



# Ecuador Hacienda Zuleta & Otavalo Market Extension

3 Days



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# Ecuador Hacienda

## ➤ Zuleta & Otavalo Market Extension

Experience the beauty of Ecuador's Highlands on this 3-day (or 2-day) cultural journey to Hacienda Zuleta and the Otavalo Market — a perfect extension to our Galapagos itineraries! See creative artisans at work as you explore Otavalo's vibrant market, then head to the beautiful 16th-century Hacienda Zuleta, where you'll stay in comfort for two nights (or one night). Located on 4,000 acres, Zuleta is a tranquil retreat and a working farm, supporting both the local community and wildlife conservation projects. Explore Zuleta's scenic trails on foot, by bike, or on horseback then return for fresh Ecuadorian-style home cooking and a restful evening in this historic hacienda.

### Details

Arrive: Quito, Ecuador

Depart: Quito, Ecuador

Duration: 3 Days

Group Size: 2-6 Guests

Minimum Age: 6 Years Old

Activity Level:



### Testimonials

*"I have taken 12 trips with MT Sobek. Each has left a positive imprint on me—widening my view of the world and its peoples."*

Jane B.

*"I've taken six MT Sobek trips and they have all exceeded my expectations. The staff, the food, the logistics and the communications have always been exceptional. Thank you for being my "go to" adventure travel company!"*

Margaret I.

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## Why Take This Trip With Us?

### REASON #01

MT Sobek has been operating trips in Ecuador for over 50 years, working with the best local guides for an immersive experience.

### REASON #02

This is one of our most popular extension combinations! We've got the logistics covered to pair this trip perfectly with our Galapagos adventures.

### REASON #03

We know because we go. Hacienda Zuleta and the Otavalo Market offer important cultural insights into this region of Ecuador, and are among our favorite insider experiences.

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## What to Expect



### ACTIVITIES

Cultural touring of markets and villages, and short guided hikes around Hacienda Zuleta. Mountain biking and horseback riding opportunities are also available.



### LODGING

Stay in comfort at the historic Hacienda Zuleta, a 16th-century home nestled on 4,000 acres - one of the world's "Top Ten Finds," according to Outside magazine.



### CLIMATE

The temperature in the highlands is generally in the 60's °F during the day and falls to the low 50s F at night; rain is common October to May.

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## Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

We work with only the most experienced and knowledgeable local tour guides on our trip extensions. While you will not be accompanied by an MT Sobek through guide on this tour, you will be in excellent hands with a fully licensed and accredited local guide who will share their expertise in everything from history and architecture, to culture and traditions, the best local cuisine, activities and crafts, or even shopping. Local guides live, breathe, and love their trips because as locals they are an integral part of their communities. Their connections run deep and pride in their piece of the world is contagious.

### Local Tour Guide

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# Itinerary

## DAY 1

### JOURNEY FROM QUITO TO THE OTAVALO MARKET & HACIENDA ZULETA

This morning your guide will drive you north to visit the famous Otavalo Market — one of the largest and most colorful traditional markets in Ecuador! This is a unique opportunity to see Otavaleños selling an impressive array of locally made artisanal handicrafts. The main weekly market takes place on Saturday mornings, and a smaller market operates daily the rest of the week. Next, head to the stunning 16th-century Hacienda Zuleta, with possible stops at the villages of Agato or Peguche on the way. Upon arrival at the hacienda, take a tour of the house to learn about its historical significance and enjoy an evening of home-cooked Ecuadorian fare.

**Meals:** L, D

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## DAY 2

### EXPLORE THE VALLEY OF THE CONDORS

Wake for a delicious breakfast, then head to the Valley of the Condors. This spectacular valley — considered one of the best places in Ecuador to observe condors — is part of Zuleta and can be reached on foot, by bike, or even on horseback. Zuleta runs an important captive condor program to help protect the endangered species, but you may also see magnificent wild condors and Andean bears. Along the way, your guides will explain the historical significance of the area and show you several pre-Inca pyramids and burial sites called "Caranquis". After lunch, visit the nearby community of Zuleta and see fine embroidery work and the community library — a project supported by the hacienda.

**Activity:** Wildlife watching & cultural touring

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 3

### RETURN TO QUITO

After breakfast, follow a choice of scenic walking trails, explore the museum, or savor some of Ecuador's finest cheese — produced right here at Hacienda Zuleta! Mountain biking and horseback riding are also available for an additional cost. On your return drive to Quito this afternoon, enjoy a stop at the Equatorial Line monument near Cayambe. Arrive in Quito around 5pm.

**Meals:** B, L

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## Dates

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## Inclusions & Exclusions

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides, guide-drivers and Hacienda staff
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses
- Horseback riding and mountain biking (available at additional cost at Hacienda Zuleta)

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