



GETTING TO LLULLU LLAMA MOUNTAIN LODGE



Welcome to
Lullu Llama
eco-hostel

Breakfast 10 am - 12 pm

Full





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Getting to Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge





THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO GET HERE & AWAY!

Let us explain you step by step.

Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge is located at 2800m of altitude in the village of Isinlivi, County of Sigchos, in the Province of Cotopaxi in Ecuador.

Type “Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge” in Google Maps and you’ll find our exact location.

Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge is located right on the famous Quilotoa Loop, the road that connects the city of Latacunga with the villages Isinlivi – Sigchos – Chugchilan – Quilotoa – Zumbahua.

We recommend entering the loop on one side and leaving on the other side to fully enjoy all the beauty of the loop with the magnificent Quilotoa Crater Lake in the middle.

Isinlivi is the perfect place to base yourself to explore the Quilotoa Loop. We recommend a 3 night stay to enjoy some of the most stunning hikes in the area and maybe some other adventure activities as well.



When hiking the full Quilotoa Loop, Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge is the perfect place to start or end the loop.



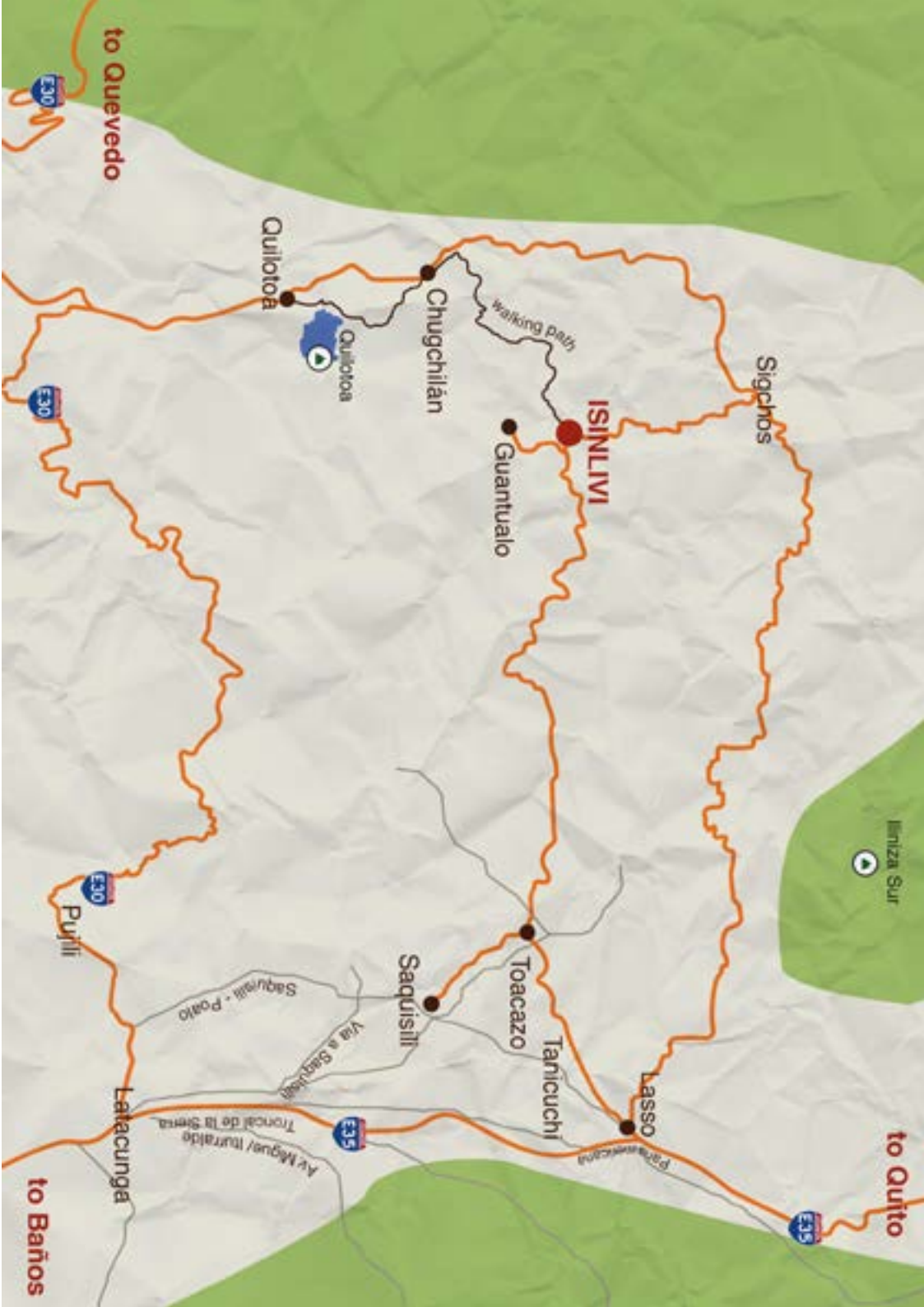
Map of Quilotoa Loop

You can get to Isinlivi by public or private transportation, hike here from Guingopana Pass or Sigchos, or you can drive yourself.

Find below the public bus schedules and self-driving instructions.

If you would like to arrange private transport, ask us in advance. Another option is to ask your travel agent to drop you off in Isinlivi after your day-trip to Cotopaxi, Pascocha or Illinizas. The Happy Gringo travel agency in Quito is a reliable agent to organize this with.





Imiza Sur

to Quito

Sigchos

ISINLIVI

Guantualo

Chugchilán

Quilotoa

Quilotoa

Toacazo

Saquisilí

Tanicuchi

Lasso

Latacunga

to Quevedo

to Baños

E30

E30

E30

E35

E35

Av. Miguel Irujo
Troncal de la Sierra

Via a Saquisilí

Saquisilí - Poato

Walking path



Public Bus





Arriving to Isinlivi by Public Bus

To get to Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge by public bus, first step is to get to the city of Latacunga. From Latacunga there are several options:

