

1-Day Otavalo Market Classic Tour



Expand your exploration of Ecuador with this private and customizable full-day tour from Quito with options including bargain hunting at the famous Otavalo Market, touring one of Ecuador's rose plantations, an artisan workshop, photo opportunities on the shores of the largest lake in Ecuador, volcano views, a waterfall hike, the chance to taste a beloved regional biscuits, and more. Focus on your top interests with a customizable itinerary. Avoid crowds with a semi-private tour.

Itinerary

Quito – Cayambe – Otavalo - Peguche

Two hours of travel from Quito will be enough to reach out Otavalo city. As we drive north, we will take several first-order roads that will allow us to see an Andean scenery with variations due to its climate, altitude and especially its people. We will take several photos and admire the northern part of the well-known "Avenue of the volcanoes". Upon arrival, we will observe some enormous volcanoes which are consider deities by the native people.

See the San Pablo Lake from the view point:

From this viewpoint, we observe the San Pablo lagoon. The lagoon is considered the largest one in Ecuador and is located at the foot of the Imbabura Volcano (15,190 feet). Also, it is time to take a break and taste a local biscuit called "biscocho" that will be served along with a leaf cheese and a delicious coffee or tea.

Explore and bargain yourself at the Otavalo market:

Otavalo Market In our eyes, the nice city of Otavalo appears. The majority of the population is indigenous which creates a good and unique atmosphere in this town. When, we are parking, our guide will give us useful guidelines so that we can discover more about the market. The dynamic and millennial market is popular in Ecuador and South America because it houses a wide range of textiles. The sale activity starts very early. A lot of vendors from the city of Otavalo show their works. The products that stand out are alpaca caps, sweaters, sheep caps, gloves, hats, tablecloths, blankets or sheep ponchos. However, you can also find saddlery, silver jewelry or wooden crafts.

Hike down to the Peguche waterfall:

The Peguche waterfall is a magical place that will fill you with energy. This place is still a purification center for indigenous people on special dates such as the Sun festival. Besides, the waterfall represents; the origin and end of all things, associated with birth, it accomplishes with the function of dissolving, abolishing, purifying, washing, generating, fertilization, restore. It is the sap of life, contrary to death or dryness. The goddess venus arose from the waters. From the water, we created all living things.

Visit the Peguche Wasi – artisan textile workshop:

To complement the visit, we will go to visit a traditional workshop-store, where the tradition of weaving by hand on Spanish back looms is still being fought for. Here, you can be part of a demonstration of how wool was cleaned and produced before the arrival of the modern era, its dyeing using vegetable pigments that come from various plants or trees from the mountains and coast regions from Ecuador. Return to Quito.

The tour includes:

- Certified Guide/Driver (English-speaking)
- Comfortable transportation
- Activities according to the program

The tour does not include:

- Travel insurance
- Meals, tips
- Services not mentioned