

OTAVALO

The Otavalo cultural tour is a wonderful way to discover and combine the famous artesian indigenous market in Ecuador and some of the amazing views outside Otavalo.

The tour begins with a scenic drive north of Quito through the Sierra highlands, and our first stop will be at Mitad del Mundo, and then we'll continue to Cayambe, where we can taste and learn about the town's famous bizcochos (local biscuits). From that point we'll continue to the wonderful Peguche waterfalls, which is a historical place because it was used as special baths before the Inti Raimy (sun festival) parties. We'll explore the famous market of Otavalo, where you'll have the option to purchase local handicrafts. The main market day in Otavalo is **Saturday**; however this tour can operate throughout the week. Our professional guide will provide an explanation on the indigenous people of this area, such as the Quitu - Cara and other pre-Inca groups, and some information on the city. Afterwards, we'll have lunch, and then we'll go to the beautiful Laguna Cuicocha, which is located in a volcano crater, and contains 2 green islands (optional sail is available for US\$2). Just before going back to Quito, we'll pass through the viewpoint of Lago San Pablo, to finish a perfect day. Optional The visit of a work shop of musical instruments of wood is optional, depending on your wish and the time we spend on the market.

Schedule of Tour (Note: All times approximate, except starting time)

Schedule	Itinerary
06:45	Leave from "Q Restaurant" (Plaza Foch, Quito) for transfer to Otavalo.
08:30	View point where it is possible to see Cayambe, Guayllamama, Quito, Cotopaxi, Tabacundo and flower farms.
09:00	Quitsato Mitad del Mundo (entrance US\$1).
09:30	Visit at the Cayambebizcochos (local biscuits) factory.
11:00	Exploring Otavalo Market .
14:00	Cuicochacraterlake.
15:30	Cotacachileathercity.

Price by person USD 45

Price includes: professional bilingual guide, transport from/to Quito

Price excludes: Quitsato Mitad del Mundo entrance fee (US\$1), Cuicocha entrance fee (\$2), lunch, tips for guide

Necessary Equipment:

- Sunglasses & Suncream	- Water
- Camera	- Hiking shoes
- Big bag for shopping (...)	- Waterproof jacket

It is important that you will have current travel insurance including personal medical insurance. Please inform us of any known medical conditions you have.

All Gulliver cars come with advanced satellite tracking devices to control position and speed, or for extra safety in an unlikely case of an accident. Every car has full insurance.

We always make sure to fulfill the highest security and safety standards for all our clients.

We put a lot of effort in organizing the tour; therefore cancellations require **24hrs notice** by which we would give you a **50% refund**. Cancellations will not be refunded with a shorter time notice.

Please note tips for our guides are not included in the price. If you enjoyed your trip, a tip of around 10% would be greatly appreciated.