



SAGE Daily Itinerary Culture & Ecology of Ecuador

June 8 – 21, 2009

**Please note that trip itinerary is subject to change*

Date	Activity	Evening Location
Mon, June 8	Morning: Depart from your home airport Afternoon: Meet in Houston and depart for Quito at 5:55 pm via Continental Evening: Arrive Quito 11:00 pm and transfer to the hostel	Hotel Casa Foch, Quito
Tue, June 9	Morning: <i>Bienvenido a Ecuador!</i> Spanish level testing and placement; Orientation and team building; call home! Afternoon: Spanish class; Team building Evening: Orientation and team building	Hotel Casa Foch, Quito
Wed, June 10	Morning: Ride the <i>Teleferico</i> to the summit of Cruz Loma (13,287') and get a bird's eye view of "Volcanoes Avenue" Afternoon: Spanish class; Presentation--Andean Ecology Evening: Team building	Hotel Casa Foch, Quito
Thur, June 11	Morning: Depart for the Cloud Forests of the Mindo Valley; Visit the Butterfly Farm and take an inner-tube ride in the local stream. Afternoon: Explore the Tambo Quinde Reserve and learn about the plants and animals that inhabit this rare cloud forest ecosystem. Evening: Night hike (night hike and early morning hike??)	Tambo Quinde Reserve, Mindo
Fri, June 12	Morning: Early morning hike and bird watching; Practice Spanish over <i>desayuno</i> ; Service Learning (environmental protection) Afternoon: Service Learning (environmental protection) Evening: Night hike (night hike and early morning hike??)	Tambo Quinde Reserve, Mindo
Sat, June 13	Morning: Early morning hike and bird watching; Practice Spanish over <i>desayuno</i> ; Service Learning (environmental protection) Afternoon: Service Learning (environmental protection) Evening: Night hike	Tambo Quinde Reserve, Mindo
Sun, June 14	Morning: Spanish class; Tour Museum of Anthropology Afternoon: Presentation—Introduction to the culture and ecology of the Southeast region of Ecuador. Evening: Free	Hotel Casa Foch, Quito
Mon, June 15	Morning: Depart for Cotopaxi, the world's highest active Volcano Afternoon: Bike/hike around the volcano Evening: Free	Black Sheep Inn, Cotopaxi
Tue, June 16	Morning: Depart for Baños Afternoon: Hot springs and waterfalls Evening: Free	Isla de Baños, Baños
Wed, June 17	Morning: Hot springs and waterfalls Afternoon: Biking Evening: Presentation—Rainforest Conservation	Isla de Baños, Baños
Thur, June 18	Morning: (Reflection and Action) Depart for the Napo	Casa del Suizo,

	River/Amazon Rainforest; canoe ride Afternoon: Visit butterfly farm; meet with indigenous communities- -learn to make traditional pottery and hunt with a blowgun Evening: Night walk	Punta Ahuano
Fri, June 19	Morning: (Reflection and Action) Morning hike in a primary tropical forest Afternoon: Build a traditional raft and float the Napo River Evening: Night walk	Casa del Suizo, Punta Ahuano
Sat, June 20	Morning: Return to Quito Afternoon: Wrap-Up Evening: Farewell Dinner	Hotel Casa Foch, Quito
Sun, June 21	Morning: Flight from Quito to Houston and home Afternoon: Onward flights home!	Home