



# JANUARY 2019

## Wander Recommendation

If you want to surprise yourself, go directly to the town of Píllaro for an encounter with the most playful "devils" in the world. With the beginning of the New Year, surf season is on! It's the perfect time to visit the different beaches along Ecuador's Coast. Don't forget to celebrate International Hat Day, the perfect excuse to buy the world-famous Panama Hat, which is actually Ecuadorian!

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Diablada de Píllaro - Píllaro Tungurahua



Hat Day - Panama Hat



Beach and surf season the entire month  
Motañita, Puerto López, Mompiche



# FEBRUARY 2019

## Wander Recommendation

This is a great month to visit the three of Ecuador's continental regions. Start your adventure at the popular celebration of Virgen de la Candelaria; continue partying with the locals at the multiple parades for the Amazon Day and finally take the opportunity to learn surfing or simply enjoy a relaxing time at little beach towns

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Virgen de la Candelaria Celebration, Mira - Carchi



The Amazon Day, Puyo, Pastaza



Beach and surf season the entire month, Motañita, Puerto López, Mompiche



# MARCH 2019

## Wander Recommendation

Don't wait for the actual holiday: Ecuador's Carnival starts at least two weeks earlier! Try to keep dry—or not! Locals celebrate Carnival throwing water at friends or strangers in the streets. Then enjoy nature while you celebrate Forests and Water International Days at the town that has it all: Baños de Agua Santa.

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Carnival,  
Guaranda, Ambato



International Forests  
Day, Baños



International Water Day, Baños



# APRIL 2019

## Wander Recommendation

The Holy Week is very important for Ecuadorians, so this time of the year is a great opportunity to understand our culture and religion. Start by tasting fanesca, a soup recipe that varies from family to family. Observe the main pilgrimages, Jesús del Gran Poder in Quito, and Cristo del Consuelo in Guayaquil. If nature is your thing, enjoy Galápagos while the crowds are not in the islands yet.

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Holy Week,  
Quito, Guayaquil



Kasama Celebration,  
Santo Domingo de los  
Tsáchilas



Visit Galápagos Islands the  
entire month



MAY 2019

**Wander Recommendation**

Otavalo people are known for their work culture. Have a different International Workers' Day visiting them at their traditional Plaza de los Ponchos and observe their work firsthand. Take the chance to visit the Cuyabeno Reserve to see the most magical landscape scenario of a flooded forest. If you like popular culture, be part of the civic celebration of the Pichincha Battle, in Quito.

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International Workers' Day, Otavalo



Pichincha Battle, Quito



Visit Cuyabeno Reserve the entire month



# JUNE 2019

## Wander Recommendation

Due to Inti Raymi celebration, June is a very important month in the Andean World. Ingapirca Ruins or the Corpus Christi holiday, in Pujilí, are a great chance to get a deeper understanding of Ecuador's indigenous culture. If you are more on a nature conservation mood, you could enjoy a simpler version of the Galapagos ecosystem at Puerto López beach.

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International Oceans' Day, Puerto López, Montañita



Corpus Christi, Pujilí



Inti Raymi - Ingapirca



**JULY 2019**

**Wander Recommendation**

The whales are here! Don't worry, they'll stay until September, so you have enough time to observe them in Puerto López or at other beaches. Get to know more about Ecuador's mestizo culture in Guayaquil, while they celebrate their city's foundation. Or go to Machachi, a town in the Andes, to be part of their biggest celebration: el Paseo del Chagra.

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Paseo del Chagra,  
Machachi, Pichincha



Fiestas Julianas -  
Guayaquil



Humpback whales arrive at  
Ecuador Puerto López



# AUGUST 2019

## Wander Recommendation

Summer in the Andes is the perfect time to go for a trekking, either high in the mountains or at its foothills. If you want to know more about our history, enjoy Quito's museums and learn about events such as el Primer Grito de la Independencia. A huge religious manifestation takes place in this month: the pilgrimage of Virgen del Cisne, in Loja; even pilgrims from Colombia come to take part!

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Primer Grito de la Independencia, Museos Quito



Virgen del Cisne Day, Loja



Summer in the Andesuito, Cuenca, Cotopaxi



# SEPTEMBER 2019

## Wander Recommendation

Chicha is the most important drink in the Andean culture; there's even a whole celebration to honor it! In Otavalo, they make their own version: chicha del yamor, and they'll be happy to share it with you! If you want to party even harder, you should go to Latacunga and be part of the Mama Negra celebration, an experience you should have at least once in a lifetime! As always, nature has a lot to offer: head to Ozogoché lagoon to observe the cuvivies birds' arrival –and also watch their massive "suicide".

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Fiesta del Yamor - Otavalo



Mama Negra - Latacunga



Last week, Cuvivies arrival



# OCTOBER 2019

## Wander Recommendation

This is a month full of popular celebrations: start off in Ibarra, where you could be part of the mestizo culture in the celebration of Cacería del Zorro (the fox hunting). Then descend to the Coast to observe one of the biggest Ecuadorian civic traditions, in Guayaquil. Finally, not far from that city, admire the "cowboy" Ecuadorian culture in the Rodeo Montubio.

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Cacería del Zorro Ibarra



Guayaquil's Independence Day, Guayaquil



Rodeo Montubio - Salitre, Guayas



# NOVEMBER 2019

## Wander Recommendation

Start the month tasting Colada Morada drink! Ecuadorians love it and it's only available at this time of the year, to celebrate All Souls' Day. Try to be in Cuenca to also experience its Independence Day! For more popular culture, go to El Quinche, very close to Quito, to see one of the most important religious events in Ecuador.

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Souls' Day, Cuenca



Cuenca's Independence Day, Cuenca



Virgen del Quinche Day, Quinche, Pichincha



# DECEMBER 2019

## Wander Recommendation

More parties! Start off celebrating Quito's Spanish Foundation. Then Christmas time is on! You'll find different kinds of Pases del Niño all over the country. Finish 2019 admiring how Ecuadorians say "good bye" to 2018 year in their own unique way!

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Quito's Spanish Foundation, Quito



Pases del Niño en todo Ecuador



New Year's Celebration, Guayaquil, Quito, Montañita