

## Extend your vacation with

### Optional 4 Days 3-Night Otavalo Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$1,149.00 USD per person, double, land only

8 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

#### **Day 15: Quito - Peguche - Otavalo**

This morning, travel north across the colorful valleys of Guayllabamba. Take in the panoramic views of the Andean moorlands on the way to Ecuador's "land of lakes." Make a stop at the Andean Instruments Museum in Peguche village. Continue on to meet local residents at lunch and enjoy indigenous music and dance. Then it's off to Otavalo, home of beautifully colored fabrics and a famous indigenous market. Try your hand at bargaining with the locals before heading to your hotel, the 300-year old historic Hacienda Pinsaqui, where the revolutionary Simon Bolivar once stayed. Learn how to make the Ecuadorian spiced drink canelazo and have the opportunity to sample this delicious beverage along with a tasty empanada. Tonight, savor a typical dinner in the charming hacienda restaurant. *Today lunch and dinner will be included.*

#### **Day 16: Otavalo- Andes Mountain Train- Salinas- San Antonio de Ibarra- Otavalo**

Today, travel to the region of Imbabura, known for towering volcanoes. Take an unforgettable train ride on the Andes Mountain Train past towering volcanoes and through spectacular Andes scenery that includes fertile valleys of fruit and sugar plantations. Arrive in Salinas and gather for lunch featuring regional specialties and Afro-Ecuadorian music and dance. Then, drive to San Antonio de Ibarra, a picturesque town famous for elaborate wood carvings and sculptures. Later, learn how to make *helados de paila* (fruit sorbet) prepared in great copper pans before sampling the treat for yourself. This evening, arrive back at your historic Andean hacienda. Or, you may choose a home-cooked dinner and homestay\* in the Karanki indigenous community of La Magdalena on the slopes of Cubilche volcano. The Karanki welcome visitors into charming guest houses so travelers can learn about their culture. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

#### **Day 17: Otavalo - La Magdalena - Quito**

Witness the extraordinary community tourism project at La Magdalena and discover how the Collette Foundation is helping to support its residents. Experience the shepherding and harvesting activities, taste the homemade cheeses and breads, and learn about their medicinal herbal teas. You will be amazed by the talented artisans who make beautiful tablecloths, breadbaskets and many other textiles. Next, venture to Condor Park, a rescue center for a variety of birds of prey, to learn about the protection of these birds. Marvel at their falconry techniques during a live demonstration. Then it's off to La Compañía Hacienda, where you'll visit greenhouses full of some of the most magnificent varieties of roses. Arrive in Quito and enjoy the city during your last night in Ecuador. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

#### **Day 18: Quito - Tour Ends**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

\*The optional homestay at La Magdalena must be pre-booked. Space is limited. Rooms are simple and have private bathrooms. Dinner is included with the homestay. Otherwise you may overnight at the Hacienda (with dinner included). Please make your decision known at the time of booking.

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times.

For more information on extensions and options for this  
tour visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/797034>

## **Machu Picchu**

**Mystical Shaman Ceremony- 4/21/2018**

**\$80 USD**

Enjoy a mystical experience that introduces you to the sacred beliefs and rituals of the ancient Peruvians, allowing you further connect with the energy that attracts so many to Peru and Machu Picchu. Shamanism is the exploration and discovery of non-material worlds and states of mind—a way of connecting with the non-physical world which involves emotional and spiritual healing. Did you know that Ancient Peruvian beliefs hold that the Mother Earth – Pachamama – is sacred? Practices of giving offerings to Pachamama are still part of daily life for many Peruvians, traditions which were passed down from Incan beliefs. The coca plant, a sacred symbol of community, spirit and respect, also plays an important role in ceremonies that are still performed today as coca leaves are believed to read the future. This enlightening experience offers you a glimpse into Peruvian history and traditions. Please note a maximum of 15 passengers is allowed for this option. No transportation required as this option is done indoors at the hotel. *Duration: Approximately 1 hour.* Please note a minimum of 5 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

## **Cuzco**

**Cuzco through the Senses- 4/23/2018**

**\$100 USD**

Come to know the colors and flavors that bring Peruvian culture to life on an adventure that is sure to dazzle your senses. Begin by discovering the pottery techniques inspired by Andean and Colonial period artwork at a local pottery studio. Roll up your sleeves and try your hand at molding or painting your own piece of art to take with you. Continue on to Café del Museo where you'll meet an expert who will share with you the intricacies of Peruvian coffee. Savor the unique aromas and flavors of the various blends and roasts popular in Peru's coffee culture. Finally, it's off to the Choco Museo to learn the secrets of Peru's world-famous chocolate. See how cacao is harvested and learn the process all the way to creating a chocolate bar. Your expert guide will share with you the history of the first hot chocolate, and why Peru, along with its neighbor Ecuador, is said to have the purest form of chocolate in the world. Then, it is time for what you've been waiting for – sample the rich, smooth chocolate for yourself. *Duration: Approximately 5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 5 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

## **Quito**



**History, Food and Culture of Quito -  
5/1/2018**

**\$150 USD**

Spend the day in one of South America's best preserved Spanish colonial cities, and one of the most important UNESCO sites in the Americas. Your tour starts in the modern part of the city, where you'll visit the Central Bank Museum. Learn about the first inhabitants of what is now Ecuador and admire contemporary paintings and modern art. Then head to the Old Town to view the eclectic architecture of Spanish yesteryear. Admire the facades on the churches and private residences, the balconies and structures built over the last five centuries. Then it's time to gear up your taste buds and roll up your sleeves to help prepare a traditional Ecuadorian lunch. Learn how to make Ecuadorian ceviche and homemade bread, among other specialties. Once it's finished, enjoy a delicious meal together. Then make your way to the historic San Agustin Convent, where the Act of Independence was signed during the Revolution in the 17th century. Finish your tour by meeting artisans who craft Ecuadorian chocolate and coffee, and makers of the iconic Panamanian hat, which actually originates in Ecuador. *Duration: Approximately 6 hours.* Please note a minimum of 4 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

## Air Upgrades

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† Full credit is valid for travel within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months and the entire credit expires after 24 months.