

We run a direct shuttle transfer service to The Secret Garden Cotopaxi - free under the Package Deal. We depart Quito at 10am daily, pass through Machachi at about 11am, and reach the hostel about midday, in time for lunch. Alternatively we can arrange a private transport any time for \$40 per vehicle from Quito to SG Cotopaxi, or \$15 per vehicle for the 1 hour journey from Machachi (on the Panamericana) to SG Cotopaxi. There are buses running from Machachi that can drop you at the end of our driveway but these are infrequent, no set timetable, not very reliable, and you would then need to walk 3km down our driveway from the main road.

The shuttle from Quito or Machachi is free under our our [3 DAY/2 NIGHT PACKAGE DEAL](#) , otherwise \$5 per person

Please let us know how you will be getting to the hostel. Would you like us to reserve you a seat on the shuttle?

If you book the shuttle from Quito....

Our shuttle leaves The Secret Garden Quito at 10am every day. The address is Antepara E4-60 y Los Rios, San Blas, Quito (tel 2956 704). Please try to be there by about 9.45am, and don't hesitate to phone if you have any problems. If you arrive early you are welcome to head up to our rooftop terrace to enjoy spectacular views of Quito Old Town and free tea, coffee and high speed wi-fi. We offer free baggage storage while you wait and we also serve a great breakfast at very reasonable prices.

(Check out [The Secret Garden Quito rooms & prices](#) if you need a reservation at SG Quito.)

If you book the shuttle from Machachi....

Our shuttle passes through Machachi at approx 10.45 - 11am. In Machachi - one of our drivers will meet you at "The Horse Statue" (Estatua del Caballo). This is a statue of a horse and rider in a small plaza with a fountain/water feature, next to a bus stop.

Coming up from Baños or Latacunga or anywhere South, you **must** catch a bus going to Quito but tell them you will be getting off at Machachi. **Do not** catch a bus going to central Machachi as this will not go past the horse statue. As you approach Machachi the bus will stop at a toll booth. Approx 3 - 4 minutes later you will see a Red/Orange "X-Primax" Petrol Station/Gasolinera on your right hand side and a big pedestrian footbridge going over the highway. There are traffic lights just past the footbridge. Get off at these traffic lights and you will see the Horse Statue on your right.

By Private Vehicle...

You first need to get to Machachi, and then...

From Machachi....

By Private Vehicle the road is drivable but a bit rough unless you have a 4WD or a vehicle with good clearance - eg Vitara or Hyundai Tucson is fine. You can make it in a normal sedan, but you will have to drive very slowly/carefully in places to avoid damaging under your car. Secret Garden Cotopaxi is marked on most on-line maps, these are reasonably accurate see [Google map to SG Cotopaxi](#). You **must** enter at Machachi, drive through to the back left corner of town, and follow signs towards Parque Nacional Cotopaxi. After about 20 to 30 minutes, at the village of Santa Ana del Pedregal, there is a "Y" intersection. Stay on the road to your left (do not turn right as this will take you into the national park). About 3 minutes later you will see our sign at the entrance to our driveway on your left. From here it is a 3km drive down our driveway. It can be a bit rough and bumpy, but you'll be fine!

Please feel free to phone us at SG Cotopaxi any time on 099 35 72 714 and we can help to sort your transport. Alternatively you can phone our driver direct - Arturo Sanchez on 095 995 8829.