



The Throat of Fire: a summit attempt on an active volcano.

<p>ALTITUDE 5,023 m</p>	<p>DURATION 2 days / 1N</p>	<p>GRADE Active volcano · Intermediate level</p>	<p>SEASON Year-round, with a weather check before every departure</p>	<p>MEETING POINT Cuenca & Riobamba (pickup)</p>	<p>ACTIVITY Night summit push of up to 7 hours</p>
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ITINERARY

DAY 01

Departure from Cuenca

We meet in Cuenca (exact location shared via WhatsApp) for a briefing and introductions, then drive overnight, about six hours, toward Baños de Agua Santa.

Breakfast and Pailón del Diablo

Morning breakfast in Baños and a visit to the Pailón del Diablo waterfall before heading up the mountain.

Trek from Pondoá (2,850 m)

We start hiking at midday from the Pondoá checkpoint. Bring your printed waiver; optional horse support is available for gear.

Garganta de Fuego refuge (3,800 m)

Arrive at the refuge mid-afternoon and cook a late lunch in the communal kitchen. Briefing and early rest before the push.

DAY 02

Summit push (01:00)

Night ascent by headlamp. Helmet mandatory; harness and crampons depending on conditions.

Summit, 5,023 m

Summit cutoff at 08:00 high on the active volcano, with high-altitude photography.

Return to the refuge

Descend to the refuge for breakfast, pack up and start the trek back down at midday.

Descent and drive back

Reach Pondoá in the early afternoon, share a farewell group lunch and drive back to the meeting point in the evening.

INCLUDED

- Certified guides (groups of up to 8 climbers per guide)
- Transport with pickup included
- Garganta de Fuego refuge
- Visit to the Pailón del Diablo waterfall
- Permits
- High-altitude photography
- Training hikes in El Cajas
- Good vibes

NOT INCLUDED

- Food (the refuge has a communal kitchen to prepare your own meals)
- Personal clothing (three-layer system)
- Safety equipment (helmet, harness, crampons), available for rent from PEAKS
- Entrance tickets to the Pailón del Diablo
- Optional portering and horse transport for gear
- Activities not listed in the itinerary

REQUIREMENTS

Solid aerobic fitness for over 2,100 m of elevation gain across two days. A helmet and a headlamp with fresh batteries are mandatory; harness and crampons depend on conditions. We travel wearing the three-layer system from the start, and attending the pre-climb training sessions is mandatory.

Ask for dates & a quote

Prices and spots via WhatsApp · Non-refundable deposit to book

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