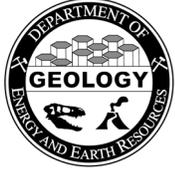
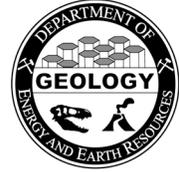


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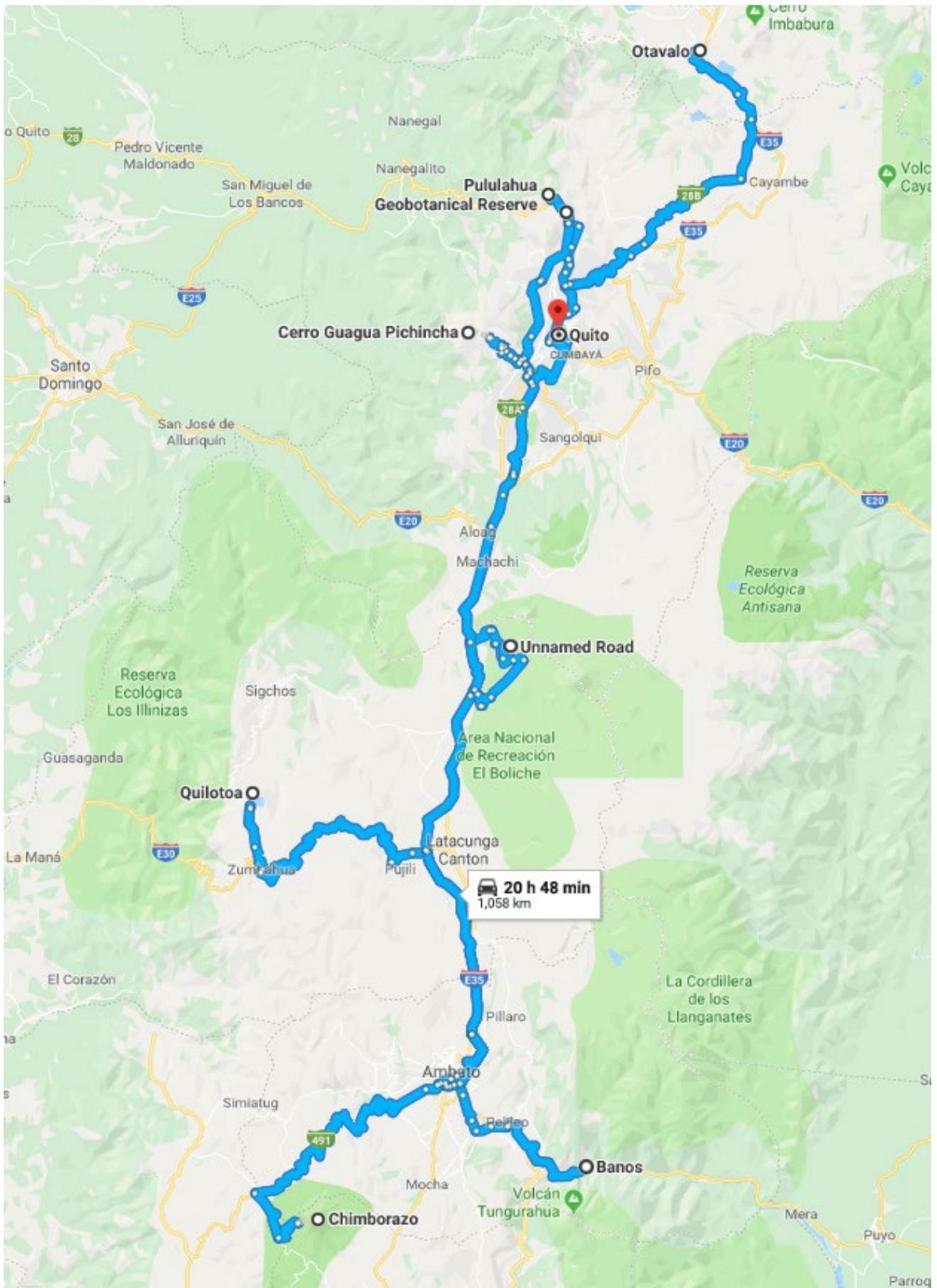


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BRIEF ITINERARY

Day 1: Saturday, March 9th, 2019 – Board flight

4:00AM: Leave Krebs Parking Lot

7:30AM: Arrive at Dulles Airport

9:08AM: Depart Washington Dulles (Copa Airlines Flight 357) to Panama City, Panama

2:10PM: Arrive in Panama City for layover

3:33PM: Depart Panama (Copa Airlines Flight 159) to Quito, Ecuador

5:31PM: Arrive in Quito, Ecuador – Jonathan will pick us up at the airport and bring us to the hotel. We are staying in the Mariscal Sucre part of town, it is a young, fun part of town with a lot going on.

