



Hacienda Pinsaqui

Dating from 1790, Hosteria Pinsaqui has lost none of its colonial charm and is a firm favourite on our Ecuador holidays. Situated two hours to the north of Quito, at the foot of the Imbabura volcano, it is ideally situated for visits to the world-famous Otavalo market, which definitely counts as a must-see. The beauty of the surrounding countryside is also notable, with the mountains and lakes of San Pablo, Mojanda and Cuicocha are nearby and well worth seeing themselves.

Simon Bolivar himself (the "liberator" of much of South America from Spanish rule) certainly thought so - he regularly stayed at Hosteria Pinsaqui and the first peace treaty between Ecuador and Colombia was signed within the walls of the hacienda.



Today, the Hosteria Pinsaqui has been renovated to a very high standard but without losing its sense of history and guests can enjoy the colonial ambiance of the building and the 200-year-old gardens without compromising on comfort or facilities - the perfect preparation for an early start to get those bargains at Otavalo market tomorrow!



Day One - Travel to Pinsaqui

This morning we'll travel north from Quito along Route 35 as we head towards the market town of Otavalo. We'll be rewarded with some stunning scenery along the way and we'll arrive at the lovely Hosteria Pinsaqui in time for lunch. You will then have the rest of the afternoon free to relax and enjoy the private gardens.



Day Two - Otavalo Market

Unlike those who are travelling from Quito today, you will be able to get up at a more civilized hour and still get to the famous Otavalo market nice and early to seek out some bargains! You can check out the beautiful local textiles, haggle over some excellent leather goods, or just sit back with an Ecuadorean coffee and take it all in! After a full day here, we will return to Pinsaqui in the evening.



Day Three - Horse-riding or mountain-biking

Time to live out your gaucho fantasies today as we take you out onto the slopes of the nearby Imbabura volcano on some of the hacienda's superb horses. Or you can do the whole thing in a more modern style on a mountain-bike trip instead!



Day Four - Back to Quito

Your Andean adventure will come to an end today as, after a relaxing final morning here at Pinsaqui, we take you back by private car to Quito, where you'll arrive in the late afternoon.

A stay at Hosteria Pinsaqui can be added on to any of our holidays in Ecuador and you can stay for as long as you like!

Our price for the sample itinerary given here is **£550 per person**. This price is based on two people sharing a double or twin room and includes all the following:

- Three nights accommodation at Hosteria Pinsaqui
- All transfers
- All meals at Hosteria Pinsaqui
- Full-day mountain-biking or horse-riding excursion
- Full-day tour of Otavalo market

