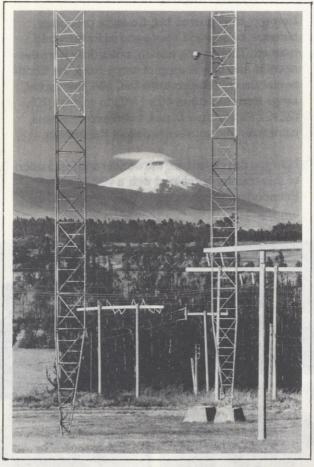
# HCJB's DXers' TOUR TO ECUADOR

March 27 - April 9, 1988



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## **DXers' TOUR TO ECUADOR**

Few countries in the world can boast the variety of contrasting environments found in the small nation of Ecuador. Conditions range from perpetually snow-covered volcanoes in constant activity where ice melts with fire at elevations surpassing 6,000 meters (20,000 feet), to exuberant and intricate jungles, colonial cities and beautiful beaches, bordering the Pacific.

The people are nearly as diverse as the land itself with a fascinating mixture of tribal Indians, fair-skinned peoples of European descent, blacks and mestizos--people of mixed descent.

Home of the Panama hat, Ecuador produces bananas, balsa wood, cocoa and oil for the world's markets. Though only a few minutes drive from the equator and only a short distance from the Continental Divide, temperatures in Quito, the capital, range from nighttime 40's (7°C) to midday 70's (22°C). Picturesque plazas, cobblestone streets, cathedrals and musuems delight the traveler.

Now you can experience the wonder and fascination of this country combined with a visit to some Ecuadorian radio stations and a DXpedition in the tropics.





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#### TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Sun, Mar 27: Meet at the Ecuatoriana ticket office at the Miami International Airport to pick up your ticket for Quito. You need to be there by 10:00 p.m. in order to board the plane by 12:30 a.m.

Mon, Mar 28: Arrive in Quito at 6:30 a.m. This will be a free day and a time for you to adjust to the altitude.

Tue, Mar 29 - Fri, Apr 8: The following eleven days will include:

- \* A tour of the city of Quito
- \* A trip to the equator
- \* A visit to the Otavalo Indian market and the San Antonio wood carvers
- \* A trip to the rain forests of the Amazon and the jungle settlement of Shell
- \* A tour of HCJB's antenna farm and hydroelectric plant
- \* A visit to some of Ecuador's radio stations
- \* Participation in a live HCJB radio program
- \* Plenty of time for shopping... AND DXING!!
- \* And much more!

Sat, Apr 9: Say farewell to your newly made friends in Ecuador and board your plane for the return flight to Miami. Arrival in Miami is scheduled for mid-afternoon. Connecting flights from Miami should be booked in the evening. Flight times are subject to change.

ACCOMMODATION while in Quito will be provided in HCJB staff members homes or in hotels/guest houses (two people per room).

Latin American DXing has always presented a unique challenge to shortwave listeners. Unpredictable schedules and political upheaval have reduced many stations to mere memories, while creating new stations sometimes overnight.

But despite the challenge, there is always a certain amount of fascination and intrigue about hearing stations with exotic-sounding names like Radio Bucaramanga, Radio Inca del Peru, Radio Zaracay.

What better place to log these stations than right in Latin America itself! During your time in Ecuador there will be many opportunities for you to log these stations and maybe catch those elusive stations that you have tried without success to log in your home country. An all-night DX pedition is planned for this very purpose.

#### So, DON'T FORGET YOUR RADIOS!!

And if listening to the stations isn't enough, we will also be visiting some local Ecuadorian shortwave stations.







**COST:** Cost of tour includes air fare from Miami to Quito and return, meals and lodging in missionaries' homes or in hotels, and tour arranged transportation. Items NOT covered are your beverages (other than tea and coffee) and airport departure taxes.

Total price is \$1199 per person (U.S. funds)

**RESERVATIONS:** A \$50 deposit is required for each person in order to hold a place on the tour. Cancellations after 30 days before the tour starting date will result in a forfeiture of the air fare deposit in accordance with IATA rules. IATA requires a minimum of 10 members on the tour. If less than 10 reservations are received, the tour will be cancelled. The maximum number that can be accommodated on the tour is 32 persons. For this reason World Radio Tours reserves the right to reject applicants.

NOTE: Your deposit will be refunded if it becomes necessary to cancel your trip at least 30 days before departure.



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#### **TOUR REGISTRATION**

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**CLOTHING:** Pack a few light things for the Ecuadorian jungle trip. The other portions of the tour are at high altitudes where fall suits and coats will be comfortable. Be sure to bring good walking shoes for comfort and protection.

LUGGAGE: Each person is allowed two pieces of checked luggage and one piece hand-carried.

**MEDICAL:** No shots are required. Consult physician if in doubt about your health. Remember, Quito is 9,300 feet above sea level.

**LEGAL:** A valid passport is required for U.S. and Canadian citizens. No visa is required.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Economy Class by ECUATORIANA AIR LINES or any IATA carrier. Air fare based on I.T. Group Busing Fares, subject to participation of a minimum of 10 persons on the entire itinerary. For group fares, a deposit of 25 per cent of the air fare must be paid not later than 30 days prior to commencement of travel. Such deposit is subject to forfeiture by the airline (IATA regulation) if cancellation is made thereafter, unless the cancellation is due to certifiable medical causes.

STANDARD RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE: World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc., and its agents, act as agents for the companies and individuals whose services have been engaged in the carrying out of the tour, and in consequence accepts no responsibility for accidents, damages, baggage losses, delays due to strikes, or to faults or defaults, of any company used for carrying out this tour. Eastern and other IATA carriers are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyances. The passage contract, in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between airlines and the purchasers of these tours, and/or passengers. The service of any carrier-members of IATA and ATC may be used in connection with the tour. Prices in effect at time of printing this brochure are subject to change without notice. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. At any unlikely event that the services or accommodations are not available as stated, we will make every effort to provide accommodations of equal standard and quality, for your safety and convenience. Looking for an out-of-the-way vacation? How about a DX-pedition to an exotic location? We've combined the two in our

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            - \* Plenty of time for shopping
              - \* A night or two DXing Latin America

Details of this tour, scheduled for March 27 - April 9, will be in your mailbox soon!