**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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| PACOCHE LODGE  Coastal Ecuador is largely covered in dry forest, which makes the lush green Pacoche Forest all the more unique and ecologically complex. Forests such as Pacoche once covered vast areas of the coastal region and were home to an enormous wealth and diversity of species. Now they have been reduced to a dispersed chain of forest remnants under constant threat and facing an uncertain future.  We depart the quayside and travel via the coastal route to the Pacoche trailhead. Along the way, we take note of the predominant dry forest and the stark contrast between the dry and wet forest areas delineated by what looks like an invisible boundary, the change is so radical.  The route that has been chosen for this walk is specifically to those with a keen interest in nature. The forest is home to hundreds of bird species, as well as a unique species of howler monkey endemic to the forest. After spending a few minutes hiking with our tour guide, we enjoy a welcome drink and typical “bocadito” (snack). After this visit we return to the ship. |

Time Related

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|  | Stop/Site | From | To | steps | Restrooms available  Paid or not?  If yes, how much? | Shopping Available. If yes, what type, and currency accepted |
| 1 | Depart the quayside and drive to the Pacoche Lodge | 00h00 | 00h45 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Explore the Pacoche Lodge trail | 00h45 | 02h45 |  |  | N/A |
| 3 | Welcome drink and typical “bocadito” (snack) | 02h45 | 03h15 |  | YES | N/A |
| 4 | Return to the quayside | 03h15 | 04h00 |  |  |  |

**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 | Season fruit juice, Bolon (made of plantain) |

**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 Pacoche Lodge |
| 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. | 54.00 | 50.00 | 48.00 |

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| Based on touring in a 15-seater vehicle | | | | |
| Tier | 5 PAX | 8 PAX | 10 PAX | 15 PAX |
| Cost p.p. | 111.00 | 77.00 | 71.00 | 55.00 |

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| Based on touring in a 4-seater vehicle | | | |
| Tier | 2 PAX | 3 PAX | 4 PAX |
| Cost p.p. | 245.00 | 170.00 | 133.00 |

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. |