



Venture to the Andes and the Amazon Ecuador

SAVE THE DATE!

July 31 – August 13, 2020

Please note: these dates are subject to change.

WHO CAN GO?

**14 girls, 14-15 years old on the first
day of the trip + 2 Guiders**

You must meet the Eligibility Requirements, as listed on the [Eligibility tab of the NST webpage](#).

WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE

DAY 1: Friday, July 31, 2020

Toronto, Canada

Au revoir to your hometown! Catch a ride to your local airport and fly to Toronto where you'll meet your fellow trip participants in person. Have a fun evening preparing and bonding over what an amazing experience you're about to embark on.

Meals included: dinner

DAY 2: Saturday, August 1, 2020

Overnight flight

It's time for take-off! Climb aboard your international flight and soar above the clouds to Quito, Ecuador.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner on flight

DAY 3: Sunday, August 2, 2020

Quito, Ecuador

Welcome to Quito! Explore Quito's Historic Center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a guided walking tour, learn about Ecuador's colonial past and contemporary struggles. A short visit to the Equator and some experiments with gravity complete your day.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner

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DAY 4: Monday, August 3, 2020

Chimborazo Province, Ecuador

Depart Quito and travel high up into the Andes Mountains and get settled in your new accommodations, where you'll stay for the next part of your trip.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY 5-8: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 – Friday, August 7, 2020

Chimborazo Province, Ecuador

During the next few days, you will participate in various activities including a building workshop; volunteer project building, where you could be doing anything from tree planting to building restoration; as well as a market activity.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch and, dinner

DAY 9: Saturday, August 8, 2020

The Amazon, Ecuador

Today, you depart Chimborazo and head to ME to WE's beautiful Minga Lodge, where you'll be staying for the next few days. You'll meet the very special resident, Yolanda, the parrot.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAYS 10-11: Sunday, August 9, 2020–Monday, August 10, 2020

The Amazon, Ecuador

Discover the Amazon, one of the world's most biodiverse regions. You will participate in activities such as a jungle hike and a shaman visit.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY 12: Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Quito, Ecuador

Today, you will depart Minga Lodge and head back to Quito for your final celebration dinner as a group.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch on the plane and dinner

DAY 13: Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Toronto, Canada

Depart from Quito on your flight back to Toronto. You will spend one last night in Toronto debriefing about the incredible experience you all shared.

Meals included: breakfast

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DAY 14: Thursday, August 13, 2020

Home

Your adventure is coming to an end, and it's time to head home. Your family and fellow Girl Guides will be so happy to hear all about your journey!

Meals included: breakfast

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Active

On your trip, there will be some vigorous physical activity, such as challenging hiking, rafting, canoeing or kayaking, in addition to walking. You may encounter some high-altitude hikes or more strenuous activities.

COSTS:

Total trip cost: \$5,437

Girls owe: \$2,718

Guiders owe: \$0

Girls: Great news – GGC National Office covers 50% of the total cost of the trip, meaning you are only required to pay half the total cost of the trip!

Guiders: Great news – Your trip is fully funded through the Jean Youngson Memorial Bequest to the Canadian World Friendship Fund.

Visit the Costs & Fundraising tab on the NST webpage for more information about what's included, fundraising and other potential funding.

PARTNERS: ME to WE

LOCAL LANGUAGE: SPANISH

LOCAL CURRENCY: US DOLLARS

READY, SET, APPLY!

Before beginning your application, please review the **Application Instructions** and check out the [Top Tips](#) for support. Once you're ready, visit the Nationally-Sponsored Trips webpage to apply!

[Find the Girl application instructions here.](#)

[Find the Guider application instructions here.](#)

Applications (including your letter of recommendation) must be completed and submitted online by:

Guiders: 5:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Girls: 5:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, October 9, 2019

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QUESTIONS?

Check out the FAQ tab on the **[Nationally-Sponsored Trips webpage](#)**

Email us: nationaltravel@girlguides.ca

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