

Casa Ceiba
BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA



BAHIA DE CARAQUEZ • ECUADOR



You're Invited...

*Experience the Exotic Luxury of Casa Ceibo, South America's Finest Boutique Hotel & Spa
– An Unforgettable Destination.*



Exclusive, Exotic, Exquisite, Ecuadorian!



*A sparkling gem,
nestled on the shore of South America's Ecuadorian coastline, Casa Ceibo
tantalizes the most distinguished of guests. The boutique hotel & spa provides an
oasis of unforgettable experiences for those seeking what's
exclusive, exotic, exquisite – truly Ecuadorian!*

From the five-star lodging, amenities and award-winning cuisine to activities both onsite and throughout this pristine Ecuadorian region, Casa Ceibo presents its guests with only the best. In a short time, Casa Ceibo has already set itself apart from other leading hotels and resorts in Latin America. In fact, it's the only American Academy of Hospitality Sciences' Green Star Diamond Award winner in South America.





A Premier South American Destination...

Casa Ceibo's coastal location allows easy access to the Chone River wetlands, the bay, the ocean and nearby city. However, guests need not leave Casa Ceibo at all — the boutique hotel and spa meets every need and wish. It's perfect for a romantic getaway, destination wedding, honeymoon, executive meeting, or simply an exceptionally tranquil resort experience.

Just 45 miles south of the Equator, Casa Ceibo sits on the shore of the Chone River Estuary, minutes from the Pacific near the outskirts of Ecuador's historic, coastal city, Bahía de Caráquez.

A launch pad for Latin American adventure, Casa Ceibo offers opportunities for exceptional exploration in ecology, culture, art, archeology, birds and wildlife, as well as more flora and fauna than you can imagine.

With the Pacific Ocean a ten-minute boat ride to the west, Casa Ceibo caters to fun in the sun and leisurely walks on local beaches, where anything from a wriggling starfish to humpback whale provides ample entertainment.

Expect It: Exotic, Luxurious & Unforgettable, The Best in Latin Hospitality

As the best boutique hotel on South America's Ecuadorian coast, Casa Ceibo takes pride in offering services that are tailored to the specific desires of each and every guest.

Hotel details and links to information on South American travel and the new Ecuadorian travel experience are available on our website at www.casaceibo.com.

Personal and business reservations are available by calling the reservations desk at 011-(593-5) 2399 399. Accommodations, transportation and adventure excursions may be arranged at that time.

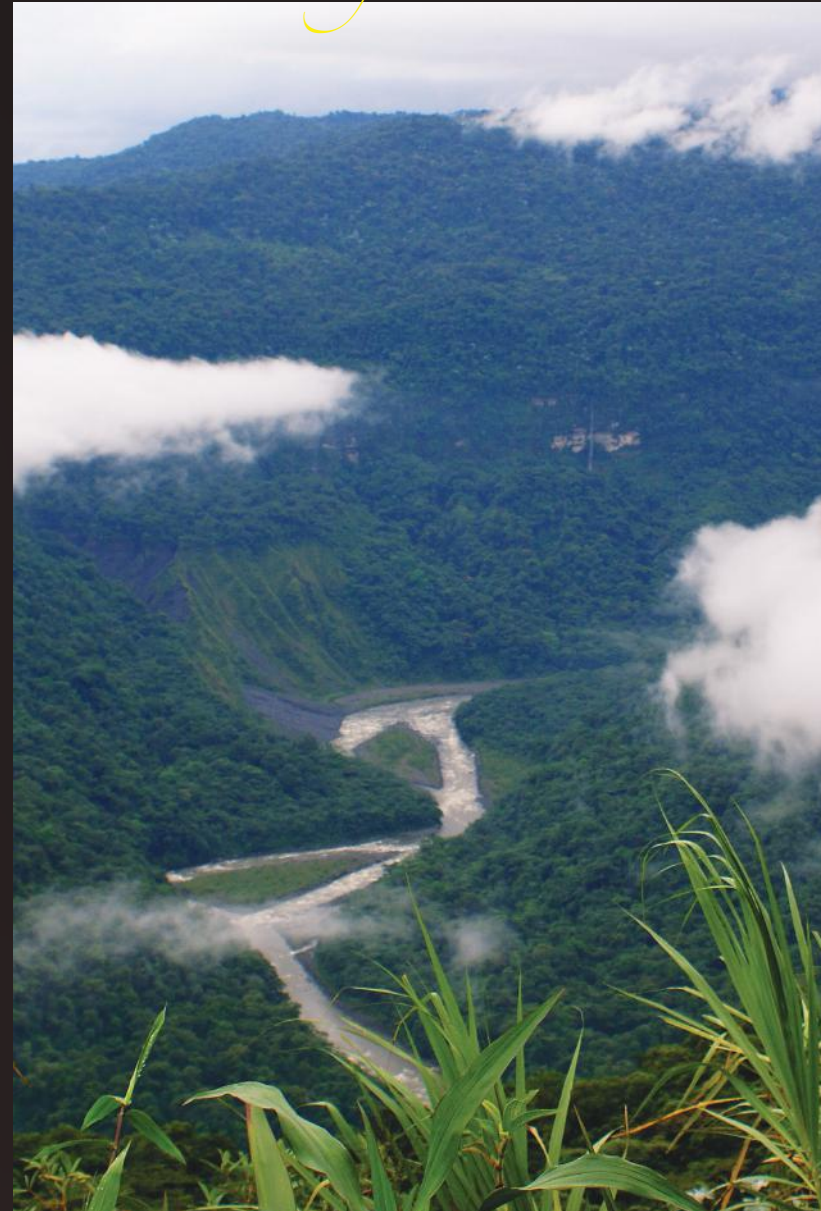
Casa Ceibo is affiliated with the leading global travel agents and tour brokers in North and South America, Europe and the Pacific Rim countries. Call on them for assistance in booking travel to Ecuador and for customized accommodation packages.



