**Port, Country**

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| MANTA - ECUADOR |

**DMC Name**

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| OCEAN PACIFIC TRAVEL |

**Tour Activity Level: Easy Moderate Demanding**

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**Tour Description**

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| Our tour today begins with a drive along Manta’s “malecón” or promenade. Our guide enlightens us on the history of this area, which was home to pre-Columbian peoples such as the Valdivia culture, whose fragments of pottery are the oldest found anywhere in South America. The archaeological site of Cerro Jaboncillo is unique because it allows observation of a distinct and complex society that was established in the area between 900 and 1500 AD. This developed society controlled large areas of Guayas and Manabi provinces in Ecuador. The Cancebí-Manteños acquired highly developed levels in their society practices and with their control of the sea extended their culture to the California Gulf, Mexico, Chile and Peru.Visiting this place is an experience that mixes culture, tourism and nature. Located on the eastern slope of Cerro Jaboncillo, the area around the archaeological site features a variety of plants and animals that survive in a unique ecosystem that depends on water cycles, especially in the summer fog. Afterwards, enjoy a snack at the site museum before returning to the ship.  |

**Time Related**

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|   | Stop/Site | From | To | steps | Restrooms availablePaid or not? If yes, how much? | Shopping Available. If yes, what type, and currency accepted |
| 1 | Departure from pier - Orientation tour of Manta  | 00h00 | 00h15 |  | N/A |  |
| 2 | Drive to Picoazá  | 00h15 | 01h45 |  | N/A |  |
| 3 | Use of toilet facilities and visit to the Interpretation Center and the museum | 01h45 | 02h30 | 10 | YES | N/A |
| 4 | Drive to the archaeological zone  | 02h30 | 02h50 |  | N/A |  |
| 5 | Visit the archaeological site  | 02h50 | 04h00 | 80 | N/A | N/A |
| 6 | Drive back to the Interpretation Center | 04h00 | 04h20 |  | N/A |  |
| 7 | Snack  | 04h20 | 05h00 |  | YES | N/A |
| 8 | Drive back to Manta and transfer to the pier | 05h00 | 06h30 |  | N/A  |  |

**Min/Max capacity per departure**

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| Min 2 / Max 20 |

**Transportation**

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| Type of Vehicle | MINI-BUS |
| Has A/C? | YES |
| Has PA or Mic? | YES |
| Has First Aid Kit? | YES |

**Guiding**

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| Is the tour fully guided by a licensed tour guide?  | YES |

**Food & Beverage**

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| Is there a meal or snack included? | YES |
| If yes, please detail menu of the meal/snack-refreshment | Banana bread, Fruit, boxed juice, energetic or chocolate bar, bottle of water |

**Dress Code**

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| Any specific Dress Code for this tour? | Sunscreen, sunglasses, cap or hat as there will be some outdoors walking at Cerro Jaboncillo |
| If yes, please detail. If only at one place, please identify | N/A |

**Liability / Release / Restrictions**

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| Weight restrictions? | N/A |
| Any other restrictions? | Wheelchairs not recommended |

**Extras**

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| Is there police escort required for the tour?  | No |
| Wheelchair availability on this tour?  | N/A |

**Costs**

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| Currency for the costs? | US Dollar |
| Based on touring in a 20-seater vehicle |
| Tier | 16 PAX | 18 PAX | 20 PAX |
| Cost p.p. | 51.00 | 47.00 | 44.00 |

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| Based on touring in a 15-seater vehicle |
| Tier | 5 PAX | 8 PAX | 10 PAX | 15 PAX |
| Cost p.p. | 108.00 | 75.00 | 68.00 | 51.00 |

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| Based on touring in a 4-seater vehicle |
| Tier | 2 PAX | 3 PAX | 4 PAX |
| Cost p.p. | 242.00 | 168.00 | 130.00 |

Any further information you need to add about the tour, logistics or costs:

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| Notes:* Few vendors accept credit cards; we recommend that guests bring cash (USD) if they wish to purchase anything. In Ecuador $50 or $100 notes are not easily accepted, so guests should try to bring small change. Travelers’ checks are not accepted.
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