

Jean Wells Travel: Ecuador: Land of the Sun

April 23 – May 1, 2010

Escorted by Olivia Camden-Mackie



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Hello—I'm Olivia Camden-Mackie, Fiber Artist and partner at the Fiber Company on Trade Street in Winston-Salem, N.C., and have a clothing line under the name, Silk Peacock. I am inviting you to join me on my fourth tour of the Andean Mountains in Ecuador. My tour will be for artists, crafters, and all those who are interested in going to this beautiful country. You will experience spring-like weather, lovely crafts, flowers galore, great food, music, and wonderful warm Ecuadorians who are happy to have us in their country.

We will be flying from Charlotte, N.C., into Quito for the night, and coaching to Cotacachi the following morning. Cotacachi is like stepping back to the 50's, but there is internet access, cell phones, and I even found a Mocha Latte, not Starbucks---but, it was great!!

This tour will be designed to go to the craft markets where leather goods, alpaca blankets, sweaters, rugs, llama wraps, jewelry, ponchos, and many more crafts can be found at reasonable prices. We will visit woodcraft makers where the Vatican has its statues carved. You will find hand-carved wood furniture, music boxes, and so much more. Leather Street in Cotacachi is where anything that is made of leather can be found. There will be opportunities to visit some museums, a chocolate factory, and a terrific Spa I found and have used for massages, facials, couples' massage, etc. There is also time for hiking and outdoor activities during free time. Join us!!

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Itinerary:



- **Friday, April 23-**Depart from Charlotte, N. C. to Quito, Ecuador. (Other departure airports can be used; the air cost will be adjusted.) Flight info TBA

- **Saturday, April 24-**Meet in the Radisson Hotel lobby and take a chartered coach to Olga Fisch Museum and Gift Shop. Leave Olga's and go to Hiliana's, a beautiful shop with wraps, jackets, bedspreads, bags. We will go to the Equator, a lovely restaurant where people can dine, and then see the Equator.



On to Cotacachi and arrive about 5:00pm. Have tea, coffee, snacks, and get settled in your rooms in the Rancho Santa Fe Garden Resort Hotel.

Dinner is on your own—lots of choices for fabulous restaurants!!



- **Sunday, April 25-**After breakfast we will meet in the conference room and talk about the week and what people can expect. It will give all travelers an opportunity to ask questions. Options for Sunday include a tour to LaMirage, a beautiful hotel with a great restaurant. This is a colonial hacienda that we can tour and see the separate cottages, beautiful antiques, and gardens, peacocks, etc. They also have a beautiful spa that we can tour and set up appointments. They are incredible and not expensive. We will have lunch there (on your own) and then we will go to Leather Street for shopping!! There is a market at the end of Leather Street that you will enjoy!! YEA!!

Dinner on your own.

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- **Monday, April 26**-After breakfast, we will go to Peguche to see weavers and shop in the artist's shops. There is also a musician's shop you will want to visit and it would be fun to visit the Shaman there and have her give us a demonstration. This is optional, but very interesting and fun. We will go to Otavallo for lunch (on your own) and spend the rest of the day at the Market.

Dinner on your own.

- **Tuesday, April 27**-After breakfast, we will go to the San Antonio de Ibarra. This is where the wood carvers are and you can see them working and carving statues. There are two streets of shops with any kind of carved wood you can imagine—gorgeous furniture.

Lunch and Dinner (on your own)



- **Wednesday, April 28**-After breakfast, we will be talking to Roberto who has a rose business; he will talk to us about roses and other flowers and how to have them shipped to the U.S. We will visit a volcano called Crater Lake, which is a beautiful area, and have lunch here. (on your own) Return to Leather Street. Dinner (on your own)

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- Thursday, April 29-After breakfast, we will return to Otavalo; there are linen shops here –other crafts— wonderful market. (Gorgeous jewelry, hand-made beautiful jewelry boxes, etc.)

Lunch and Dinner (on your own)

**You can return to the hotel for about \$4.00 via taxi.

- Friday, April 30-Free Day ---- Lots of options!!
- Saturday, May 1-It is time to say “good-bye” to this beautiful country, and the lovely Ecuadorians. (Departure schedule TBA)

Package Includes:

RT Air Transportation from Charlotte, N.C. (If you are joining us from another city, your air cost will be adjusted.)

*8 nights’ accommodations, with breakfast

*Luggage handling

*Shuttle transportation

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Not Included:

*Exit Fee of \$40.80 in US Dollars (If this amount changes, you will be advised.)

Cost Per Person:

Double: \$1575 per person (based on double occupancy)

Single: \$1886

(Tour price is based on minimum number of participants.)

Terms and Conditions:

***PAYMENT IN FULL is due with the application.**

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Trip Cancellation Insurance is available and recommended, and will be sent to you automatically when your payment has been received.

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Winston-Salem, N.C. 27103

Name(s) of travelers sharing room: (Print your name as it appears on your Passport.)

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Please indicate room: Double () Single ()

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*Any special celebrations during this trip? _____

*Any special needs? _____