**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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| MACHALILLA NATIONAL PARK – AGUA BLANCA COMMUNITYThe small community of Agua Blanca is a real treasure. Located in Manabí province, the settlement is small and maintains a strong sense of community. The beauty of the area is amplified by the tall trees of the surrounding Machalilla National Park. The true treasure in the area is the small Agua Blanca Museum, which houses a variety of local archeological finds. Many of these finds have been simply picked up and contributed to the museum while others come from a few of the partially excavated dig sites near the village. Many of the ancient treasures that have been found came from the Manteña people who lived in the area between 800 and 1532 AD. One can only imagine what living in this beautiful part of Ecuador must have been like for these early people and the remains give great insight into their daily activities.Once you’ve explored the historical aspect of Agua Blanca, you can take a swim in the nearby laguna, which is fed by volcanic springs, or try a sulphuric mud-pack from the nearby mud. There are plenty of paths and tracks that need to be explored. The village is situated in Machalilla National Park, a small entrance fee is usually required for tourists entering the region. |

**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 | Drive from the port to Agua Blanca | 00:00 | 02:00 |   |   |   |
| 2 | Visit the Archaeological Museum (Machalilla National Park) | 02:00 | 02:30 | Yes | Yes / Free | Yes, Handicrafts US Dollar |
| 3 | Visit to Agua Blanca Lagoon  | 02:30 | 03:30 | Yes | Yes / Free | N/A |
| 4 | Drive to a local Restaurant | 03:30 | 03:50 |  |  |  |
| 5 | Lunch | 03:50 | 04:50 | Yes | Yes / Free | N/A |
| 6 | Drive back to the port | 04:50 | 06:30 |  |  |  |

**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 included? | Yes |
| Is there a snack or refreshment included?  | N/A |
| If yes, please detail menu of the meal/snack-refreshment | Two course menu |

**Dress Code**

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| Any specific Dress Code for this tour? | Sunscreen, sunglasses, cap or hat, Bathing suit (if the guests want to swim in the lagoon) |
| 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. | 76.00 | 73.00 | 69.00 |

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| Based on touring in a 15-seater vehicle |
| Tier | 5 PAX | 8 PAX | 10 PAX | 15 PAX |
| Cost p.p. | 130.00 | 98.00 | 95.00 | 77.00 |

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| Based on touring in a 4-seater vehicle |
| Tier | 2 PAX | 3 PAX | 4 PAX |
| Cost p.p. | 265.00 | 190.00 | 153.00 |

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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