While in Ecuador, Visit All Four Regions



La Costa, or the Pacific Coast



Amazon jungle basin of La Oriente



Andes mountains in La Sierra



Famous Islands of the Galapagos

Ecuador is an Ancient World of New Adventures

Casa Ceibo's website will have links to many exciting adventures and recommended resorts in the three other zones. Visit www.casaceibo.com for details.

Arrival by Air:

Daily flights from Quito to Manta are available in both the morning and afternoon with the two major national airlines: Aerogal and Icaro. Private flights may arrive at Bahia/San Vicente's Los Perales Airport (BHA).

Transfer to Casa Ceibo from Manta or Los Perales Airport is by taxi or van, and may be arranged with the Casa Ceibo Hotel concierge.



Exceptional Accommodations Await You

Casa Ceibo features 18 rooms in a variety of floor plans. Rooms are available to accommodate singles, couples and even small families. Ask about the private, poolside cottage or distinguished Presidential Suite.

All Rooms Come Equipped with:

- Air Conditioning
- Ceiling Fan
- Telephone with International Direct Dialing (IDD)
- Large-screen Plasma LCD Satellite Television
- DVD Player
- Radio Alarm Clock with CD Player
- Whirlpool Area and Swim-up Bar
- Wireless Internet Access
- Two-person Jacuzzi & Hydro-massage Shower
- Mini Refrigerator
- Iron & Ironing Board
- Hair Dryer
- Personal Safety Lock Box
- Bath Robes & Designer Bath Amenities
- Water Filtration System for Safe Consumption

The Best in Services and Amenities:

- Clay Tennis Court
- Private Dock
- Kayaking
- Pontoon Boat for up to 10 People
- Panga Boat and Small Skiff
- Swimming Pool With Jacuzzi & Bar
- Fitness Center
- Massage Rooms, a Sauna, and Steam Bath
- Spacious Green Areas and Lush Gardens
- WiFi Access for the Main House and Patio
- Table Game Area With DVD Player and 32" TV
- Bar & Restaurant, BBQ Area, Gazebo
- Executive Meeting Room
- Private Parking and 24-hour Security



