



Cuenca

# El Cajas National Park & Cuenca City Tour

Make sure your camera battery is fully charged for this spectacular and scenic journey through mountain lakes "Andean sceneries". Located just at a short ride west from Cuenca (30 minutes travel) it is like enter another world: El Cajas National Park is a paradise for nature lovers due to its ecological conservation and special beauty.

## ITINERARY

The Park's territory covers over 28,328 ha – 70,000 acres with altitudes ranging from 10,000 to 14,500 feet (3000 – 4400 m). On this trip, you begin with an easy hike for about 1 hour in the lower cloud forest zone of the park, an area rich in plant life and abundant in species of birds.

Then ascend in our van to 13,500 feet (4000 m) for a panoramic view of El Cajas you will never forget. Later we take a moderate hike of about 3 hours around one of its 235 glacier lakes, admiring the astounding diversity of ecosystems. One minute you're out in the open; the next you find yourself in a lush forest bursting with ferns and mosses. Or because of the position of the sun and protection from the wind a sliver of dense, gnarly woods that feels straight out of Lord of the Rings thrives on the side of an otherwise barren mountain. These two walks are in very different environments and elevations, showing all the highlights of the park. Finally enjoy a delicious lunch before returning to Cuenca. Bring warm clothes, proper footwear, and waterproof gear.



### SERVICES:

#### Inclusions:

Private Transportation,  
Bilingual Guide (Spanish-  
English), Entrance Fees,  
Lunch

#### Exclusions:

Local Taxes, Tips, Drinks,  
Personal expenses and  
any other service not  
mentioned here.

**Private (min. 2 pax):**

**\$ 146**

per person

**\*5% off cash payment**