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## **SMALL GROUP. BIG ALTITUDE. BIGGER ADVENTURE!**

### **From the Andes to Amazon, Epic Comes in an Intimate Vacation on a NEW Small Group Discovery Tour in Ecuador**

**TORONTO, Ontario – July 16, 2025** – Go small – and discover it all – in Ecuador. That’s the promise behind the **NEW Small Group Discovery tour** from Globus: [\*Ecuador: Natural Wonders & Ancient Cultures\*](#). This 11-day journey from Quito to Guayaquil offers a rich tapestry of cultures, climates and contrasts – crafted exclusively for an average of 18 guests (and no more than 24).

“Ecuador may be compact, but its travel rewards are colossal,” said Stephanie Brooks, vice president, product and operations for the Globus family of brands. “We designed this new Small Group Discovery tour from the ground up to showcase the country’s incredible diversity – pairing boutique stays with big ‘wow’ moments, from the cloud forests of the Amazon to the cobblestones of colonial Cuenca.”

**One Country. A World of Discovery.** From mountaintop to jungle floor, this new Small Group Discovery tour traces a one-of-a-kind route through Ecuador – layered with cultural richness, natural beauty and wow-worthy accommodations.

- **Quito: High Style in the Highlands.** Guests will start their adventure in the Andes with a 3-night stay at **Hotel Patio Andaluz** – a 16<sup>th</sup>-century mansion turned boutique hotel nestled near the city’s vibrant historic center. While in the capital, they’re treated to a private, behind-the-scenes experience at the **El Alabado Museum** – home to one of the best collections of pre-Colombian art in South America. This exclusive tour showcases artifacts and spaces not open to the general public.
- **Otavallo: Markets, Monuments & Meaningful Moments.** Guests are invited to enjoy a full-day journey to Otavallo, where they’ll stand at the **Quitsato Sundial Monument** – marking the true equatorial line – before diving into local tradition. Highlights include a visit to one of the last remaining family-run weaving workshops in Ecuador and a visit to the famous local market.
- **Amazon Basin: Canoes, Culture & Canopy Views.** Then, they cross the continental divide into the Amazon Basin for a 2-night stay at the riverside **Casa del Suizo Eco-Lodge**, nestled along the Napo River. Here, they’ll explore jungle trails with Quichuan guides, glide through rainforest waterways in search of diverse fauna and relax in hammocks with a view.
- **The Andes: Ancient Roads & Volcanic Vistas.** Guests then travel west through dramatic valleys and snowcapped peaks, tracing the ancient Incan road system. Highlights include rose plantations, sacred waterfalls, volcanoes, the ruins of Ingapirca and artisan-rich towns steeped in history and tradition.

**Plus Boutique Stays That Steal the Show:**



- **The Samari Spa Resort (Baños).** A 10-acre, 300-year-old horse ranch turned luxury retreat, featuring just 37 rooms, Turkish baths and a full-service spa in the shadows of the Andes.
- **The Hotel San Juan (Cuenca).** The belle of the ball. This 25-room historic residence sits in the heart of Cuenca's cathedral-lined square – blending colonial charm with boutique luxury in Ecuador's most beautiful city.

**A Hat Tip to the Unexpected: Ecuador in Every Hue.** From learning to weave Panama hats with local artisans to indulging in cacao tastings at a women-owned plantation, this journey celebrates the flavours, traditions and heart of Ecuador. Along the way, travellers enjoy the comfort of private transportation, the insights of expert Local Guides and the peace of mind that comes with a fully curated, perfectly planned Small Group Discovery.

To add to this amazing adventure, Globus is also inviting travellers to extend their journey with an optional, [4-day Galápagos Islands cruise](#).

The new ***Ecuador: Natural Wonders & Ancient Cultures*** joins other South American Small Group Discovery itineraries – including [Costa Rica: Coast to Coast](#) and [Patagonia: Journey to the End of the World](#) – further reinforcing Globus' commitment to small groups, offering immersive, inclusive and intimate journeys across the continent.

For more information, visit [www.globusjourneys.ca](http://www.globusjourneys.ca). Travel advisors are invited to log into [the Travel Advisor Portal](#) for details.

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