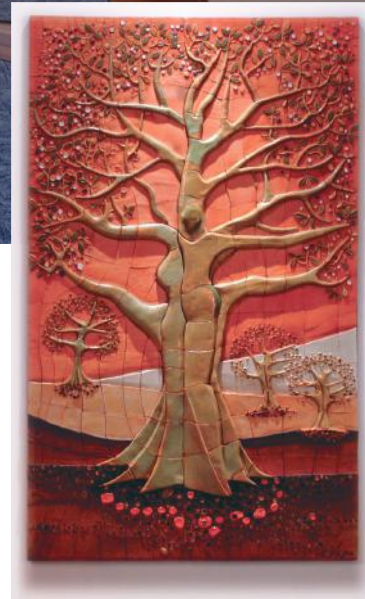


An Authentic Museum of Ecuadorian Art

It's hard to miss Casa Ceibo's rich, decorative details. Constructed and finished by South American artisans and craftsmen, this boutique hotel & spa showcases Ecuador's finest textures and talents. From colorful stained-glass accents to a decadent diversity of woods, Casa Ceibo features almost 100 percent Ecuadorian products and materials chosen with care and mindful of the conservation of Ecuador's natural resources.



Native ceramics and fossilized accent pieces speak to an ancient Ecuador. Meanwhile, historical photographs and original masterpieces, representing some of Latin America's most respected painters, capture a more contemporary South American life. Casa Ceibo is an authentic museum of Ecuadorian art.



Exquisite Cuisine, the Talk and Taste of Ecuador

Dining at Casa Ceibo is an unforgettable epicurean experience. Superior, yet relaxing service complements luxurious meals, served in an artistically appointed dining room overlooking the exotic pool, lush gardens, bay and mountains beyond.



Hugo Jimenez, International Gold Medal award-winning chef, prepares Ecuadorian specialties with a coastal Manabí flair. His Pan-American background collides with a coastal influence, resulting in a cornucopia of culinary creations. From the soups and fresh-baked breads to exquisite entrees, desserts and pastries, the cuisine alone deserves a stay at Casa Ceibo.

Savor the unique flavors of our handpicked house wines, liquor and brews, keeping in mind that other labels are available upon request. Casa Ceibo is known for its signature cocktails and non-alcoholic beverages, such as blackberry smoothies and lemonade rose. Whatever your preferred indulgence, expect only the best.



Explore Ecuador, Come With Us...



Nothing is more magical than witnessing the treasures of the historical, cultural and environmental wealth that's prolific throughout Ecuador's Bahía de Caráquez and the coastal region. Whether you're choosing an outing to the Rio Chone Estuary to watch some 300 species of birds, taking a beach jeep ride to Chirije, an intriguing ecological and archaeological park along the Ecuadorian coast, or exploring mangrove forests by canoe, you'll be impressed. With Casa Ceibo's private, bilingual tour guide by your side, you'll experience this part of Ecuador like a local.

When it comes to activities, Casa Ceibo offers luxurious excursions combining the perfect mix of adventure, education, fascination and downright fun. Daily trips are engaging, yet never exhausting. Upon your return to Casa Ceibo, top off your tour with a frozen, fruit beverage and spend the afternoon reminiscing about your day. Then simply relax by the swim-up pool bar before joining us later for yet another, unforgettable adventure.

Exotic Manabí, an Earthier Ecuador

Casa Ceibo sits within the Ecuadorian province of Manabí, one of the most ecologically diverse parts of the world. With the equator so close, the combined topographical and environmental conditions of the surrounding lands offer Casa Ceibo guests a treasure trove of untapped adventure. Most of our excursions to Manabí's hidden gems will include a short ride by motorboat or transport by SUV, the hotel's classic, restored Landrover.



Bahía de Caráquez, a Tour of the City

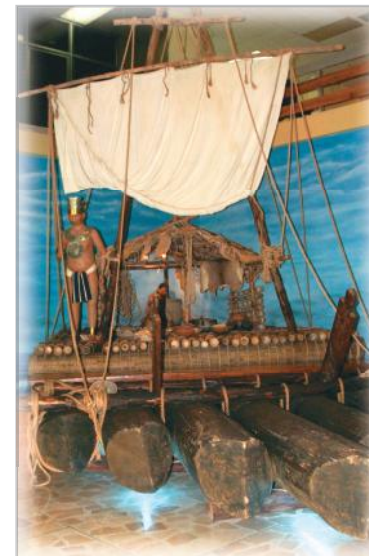
Start the city tour of Bahía de Caráquez with a drive to Puerto Amistad (“Friendship Harbor”). Here, you’ll watch the bay waves slap against the docks as you hear about what was Ecuador’s most important fishing port until the mid-1900s. Then travel to Bahía’s lighthouse, where you’ll discover more about this region’s relationship with the great Pacific Ocean, its role within major South American trading routes, and Bahía’s significance as a beachfront destination. Indian Park, another stopping point, presents an opportunity to learn about the pre-Hispanic “Los Caras” culture, and tales of Bahía’s recent past and present, including its newfound popularity with Ecuadorian officials and status as the country’s only “Eco-city.” Other trip highlights include riding about in an “Eco-Taxi,” visiting Bello Horizonte, San Roque (Bahía’s oldest house), and the Mountain Cross, another famous Bahía landmark.