Hostal El Arupo

Juan Rodriguez E7 22 Y Reina Victoria

170150 Quito, Ecuador

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<https://www.booking.com/hotel/ec/hostal-el-arupo.html>

7:00PM: Go out for a meal.

Day 2: Sunday, March 10th, 2019 – Quito City Tour, the Equator, and Pululahua Crater

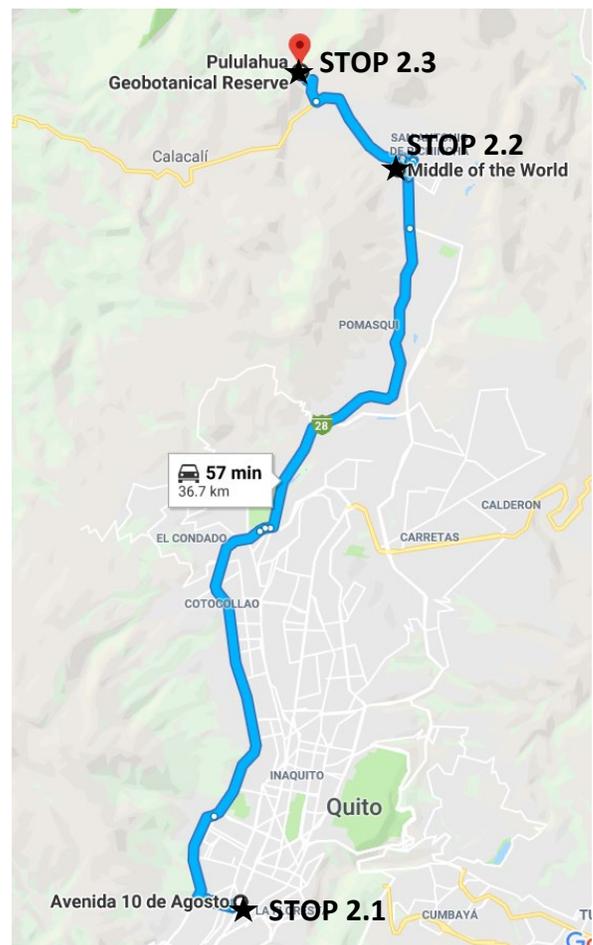
Breakfast – I think all the breakfast meals will be provided. They will likely be light breads, fruit, and coffee/tea.

Morning – City Tour of Quito and up the Cable cars for views of the city. Maybe a tour of the Institute Geofisco Escuela Politecnica National (IGEPN), this is the main volcano observatory for the Ecuadorian Andes.

Lunch – Cuy!

Afternoon – Mitad Del Mundo (Equatorial Monument and Pululahua Crater viewpoint).

Evening – We are on our own for dinner.



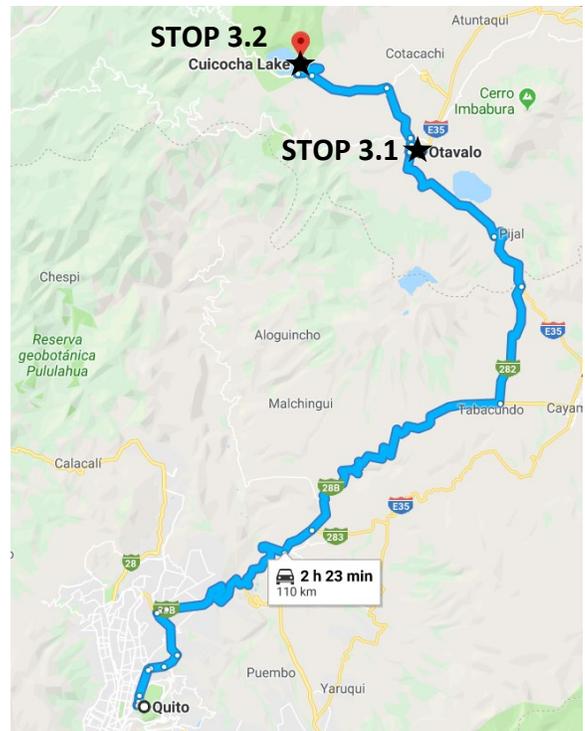
Day 3: Monday, March 11th, 2019 – Otavalo and Cuicocha Crater

Morning – The markets at Otavalo, it will be a good opportunity to pick up some junk.

