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# ECUADOR WITH NEW VIEW TOURS MOUNTAINS IN THE SUN

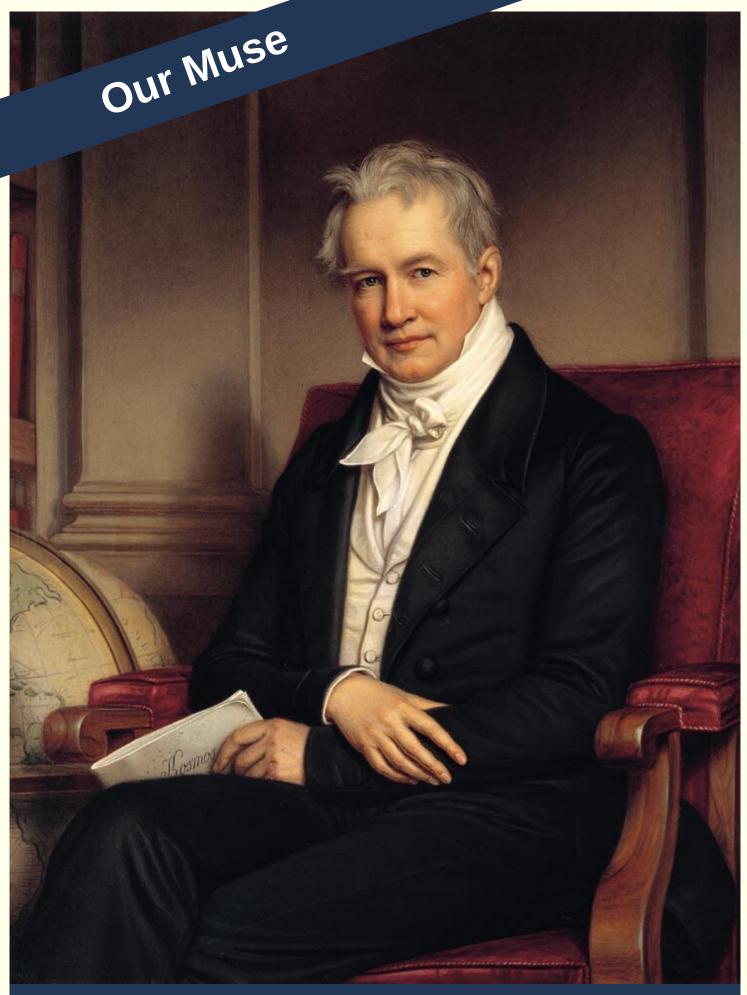
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#### LAS PALMERAS INN

Spectacular landscapes throughout the High Sierra region of the Andes Mountains dazzle in Ecuador. With multiple volcanic peaks, many snow-capped year-around, vistas inspire travelers to explore – right on the equator. Join us to visit anew three destinations over 10 days. Find hospitality, excellent English speaking guides, beautifully appointed accommodation, delicious food enhanced by local gardens, and the warmth of hacienda living in this country of distinct and diverse ecosystems.

An 18th-century scientist and explorer is our muse, throughout this customized journey. The German explorer and naturalist Alexander von Humboldt spent four years in South America measuring temperatures, collecting botanical samples, and recording in meticulous detail the diversity of species. In his footsteps came American Hudson River School painter Frederic Church, on the hunt for the most dramatic landscapes he could find.



THE GERMAN EXPLORE AND NATURALIST ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT (1769-1859)



#### LAS PALMERAS INN

We commence in Otavalo, at Las Palmeras Inn, in the pueblo of Quichinche outside the bustle of this growing town. Enjoy the comfort of small private guesthouses nestled within a lush garden landscape. Daily tours explore neighboring villages and visit the market place known as the Plaza del Ponchos, world-renowned for its local craftsmanship. Join for as much hiking as you like — all trails leave you invigorated by the breathtaking views. Horseback riding can be scheduled for those desiring an alternative approach to the mountain terrain.

