

Ecuador Volcano

Climb



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About Us

Action Challenge

We are Action Challenge, and we bring people together through challenge & adventure.



Since 1999 we've organised inspirational challenge events & adventures in the UK and Worldwide, for individuals to join, and for groups, companies & charities. Take on a challenge just for yourself, or link it to a special cause and fundraise – so far our events have raised over £90 million for charities. Now is the time to set new goals, to re-energise, and to get active!

We have over 40 UK & overseas challenge events that you can sign up to now – ranging from a meandering 25 km Thames Path walk, to conquering a mighty Himalayan peak. Take on an unforgettable group adventure and push yourself further! We welcome individuals, couples, or groups of friends & family – and you can self fund, or link your challenge with fundraising for a chosen charity.



Few experiences bring a group closer together than an outdoor adventure which challenges comfort zones, builds resilience & understanding, and forges respect & friendships. If you have a group, you can join one of our 40 or so scheduled events, or if you want something special – we can craft a bespoke itinerary or plan a unique challenge event to meet your objectives and get your team energised!

Why Choose Us?



1

100% ATOL PROTECTION

We are 100% ATOL (Air Travel Organiser's Licence) bonded - ATOL number 6296. Offers full financial protection by the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) for clients who have booked package trips, including flights.



2

UK LEADERS & MEDICS

Every challenge is managed & led by one of our expert UK Qualified & trained Mountain Leaders, working alongside them will be a UK Medic whom has experience of expeditions & group challenges.



3

EXPERIENCED LOCAL TEAMS

Our hand picked local teams & crew know the routes like the back of their hands! You will be fully supported by the experts - who will also teach you about the destination, people, culture & history!

4 THE GROUP EXPERIENCE

Join as an individual, couple, or group of friends - we bring people together and create an atmosphere where each person is supported, motivated & encouraged through the trip. Sharing adventures together we have a lot of fun!

5 TRAINING & SUPPORT

Once you've signed up to the challenge, you'll be supported by our teams with specifically designed training plans, a challenge app, an invite to join our Facebook group & options to join us on training walks & challenge briefing. By the time you are due to travel you'll be ready & raring to go!

6 OUR ITINERARIES

OVER 20+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE BRINGS YOU THE BEST ITINERARIES & DESTINATIONS

7 QUALITY ASSURED VALUE

We pride ourselves on selecting the best local teams, hotels (always 3*+), restaurants & guides so you can experience the best each destination has to offer. A highlight will certainly be our final celebratory meals & party at a fantastic venue!

8 OUR CLIENTS

We've taken teams from Harrods, Blackrock, HSBC and more to the summit of Kilimanjaro, and have also run events here in the UK for companies such as Tesco, British Gas and M&S. We've got over a decade of experience of working with organisations of every size. Our team of experts will work with you to ensure that your event is a success, achieving your goals and leaving a lasting impact.

The Challenge



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TAKE ON THE AVENUE OF THE VOLCANOES!

Ecuador is packed with culture, great food, wonderful people and incredible mountainous terrain. Its volcanoes are a magnet for trekkers and mountaineers. On this challenge, you will summit active & dormant volcanoes, climb one of the world's tallest active volcanoes, and experience the great hospitality of Ecuador. Starting from Quito, and a visit to the Equatorial line at Mitad Del Mundo, we then begin the process of acclimatising, with summits of Pasachoa (4,200m), Ruminahui (4,700m), Corazon (4,900m), and an ice skills training day on the slopes of Cotopaxi - before tackling the summit of the same mountain, one of the world's highest active volcanoes at 5,897m!

This is the perfect next challenge for anyone who has already taken on Kilimanjaro or Everest Base Camp, and is looking to step things up with a more technical climb.

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DAY 1 - ARRIVE QUITO

We fly to Quito, Ecuador and enjoy a meal in the evening.

Meals: Dinner

Accom: Hotel

DAY 2 - ACCLIMATISING IN QUITO

2,800m

We take this day to acclimatise to the rarefied atmosphere. We explore Quito's famous Colonial Quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with churches, lively plazas and museums. Later, we'll head to Mitad del Mundo where the equatorial line passes, dividing the Earth in 2 hemispheres, before visiting the famous Inti-nan museum.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accom: Hotel

DAY 3 - QUILOTOA LAGOON

3,920m

Today we stick at lower elevations, with a challenging but fun circuit around the volcanic crater of the Quilotoa Lagoon. We have the option to climb to highest point of the crater at 3900m, or descend to the water for a day of kayaking.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accom: Hacienda

