



YANAPUMA SPANISH SCHOOL

Study and Travel



Program: Ruta de los Volcanes

This "Study and Travel" program is for the active student. It will take you down the stunning "Avenue of the Volcanoes," the spine of the Andes with its snow-capped volcanic peaks and craters. This adventure includes hiking, rafting, and exploring the impressive natural and cultural diversity of this region.

The program starts on Monday morning with a bus ride with your teacher to the spectacular Quilotoa crater lake. Here you can hike around or down to the turquoise lake. Then you move on to the vibrant cloud forest town of Baños beneath the active volcano Tungurahua with opportunities for horseback or bicycle tours. Next stop is the traditional, colonial town of Riobamba with its cobbled streets and historic buildings and churches. From here you will take a trip to the Chimborazo reserve for a guided tour, after which you will hike above the snowline of the volcano to the refuge. Then you will descend on bicycles for 38 km. Alternatively you can choose an excursion on the Devil's Nose Train ride.

Included in the program are 4 nights of accommodation with breakfast and lunch and all activities and transport, as well as classes. The program ends on Friday after classes in the morning. You can then arrange to stay on to take the renowned "Devil's Nose" train ride, and arrange additional activities over the weekend so that you can continue on the "Cuenca Cultural" Study and Travel program the following week.

Optional activities once classes finish on Friday are:

- The Devil's Nose train ride on Saturday
- Visits to small towns around Riobamba
- Climb to the summit of Chimborazo (for the very fit!)

Itinerary

Day 1: Monday

Travel by bus to Quilotoa taking classes on the way. Hike down to the lake or around the rim, buy locally produced paintings or crafts. Spend the night in Quilotoa community hostel.

Day 2: Tuesday

Travel by bus to Baños taking classes on the way or in the afternoon or evening as per personal preference. Explore Baños and/or ride up the mountain to watch the volcano glowing in the dark.

Day 3: Wednesday

Start out at 7.00 am to go white-water rafting or canyoning, followed by classes in the afternoon. Later on you will set out for Riobamba.

Day 4: Thursday

Set out at 7.00 am to drive through the *Reserva Faunística Chimborazo* for a guided tour to the snowline and refuge. Afterwards downhill cycling for 35km around the volcano. Classes in the afternoon. OPTION: Devil's Nose train ride—take bus to Alausi to meet the train.

Day 5: Friday

Classes in the morning. The program ends after classes and lunch.

NOTE- Activities will vary according to student's preference.

Notes:

The program includes:

- Mix of formal and informal classes (Spanish Immersion) according to daily activity
- All transport by bus and return bus to Quito or an extra night's accommodation
- Entrance fees
- 4 or 5 nights accommodation (see above)
- Breakfast and lunch

Not Included:

- Dinner (from about \$4 upwards)
- Drinks
- Personal spending or additional activities not included in the program outlined above

What to bring:

- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- A sun hat is recommended
- Warm clothing for the evenings and higher altitudes

Ruta de los Volcanes Cost:

1 Student : 1 Teacher \$665.00

2 Students : 1 Teacher \$ 575.00