\*\*Ask us for a free copy of Nan, a bi-lingual magazine which details a new look at von Humboldt's routes and discoveries, 250 years after his birth\*\*



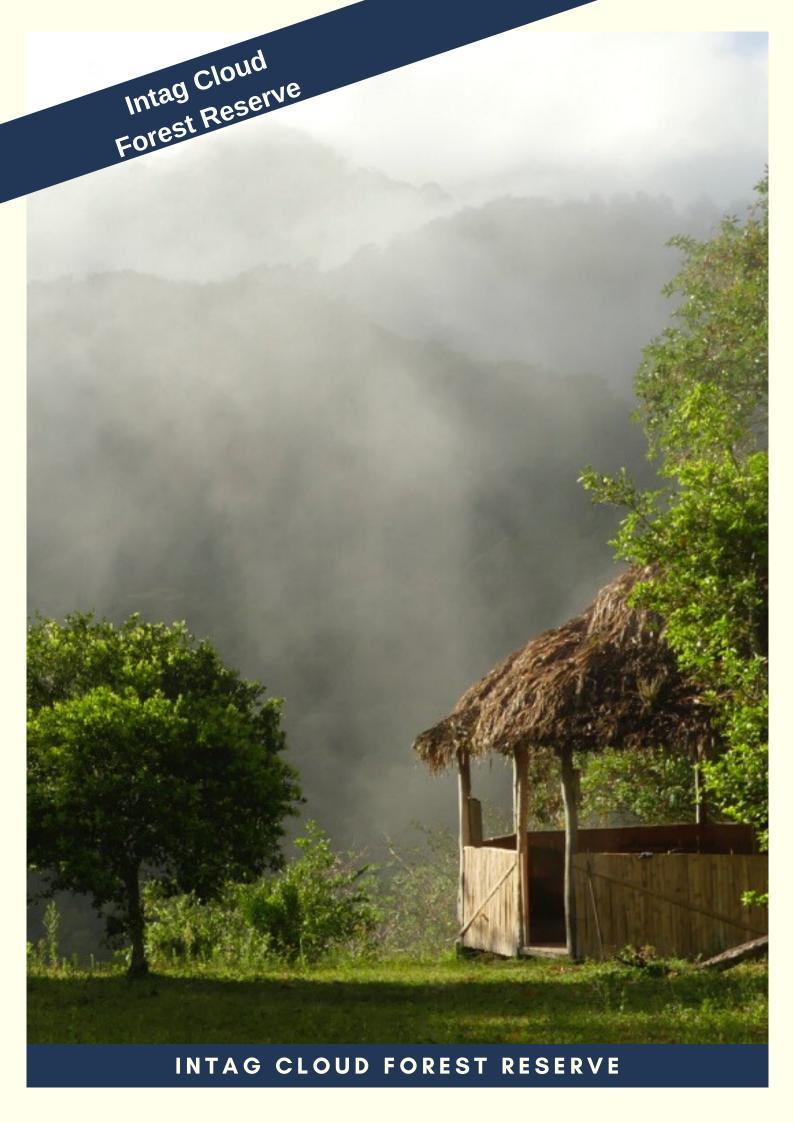
At nearby Cuicocha lake, we discover volcanic cones that rose from the earth's molten core to became islands that appear to float in the water in the form of guinea pigs – or at least that's how locals see the formations in these pillars of rock. Then we take time to drive up to the raptor preserve, where eagles, hawks, and owls soar in a flight demonstration.

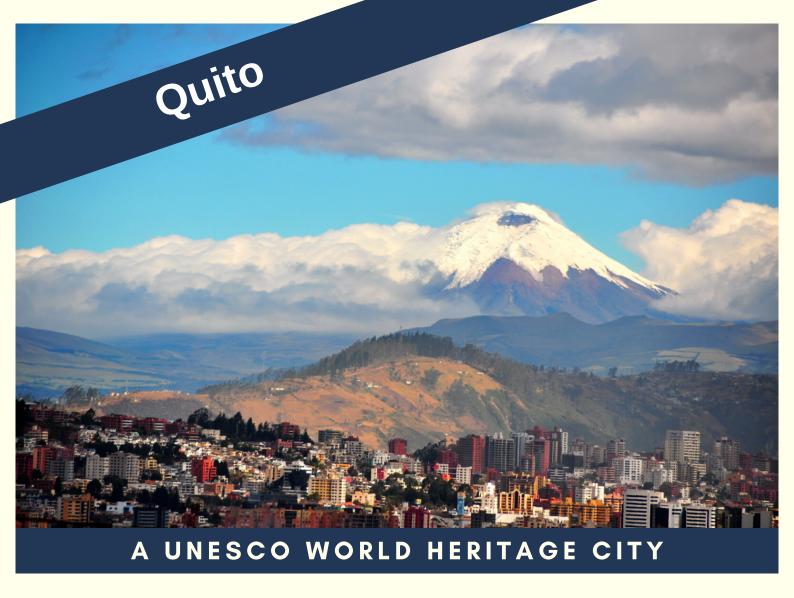
In recent years, retired Americans have discovered the charm of leather village Cotacachi – we benefit, as now restaurants abound! A stop at a weaver's studio reveals back strap looms still in operation. Then it's on to a musician's home and a wood carver's workshop.



