

EXPLORING OTAVALO'S RICHES: LAKES, ARTISANS, AND ANDEAN HERITAGE

Full Day Tour in the Andes



Step onto an unforgettable journey through the scenic marvels and cultural treasures of Otavalo and the surrounding area. Rejoice in the rich tapestry of local life at the renowned Otavalo market, where ancient traditions and colorful artisanal crafts await. Our day tours will take you on a fantastic immerse experience of Ecuador's rich cultural diversity.

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Get ready for an adventure filled with lively colors, new flavors, breathtaking nature, and picturesque towns just two hours north of Quito. On this day you will enjoy stunning mountain views, serene lakes, and the pleasant, spring-like weather of the Imbabura province.



Your journey starts with a convenient hotel pick-up and accompanied by our bilingual representative; you will embark on a scenic drive, with several stops planned along the way, beginning with a brief encounter with the village of Guayllabamba, for you to sample a local delicious fruit called Chirimoya. As you continue the trip, still savoring the sweet fruit, you will marvel at the remarkable sight of the Cayambe Volcano and large flower plantations.

As you are passing by the village of Cayambe, a second stop is required to sample the traditional *Bizcochos*, a delightful buttery pastry often enjoyed with a special leaf-wrapped cheese.





Arriving at San Pablo Lake and the majestic Imbabura volcano as a backdrop, be ready to capture the stunning Andean scenery at the third stop, a carefully chosen viewpoint. Shortly afterward, you will reach the town of Otavalo and its renowned colorful market. Our expert guide will join you as you explore this fantastic place full of vivid art, lively music and an abundance of cultural charm. Take this opportunity to buy unique souvenirs or just enjoy watching the hustle and bustle of the market vendors and locals.

Later, continue your journey in the town of Peguche, renowned for its skilled weavers and the preservation of ancient traditions deeply rooted in harmony with nature. Step onto the town's vibrant artisan workshops and witness the experts' work firsthand. In addition to the amazing tapestry crafting. A delightful lunch awaits at a local venue, offering the perfect opportunity to refuel before continuing your exploration of this enchanting Ecuadorian region.





Passing through Cotacachi, you'll be charmed by the town's quaint plazas and cobbled streets, renowned for its thriving leather industry. Nestled between the Imbabura and Cotacachi volcanoes, the valley enjoys a warm climate year-round. Continuing your journey, you'll arrive at the mesmerizing Cuicocha crater lake, featuring an impressive depth and two prominent lava islands at its center. This natural wonder holds significant cultural importance for the local indigenous communities, who continue to pay homage to the lake through offerings and rituals.

Alongside its cultural richness, Cuicocha offers another splendid photo opportunity, surrounded by breathtaking Andean landscapes and the serene natural settings of the region. After this full day of activities, you will be taken back to your hotel in Quito. End of services.

INCLUDED

- Private Transportation
- Bilingual Guide
- Entrance Fees
- Artisan Workshop Experience
- Bottle of water
- Local fruit & pastry tasting
- Lunch in a local venue including one soft drink

NOT INCLUDED

- Extra Meals
- Personal Expenses
- Extra Soft beverages
- Alcoholic beverages
- Extra and/or non-scheduled visit/activity
- Tips

Notes:

The itinerary and order of visits is subject to change due to weather, municipal regulations, safety and/or unforeseen circumstances.