

ECUADOR (21 DAYS)



THE EXPEDITION COST WOULD INCLUDE:

- International Flights
- Two expedition leaders (unique to VF)
- Two school leaders (funded)
- 24/7 Operations Room support
- International communications package
e.g. Sat Phone, PLB, in-country mobile
- All in-country activities e.g. Mt Cotopaxi Trek, Jungle experience, community project, white water rafting etc.
- In-country agent support and tips
- All in-country food and accommodation
- One UK based training weekend
- Team t-shirts
- All in-country travel
- Comprehensive travel insurance
- Heavy Duty Travel Bag

THE EXPEDITION COST WOULD NOT INCLUDE:

- Vaccinations + visas for students and teachers
- UK based travel
- Personal Equipment for students and teachers
- Personal spending money for gifts

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EXPEDITION CONTENT

The final itinerary will be developed through discussion with the School/College. We plan all of our expeditions bespoke so you really can choose what you would like to do. We can provide ideas to make it as exciting as possible. As a minimum, we would recommend the following:

COMMUNITY PROJECT

Our interactive community project will take place in the small village of Agato set high in the Andes and close to Otovalo, famous for its markets. The location affords perfect acclimatisation for the trekking phase around Mt Cotopaxi.

Community Project: Venture Force Ethos

“At Venture Force we pride ourselves on our community projects and believe that each and every project, no matter how long, should be both worthwhile for both our teams and the host community. We want our projects to be sustainable and last beyond the expedition; we never deliver just a lick of paint and a smile!

We work hard with our in-country agents to ensure that projects deal with the real life issues for the host community; tackling what they deem as important issues and not what we perceive to be their needs as these are often two completely different things.”

WHALE WATCHING AND ISLA DE LA PLATA

Puerto Lopez, a beautiful Pacific Ocean fishing town is perfectly located for the annual migration of hump back whales to warmer waters in north. Directly adjacent to the village and within a short boat ride is the Isla de la Plata, affectionately known as the poor man’s Galapagos. The island is home to many species of sea birds such as the Grey and Blue footed Boobies, not to mention hundreds and seal and sea lions. Our team will be perfectly placed to watch the whales en-route to the Island.

MOUNTAIN TREK

Mt Cotopaxi forms part of the valley of fire – a chain of Volcanoes that extends the length of this marvelous country. Teams would trek around the base of the stunning volcano, over varying terrain and through many historic Inca ruins before the climax of the trek, an ascent to 5000m and the base of the mighty mountain’s snow encrusted peak. Views to take your breath away!

‘DEVIL’S NOSE’ RAILWAY

Riobamba is a small town in the central region of Ecuador and famous for its wonderful rail line. A short but very interesting section of an old line still remains and involves the dramatic descent through numerous complicated and breathless switch backs. Well worth a visit.

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EXAMPLE ITINERARY (21 DAYS)

| Day | Activity |
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| Day One | Flights from UK to Quito |
| Day Two | Flights from UK to Quito |
| Day Three | Acclimatise Quito and prepare for expedition |
| Day Four | Travel to Otovalo from Quito |
| Day Five | Experience Otavalo Market and prepare for project |
| Day Six | Community Project |
| Day Seven | Community Project |
| Day Eight | Community Project |
| Day Nine | Travel to Quito from Otavalo |
| Day Ten | Travel to Cotopaxi National Park |
| Day Eleven | Trek Day One - Cotopaxi National Park |
| Day Twelve | Trek Day Two - Cotopaxi National Park |
| Day Thirteen | Trek Day Three - Cotopaxi National Park |
| Day Fourteen | Trek Day Four - Cotopaxi National Park |
| Day Fifteen | Travel to Riobamba |
| Day Sixteen | Devils Nose Train Ride |
| Day Seventeen | Travel to Puerto Lopez |
| Day Eighteen | Whale watching and Isla de La Plata (poor mans Galapagos) |
| Day Nineteen | Relaxation at Puerto Lopez |
| Day Twenty | Travel from Puerto Lopez to Guayaquil for flights |
| Day Twenty One | Arrive in UK |

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