ECUADOR FREEDOM BIKE RENTAL

CLOUDFOREST, COAST & CRATERS

GUIDED MOTORCYCLE TOUR

PRINTABLE ITINERARY

CLOUDFOREST, COAST & CRATERS · ROUTE MAP

CLOUDFOREST · PACIFIC COAST · CRATER LAKES & HIGH ANDES · NORTH UP

DISTANCE	CLIMB / DESCENT	HIGH POINT	NIGHTS ON TOUR
783.9 mi	+90,206 / -90,233 ft	14,460 ft	6

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BEFORE THE TOUR

We'll send a preparation email with a packing list and other information to help you prepare for the trip.

1–2 DAYS PRIOR: TRAVEL TO QUITO

Fly into Quito (airport code **UIO**). Taxis run continuously from the arrivals hall — there is never a wait in the queue, and the ride into the city has a fixed cost of **$27**. We can arrange a driver on request, but flagging the first taxi in line is usually faster.

ACCOMMODATIONS IN QUITO

Not included. We'll send a list of recommended hotels near our shop in La Carolina, along with discount codes — walking distance to galleries, museums, and cafes while you settle in.

PRE-TOUR REGISTRATION

Stop by the shop to finish paperwork and choose any gear or accessories for the trip. Handling this in advance makes for an easier first morning on the road. Please bring your **helmet** (so we can install the communication system), your **original passport**, your **original driver's license**, and a **credit card**.

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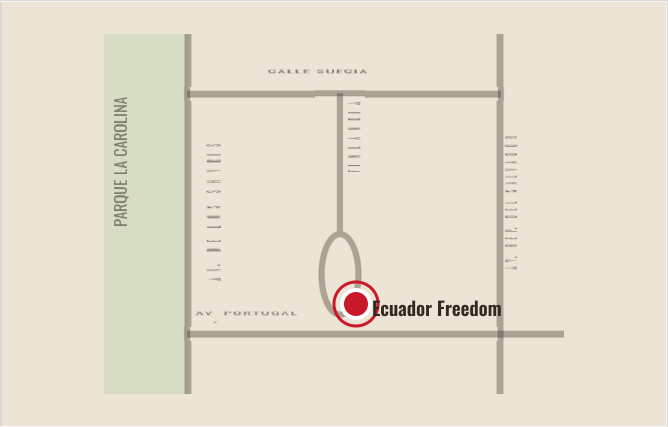

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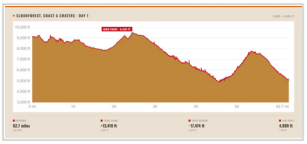
DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY



DAY 1 QUITO → MINDO

Crossing the equator and dropping through cloudforest on the western slopes of the Andes.

Tour starts at 9AM with a pre-ride briefing.

Highlights: Intiñan Equator Museum · descent through cloudforest · arrival at Séptimo Paraíso Cloudforest Lodge

DISTANCE	CLIMB	DESCENT
62.7 mi / 100.9 km	+13,410 ft	-17,474 ft

OVERNIGHT Séptimo Paraíso Cloudforest Lodge

DAY 2 MINDO → CANOA

A long descent from cloudforest to the warm Pacific coast.

Highlights: Laguna Azul · coffee and cacao country · arrival at Canoa Suites on the beach

DISTANCE	CLIMB	DESCENT
184.0 mi / 296.2 km	+9,239 ft	-14,258 ft

OVERNIGHT Canoa Suites

DAY 3 CANOA → QUEVEDO

Coastal roads along the Ruta del Spondylus before turning inland.

Highlights: fishing villages along the Ruta del Spondylus · Bahía de Cáraquez estuary crossing · Isla Corazón · arrival at Hotel Olímpico

DISTANCE	CLIMB	DESCENT
132.7 mi / 213.6 km	+7,303 ft	-7,168 ft

OVERNIGHT Hotel Olímpico

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DAY 4 QUEVEDO → SALINAS DE GUARANDA

A complete climb from tropical lowlands to the high Andes above 13,000 feet.

Highlights: El Corazón and Facundo Vela farm country · climb above 13,000 ft · arrival at Hotel Cachi Yacu

DISTANCE	CLIMB	DESCENT
96.1 mi / 154.6 km	**+20,183 ft**	**-8,773 ft**

■ OVERNIGHT Hotel Cachi Yacu

DAY 5 SALINAS DE GUARANDA → BAÑOS

Salinas' cooperative workshops, Chimborazo Volcano, and the hot springs of Baños.

