in Quito, we will help you in this process. For problems related to altitude sickness, consult your doctor for the use of Diamox.

Sleeping bag

70 lt. backpack (for carrying equipment to the refuge) - Small day hiking backpack

Walking sticks (optional) - Gaiters