Ecuadorian Archeology, Extraordinary Discoveries

When it comes to Ecuadorian archeology, Casa Ceibo guests are in luck. The nation’s third largest archeological museum is just a few minutes’ drive from the hotel’s doorstep. Packed with artifacts — tools, weapons, jewelry, sacred relics and more — the Central Bank Museum of Archeology in Bahía de Caráquez boasts an impressive showcase of how this area, its people and the culture have evolved, often adapting to catastrophic events, ethnic overthrows, the ebb and flow of prosperity, and its role within Ecuadorian society. The Central Bank Museum houses life-size exhibits portraying the seafaring ways of Bahía, plus an active, archeological research center, permanent visual arts exhibits, and visiting exhibits. Here, the highly coveted Spondylus shell, once aggressively traded in pre-Hispanic society, is on display.

Within Manabí, there are numerous archeological sites, each unveiling unique stories of Ecuador’s past, ranging from 500 A.D. to 40 million years ago.



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Upon special request, Casa Ceibo guests may tour these nearby ruins and zooarcheological hotspots. Before going, it's best to visit the Central Bank Museum of Archeology.

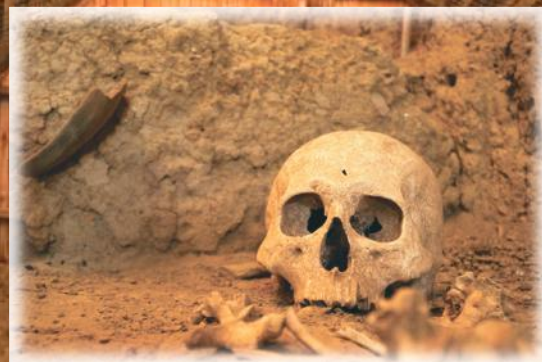
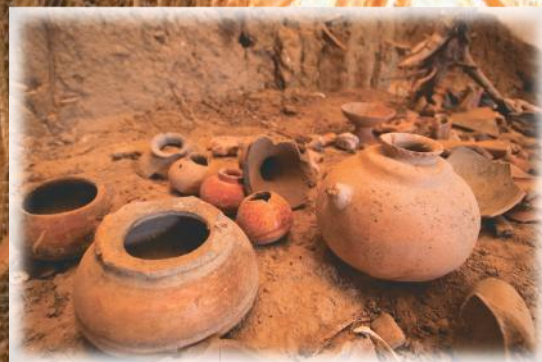
Japotó: Burial grounds and other remains of the Manteña culture, an ethnic group that inhabited Central Manabí between 800 B.C. – 1532 A.D.

San Isidro: An ancient mound, a testimony to the ceremonial center that played an important role in the Valdivia Culture.

Portovelo: Ruins and relics of an ancient bayside town, recently discovered near the interpretation center for Isla Corazón.

San Vicente: The crypt of a mastodon, the species of which first appeared almost 40 million years ago and lived throughout a number of continents.

Chirije: A seaside excavation site, where students have unearthed artifacts from several significant, coastal cultures.



