

Wedding Itinerary

From March 1st to March 13th 2017

Wednesday, March 1st - Thursday, March 2nd

Arrival to Quito

Hello, family & friends! We are super excited about the itinerary we have prepared from beginning to end so read carefully and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

General Information

We strongly suggest that you arrive on Wednesday, March 1st if you think that your body might need more rest considering the altitude. Usually, it takes around three days for your body to adapt to the altitude. If you want to take fewer days to rest and begin the adventure as soon as possible, then travelling on Thursday, March 2nd is also ok, but bear in mind that your body will be going through an adapting process while in the activities.

Lodging

Despite the wedding ceremony and reception will be in Quito, the capital of Ecuador, we highly encourage foreign guests to stay in Puembo on Wednesday and Thursday night. Puembo is a small village between Quito and the airport, which is located about 30 minutes from the capital.

We have negotiated rates at [Hostería Rincon de Puembo](#)¹. They have agreed to grant our guests 2016 rates, but we encourage you to make your reservations soon.

¹: see pricing in page 11

Friday, March 3rd – Sunday, March 5th

Journey to the Tropical Andes in Mindo

General Information

Mindo is a small village set in the cloud-forest with plenty of "American Friendly" resorts. Its diverse wildlife attracts birdwatchers, but also other tourists looking for outdoor adventures. Mindo is located about two hours away from Quito.

Travel and schedule

We will travel to Mindo as a group, and plan to leave the Hostería Rincon de Puembo via shuttle at 10 AM. On the way we will stop by "El Crater de Pululahua" for lunch, and should arrive in to the hotel in Mindo in the late afternoon where we can enjoy dinner and game night with other guests.

On Saturday there will be a number of options for your exploring pleasure. Activities you could sign-up for in Mindo include: Canopy adventures, hiking, bird and butterfly watching, chocolate tours, waterfall and zip lining tours.

Lodging

We have made arrangements with a local hotel, [the Terrabambu Lodge](#)² for the two nights (Friday and Saturday) in Mindo. On Sunday evening, we will head back to the [Hostería Rincon de Puembo](#)¹ where we will sleep as well.

Dress Code

Wear comfortable clothes and shoes for hikes and outdoor activities. Sometimes there are many mosquitos in the area, so try covering your arms and legs. Also, bring your bathing suit, as the hotel has a pool with a great view of the local area.

¹: see pricing in page 11

²: see pricing in page 12

Monday, March 6th

Journey to Otavalo & Lago San Pablo

General Information

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. Otavalo is located in the northern Andean Region, two hours away from Quito.

Travel and Schedule

The tour begins with a scenic drive north of Quito through the Sierra highlands.

Our first stop will be Cayambe, where we can taste and learn about the town's famous bizcochos (local biscuits). From that point we will continue to the famous market of Otavalo, where you'll have the option to purchase local handicrafts. 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. Just before going back to Quito, we'll pass through the viewpoint of Lago San Pablo, to finish a perfect day. 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.

Lodging

We will head back to [Hostería Rincon de Puembo](#)¹.

Dress Code

Wear comfortable clothing and shoes for walking around, the activities planned are casual.

¹: see pricing in page 11

Tuesday, March 7th

Explore Quito, Ecuador's Capital City!

General Information

On Tuesday, we plan to explore the history of Ecuador's capital city. The "Old Town" is reminiscent of a European city, and the Spanish roots of the country are clearly visible as they intertwine with Ecuador's native culture. All day long, we will visit Historic Quito, will have lunch at 'El Panecillo' and will do shopping. At night, we plan a sunset dinner overlooking both historic and modern Quito.

Lodging

We will stay in the [Hostería Rincon de Puembo](#)¹.

Dress Code

Wear comfortable clothing and shoes for walking around, the activities planned are casual.

¹: see pricing in page 11

Wednesday, March 8th – Thursday, March 9th

Papallacta Hot Springs & Spa

General Information

An hour and fifteen-minute drive east of Quito through a section of the Andean Highlands - Papallacta Hot Springs & Spa is a place of outdoor pools brimming with natural thermal waters beneath green volcanic peaks and towering snow-capped Antisana volcano. This place may just be one of the best hot springs / spas in South America.

Papallacta's gardens could easily stand as an attraction on their own, but landscaped around a seemingly endless network of outdoor thermal pools, intimately interlaced with the hotel's architecture, they result in an environment unlike any other when it comes to both awakening and soothing the senses. The first thing you will want to do is wander through the gardens and marvel at the seemingly endless supply pouring out of pottery urns into the pools. The grounds are extensive. There are pools in Papallacta's hotel section, the spa and public area of pools beside the spring's lively creek.

Travel and Schedule

We will travel as a group from the Hostería Rincon de Puembo, leaving shortly after breakfast (11 AM). The agenda in Papallacta is fairly loose, and up to you. Some may want to schedule a massage at the spa (see website for appointments: www.termaspapallacta.com), while others will want to explore the surrounding areas. One thing is for sure; you will want to bring your bathing suits, as the hot springs are incredible. We will have lunch in Papallacta and possibly enjoy a cocktail or two. As mentioned, the spa also offers massages, if you would like one, we would recommend making a reservation by contacting the Spa directly. The staff at the Papallacta spa speaks fluent English.

Lodging

We will spend wednesday night in the Termas de Papallacta³.

Dress Code

Papallacta is located at an altitude even higher than Quito, please dress comfortably and warm (i.e. tennis shoes, jackets, etc.). Don't forget to pack your swimsuit to relax in the hot springs waters.

³: see pricing in page 13

Thursday, March 9th

Night: Welcome Cocktail Party

General Information

Thursday night we plan to host a small welcome reception for our guests from overseas. We look forward to seeing you and catch up over cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres.

