



PUMAMAKI EXPEDITIONS, INC.

ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

TRAVEL ECUADOR



View of Equator line from atop monument

Biography

Abby Sloan, a teacher at Emerson Middle School in School District 64, Park Ridge/Niles, founded this company based on curricular integration of Spanish, the study of South America, biomes and real life experience. She has traveled worldwide for years and has found the best place where learning and adventure combined will result in a trip of a lifetime.

Global fundraising is mandatory for our trips to Ecuador. This means that all participants are required to take goods or money and deliver them to those who are less fortunate than us. In this case, it is ALDEC - The Street Children of Ecuador-Quito. On our first day in Quito, arrangements will be made to have lunch with these children and deliver our goods.

10-Day Trip Particulars

Here's what is included:

- Roundtrip airfare (U.S. - Quito)
- All accommodations at top notch hotels
- All meals (excluding beverages)
- Land transportation on Tourism buses
- Expert English-speaking guide
- All adventure activities:
 - ✓ Personally deliver goods to ALDEC
 - ✓ Whitewater rafting on the Upper Napo River
 - ✓ Tubing down the Napo River
 - ✓ Bike riding along routes with magnificent waterfalls
 - ✓ Canopying across canyons and valleys
 - ✓ Horseback riding on volcanoes
 - ✓ Touring the Amazon Basin
 - ✓ Visiting a butterfly farm
 - ✓ Viewing animals in a nature preserve center
 - ✓ Standing on the Equator
 - ✓ Taking a tram ride up 14,000 feet that overlooks Quito, the Capital of Ecuador

Here's what is NOT included:

- MANDATORY trip insurance
- Items of a personal nature (laundry, film, souvenirs, etc.)
- Departure tax of \$40.80 (subject to change)
- Tips for activity guides, driver and guide
- Beverages at meals

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Frequently Asked Questions

What's the weather like?

Since we'll be near the Equator and at an altitude of 9,200 feet, the weather is temperate; roughly upper 60's, lower 70's year-round. The Amazon Basin will be hot 80's to 90's. As we travel higher in altitude, the weather will get cooler, and is typically in the 50's.

Do I need shots?

No, you do not need any shots.

How do I pack?

Try to keep to a 35 lb maximum weight of luggage. Bring layers of clothing for the various types of weather. One suitcase or duffle bag should be sufficient. Bring a bathing suit and towel, hiking boots and water shoes. A waterproof camera is also suggested. In addition, a packing list will be provided at a future meeting.

What's the currency?

The currency is the American dollar, so there is no need to change money. ATM machines are available at various points during the trip. Visa and MasterCard are accepted at most establishments.

What is the time zone of Ecuador?

Ecuador is on Central Standard Time, the same as in Chicago.

How long is the flight?

The flight is roughly 7 hours long, with a 3-hour flight to Miami and 4-hour flight to Quito, Ecuador.

Do I need a passport?

Yes. Make sure that on your application your name is spelled exactly as it is on your passport. Also, make sure that your passport is good for 6 months beyond your trip date.

For further information, contact Abby Sloan

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