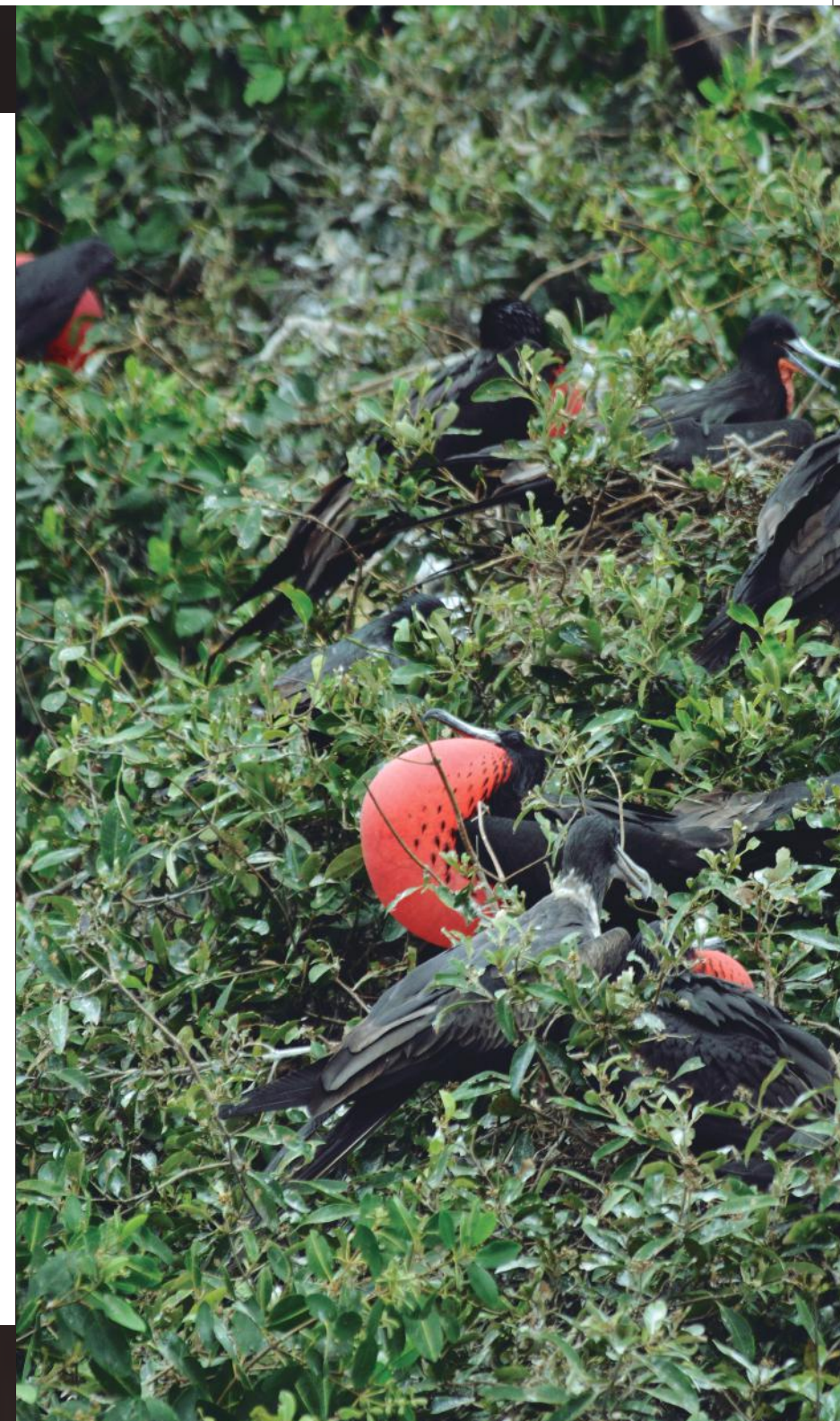
Isla Corazón, Mangroves and Bird Watching