Lunch – I think we are on our own, the markets should have a lot of options.

Afternoon – Cuicocha Crater Lake likely hike around the crater rim. Jon’s notes also say surrounding areas, so there might be other stops.

Evening – We are on our own for dinner.



Day 4: Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 – Hiking and Biking at Volcan Pichincha

Morning – This will be an early morning (at least 6AM). We are packing up our stuff, we are leaving Quito and heading south. We will be taking 4x4 jeeps most of the way up Volcan Pichincha and the mountain biking down.

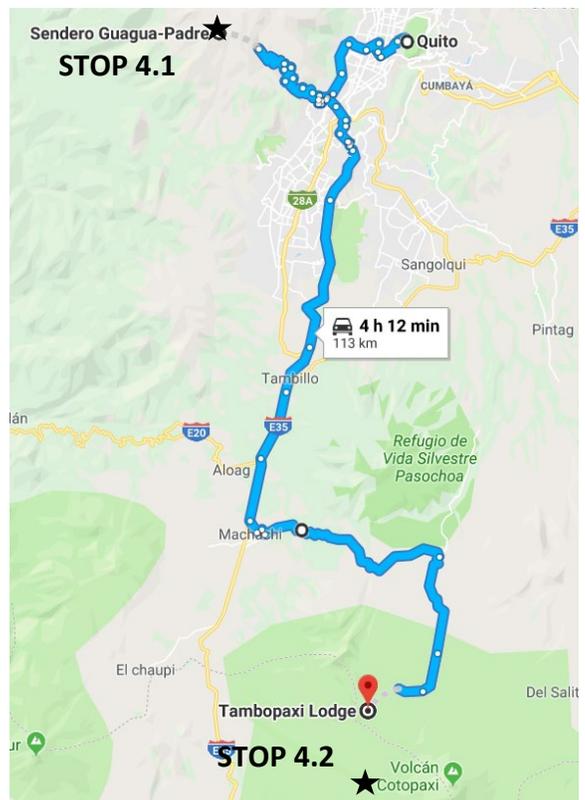
Lunch – Box lunch at the volcano.

Afternoon – After Pichincha we will head to Cotopaxi, where we will spend the night in the park.

Evening – Dinner at the Lodge.

Here are the accommodations:

Hosteria Tambopaxi Lodge
<http://www.tambopaxi.com/en/>
Telefonos: +(593 2) 6000365/ 6000366 /
0999448223
Email: tambopaxi@tambopaxi.com /
reservas@tambopaxi.com



Day 5: Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 – Rumiñahui, Cotopaxi, and Baños

Morning – We will spend most of the day in the park. In the morning we will hike around Rumiñahui.

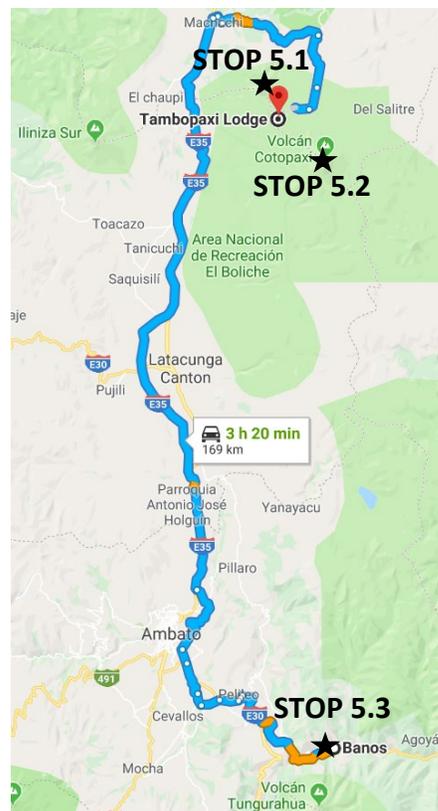
Lunch – Box lunch at the volcano.

Afternoon – Hike around Cotopaxi, go up to the glaciers. When we finish up here, we will head to Baños.

Evening – We are on our own for dinner in Baños.

