



THE HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF THE UNITED STATES

# YOU ARE INVITED...

TO JOIN US ON AN ECO-ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

Please join HSUS Senior Vice President of Communications, John Balzar, on an exciting eco-adventure to beautiful Ecuador. Located in northwestern South America, Ecuador is rich with an array of native flora and fauna and climate regions. With over 1600 species of birds, Ecuador is without a doubt a birder's ultimate paradise.

Spend a week exploring three of Ecuador's only private natural reserves, known as San Jorge's Magic Birding and Hiking Circuit. Kept in their rich, natural state, all of the exclusive reserves offer the chance to fully immerse yourself in all that is Ecuador.

Explore the high barren plains and highland rainforest of San Jorge Botanical Reserve, the cloud forest of the San Jorge de Tandayapa Hummingbird Sanctuary, and the tropical rainforest of the San Jorge de Milpe Orchid & Bird Reserve, known for its majestic waterfalls and swimming holes.

Learn from your private bilingual guide about the rich ecology, ornithology, botany, and archeology of the region. In your downtime relax at some of the region's most beautiful eco-lodges and dine on gourmet Ecuadorian vegetarian and vegan cuisine.

Don't miss this adventure of a lifetime.



## QUICK LOOK

- San Jorge Eco-Lodge & Botanical Reserve; Quito, Ecuador
- April 18-24, 2010
- Family-friendly
- Gourmet Ecuadorian vegetarian and vegan cuisine
- All-inclusive package, including a bi-lingual guide

## SPECIAL GUEST, JOHN BALZAR

John Balzar joined the executive staff of The HSUS in 2007 after a 33-year career as a journalist. As a staff writer at The Los Angeles Times, he traveled widely and received some of journalism's highest honors.

He has written about gorillas in the war zone of Rwanda's Mountains of the Moon and elephants in Kenya, as well as about sharks in Palau, grizzly bears and bowhead whales in Alaska, and the larger meaning of the human-animal bond.

In quest of stories about nature and its creatures, Balzar has sailed across the Pacific, worked as a boatman on the river's of the Brooks Range Mountains of Alaska, hiked on the Serengeti, explored the undersea continental shelf in a two-person submersible, and bicycled the furious byways of car-crazy Los Angeles.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### San Jorge Eco-Lodge & Botanical Reserve/Quito

Located in the High Barren Plains/Highland Rainforest. Includes a double Andes hacienda room with a private bath. Experience beautiful fireplaces, an outdoor swimming pool, sauna, Turkish Bath, Jacuzzi, game room, lounge, and museum. Enjoy the stunning gardens and exotic birds in a comfortable Eco-Resort environment.

### NEW! San Jorge de Tandayapa Eco-Lodge

Located in the Cloud Forest at the San Jorge de Tandayapa Hummingbird Sanctuary. Includes a double room with private bath. Surroundings include as many as 500 species, pristine hiking trails, an observation deck with superb photography opportunities, and the open aired Hummingbird Restaurant.

### San Jorge de Milpe Eco-Lodge

Located in the Subtropical Rainforest at San Jorge de Milpe Orchid & Bird Reserve. Includes a double room with twin beds and private bath. Decorated with the comfort and rustic elegance of a rainforest lodge. Enjoy an observatory deck with panoramic views, an ideal retreat for naturalists and birdwatchers alike.

## 6 NIGHTS/7 DAYS (APRIL 18 – 24, 2010)



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**SAN JORGE ECO-LODGE  
& BOTANICAL RESERVE**  
"A natural paradise in Quito's foothills"

### Day one: Quito

Upon your evening arrival at Quito Airport, you will be met by your escort and transferred to the beautiful San Jorge Eco-Lodge & Botanical Reserve, which will be your primary base. (No meals included.)

### Day Two: Tandayapa Cloud Forest

Enjoy the day mountain biking along Nono-Tandayapa, a famous birdwatchers route. While descending from the virgin cloud forest, pass through the Sierra (an enormous canyon) and Tandayapa and Pichincha's untouched foothills. This easy, downhill tour of the cloud forest (approx. 55 km) offers picturesque sightseeing opportunities. (For those who do not wish to bike ride, a transfer will be offered to San Jorge de Tandayapa to meet the group for lunch.) Overnight San Jorge/Tandayapa (B, L, D)

### Day Three: San Jorge de Tandayapa Hummingbird Sanctuary

Experience firsthand the beautiful San Jorge de Tandayapa Hummingbird Reserve (tropical cloud forest) on a nature hiking expedition. Take in panoramic views, tropical plants and flowers, and exotic birds and wild-

life. Enjoy lunch at San Jorge's open aired Hummingbird Restaurant. Later enjoy "Wild Voices: Night Walk in the Cloud Forest". Overnight San Jorge/Tandayapa (B, L, D)

### Day Four: San Jorge de Milpe Orchid & Bird Reserve

Hike along lush jungle trails through San Jorge Milpe Orchid and Bird Reserve (surrounding Pichincha Mountain) and swim below the area's majestic waterfalls. This paradise boasts nearly 450 bird species and 300 varieties of orchids. At the end of the day, enjoy "Wild Voices – Night Walk in the Tropical Rainforest" where you will hear the songs of saturnines, owls, parakeets, and frogs. Overnight San Jorge/Milpe (B, L, D)

### Day Five: San Jorge Botanical Reserve

Hike to the Highland Tropical Rainforest, visiting up to 5 sacred waterfalls and learning about some of the region's 250 varieties of native medicinal plants. Take in the breathtaking panoramic views of Quito, its lush valleys and majestic mountains and the volcano peaks of Cayambe, Antizana, Paschocha, Pululahua, Pichincha, and Illalo. Overnight San Jorge/Quito (B, L, D)

### Day Six: Central Andes Chain and Papallacta Natural Hot Springs

Journey through the High Andes Barren Plains on the same route Francisco De Orellana walked when he discovered the Amazon River. Travel through the Tumbaco, Cumbaya and Pifo Valleys and end at Papallacta Lake where you can relax in the natural hot springs. The guided trip will highlight the botanical and ecological history of the Coca Cayambe Ecological Reserve, home to the spectacular condor. Overnight San Jorge/Quito (B, L, D)

### Day Seven: Quito

Following breakfast, you will be transferred to the Quito Airport to begin your journey home. (B)

### Optional 1-Day Trip Extension: Old Colonial Quito City Tour (additional fee applies)

Enjoy a private tour of Ecuador's capital, considered part of the Cultural Patrimony of Humanity by UNESCO. Explore the Baroque colonial art, history, archaeology and folklore of the city. Includes: Plaza de la Independencia, Plaza San Francisco, Plaza Santo Domingo, La Merced, La Compania, Penecillo. Overnight at San Jorge/Quito (B, L, D). The next morning, you will be transferred to Quito Airport. (B)

## DETAILS

**Cost:** \$1850 USD per person, based on double occupancy (Includes a \$500 tax deductible donation to The HSUS for program work in South America.)

Single Supplement, Add \$220.00 USD.

**Optional 1-Day Trip Extension: Old Colonial Quito City Tour:** Add \$180 USD per person, double occupancy.

**Includes:** Airport transfers, double occupancy lodging, vegetarian/vegan meals, bilingual guides, tours, private transportation, reserve entrance fees, and tax.

**Excludes:** Travel or medical insurance, extra meals, soda/bar, extra transfers or tours other than ones noted in package inclusions, optional museum entrance fees, personal expenses, international airfare, departure tax.

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