



LATIN AMERICA Concert Tours



Ecuador Tour

Quito, Otavalo, Cotopaxi,
Riobamba and Cuenca

Suggested Itinerary
8-Day / 7-Night Program



SUGGESTED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your concert and rehearsal schedule. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules.

ALL MUSIC ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 USA – Quito

Morning Fly to Quito, Ecuador, via major scheduled airline.

Afternoon Arrive at Quito International Airport.

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Latin America Concert Tours' Tour Manager**. Our Tour Managers are selected for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction.

For the next week, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Transfer by private air-conditioned motorcoach to your hotel for check in.

Quito, the capital of Ecuador, presents a wonderful mix of a modern city with colonial era constructions. Temples, monasteries and mansion from the 16th and 17th century are part of this great urban destination.

Evening **Welcome Dinner** at a nice restaurant.

Day 2 Quito

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

City Sightseeing Tour



Quito Skyline



Iglesia Santo Domingo



National Basilica

We will start the tour in the 'old town', visiting the **Independence Plaza**, surrounded by historical buildings like the **Basilica, Presidential Palace, and Municipal Building**. There you will also appreciate the first religious building constructed in South America by the Spanish: the **Church of San Francisco**.

We will also go to the famous **Church of the Society of Jesus**, an ornate Jesuit building with a colonial Baroque design.

Later, we will visit **El Panecillo**, a volcanic hill with an incredible view of the city, where we will be able to examine the **"Virgin of Quito" statue**.

Finally, we will be transferred to the modern part of Quito, specifically to **"La Carolina" city park**, in order to visit the botanical garden of Quito, and finishing with a drive through the residential neighborhoods in this part of the city.

Afternoon

Transfer back to your hotel. Rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 1



Day 3

Otavalo

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon

Otavalo - Full-Day Tour



Depart Quito after breakfast and visit **Cochasqui**, considered the most important archaeological site in Ecuador's Northern Andes. Explore the ruins of pre-Incan pyramids, used in the religious ceremonies of Caranqui Indians.

Continue your journey to Otavalo, explore the famous market to see the colorful textiles and learn about the rich history and culture of the area.

After a morning of shopping and discovery, we will visit the attractive nearby towns of **Cotacachi** and **Peguche**.

Time for lunch before returning back to Quito.

Evening Dinner on own.

Day 4 Quito

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning **"Middle of the World" excursion**



We will drive 25 km. north to **"Mitad del Mundo"** (literally middle of the world) where the Equatorial Line Monument is located. At this point the North and South hemispheres meet, and you can stand with one foot in each half of the planet!

Afternoon Return to Quito. Free time for lunch and to explore the city before your concert.

Evening **CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 2**



Day 5 Cotopaxi - Riobamba

Morning Breakfast at Hotel and check out.

Transfer to Cotopaxi National Park.

Morning & Afternoon

Cotopaxi National Park excursion



We will be driven south of Quito through the famous avenue of the volcanoes, on our way to the Cotopaxi National Park.

Once in the park we will visit the **museum**, the **'Limpio Pungo'** Lagoon, Inca ruins called **'El Salitre'**, and we will stop for lunch at a mountain refugee with an amazing view of the world's highest active volcano. The park is also home to a wide variety of local wildlife including wild horses, llamas and the elusive Andean Condor.

After Lunch we will continue our way to Riobamba.

Riobamba is a charming city located in the heart of the central highlands, where you will be able to enjoy its picturesque parks, museums and 18th century churches.

Arrive and check in at hotel.

Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 3



Day 6

Riobamba - Cuenca

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

Devil's Nose Full-day Tour



Check out of hotel and transfer to the Riobamba Train Station where you will start the seven hours ride through the Andes towards the town of **Alausi**, visiting the famous **Devil's Nose**.

Afternoon

Ingapirca Inca Ruins



After the train ride we will visit the **Ingapirca Inca Ruins**, the biggest Inca archaeological complex in Ecuador that dates from the XV and XVI centuries.

Transfer to your hotel in Cuenca and check in.

Day 7

Cuenca

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Cuenca, consider by the locals "the most beautiful city in Ecuador" was declared a World Heritage Site by the Unesco.

Morning

Cuenca City Tour



Blue Church



**Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception**



Panama Hats

First we will start the tour of the city of Cuenca by visiting the **Calderon Park**, where you will appreciate the **new neo-gothic cathedral**, built in 1880, with its distinctive blue dome that dominates Cuenca's skyline. Right across is the **old cathedral**, built by the Spanish in 1557, the year the city was founded.

Afterward, we will stop at the **Cañari-Incas ruins** at Pumapungo and then explore the **City Museum**.

Later you will have the opportunity to visit a **Panama hat factory**. Ironically, Panama hats hail from Cuenca, not Panama.

Afternoon

Free time to explore the city before you last concert.

Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 4



Farewell Dinner at a restaurant. Toast the conclusion of a great trip!

Day 8 Cuenca – Flights

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out from hotel.

Transfer by your private motorcoach to the Airport for your return flight home, or to start your **extension tour** to the **Galapagos Islands**.

Evening Arrive back in the U.S.

Your Music Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA – Ecuador round-trip.
- One way transfer Quito/ Riobamba and Alausi / Cuenca by private motorcoach.
- One way transfer Riobamba / Alausi by train.
- Airport / Hotel round-trip transfers by private motorcoach.
- Four nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Quito with daily breakfast.
- One night at a Three-Star Hotel in Riobamba with daily breakfast.
- Two nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Cuenca with daily breakfast.
- Welcome and Farewell Dinners at restaurants serving traditional local dishes.
- Quito City Sightseeing Tour with bilingual guide.
- Otavalo Full-Day Tour
- Middle of the World excursion
- Cotopaxi National Park excursion
- Devil's Nose excursion
- Ingapirca Inca Ruins visit
- Cuenca City Sightseeing Tour with bilingual guide.
- **Latin America Concert Tours'** Tour Manager available for scheduled activities and 24/7 access in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from our **Latin America Concert Tours'** Operations Office.

Summary of Included Meals:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 2 Dinners

PERFORMANCE COMPONENT:

- **Organization of 4 Concerts.**
- **Pre-Concert Sound Check and/or Rehearsal.**
- **One Bottle of Water per performer per concert.**
- **Hotel – Concert Venue round-trip transfers by private motorcoach.**
- **Concert Publicity utilizing our "Larger Audiences" Promotion Program.**

FREE Ensemble Director Tour Included:

- One **FREE Ensemble Director's** trip is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Tour leader would share twin room with a paying traveler and pay only taxes/fees.

Not Included:

- Drinks at Dinners
- Tips for Tour Manager, Tour Guides, and Bus Drivers
- Passports and visas for non-US passport holders (if necessary).
- Personal expenses, such as phone calls and personal laundry.
- Increases in air taxes / fees / fuel surcharge beyond those stated below.
- Anything not noted in the above list of inclusions