DAY 4 - PASOCHOA

4,199m

We head to our trailhead in the foothills of Mt. Pasochoa, a trek that offers us our best chance to see the Andean Condor. One of the best treks acclimatisation getting us all prepared for a Cotopaxi summit. From the top there are some of the most beautiful vistas in the Central Andes and on a clear day we can see Cotopaxi.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accom: Hacienda

DAY 5 - RUMINAHUI

4720m

Ruminahui is a long-extinct volcano in the Cotopaxi National Park. It has 3 separate peaks, although they are not considered separate mountains, unlike the Illinizas. This climb is perfect for breath-taking views of the peaks of Elz Corazon, Illinizas and of course the ever present Cotopaxi.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accom: Hacienda



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DAY 6 - CORAZON

4,900M

Today we have a very short transfer to the start of our trek on Mt. Corazon (Heart!). The summit approach gives 360 degree views and although short, its an exhilarating walk to the last section for which we rope up into small teams, for a scramble. This is steep with some hard sections but well worth the views at the top.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accom: Hacienda

DAY 7 - REST DAY / CONTINGENCY

Today we have a contingency day to manage any weather issues that we might experience and of course to continue our acclimatisation. If all goes to plan then there is plenty to do at our base to enjoy this incredible location.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accom: Hacienda

DAY 8 - COTOPAXI ICE SKILLS

Today we transfer to this iconic mountain and have a training day on snow and testing equipment and mountaineering techniques. It's a long walk to the hut, carrying our gear, but once there we have time for a warm drink before heading further up the mountain to the glacier line. Here we have a fun & informative session learning self-arrest techniques, working as a rope team and walking with crampons.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accom: Mountain Hut

DAY 9 - COTOPAXI SUMMIT

5,790m

We set off at midnight, climbing steep paths of volcanic sand, then snow and glaciers to Cotopaxi's summit cone. After 6-8 hours, we reach the top at sunrise, with views north to Quito and south to Chimborazo, plus the snow-filled crater below. Professional local guides support us throughout. The descent takes two hours to the refuge, then to our waiting vehicle. From there, we head to the Hacienda to freshen up, then onward to Quito and our central hotel to relax and recover. Later, we reunite to celebrate the end of an incredible challenge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accom: Hotel



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DAY 10 & 11 - RETURN TO UK

We will transfer to the airport for our flight home to the UK.

INCLUSIONS

- . Fully supported challenge
- . Action Challenge Expedition Leader & Medic
- . Full support team, including local guides
- . International flights and air travel taxes
- . All accommodation, twin share - hotels / tents
- . All meals with the group; breakfast, lunch and dinner
- . Climbing permit fees
- . Celebratory dinner in Quito
- . Pre event support & Challenge APP
- . Optional training weekends

EXTENSIONS / OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Click here to view our [Chimborazo Extension Brochure](#)

DATES & PRICES

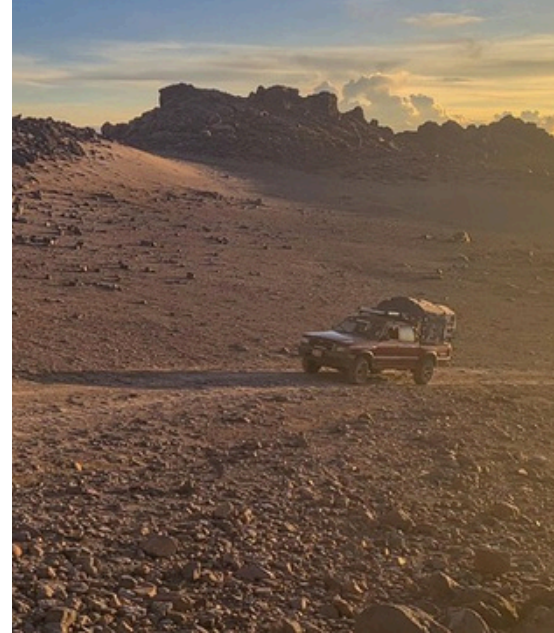
Visit our [website](#) for available dates

PAYMENT OPTIONS

There are 2 'payment options' available when you sign up.

SELF FUNDING: Just like a standard holiday! You pay the initial registration deposit online, and then the final balance of the trip cost (+ any fuel surcharge imposed by the airline if booking a Flights Included package) - which is invoiced 12 weeks prior to departure.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING: Do it for a charity of your choice! Choose how much of the trip cost you want to cover yourself & fundraise at least twice the remaining balance. Your chosen charity pays us the final balance from this fundraising, with the rest being kept as a donation. Any airline imposed fuel surcharge will be invoiced to you if booking a Flights Included package - 12 weeks prior.





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