



## Hacienda Abraspungo

The city of Riobamba styles itself as the "Sultan of the Andes", and it does indeed sit high in the heart of Ecuador's Andes mountains, regally surveying the famous Valley of the Volcanoes.

More recently, Riobamba is now the starting point for the famous switchback rail route known as the Nariz del Diablo, or Devil's Nose. This route carries the Chiva Express, which is a popular trip for tourists to take, riding on the roof of this railcar down to the line's terminus in Alausí, from where many people head on to the southern city of Cuenca.



It's an early start, however, and so most people spend at least one night in the Riobamba area beforehand. In our view there's nowhere better to stay in the area than the lovely colonial-style Hacienda Abraspungo. As well as beautifully-appointed rooms and lovely gardens, the hacienda is also a great base for horse-riding and climbing, and even offers polo and bullfighting lessons!



### Day One - Travel to Riobamba

Most people will travel to Riobamba from a location somewhere around the Cotopaxi National Park as part of a longer trip, but it's also possible to drive to Riobamba directly from Quito. Wherever you are coming from, you will arrive at Hacienda Abraspungo in the late afternoon, in plenty of time to relax in the gardens and enjoy the stunning views.



### **Day Two - Horse-riding, Polo or Bullfighting!**

You have a full free day to relax in Hacienda Abraspungo's lovely gardens, or to take up some of the optional activities that the hacienda offers. As well as conventional tours of the surrounding area, you can also take part in horse-riding and trekking tours, and even take polo and bullfighting lessons.



### **Day Three - Down the Devil's Nose**

We will take you into Riobamba early this morning so that you can catch the Chiva Express down the Devil's Nose switchback to Alausi.

A stay at Hacienda Abraspungo can be added on to any of our holidays in Ecuador and you can stay for as long as you like!

Our price for the sample itinerary given here is **£200 per person**. This price is based on two people sharing a double or twin room and includes all the following:

- Two nights accommodation at Hacienda Pinsaqui
- All transfers
- All meals at Hacienda Pinsaqui
- Devil's Nose train ride Riobamba-Alausi