Following a transfer north and west, passing the dormant volcanic mountain of Cotacachi, we arrive at a naturalist's paradise for bird watching and hiking, the El Refugio Lodge in the Intag Cloud Forest Reserve.

There we find a completely new unique ecosystem. Exploring this mountainous terrain, we'll visit a shadegrown coffee plantation and soak up the healing properties of nearby natural hot springs — and we won't miss the beautiful sisal weavings, coming to life in the deft hands of local craft workers.





To retreat from the bustle of Quito, a Unesco World Heritage city celebrated for its monuments, museums, and stunning churches, we suggest Casa Aliso, a guesthouse in a restored home in the finer contemporary section of the thriving metropolis.

#### **Yoga to Greet the Day**

Our curated experience provides plenty of opportunities for both group activities and alone time for personal exploration. One consistency: Just about every day is welcomed with yoga. A gentle class for all abilities following the style of Berkshire health and yoga retreat Kripalu is offered most mornings by Michael Pulitzer.



#### **Add-On: Galapagos**

A tour of the Galapagos Islands is within reach. Just a two-hour flight from Quito, a four-to-seven night cruise provides the perfect opportunity to see the complex life forms and endangered creatures that call this region home. Contact us for a quote.

## Travel Days

#### January 2020

Cost is \$2,040 per person; \$2,500 single occupancy, for 10 days.

Want to chat about various options? Your best dates to travel?
Just give us a call.

#### **Required Fitness**

Travelers need to be in good health and able to walk distances and port their own luggage through transit hubs.

A detailed itinerary is available upon request.

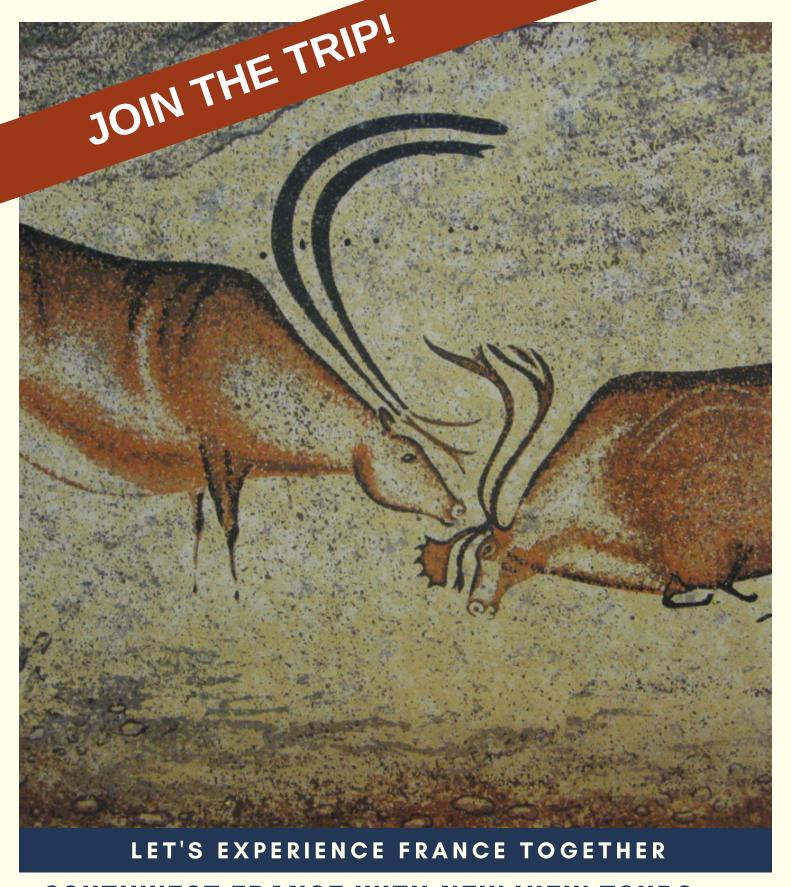


# NORTHERN SPAIN WITH NEW VIEW TOURS SPAIN'S BASQUE COUNTRY

#### OCTOBER 2020

Tastebuds first is how we dive into a tour of Northern Spain's Basque country. San Sebastian is among the vibrant historic gems on our list, and Kyoto is the only city in the world to have more Michelin stars per square foot than this Basque seaside town — that's 18 stars and counting! From carefully preserved medieval villages to breath-taking coastal trails, let's explore the Basque country together. Contact us for a quote.

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