what’s included

- Round-Trip Flights
- Daily Breakfast and Dinner (unless otherwise noted)
- Centrally Located Hotels
- 24-Hour Tour Manager
- Quito Tour with Guide
- Mitad del Mundo
- Amazon Animal Service Project
- Andean Canopy Tour
- Cotopaxi National Park

our promise

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from “good enough” to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens. Travel changes lives.

“Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive.”

Matthew L. Participant
trip itinerary - 9 days

Jun 6, 2016: Quito
Depart from the USA and arrive in Quito. Meet your ACIS Tour Manager and transfer to your hotel for a briefing session.

Jun 7, 2016: Banos
This morning, you’ll acquaint yourself with Quito, the lovely capital of Ecuador. A guided tour will take you around the colonial center of this beautiful city, including Itchimbia’s scenic views, Independence Square, and the church of La Compañía. Then travel to the Mitad del Mundo, just north of Quito, to view the world from the equator. In the afternoon journey to Baños, which stands in the foothills of the Tungurahua volcano and is known as a gateway to the Amazonian jungles. (B,L,D)

Jun 8, 2016: Puyo
Today travel into the Amazon region towards the site of your service project. Along the way, you’ll stop to enjoy hiking along a waterfall route lined with stunning cascades. Tonight’s destination is a scenic lodge located in the jungle near the village of Puyo. (B,L,D)

Jun 9, 2016: Puyo
Today marks the first of three days in which you’ll participate in an Amazon animal service project at one of two facilities outside of Puyo, depending on the current needs. The Monkey Sanctuary is dedicated to the conservation and rehabilitation of rescued primates and the Amazon Animal Rescue Centre partners with the Ecuadorian Environmental Police and the Ministry of Environment in the fight against trafficking and abuse of wild animals. As a volunteer, your duties will include day-to-day care of animals (cutting up fruit, feeding and so forth), helping new animals adjust to the center, general maintenance and cleaning work, repairing animal enclosures or building new ones and daily hikes to pick fruit and catch insects for the animals. You might also be asked to harvest yucca, corn, sugar cane or cocoa.

Jun 10, 2016: Puyo
Continue your work on the Amazon animal service project today. (B,L,D)

Jun 11, 2016: Puyo
Today is your final full day of working with the animals for your service project. (B,L,D)

Jun 12, 2016: Banos
The morning begins with a trip back to Baños, known worldwide as an eco-tourism paradise. Here you’ll enjoy an afternoon canopy tour above the Andean landscape, exploring via an elevated circuit that includes thrilling zip lines, a Tibetan bridge and rock climbing. Later enjoy time to explore more of Baños. Perhaps soak in the famous thermal mineral baths for which the town is named or shop for souvenirs—taffy made from cane sugar and balsa-wood parrots are two of the town’s locally-made signature products. (B,L,D)

Jun 13, 2016: Cotopaxi
Today you’ll visit Cotopaxi National Park, located at an elevation of nearly 15,000 feet and home to a dormant volcano. Here you may want to hike or mountain bike up to a glacier, or spend time observing the stunning landscapes and amazing flora and fauna. You’ll stay here overnight in a mountain lodge that offers a beautiful view of the snow-capped volcano. (B,L,D)

Jun 14, 2016: Departure
Depart for the USA. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.
learning objectives

1. At the Mitad del Mundo students will learn about the geographical significance of the equator.

2. Students will experience a range of Ecuador’s diverse natural features, including mountains, rainforests, volcanoes, grassy highlands and coastline.

3. Students will learn about the wildlife native to the Galapagos Islands.

tour cost

Participant Fees
Program Fee $3323
Early Registration Discount $-100

Total Participant Fees $3223
² Valid through 04/01/15 with $200 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)
Adult Surcharge $95
Single Room Supplement $680
Double Room Supplement $360
Ultimate Protection Plan $270
Comprehensive Protection Plan $225

notes from acis

• Adult travelers age 24 and older should add in the Adult Surcharge and Double or Single Room Supplement to calculate their Total Group Fees.

• All registered participants can enjoy the convenience, security and savings of having payments automatically withdrawn from a checking account by enrolling in an Automatic Payments plan within My Account (www.acis.com/accounts). To learn more, visit www.acis.com/studentsparents/autopay

• This educational travel program is not school or district sponsored unless expressly stated by the Group Leader.

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Can travel make a difference in students’ futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

**Education**

- 81% of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%.
- 37% of travelers who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.
- 57% of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

**Language Skills**

- 67% of students continued to study foreign language in college.
- 73% of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.

**Personal Development**

- 94% felt more independent after their trip.
- 78% saw an increase in their problem solving skills.
- 92% noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.
- 65% have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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