Travel and Schedule

The event is tentatively scheduled from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and transportation information will be available upon check-in to the hotel.

Lodging

We will stay in the Hotel Lugano⁴ in Quito.

Dress Code

Women - cocktail dress or skirt and blouse.

Men - Business casual (no jeans or t-shirts).

⁴: see pricing in page 14

Friday, March 10th

Day trip to the Middle of the World & Rehearsal

General Information

When making the trip to Ecuador, you must take the opportunity to visit the Middle of the World (Mitad del Mundo). Ecuador straddles the equator, making for the opportunity to capture some great selfies as we visit the complex built to commemorate the site where explorers first calculated the world's equatorial line. We may even have the opportunity to demonstrate tricks, which are supposedly possible only on the equator, such as water flowing both counter-clockwise and clockwise down a drain due to Coriolis Effect, balancing eggs on end, or weakening of muscles due to latitude.

Travel and Schedule

We plan to have a shuttle to provide travel for everyone. We will leave for the Middle of the World around 10 AM, leaving plenty of time to take in the sites and enjoy lunch in the Northern or Southern hemisphere, take your pick.

The shuttle will return to Quito after lunch where you can relax. In the afternoon, families, bridesmaid and groomsmen will be invited to head to the church for the rehearsal.

Lodging

We will stay in the [Hotel Lugano](#)⁴ in Quito.

Dress Code

We suggest wearing jeans or comfortable pants, a comfortable shirt and a light jacket.

⁴: see pricing in page 14

Saturday, March 11th

Religious Ceremony & Reception

General Information

The day has finally arrived! Carolina and I are very touched that you have travelled to Ecuador to celebrate this special day with us. We promise that we will make this experience unforgettable! So get ready for a great time...

Travel and Schedule

The religious ceremony will be held at “La Compañía de Jesús” in Quito at 6:00 PM, with the reception to begin promptly after the ceremony at “Yaku Museo del Agua”. You will have all day long to relax and get ready for the wedding. We will have shuttles to provide easy transportation to the church, the reception, and back to the Hotel.

Lodging

We will stay in the Hotel Lugano⁴ in Quito.

Dress Code

Women: Formal long night dress.

Men: Suit and tie.

⁴: see pricing in page 14

Sunday, March 12th – Monday, March 13th

Chill & Departing Day

Chuchaqui is here!!!!... Just kidding. In case you don't know, chuchaqui means "hangover" in Ecuadorian, so you will be probably experiencing chuchaqui after the wedding. But most importantly, our planned events will be officially over.

We really want to thank you all again for this amazing adventure that we are going to live together.

Travel and Schedule

Transportation between the hotel and the airport is offered by two companies. Fast Fly (\$35) and Hats (\$18-\$40 depending the number of passengers). However, if you plan to stay longer in Ecuador here are some additional links.

Recommended Destinations:

- Ecuadorian Jungle - La Casa del Suizo: <http://www.casadelsuizo.com>
- Galapagos Islands - <http://ecuador.travel/en/4mundos#galapagos>
- Quilotoa - <https://www.toursbylocals.com/quilotoalake>
- Cotopaxi Volcano - <https://www.toursbylocals.com/cotopaxivolcanofulldaytour>
- The Sunroute "Spondylus" - <http://ecuador.travel/en/destino/33/spondylus-route>

Pricing

1. Hostería Rincón (Puembo)

Number of nights: 5

- March 1st, March 2nd
- March 5th, March 6th, March 7th

Rates per night:

- Double Occupancy: \$126.48
- Triple Occupancy: \$151.28
- Little House 4 People: \$199.64
- Little House 5 People: \$246.76
- Little House 6 People: \$293.88

Notes:

- These prices include 24% service fees and taxes.
- These prices include breakfast and Internet.

Reservation:

- Send an email to reservas@rincondpuembo.com
- Specify type of room selection and expected rate
- Include desired check-in and check-out dates
- Include reservation code: Matrimonio Bretécher – Ávalos

Website:

- www.rincondpuembo.com

2. Terrabambu Lodge (Mindó)

Number of nights: 2

- March 3rd, March 4th

Rates per night:

- Single Occupancy (adults): \$50
- Single Occupancy (children): \$35

Notes:

- These prices include breakfast.
- Diner is not included. It costs \$16 per person.

Reservation:

- No prior reservation is required. The hotel has been reserved for our party. You can provide your credit information upon check-in.

Website:

- www.terrabambu.com

3. Termas de Papallacta

Number of nights: 1

- March 8th

Rates per night:

- Room for 2 people (chimney room or jacuzzi room): \$200
- Room for 3 people (2 king beds): \$158 - additional person (only one): \$40
- Cabin for 6 people (1 king + 4 simple beds or 6 simple beds): \$258 - additional person (only one): \$40

Notes:

- Spa full day (from 9 AM to 8 PM): \$38

Reservation:

- Send an email to termasuio@termaspapallacta.com
- Specify type of room selection and expected rate
- Include desired check-in and check-out dates
- Include reservation code: Matrimonio Bretécher – Ávalos

Website:

- www.termaspapallacta.com

4. Hotel Lugano (Quito)

Number of nights: 4

- March 9th, March 10th, March 11th, March 12th

Rates per night:

- Single Suite (for 2 people): \$114.08 - additional person (only one): \$138.88
- Double Suite (for 4 people): \$163.68 - additional person (only one): \$188.48

Notes:

- These prices include breakfast.
- These prices include 24% service fees and taxes.

Reservation:

- Send an email to reservas@luganosuiteshotel.com
- Specify the number of people in your group
- Include desired check-in and check-out dates
- Include reservation code: "Matrimonio Carolina-Ávalos"

Website:

- www.luganosuiteshotel.com.ec