

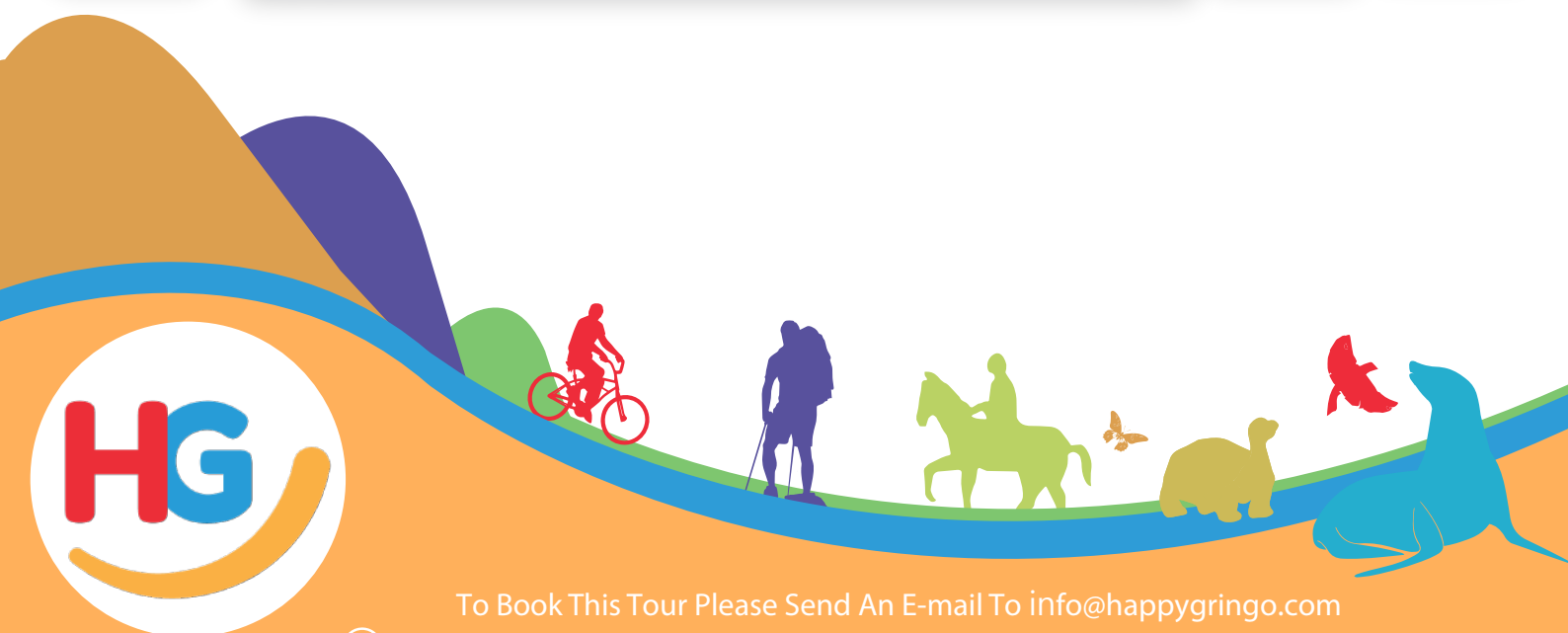


Rural Ecuador



RURAL ECUADOR TOUR: DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

| Day | Description | Meals | Spanish Speaking Driver or English Speaking Guide |
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| 1 | <p>Isinlivi - Departing Quito in the morning you will be transported down the Avenue of the Volcanoes with spectacular views along the way on a clear day. We then head up into the mountains to the small rural village of Isinlivi where clean air and beautiful views are the norm. We will take you to visit the local cheese factory (of course you can sample the delicious cheese too! NOTE: NO ENGLISH GUIDES ARE AVAILABLE HERE) with an optional pleasant stroll through the countryside back to the hostel afterwards. You can also visit the Don Bosco woodwork project, explore the village yourselves or enjoy a short hike in the area (maps available at the hostel).</p> | LD | ESG |
| 2 | <p>Community visits - Today we get you fully immersed in local village life. Pre-arranged transport will take you to the 98% indigenous village of Malingua Pamba where you will visit the local school to spend some time with the kids, they love to learn some words in English! Afterwards you will visit a local family in their home and learn about their customs, traditions and life high up in the Andes. All proceeds from this daytrip go to the local school, the family and your driver; it is also possible for you to directly donate a food package, used clothes or school utensils if you wish. In the evening the hostel sauna will be heated up and available for your use. NOTE - THESE VISITS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE MON-FRI, NOT WEEKENDS. THE VOLUNTEER IS NOT A FORMAL GUIDE BUT CAN HELP YOU WITH THE VISITS.</p> | BLD | ESG |



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| 3 | <p>Quilotoa + Tigua - After breakfast we will drive to the famous Quilotoa crater lake which will literally take your breath away! An emerald green laguna inside the crater of an extinct volcano with steep jagged cliffs and views straight down the entire Avenue of the Volcanoes! It is possible to trek into the crater to the lake shore (with optional mule ride out for those with tired limbs), and there are handicrafts for sale at the local Quilotoa market too. Leaving Quilotoa behind there are many spectacular views of this area which is sometimes referred to as the Grand Canyon of Ecuador. There is also time for an interesting stop at the Tigua art workshop to meet the Toaquiza family and admire some impressive local artwork with impressions of life in the Andes.</p> | B | SSD |



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RURAL ECUADOR TOUR / INCLUSIONS - EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions:

- ✓ Driver / Guide as listed in itinerary.
- ✓ 2 nights accommodation in double / twin (comfortable rooms at the popular Llullu Llama Hostal)
- ✓ Local volunteer guide at all community visits on day 1 & 2
- ✓ Meals as listed in itinerary
- ✓ Activities as listed in itinerary
- ✓ Donation to the family and school

Exclusions:

- ✗ Single supplement (applies for a single room for somebody travelling within a group). If you are travelling alone then please ask our staff for a solo traveller price quote.
- ✗ English speaking guide at cheese factory
- ✗ Pickup / dropoff at airport or in Quito valley area (this service costs extra)
- ✗ Personal Expenses
- ✗ Entrance fee to Quilotoa
- ✗ Tips

This program can be adapted to your personal needs - just let us if you would like to make any changes, we'll be happy to help!

NOTE: Licensed English-speaking guides are more expensive per day than Spanish-speaking drivers. For that reason this tour has a mix of both included, in order to balance trip cost with service level for you. Of course the mix is lexible, so if you would like to make changes then just let us know.



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