

ICONIC SUMMIT

COTOPAXI

HOME TO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CRATER ON EARTH



ROPE-TEAM PROMO · 2 CLIMBERS · 2 DAYS / 1 NIGHT

EVERYTHING INCLUDED EXCEPT TECHNICAL GEAR

5,897 M

SUMMIT

4,850 M

REFUGE

D+1,000 M

VERTICAL GAIN

Weather check

PEAKS PLUS

CERTIFIED TOUR OPERATOR

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- Certified guides
- Private transport & pickup
- Refuge with dinner and breakfast
- Park permits
- Training sessions & photography

Technical gear and meals outside the refuge not included

TRIP FACTS

ALTITUDE 5,897 m	DURATION 2 days / 1N	GRADE Glacier climb · Intermediate level
SEASON December to January and June to September (driest, most stable window)	MEETING POINT Cuenca & Riobamba (pickup)	ACTIVITY 6 to 8 hour night summit push

LOCATION

On the border of Cotopaxi and Pichincha provinces, in north-central Ecuador. José Ribas refuge 4,850 m · trailhead 4,600 m · vertical gain +1,000 m · 3 km from refuge to summit.

LOCATION & ALTITUDE

ROUTE FROM RIOBAMBA

1. Riobamba · 2. Cotopaxi · by road

ALTITUDE VS PEAKS SUMMITS

Chimborazo	6,263
Cotopaxi	5,897
Cayambe	5,790
Iliniza Norte + Quilotoa	5,126
Tungurahua	5,023
Carihuairazo	5,020
El Altar	4,200

SUMMIT-DAY VERTICAL GAIN

Refuge 4 m

Summit 5,897 m

D+ 5,893 m

SCHEDULE

01:00	Summit push with your summit pack and headlamp
08:00	Summit cutoff — 5,897 m, on the crater rim
10:00	Back at the José Ribas refuge for breakfast
12:00	Regroup at the trailhead parking (4,600 m)
15:00	Late lunch and trip wrap-up
22:00	Drive back and drop-off

ITINERARY

DAY 01

Pickup and drive north

Early pickup and scenic drive north along the Avenue of the Volcanoes.

Cotopaxi National Park

Park check-in and drive up to the trailhead parking at 4,600 m. Bring your printed waiver.

José Ribas refuge (4,850 m)

Hike up to the refuge, technical briefing and crampon fitting.

Dinner and rest

Dinner at the refuge and early rest before the summit push.

DAY 02

Summit push (01:00)

We rope up and climb the glacier by headlamp.

Sunrise on the glacier

We reach the upper slopes and the crater rim with the first light of day.

Summit, 5,897 m

Summit cutoff at 08:00 and high-altitude photography on the crater rim.

Descent and return

Descend to the refuge for breakfast, regroup at the parking area and drive back.



The summit is won long before the glacier: in every training session, in every sunrise on the way to the mountain.

COTOPAXI · 5,897 M · 0.6807° S, 78.4377° W

INCLUDED

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|  Certified mountain guides (2 climbers per guide) |  Private transport with pickup included |
|  José Ribas refuge with dinner and breakfast |  National Park permits |
|  High-altitude photography |  Midweek training sessions |

NOT INCLUDED

- Technical equipment (ice axe, crampons, harness, helmet, boots), available for rent from PEAKS
- Personal clothing (three-layer system)
- Meals outside the refuge
- Activities not listed in the itinerary

WHAT FOOD TO BRING

The José Ribas refuge includes dinner and breakfast; hot drinks and bread are served before the summit push. Pro tip: leave a dry change of clothes in the vehicle and bring an electrolyte drink.

- Hydration with salts and electrolytes
- Fresh fruit: bananas, apples
- Nuts and dried fruit
- Peanut butter
- Something to share on the summit push

3-LAYER SYSTEM

1 Base layer Dry-fit · quick-dry	2 Mid layer Fleece or down · warmth	3 Outer layer Gore-Tex · waterproof
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GEAR CHECKLIST

CLOTHING (THREE-LAYER SYSTEM)

- Base layer: dry-fit (quick-dry)
- Mid layer: fleece or down x2 (warmth)
- Outer layer: waterproof jacket and pants (Gore-Tex)
- Buff, cap or balaclava
- Thermal socks (2 pairs)
- Snow gloves or mittens

SUMMIT PACK (25 L)

- Sunglasses
- Hydration with electrolytes
- Headlamp + fresh batteries
- Sunscreen SPF 50
- Summit snacks and a thermos
- Trekking pole (one or two)

TREK PACK (50 L)