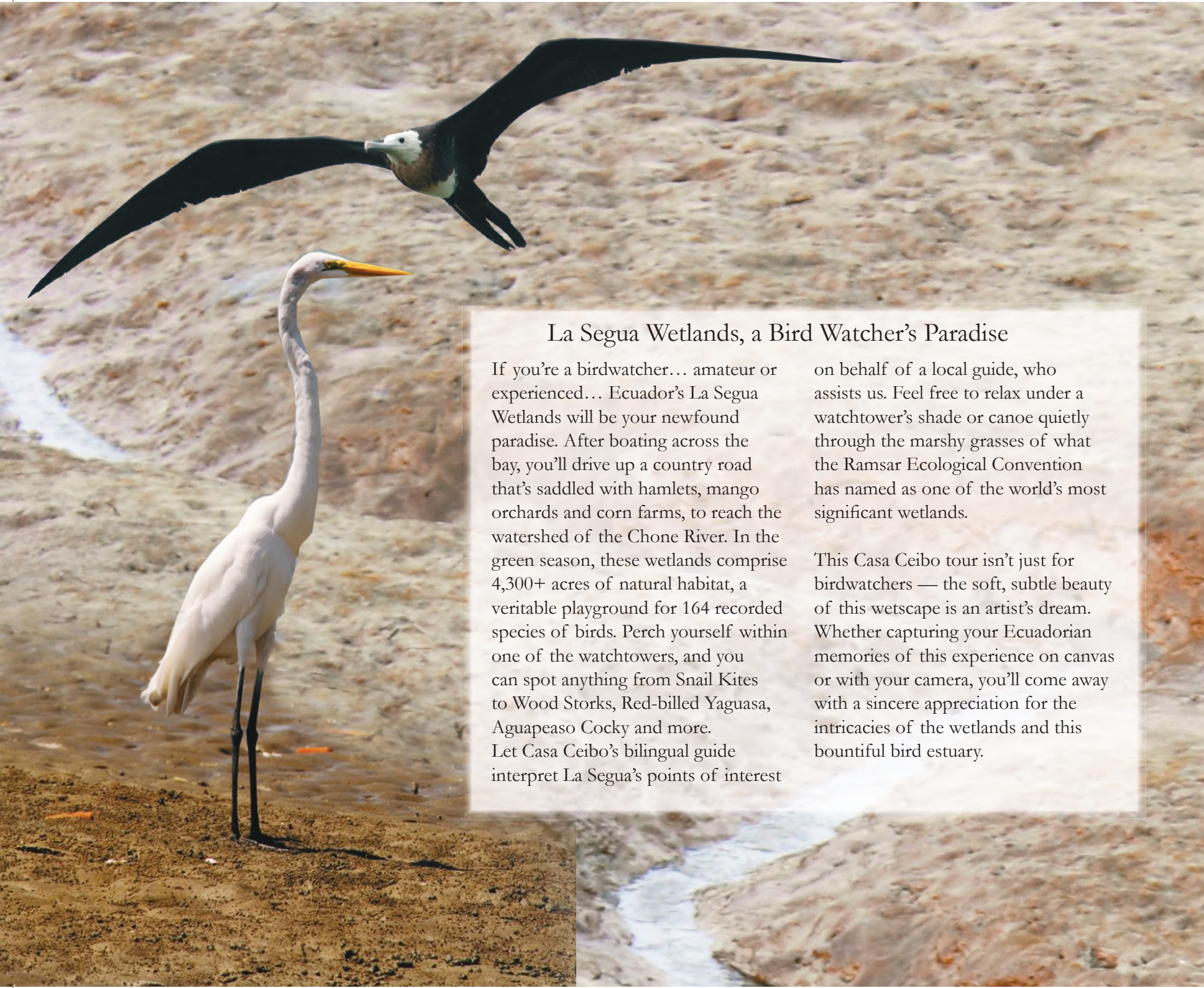
Isla Corazón ("Heart Island"), declared a wildlife refuge in 2002, will quite possibly be one of the most fascinating Ecuadorian experiences you'll ever have. We'll start this tour by taking one of Casa Ceibo's private boats across the bay to Portovelo, the waterfront community that's directly across from Isla Corazón and home to caretakers and workers of this 130-acre sanctuary. The people who live here have built a rustic, yet impressive interpretation center, where local guides talk about the refuge's 60-plus species of native and migratory birds.

When the tide is just right, we'll re-board our boat with our own local guide, and head to the island itself — a massive, dense mangrove forest. Here, you'll explore on foot, walking about on handcrafted boardwalks and watchtowers that run below the canopy of tangled trees. Amid this grey, damp forest, you'll spot brilliant red crabs, see how natives trapped giant-size shrimp, and learn about the fragile relationship between the mangroves and a once-prolific shrimp industry.

After another short boat ride, you'll transfer to canoes and float leisurely through tunneled waterways, into the heart of the mangrove forests. Swamp critters scurry about the branches as an occasional fish jumps beside your canoe.