Here are the accommodations in Baños:

Napolitano Apart Hotel
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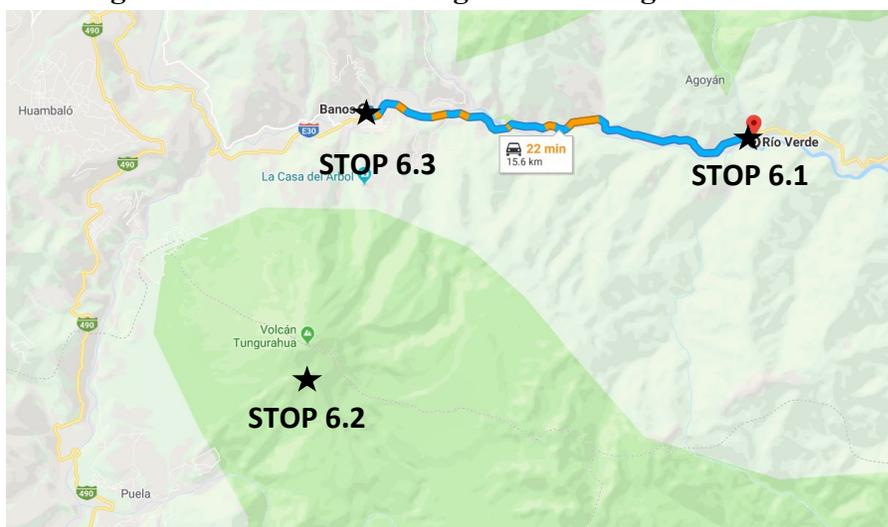
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Morning – Mountain Biking to Rio Verde, visiting several waterfalls along the way.

Lunch – Fish for trout and have lunch.

Afternoon – Hiking on Tungurahua and viewpoints of the deposits. And likely the hot springs of Baños.

Evening – We are on our own for dinner in Baños.



Day 7: Friday, March 15th, 2019 – Tungurahua, Chimborazo, and Quilotoa

Morning – Loop drive around Chimborazo including the old road which circles around Tungurahua, where you'll see the deposits from the past 20 years.

Lunch – Box lunch

Afternoon – Drive up to the Quilotoa, where we will stay the night.

Evening – Dinner at the hostel.

Here are the accommodations:

Hosteria Posada De Tigua
Quito y Julio Hidalgo El Remanso C1
Tigua 050103, Ecuador

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g1202656-d1239028-Reviews-Posada_De_Tigua-Tigua_Cotopaxi_Province.html



Day 8: Saturday, March 16th, 2019 – Quilotoa and Quito

Morning – Quilotoa crater and hike down to lake.

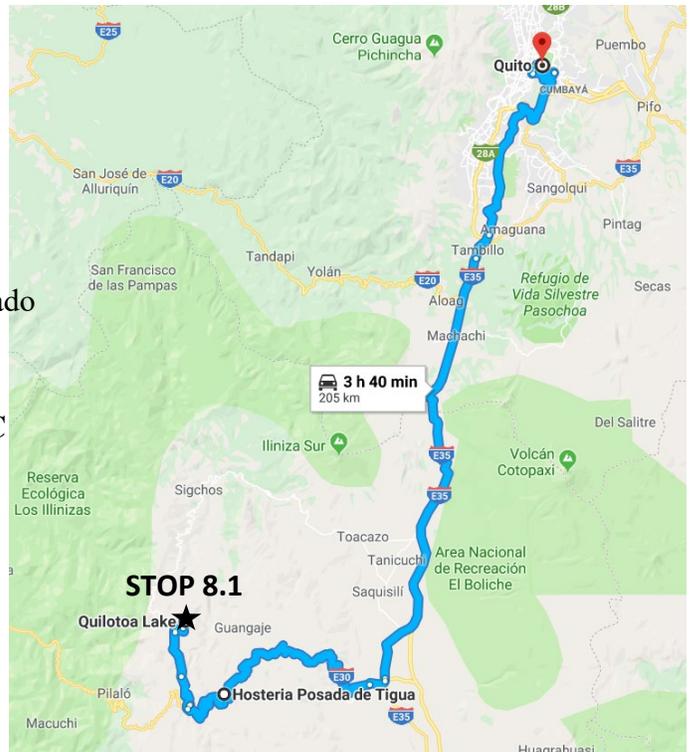
Lunch – Box lunch

Afternoon – Return to Quito

Evening – We are on our own

Here are the accommodations:

Rancho San Carlos
Justo Coella y Pedro Vicente Maldonado
+593 359 9057



Day 9: Sunday, March 17th, 2019 – Fly back to DC

3:00 AM: Leave hostel for the airport

6:12 AM: Depart from Quito (Copa Airlines, Flight 210) to Panama City, Panama

8:14 AM: Arrive in Panama

9:15 AM: Depart for Washington Dulles (Copa Airlines, Flight 304)

3:05 PM: Arrive in Washington, DC-Dulles