✦ **Bus to Isinlivi:** there are 2 early buses per day from Latacunga to Isinlivi (duration 2 hrs)

✦ **Saquisili Market:** on Thursday's you can catch the bus at the market in Saquisili to Isinlivi at 11am.

✦ **Guingopana Pass:** When taking the "14 de Octubre" bus to Isinlivi, ask the bus driver to drop you off at Guingopana Pass – this is the highest point of the Cordillera, 4100m. From here it's an amazing 2 to 3 hours hike downhill to Isinlivi over the road.

✦ **Bus to Sigchos:** there are several buses per day from Latacunga to Sigchos. From Sigchos you can either hike to Isinlivi (3-4 hr), take the bus or a truck taxi.



ARRIVING TO LATACUNGA

Quito to Latacunga:

There are busses leaving every 30 minutes to Latacunga from Quito's Quitumbe Terminal Terrestre. From the New Town Mariscal area or the Old Town historical center the best way to get to Quitumbe bus station is by taking the Trolebus direction south. Ask your hotel where the nearest Trolebus stop is located. The Trolebus final stop in the south is the Quitumbe station. From there, jump on the first bus to Latacunga.

This bus ride takes an hour and a half and costs about \$2. We recommend to leave your hotel between 7am and 8am to make it in time for your connection in Latacunga to Isinlivi or Sigchos. There is also a taxi service operating between Quito and Latacunga. Depending on where your hotel is located in Quito, the price is between \$12 and \$17 per person, and the taxi only takes one hour to Latacunga. Contact us for more information.

Baños to Latacunga:

Busses leave every 30 minutes from 4am to 6pm from Baños to Latacunga – it is best to double check bus timings and buy a ticket in advance. The bus terminal in Baños is located at the Rocafuerte Street, behind the Central Market (Mercado Central).

A bus ticket to Latacunga costs about \$2,50, and the drive takes approximately 2 hours. We recommend leaving your hotel between 7am and 8am to have enough time to make your connection from Latacunga to Isinlivi or Sigchos.

Cuenca to Latacunga:

When coming from the southern city of Cuenca the bus ride takes approximately 7 hours and a half at about \$8 to Latacunga. The Terminal Terrestre in Cuenca is located at Av. España y Sebastian de Benalcazar. Check bus timings in advance. It may be necessary to spend the night in Latacunga or near the Cotopaxi national park.