Upon exiting the forest, you'll be amazed with an explosion of colorful activity coming from thousands of Magnificent Frigate birds, swirling and swooping overhead. Isla Corazón is home to one of the largest Frigate colonies in the South Pacific. The wingspans of these giant birds reach up to seven feet wide, with the males making an even greater impression, flaunting their red gular pouches in the breeding season. This is nature's law of attraction at its finest — one Ecuadorian show you don't want to miss!





La Segua Wetlands, a Bird Watcher's Paradise

If you're a birdwatcher... amateur or experienced... Ecuador's La Segua Wetlands will be your newfound paradise. After boating across the bay, you'll drive up a country road that's saddled with hamlets, mango orchards and corn farms, to reach the watershed of the Chone River. In the green season, these wetlands comprise 4,300+ acres of natural habitat, a veritable playground for 164 recorded species of birds. Perch yourself within one of the watchtowers, and you can spot anything from Snail Kites to Wood Storks, Red-billed Yaguasa, Aguapeaso Cocky and more. Let Casa Ceibo's bilingual guide interpret La Segua's points of interest

on behalf of a local guide, who assists us. Feel free to relax under a watchtower's shade or canoe quietly through the marshy grasses of what the Ramsar Ecological Convention has named as one of the world's most significant wetlands.

This Casa Ceibo tour isn't just for birdwatchers — the soft, subtle beauty of this wetscape is an artist's dream. Whether capturing your Ecuadorian memories of this experience on canvas or with your camera, you'll come away with a sincere appreciation for the intricacies of the wetlands and this bountiful bird estuary.

Cabo Pasado Forest, a Unique Forest Experience

Depending on the weather and the seasons, you may be able to travel to Cabo Pasado either by boat or SUV. Cabo Pasado, a pre-mountainous forest, sits about an hour's travel north of Bahia de Caraquez. The drive to the coast, down a twisting natural roadway west through the forest, may be impassible in rainy times or the boat ride too rough on windy days.

Cabo Posado juts up from the Pacific Coast, slightly south of the Equator and right where the warm current of El Niño and the cold current of The Humboldt join together. The combination of these

mingling currents near the Equator creates the forest of Cabo Posado. It's an ecological exception that's bursting with biodiversity.

Here, you'll experience the only area in South America where fauna and flora of both the Tumbesian region and the tropical rain forest co-exist. So as you walk about this forest, expect to see anything from cacti shooting up through rocky, desert-like sands to howler monkeys swinging from lush, tropical trees.

Explore the beach that marks the forest's most western edge. It's a place where you

can climb about the rocks, discover fossils amid ancient seashore sediment, go for a snorkel, or just take a seat under the shade of a tent brought along just for you.

A side trip to this adventure tour includes visiting a unique section of the Ecuadorian coast where Blue Footed Boobies come to nest. Typically associated with the Galapagos Islands, this particular colony has made a rugged, rocky inlet on the mainland their harbor instead. Peering through binoculars, you'll easily see these impressive, colorful blue-footed birds flying about, preening, and nesting in the sunshine.



Cerro Seco National Park, Ecological Explorations

Want a good workout? On this activity, you'll venture into Cerro Seco Park, a 100-acre stretch of protected, dry coastal forest that's on the high cliffs above the Pacific just a few minutes south of downtown Bahía de Caráquez.

A rugged trail winds throughout this biological reserve, which looms hundreds of feet above the shore. Catch your breath and take in the incredible panoramas of the Pacific and the city, as well as close-ups of the native fauna and flora, such as two species of Kapok, Candelabra Cactus and wild orchids, just to name a few.

Birdwatchers, here you can also see dozens of species of birds, which are endemic to the coastline, including the "Hornero," a bird that makes very fine, mud and straw nests. Other common birds

include the Pacific Parakeet, Collared Antshrike, the Valdivias and Baird's Flycatcher.

The Cerro Seco dry-forest reserve is protected by the Ecuadorian government, and features a rustic interpretation and research center that's an educational draw for students who love to camp while learning ecology and forestry in one of the best "schools of nature" around.

Casa Ceibo guests who would like to visit the interpretation and research center, but not hike the strenuous trail, can take an easier path. A short stroll through the forest offers beautiful views of the ocean, cliffs and city, and a sampling of Cerro Seco's rich eco-friendly beauty.



