

Country Cycle Ecuador Bike Tour

November 8–14 (6 nights) Price = \$1,999

Extend the biking season in 2026, enjoy warm November weather, and experience an unforgettable cross-cultural adventure. Country Cycle invites members of our community to join us for a unique bike tour hosted by Peter Loewen and guided by two locals from Canoa, Ecuador, located on the Pacific Ocean.

Ride lush jungle singletrack and long gravel and dirt roads while enjoying spectacular scenery and warm hospitality. When not biking, enjoy surfing, pool time, massages, Spanish lessons, hammocks, volleyball, brewery visits, or a chocolate and coffee factory tour.

Your Local Guides

Cristhian Rojas

Cristhian was raised in Canoa and is deeply passionate about its history and future. His first love is surfing, which he pursued professionally around the world. Most recently, he opened Canoa's first fitness centre, Pulso Canoa. While new to mountain biking, he has quickly taken to it thanks to his natural athleticism. Cristhian is fluent in both Spanish and English and enjoys sharing his knowledge of local culture, history, plants, and wildlife. If you'd like to learn to surf while you're here, he's your guy.

Randy Grieser

Randy is a transplant from Canada who now calls Canoa home after many years in Winnipeg. He is deeply involved in the local community, supporting local entrepreneurs while still making time for several bike rides each week. Our base at Siempre Viva is located on his property, and some of the trails we ride will also be on his land.

Fitness Level

Intermediate

- Singletrack: ~500 m elevation, 1.5 ± hours, ~15 km
- Gravel: ~1,000 m elevation, 3 ± hours, ~40 km

Arrival and Departure

Tour begins in Guayaquil on Sunday, November 8, at 8:30 AM. From Guayaquil, we travel 3.5 hours to Montecristi for lunch and shopping, then continue 2 hours to Canoa. Upon arrival at Siempreviva Casa, enjoy a welcome Coco Loco drink.

Return transportation to Guayaquil departs Saturday, November 14, at 9:00 AM, arriving approximately 2:00 PM. Book flights accordingly.

Accommodations

Stay at [Siempreviva](#)* or the adjacent [Canoa South Beach Hotel](#). Participants book accommodations directly. Siempreviva has limited availability—reserve early if preferred.

Rates: \$36–\$89 USD per room per night

Guests staying at South Beach Hotel enjoy full access to Siempreviva (5-minute walk).

*Siempreviva Airbnb dates are blocked for our group. Reserve directly with Randy Grieser at randygrieser@gmail.com.

Meals

Included:

- All breakfasts
- Two suppers at Siempreviva
- Fruit and light snacks

Lunches: \$3–\$10 USD (local restaurants)

Suppers off-site: \$10–\$30 USD

Drinks at Siempreviva:

- Beer: \$3 USD
- Mixed drinks: \$5 USD
- Non-alcoholic: \$2 USD

Local Transportation

All scheduled transportation is included, including Guayaquil transfers and evening outings. Independent taxis cost \$2–\$10 USD depending on where you are going, or bike instead.

Bikes

- Bike rentals: \$150–\$200 USD for the full tour (mid-tier MTB, full tour)
- Bring helmet and pedals if using clip-ins
- Bike transport to and from Guayaquil is included if bringing your own

Money and Currency

Ecuador uses USD. Credit cards are uncommon in rural areas. Bring ~\$500 USD in small bills. ATMs are available nearby.

Health and Safety

Parts of Latin America have a reputation for being unsafe, just as some areas in North America do. While it's important to use common-sense precautions, Canoa generally feels safe. Approximately 75 people originally from first-world countries choose to live in or near Canoa. With that said, you are visiting a remote part of Ecuador, not a European-style beach destination.

Ensure routine vaccinations are up to date, including Hepatitis A and B. Talk to your health care provider or travel clinic about additional vaccines recommended. For your reference, you will be travelling in the Guayas and Manabí provinces of Ecuador.

In case of an emergency there is a local health clinic in Canoa and larger clinics and hospitals in Baha de Caraquez 25 minutes away.

Costs

Tour Cost: \$1,999 CAD

Includes:

- Transportation
- Siempreviva facilities
- Breakfasts and two suppers
- Snacks
- Private trail access
- Guides

Not included:

- Flights
- Accommodations
- Bike rentals
- Drinks
- Off-site meals

Estimated Total Cost (CAD):

- Tour: \$2,000
- Flights: \$1,200–\$1,500
- Food & spending: \$500–\$700
- Accommodations: \$400–\$900
- Bike rental: \$200–\$300

Estimated total: \$4,300–\$5,400 CAD

Ready to Sign Up?

Great! There are just a few steps to complete before booking your flights:

1. Confirm passport validity
2. Review and sign waiver (Found on the Country Cycle website)
3. Contact Peter to confirm interest. A minimum of five participants is required to run the tour. Once that number is reached, Peter will notify everyone that it is time to book flights.
4. Reserve bike (if renting). Ask Peter for details
5. Pay tour fee (\$500 cancellation fee applies)
6. Book accommodations

Weather in November

Dry season with minimal rain. Daytime highs around 28°C, evenings near 20°C. Cloudier and windier than summer months.

What to Bring – The Essentials

Riding:

- Helmet
- Cycling shoes & pedals
- Riding kits
- Gloves
- Sunscreen & sunglasses
- Nutrition gels/bars
- Water bottles or hydration pack

Travel:

- Passport
- Travel insurance copy
- Cash (USD, small bills)

Clothing:

- Long sleeve shirt or light jacket
- Flip-flops/sandals
- Rash guard if you have and plan to go surfing

Detailed Schedule

Subject to change

Sunday, November 8*

8:30 AM – Meet in Guayaquil

12:00 PM – Lunch and shopping in Montecristi

4:00 PM – Arrive at Siempreviva, settle in, and enjoy the sunset

6:30 PM – Supper at Charlie Bar and drinks at Coco Loco

Monday, November 9

8:00 AM – Breakfast

9:30 AM – Local singletrack ride

12:30 PM – Lunch in Canoa

Afternoon – Rest, relax, activities, or more biking

5:00 PM – Chocolate and coffee factory tour in San Vicente

6:30 PM – Supper in Bahía or San Vicente

Tuesday, November 10

8:00 AM – Bike to breakfast location on route

8:15 AM – Breakfast

9:30 AM – 40 km remote dirt ride

12:30 PM – Lunch and beer at Beerkingo Brewery

Afternoon – Rest, relax, activities, or more biking

6:30 PM – Supper at Siempreviva

Wednesday, November 11

8:00 AM – Breakfast

9:30 AM – Biking

12:30 PM – Lunch in Canoa

Afternoon – Rest, relax, activities, or more biking

6:30 PM – Supper and trivia at the Surf Shack

Thursday, November 12

8:00 AM – Breakfast

9:30 AM – Biking

12:30 PM – Lunch in Canoa

Afternoon – Rest, relax, activities, or more biking

6:30 PM – Supper at Siempreviva

Friday, November 13

8:00 AM – Breakfast

9:30 AM – Biking

12:30 PM – Lunch in Canoa

Afternoon – Rest, relax, activities, or more biking

6:30 PM – Supper in Canoa

Saturday, November 14**

8:00 AM – Breakfast

9:00 AM – Depart for Guayaquil

12:30 PM – Lunch

2:00 PM – Arrive in Guayaquil

*Sunday ride after arrival may be possible but depends on arrival time.

**Saturday morning ride may be possible depending on flight schedules.