From Guayaquil to Latacunga:

From Guayaquil to Latacunga the bus ride travels via Riobamba and Ambato to Latacunga and takes approximately 7 hours at about \$7. There is just one bus a day so it is best to check timings the day before. An overnight in Latacunga is recommended.

BUS: LATACUNGA TO ISINLIVI

The bus from Latacunga to Isinlivi takes approximately 2 hours. The bus drops you off at the main plaza in Isinlivi from where it's just a one minute walk to Llullu Llama, ask our neighbors and they will show you the way.

Watch your belongings at the bus station of Latacunga, and while on the bus!

Saquisili Market: On Thursday's the bus leaves directly to Isinlivi from Saquisili market! From Latacunga you can take a bus or a taxi to get to the market (15 min). Once you arrive at the market, we recommend you buy your bus ticket first to make sure to have a spot to sit in the bus to Isinlivi.

Guingopana Pass: You can also ask the bus driver to drop you off at Guingopana Pass, the highest point of the Cordillera. From here it's a beautiful hike downhill to Isinlivi following the road.

Sigchos: Another option is to take a bus to Sigchos. From Sigchos you can hike for 3-4 hrs to Isinlivi, catch a taxi truck or take the bus to Isinlivi.

| DAY | FROM | DEPARTURE | VIA I | VIA II | COMPANY | ARRIVAL |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------------|---------|
| Monday | Latacunga | 12h15 | Saquisili | Sigchos | 14 Octubre | 14h45 |
| | Latacunga | 13h00 | Saquisili | Guingopana | Reina de Sigchos | 15h00 |
| Tuesday | Latacunga | 12h15 | Saquisili | Sigchos | 14 Octubre | 14h45 |
| | Latacunga | 13h00 | Saquisili | Guingopana | Reina de Sigchos | 15h00 |
| Wednesday | Latacunga | 12h15 | Saquisili | Sigchos | 14 Octubre | 14h45 |
| | Latacunga | 13h00 | Saquisili | Guingopana | Reina de Sigchos | 15h00 |
| Thursday | Saquisili | 11h30 | Saquisili | Sigchos | 14 Octubre | 13h00 |
| | Saquisili | 12h00 | Saquisili | Guingopana | Reina de Sigchos | 4h45 |
| Friday | Latacunga | 12h15 | Saquisili | Sigchos | 14 Octubre | 14h45 |
| | Latacunga | 13h00 | Saquisili | Guingopana | Reina de Sigchos | 15h00 |
| Saturday | Latacunga | 11h00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | 14 Octubre | 14h45 |
| | Latacunga | 11h30 | Saquisili | Guingopana | Reina de Sigchos | 15h00 |
| Sunday | Latacunga | 12h15 | Saquisili | Sigchos | 14 Octubre | 14h45 |
| | Latacunga | 13h00 | Saquisili | Guingopana | Reina de Sigchos | 15h00 |

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BUS: LATACUNGA TO SIGCHOS

There are several busses a day between Latacunga and Sigchos (duration 1,5 hours). If you missed your connection for the direct bus to Isinlivi, then you can take one of these busses to Sigchos.

From Sigchos it is a beautiful 3 to 4 hour hike to get to Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge. We recommend to start

your hike no later than 2pm. If you arrive later to Sigchos it is also possible to rent a truck taxi at about \$10 to get from Sigchos to Isinlivi (30 minutes).

Every Sunday there is a beautiful local market held in Sigchos, so if you arrive early you can stroll around the market before making your way to Isinlivi.