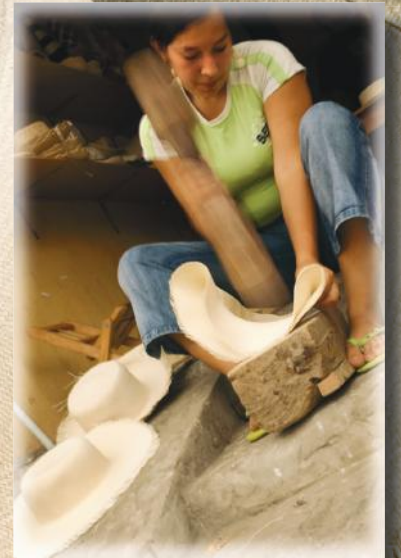
Explore Manabí's Historic Panama Hat Industry

Everyone's heard of "Panama Hats," but what most people don't realize is that they're actually made in Ecuador ... just an hour's drive from Casa Ceibo. That may be reason enough to hit the road and head to the town of Montecristi, where you can not only buy a hat to your liking, but also watch and learn about the craft from the Monticristi weavers.

The Montecristi Panama Hat has a texture like linen. Shops selling these authentic hats — plus jewelry, hammocks, handbags, furniture, ceramics, wood carvings, and other Ecuadorian-made products — line Montecristi's quaint main street. Here, we'll stroll in and out of these little stores, and perhaps sample "pickled mangos," a local snack sold by eager vendors.

After a bit of shopping, we'll pay a visit to the museum and house of Eloy Alfaro, a famed, yet highly controversial liberal president who was burned alive by conservatives in 1912. Despite a frightening end to life, Alfaro spent his presidency initiating major reforms, and building a railroad that ran from Guayaquil to Quito.

No trip to an Ecuadorian town is complete without visiting at least one historical church. Montecristi has several, but we'll likely stop off at the Basilica de Nuestra Señora de la Merced (Basilica of Our Lady of Mercy) before returning to Casa Ceibo.



Elite Certifications & Credentials

There's no doubt, Ecuador is home to some good hotels. But Casa Ceibo, a five-star boutique hotel & spa, has established itself in the upper echelon of its industry by being the very best in hospitality. From our culinary offerings and hotel amenities to our pro-active efforts in conservation and social responsibility, we're achieving the extraordinary.

Worldwide organizations are taking note, too. Since Casa Ceibo celebrated its official grand opening in Fall 2009, the boutique resort and spa has earned major accolades, awards and accreditations from the following:



• **American Academy of Hospitality Sciences (AAHS).** As the first recipient of the Green Star Diamond Award in all of South America, Casa Ceibo has set a new standard for progressive 5-Star hospitality in this region of the world. This AAHS award honors Casa Ceibo's successful mission, built around environmental, cultural and social consciousness while delivering an exceptionally luxurious resort experience. For more information, visit: www.stardiamondaward.com.



• **Smart Voyager.** Because of the hotel's contribution to the community and environment, Casa Ceibo is now certified by Smart Voyager. This Ecuadorian program gives its green seal of approval to hotels for meeting strict conservation and sustainability guidelines. Smart Voyager Certification signals to consumers that their dollars are not contributing to the exploitation of labor and the environment. For more information, visit: www.ccd.org.ec.



• **Chaîne de Rotisseurs.** Casa Ceibo is thrilled to be the founding member in Ecuador for this elite, international gastronomic society. Founded in 1950, the Chaîne is dedicated to creating an international community of those who enjoy exceptional cuisine, wine, fine dining and mutual camaraderie. For more information, visit: www.chaineus.org.



• **La Cofradia del Vino.** As a corporate member of Ecuador's elite wine tasting society, Casa Ceibo joins other first-class hotels, resorts, clubs, restaurants and Ecuadorian organizations in their appreciation for the finest wines in the world. For more information, visit: www.cofradiadelvino.com.



Casa Ceibo is proud to be represented by a diverse mix of premier, international travel professionals and agencies, such as Abercrombie & Kent, Condé Nast Johansens, Metropolitan Tours and others in all parts of the World.

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