Highlights: Salinas' cheese and chocolate cooperatives · Chimborazo Volcano · arrival at Posada del Arte near the Baños hot springs

DISTANCE	CLIMB	DESCENT
93.8 mi / 151.0 km	**+8,922 ft**	**-14,566 ft**

■ OVERNIGHT Posada del Arte

DAY 6 BAÑOS → CHUGCHILÁN

A hard climb out of Baños to the Quilotoa Crater Lake and remote Chugchilán.

Highlights: switchback climb out of Baños · Quilotoa Crater Lake · arrival at Mama Hilda's

DISTANCE	CLIMB	DESCENT
112.9 mi / 181.8 km	**+18,110 ft**	**-13,586 ft**

■ OVERNIGHT Mama Hilda's

DAY 7 CHUGCHILÁN → QUITO

Dirt roads and switchbacks through Andean farm country back to Quito.

Highlights: Andean dirt roads and switchbacks · Isinliví and Saquisilí · return to Quito by afternoon

DISTANCE	CLIMB	DESCENT
101.7 mi / 163.6 km	**+13,039 ft**	**-14,408 ft**

■ OVERNIGHT Tour ends in Quito

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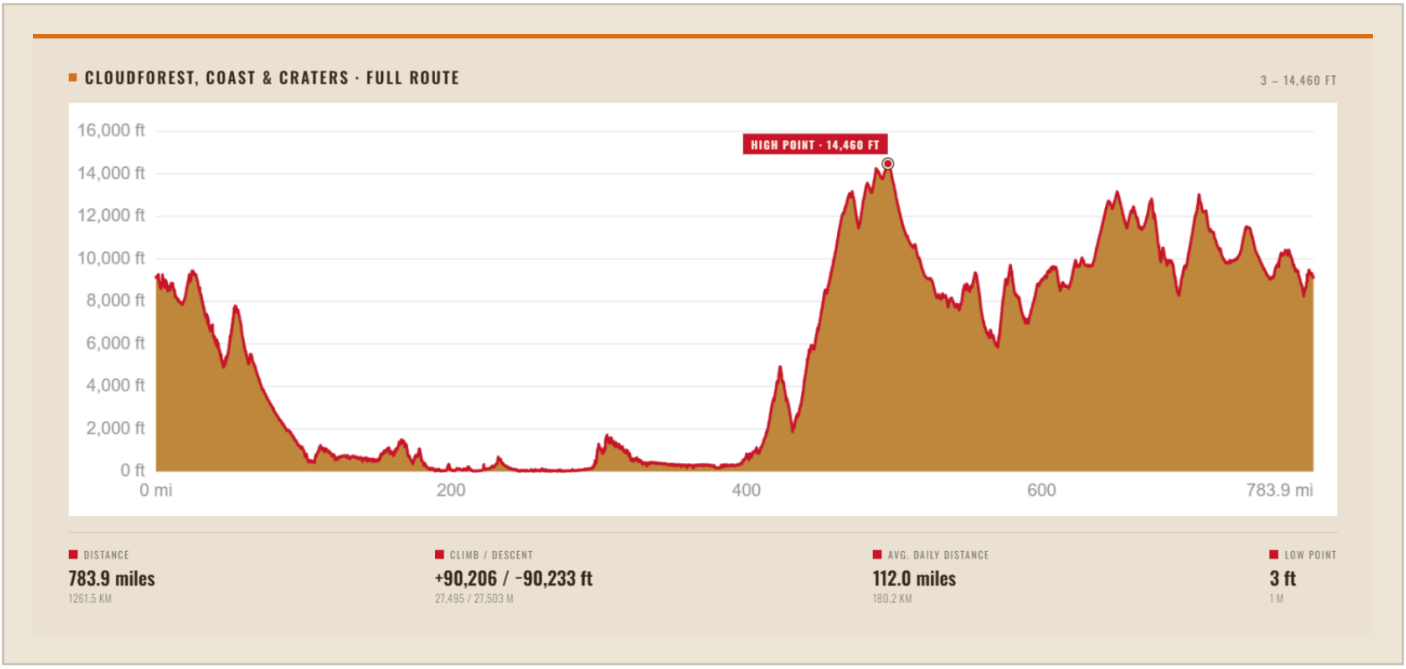
FULL ROUTE ELEVATION



RETURN HOME

The tour concludes back at our Quito shop after the final ride down from Chugchilán through Isinliví and Saquisilí, with riders usually back in the early-to-mid afternoon. Many international flights out of Quito leave around midnight, so there's plenty of time to shower, repack, and relax before heading to the airport.

As part of your trip, you're welcome to unwind at our Freedom Riders' Lounge — a hot shower, jacuzzi, and honor bar are ready for you.

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