



## **COTOPAXI (5.897 m.)**

**Cotopaxi is one of the highest active volcanoes in the world. It has a perfect cone-shaped peak and snow-covered crater, and it is the main attraction of the Cotopaxi National Park. The ascent is not technically difficult, but there are several crevasses. A sufficient acclimatization and good physical condition are essential for this climb.**



**Day 1.** We leave Riobamba at 9:00 a.m. by car and drive for 2,5 hours north on the Pan-American Highway to the entrance of the Cotopaxi National Park. We continue for another 30 kilometers up to the parking place (4600 m.). After a 50-minute hike we arrive at the refuge (4800 m.) In the

afternoon the guide will teach you how to use the equipment in a climbing practice on the glacier. Dinner and rest in the refuge.

**Day 2.** At about 1:00 a.m., when the snow is still hard, we start the ascent. The total climbing time to the summit is 6 - 7 hours. You will pass the big round crater which is more than 500 m. wide. The descent to the refuge takes about 3 hours. In the afternoon we have lunch in a restaurant and then return to Riobamba. Arrival at about 15.00 p.m.



**DIFFICULTY:** moderately difficult; a good acclimatization is recommended

**DEPARTURE:** any day with minimal 2 persons

**INCLUDING:**

- mountain guide (1 guide climbs with maximum 2 persons)
- transportation from / to Riobamba
- accommodation in refuge
- meals and coffee, tea, purified drinking water
- complete climbing equipment

**NOT INCLUDING:**

- entrance fee Cotopaxi Reserve (if applicable)
- travel insurance
- tips

