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Ecologic Reserve Antisana

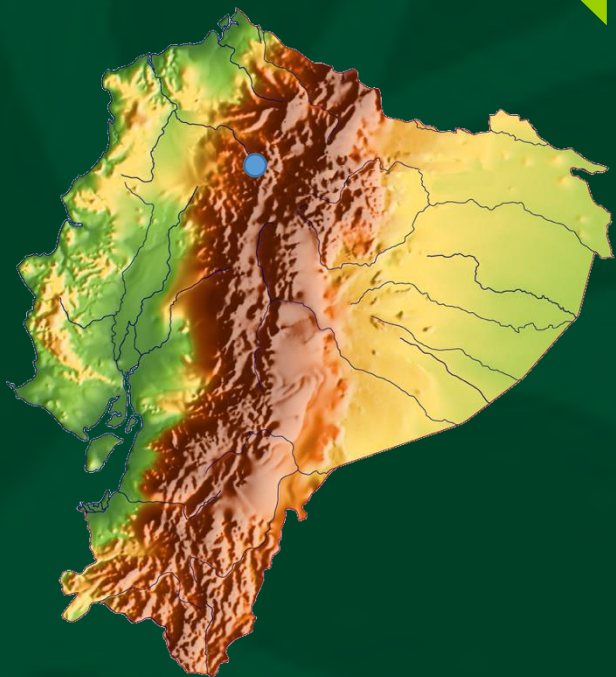
Ecuador

Naturalist Day – 1 Day



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JOUR 1..... QUITO – ANTISANA - QUITO

Tour details:

Theme : Naturalistic observations, ornithology, photography

Guide: cultural bilingual

Length: 1 day

Departure from : Quito

Return to: Quito

Rhythm : Easy

Physic Level : Medium

Maximum height: 4000meters above sea level

Group Size: Private- 15pax

Date : August 4th and 11th, 2019

Travel time: 1h45 /via

Code: NEVOYNAT19.02

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DAY 1:

QUITO – ANTISANA - QUITO

Despite Alexander Von Humboldt's written account of possible fumaroles and ashes coming from the Antisana volcano, this massif, located in the eastern mountain range, just 1h30 from the Ecuadorian capital, is extinct. Motivated by his studies and his thirst to conquer all the volcanoes that crossed his path, the German naturalist settled, in March 1802, at the base of this captivating mountain to try to unravel its secrets. Between the taking of climatic measures, collections of plants and sketches, he undertook the ascension of the volcano and then wrote: "In the Antisana, we have been able to reach heights to which no man had climbed."

Until today, the 120 thousand hectares of this brand-new state reserve, seem to still contain remains of the Humboldt images. Its steppes of height and the multiple cliffs and ravines are the best natural scenario for the observation of Andean species and in particular of the Condor. Its landscapes, besides being considered the most impressive ones in the region, constitute an area of importance for the conservation of water resources.



Early departure from Quito to the inner buttresses of the eastern mountain range. During this day we will tour the Andean steppes in search of the most emblematic bird of the Andes. We will also look for the White-tailed Deer (*ssb sustus*), the Ecuadorian culpeo fox (*ssb reissii*) and also the Ecuadorian Hillstar hummingbird (*ssp jamesonii*), one of the hummingbirds with the highest altitudinal distribution in America. At the foot of the majestic stratovolcano, the plains of vegetation harbours also the only population of Bandurria de Collar of the country. The plant formations here alternate between tapestries of gentiana, herbaceous paramo, pads, *Polylepis* and *Pumamaqui* (*Oreopanax*) forests and wetlands from where the song of the marsupial frogs can be heard (*Gastroteca* sp.). The lagoon of the mica, at the end of the road, constitutes one of the largest water reserves for the Ecuadorian capital. Lunch will be the opportunity to observe some of the hummingbirds of height and maybe the rare spectacled bear. Return to Quito in the afternoon.

End of the Tour

Rates

Price per person (USD):

70.00usd*

*** Based on 15 participants. In case of smallest group, a distinctive rate will be applied.**

For extensions and other additional services, do not hesitate to contact us.

Rate includes

- Pick up from your hotel
- Private transport
- Specialized bilingual guide
- Lunch

Rate does not include

- Soft drinks and alcoholic drinks
- Tickets to different sites of visits
- Tips
- Personal belongings
- Transfer Charges
- TAX (12%) only for residents and Ecuadorian clients

Important

Routes may be subject to last-minute changes due to natural events or changes in domestic legislation. The visitor must take into account and accept the possibility of last minute changes in the organization of the trip. The operator reserves the right to make the necessary changes to ensure the safety and integrity of the persons and the respect to the current legislation. Hotels are indicative, subject to availability at the time of booking the circuit. If not available, a hotel of the same class will be offered