| DAY | FROM | DEPARTURE | VIA I | VIA II | COMPANY | ARRIVAL |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------------|---------|
| Monday | Latacunga | 6H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 8H00 |
| | Latacunga | 7H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 9H00 |
| | Latacunga | 8H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 10H00 |
| | Latacunga | 9H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 11H00 |
| | Latacunga | 10H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 12H00 |
| | Latacunga | 12H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 14H00 |
| | Latacunga | 14H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 16H00 |
| | Latacunga | 6H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 18H00 |
| Tuesday | Latacunga | 6H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 8H00 |
| | Latacunga | 7H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 9H00 |
| | Latacunga | 8H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 10H00 |
| | Latacunga | 9H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 11H00 |
| | Latacunga | 10H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 12H00 |
| | Latacunga | 12H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 14H00 |
| | Latacunga | 14H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 16H00 |
| | Latacunga | 16H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 18H00 |
| Wednesday | Latacunga | 6H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 8H00 |
| | Latacunga | 7H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 9H00 |
| | Latacunga | 8H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 10H00 |
| | Latacunga | 9H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 11H00 |
| | Latacunga | 10H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 12H00 |
| | Latacunga | 12H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 14H00 |
| | Latacunga | 14H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 16H00 |
| | Latacunga | 16H00 | Saquisilí | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 18H00 |

| DAY | FROM | DEPARTURE | VIA II | VIA II | COMPANY | ARRIVAL |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------------|---------|
| Thursday | Latacunga | 6H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 8H00 |
| | Latacunga | 7H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 9H00 |
| | Latacunga | 8H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 10H00 |
| | Latacunga | 9H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 11H00 |
| | Latacunga | 10H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 12H00 |
| | Latacunga | 12H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 14H00 |
| | Latacunga | 14H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 16H00 |
| | Latacunga | 16H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 18H00 |
| Friday | Latacunga | 6H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 8H00 |
| | Latacunga | 7H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 9H00 |
| | Latacunga | 8H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 10H00 |
| | Latacunga | 9H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 11H00 |
| | Latacunga | 10H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 12H00 |
| | Latacunga | 12H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 14H00 |
| | Latacunga | 14H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 16H00 |
| | Latacunga | 16H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 18H00 |
| Saturday | Latacunga | 6H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 8H00 |
| | Latacunga | 7H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 9H00 |
| | Latacunga | 8H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 10H00 |
| | Latacunga | 9H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 11H00 |
| | Latacunga | 10H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 12H00 |
| | Latacunga | 12H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 14H00 |
| | Latacunga | 14H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 16H00 |
| | Latacunga | 16H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 18H00 |
| Sunday | Latacunga | 6H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 8H00 |
| | Latacunga | 7H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 9H00 |
| | Latacunga | 8H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 10H00 |
| | Latacunga | 9H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 11H00 |
| | Latacunga | 10H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 12H00 |
| | Latacunga | 12H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 14H00 |
| | Latacunga | 14H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 16H00 |
| | Latacunga | 16H00 | Saquisili | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 18H00 |

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Take good care of your belongings both in the bus station and on the bus!

BUS: QUITO TO SIGCHOS

There are two busses daily from Quito's Quitumbe Terminal Terrestre directly to Sigchos. You will arrive too late to Sigchos to hike to Isinlivi, but you can catch a truck taxi at \$10 to make your way to Isinlivi.

| DAY | FROM | DEPARTURE | TO | COMPANY | ARRIVAL |
|------------------|-------|-----------|---------|------------------|---------|
| Monday | Quito | 14h00 | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 17h00 |
| | Quito | 18h00 | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 21h00 |
| Tuesday | Quito | 14h00 | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 17h00 |
| | Quito | 18h00 | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 21h00 |
| Wednesday | Quito | 14h00 | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 17h00 |
| | Quito | 18h00 | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 21h00 |
| Thursday | Quito | 14h00 | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 17h00 |
| | Quito | 18h00 | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 21h00 |
| Friday | Quito | 14h00 | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 17h00 |
| | Quito | 17h00 | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 20h00 |
| Saturday | Quito | 9h00 | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 11h00 |
| | Quito | 14h00 | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 17h00 |
| Sunday | Quito | 16h30 | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 19h30 |
| | Quito | 18h30 | Sigchos | Reina de Sigchos | 21h30 |

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BUS: SIGCHOS TO ISINLIVI

If you made your way to Sigchos, you can either hike for 3-4 hrs to get to Isinlivi, or catch a connecting bus.