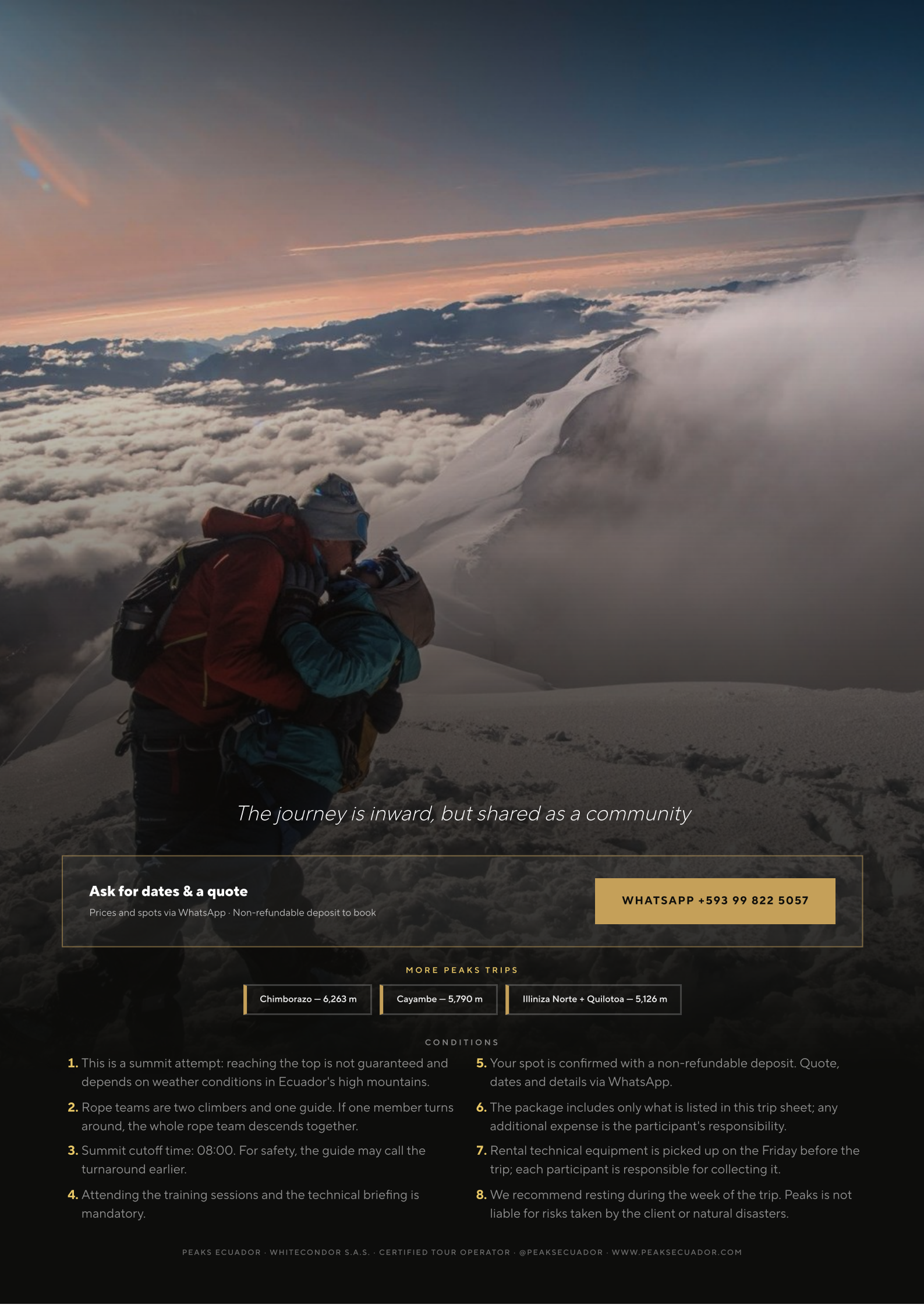
- Light sleeping bag
- Change of clothes
- Waterproof pack cover
- Toiletry kit (toothpaste, brush, deodorant)

TECHNICAL GEAR (RENTAL FROM PEAKS)

- High-mountain boots
- Crampons and ice axe
- Harness and helmet

REQUIREMENTS

Solid aerobic fitness and some crampon experience. Prior acclimatization is strongly recommended, and attending the technical briefing and training sessions is mandatory.



The journey is inward, but shared as a community

Ask for dates & a quote

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

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MORE PEAKS TRIPS

Chimborazo — 6,263 m

Cayambe — 5,790 m

Illiniza Norte + Quilotoa — 5,126 m

CONDITIONS

1. This is a summit attempt: reaching the top is not guaranteed and depends on weather conditions in Ecuador's high mountains.
2. Rope teams are two climbers and one guide. If one member turns around, the whole rope team descends together.
3. Summit cutoff time: 08:00. For safety, the guide may call the turnaround earlier.
4. Attending the training sessions and the technical briefing is mandatory.
5. Your spot is confirmed with a non-refundable deposit. Quote, dates and details via WhatsApp.
6. The package includes only what is listed in this trip sheet; any additional expense is the participant's responsibility.
7. Rental technical equipment is picked up on the Friday before the trip; each participant is responsible for collecting it.
8. We recommend resting during the week of the trip. Peaks is not liable for risks taken by the client or natural disasters.