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CUENCA TOUR 4D/3N

DAY 1: Arrival to Cuenca's airport (from Quito or Guayaquil) and transfer to the Hotel. City Tour with lunch en route.

Cuenca was designated **Cultural Patrimony of Humanity** by UNESCO on December 1, 1999. The city's cobblestone streets, towering cathedrals, and marble and whitewashed buildings give it a colonial air unequaled in Ecuador. Visit the most important museums and churches in Cuenca, usually starting with the **Banco Central** and **Las Conceptas**. Later we visit the nearby village of **San Joaquin**, a parish of artisans dedicated to basket making, and then onto the thermal pools of **Baños**.

We will stop to have lunch a local restaurant. In the afternoon we will visit various shops in the center of town, including a ceramic factory and a hat factory, both places where you can make purchases.

On the way back to the hotel we make a trip through the city to admire the colonial churches and parks. And finally we stop at '**Mirador El Turi**', a lookout that commands a spectacular panoramic view of the city. Then we'll return to the hotel.

DAY 2: Depart from Cuenca to drive to **Gualaceo**, an important market town (biggest on Sunday), where you can observe the abundance of gold work, silver work, tapestries, ceramics panama hats, and wood carvings all in the setting of the beautiful and friendly countryside. We continue our tour to **Chordeleg**, located a few kilometers from Gualaceo. Chordeleg is famous for the fine filigree work with silver and gold and also for its textiles. We will stop to have lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch, we will visit **Sígsig**, another artisan town characterized by their tapestries and fruit marmalades that are made by an organization of women farmers of the area. After tour, return to the hotel.

DAY 3: Experience the Ecuador high country in the above-tree line tundra of **El Cajas** National Reserve (only 45 minutes from Cuenca). The area is also for trout production for national consumption in many trout farms, since the natural pure cold streams afford natural habitat for rainbow trout. The city of Cuenca gets some of its water from El Cajas springs and is said to be the finest water in all of the Americas. Here where we can observe the natural beauties of the park, such as the mountains, lakes, forests and fields. Lunch will be in a nice restaurant, which is located into a farm where you will be able to observe the active fish in the region. If a visit to the garden of the **Virgen del Cajas** is desired, it can be arranged. Return to Cuenca to board plane to go back to Quito or Guayaquil.

DAY 4: FREE DAY

American breakfasts included and transfer out from the hotel to the airport.



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Services include:

- Three nights of lodging in Alcazar Inn and/or Santa Lucia - double accommodations (Hotels may change).
- Three American breakfasts + taxes of law including
- Two transfers IN/OUT Airport/ Hotel/ Airport
- Three lunches and/or typical lunch in each zone
- Three excursions: Full Day **City Tour, Gualaceo - Chordeleg - Sigsig and El Cajas**
- El Cajas National Park Entrance Fee
- Entrance to the Museum of the Conceptas and Central Bank (in city tour)
- Bilingual Specialized Guide
- Customized Attention
- Private Transportation
- Hotel Check-out: 14h00PM

IT DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Roundtrip air ticket from Quito or Guayaquil to Cuenca
- Tips
- Spirit (alcoholic) and soft drinks (like sodas, etc.)
- Souvenirs and any other non-specified service.