



## The Adventure

Ecuador, Jewel of the Andes, presents a relatively untraveled paradise for the beginning climber. In eleven days, we will attempt to summit two of Ecuador's highest peaks: Cotopaxi (19,347ft/5,897m), and Cayambe (18,996ft/5,790m). Great effort is required to summit all three of these in a relatively short period of time, yet it provides the beginning climber a definitive place to test altitude and fitness limits.

Cayambe offers heavily crevassed glaciated slopes while its notoriously changeable weather provides its own challenges. Cotopaxi, reputed by some to be the world's highest active volcano, is beautifully symmetrical and heavily glaciated. With this amount of varied climbing and high altitude, our Ecuador expedition promises a challenging and rewarding experience. This program of two high altitude ascents is unsurpassed for those interested in a unique climbing experience. Ecuador is such an interesting country and near perfect for the aspiring climber with its wealth of challenging high-altitude climbs.

## Trip Dates:

- January 13 – 23, 2011
- May 28 – June 7, 2011
- November 12 – 22, 2011
- January 21 – 31, 2012

\* Private departures available upon request

## Notes:

Difficulty level 5 of 6  
Minimum age 16

# Volcanoes of Ecuador- 11 Day Cayambe & Cotopaxi



## Daily Itinerary

**Day 1-2:** Arrive into Quito and met by your guide. You will transfer to your hotel for a night of relaxing. The following morning you will have a city tour of Quito and a chance to discover this amazing cities historic significance. In the evening we will have a gear review and final brief.

**Day 3-4:** We will begin our acclimatization process by climbing the local peaks of Pichincha and Pasachoa with an overnight at Hacienda La Carriona.

**Day 5-7:** We will transfer from La Corriona to the Cayambe Hut and glacier school with crevasse rescue scenarios and ice travel. We will overnight at the Cayambe Hut. With an early start we will summit Cayambe at 18,996 feet. After our summit we will return to the Cayambe Hut to gather our equipment before transferring to Hacienda Cusin.

**Day 8-10:** In the morning we will transfer to Tambopaxi the only eco-lodge and acclimatization center situated at 12,300 feet. After a night at the lodge we will move up to Jose Ribas refuge where we will stage for our summit attempt. We will depart early in the morning for the summit and return back to Quito for a well deserved shower and celebration dinner.

**Day 11:** Depart home.

## Inclusions

- Private guide throughout
- All group climbing gear
- Meals while climbing
- All meals at Haciendas and Cabins
- Three nights in Quito (5 Star)
- All hut fees
- (2) nights at Hacienda Carriona
- (1) night at Hacienda Cusin
- (1) night at Hacienda La Umbria
- 3:1 guide ratio