

Cotopaxi 3 day/2 night Package Deal

Free private shuttle to the hostel, departing The Secret Garden Quito at 10am daily. If you're coming from the South (Baños etc) we can also pick you up in Machachi at around 11am. You'll arrive in time for a welcoming mulled wine by the fire before lunch. In the afternoon, a 2 hour guided trek up through the beautiful cloud forest to some spectacular waterfalls. The hostel is surrounded by high altitude orchids and hummingbirds, and you have the option to jump in to the very "refreshing" stream!

All meals - great food and plenty of it. Snacks by the fire before dinner, unlimited portions of our famous banana cake, free tea, freshly brewed coffee, drinking water and more.

Free use of our **Heated Jacuzzi** and Sunroom – 24/7

A spare day to enjoy as you wish Take our Cotopaxi National Park tour with a trek up to the climbers refuge at 4800m and a bit of mountain biking, go Horse-riding across spectacular high Andean plains, or just relax in a hammock with a good book. *Tours/Activities on this day are not included in the package deal price – see our website [activities page](#) for full details and prices.

FREE - The Pasochoa day trek This extinct volcano last erupted more than 100,000 years ago, well before the last ice age ended. However the fertile soil, remote location, and difficult access mean that it remains relatively untouched and is now home to some of the most beautiful and ancient forest in the Andes. Rated one of the best treks in Ecuador, we have our own private trail through a private ecological reserve. We trek through primary cloud forest and across the high Paramo grasslands to the summit at 4200m. The mountain is home to Puma, Spectacled Bears, Andean Wolves and more. These animals are rarely seen, but we do occasionally see condors inside the crater. Approx 5 hour return trip with friendly guides, snacks and drinks and a late lunch waiting for you back at the hostel. This day trek is included free in the price.

Late departure on your last day You'll need to check out of you room by 10am, but you are welcome to stay for lunch. Most guests head off at around 3pm.

the prices, per person ...	3 day/2 night deal	add an extra night
<u>Mixed dorm with fireplace</u>	\$88 pp	\$38 pp
<u>Hobbit Home*</u>	\$105 pp	\$44 pp
<u>Private Cabaña*</u> w private bathroom & fireplace	\$115 pp	\$49 pp
(*min 2, max 3 pax. Single Supplement – add 50% to pp price)		incl all meals

What's not included:

- Alcohol & cola
- Any guided/organised activity on your spare day
 - Transport to your next destination – see next page for cheap easy options

Getting to your next destination

All our day trips return by around 1.30pm, so you can do any activity on your last day. Lunch on your last day is always included in the price. Guests often prefer to do the Pasocha trek on their last day, but regardless of what you are doing, you are welcome to take a shower, enjoy lunch etc, before heading off. Most guests leave at around 2.30pm – this enables you to reach Quito, Baños or even Quilotoa by around dinner time that evening.

When you leave the hostel, you will need to get a private shuttle to Machachi (approx. 1 hr). In Machachi, the driver will help you catch the correct bus to your next destination – eg Quito or Latacunga - \$1/1hr, Baños – approx. \$3-\$4 - 2 ½ hrs.

A shuttle to Machachi costs \$15 (total, not per person) and we can arrange this anytime 24/7. Most guests leave at around 2.30pm. There are usually more than 5 guests leaving at this time, so the drivers charge \$3 pp.

We have shuttles that seat up to 10 guests, so it is often quite cheap to share a shuttle all the way, door-to-door, to your next destination. Quito costs \$40 (so for example if there were 8 guests sharing they would pay \$5 each) and Baños costs \$80 (eg \$10 pp if there are 8 sharing). A shuttle direct to the airport takes approx. 2 ½ hours and costs \$60.

At snack time, 5pm each evening, the manager will organise/co-ordinate transport for people who are leaving the next day. Guests decide amongst themselves if they want to share shuttles just to Machachi or all the way to their next destination. These fares are paid direct to the drivers.