| DAY | FROM | DEPARTURE | TO | COMPANY | ARRIVAL |
|------------------|---------|-----------|----------|------------|---------|
| Monday | Sigchos | 12h00 | Isinlivi | Bus azul | 13h00 |
| | Sigchos | 14h30 | Isinlivi | 14 Octubre | 15h15 |
| Tuesday | Sigchos | 12h00 | Isinlivi | Bus azul | 13h00 |
| | Sigchos | 14h30 | Isinlivi | 14 Octubre | 15h15 |
| Wednesday | Sigchos | 12h00 | Isinlivi | Bus azul | 13h00 |
| | Sigchos | 14h30 | Isinlivi | 14 Octubre | 15h15 |
| Thursday | Sigchos | 12h00 | Isinlivi | Bus azul | 13h00 |
| | Sigchos | 14h30 | Isinlivi | 14 Octubre | 15h15 |
| Friday | Sigchos | 12h00 | Isinlivi | Bus azul | 13h00 |
| | Sigchos | 14h30 | Isinlivi | 14 Octubre | 15h15 |
| Saturday | Sigchos | 12h00 | Isinlivi | Bus azul | 13h00 |
| | Sigchos | 14h30 | Isinlivi | 14 Octubre | 15h15 |
| Sunday | Sigchos | 12h00 | Isinlivi | Bus azul | 13h00 |
| | Sigchos | 14h30 | Isinlivi | 14 Octubre | 15h15 |

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Departing Isinlivi by Public Bus

There are several ways to leave Isinlivi:

✦ **Bus to Latacunga:** there are several early busses from Isinlivi to Latacunga

✦ **Hike to Sigchos:** a beautiful 3-4 hours hike from Isinlivi to Sigchos, from where you catch the bus to Latacunga.

✦ **Quilotoa Daytrip:** Book a daytrip with us to the Quilotoa Crater Lake, after the daytrip you can catch the bus to Latacunga, or pay our driver something extra for the drop off

✦ **Milk Truck:** A fun adventure! You can take the milk truck to Sigchos from where you catch the bus to Latacunga.

✦ **Hike to Chugchilan:** continue your adventure on the Quilotoa Loop and hike to the next village.



BUS: ISINLIVI TO LATACUNGA

You can catch a direct bus from Isinlivi to Latacunga. Since the locals use the bus to go for work in the cities, most busses leave very early in the morning. Only on Monday and Saturday there is an afternoon bus.

Let our staff know in case you would like to catch an early morning bus, to receive your boxed breakfast to take away the evening before you leave.

| DAY | TO | DEPARTURE | VIA I | VIA II | COMPANY | ARRIVAL |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------------|---------|
| Monday | Latacunga | 5h00 | Guingopana | Saquisili | Reina de Sigchos | 7h30 |
| | Latacunga | 2h30 | Sigchos | Saquisili | 14 Octubre | 5h30 |
| Tuesday | Latacunga | 2h30 | Sigchos | Saquisili | 14 Octubre | 5h30 |
| | Latacunga | 5h00 | Guingopana | Saquisili | Reina de Sigchos | 7h30 |
| Wednesday | Latacunga | 7h00 | Guingopana | Saquisili | Reina de Sigchos | 9H30 |
| | Latacunga | 6h30 | Sigchos | Saquisili | 14 Octubre | 9h00 |
| Thursday | Latacunga | 2h30 | Sigchos | Saquisili | 14 Octubre | 5h30 |
| | Latacunga | 5h00 | Guingopana | Saquisili | Reina de Sigchos | 7h30 |
| Friday | Latacunga | 2h30 | Sigchos | Saquisili | 14 Octubre | 5h30 |
| | Latacunga | 5h00 | Guingopana | Saquisili | Reina de Sigchos | 7h30 |
| Saturday | Latacunga | 2h30 | Sigchos | Saquisili | 14 Octubre | 5h30 |
| | Latacunga | 4h00 | Guingopana | Saquisili | Reina de Sigchos | 6h30 |
| Sunday | Latacunga | 6h45 | Sigchos | Saquisili | 14 Octubre | 9h15 |
| | Latacunga | 13h00 | Guingopana | Saquisili | Reina de Sigchos | 15h30 |

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BUS: ISINLIVI TO SIGCHOS

There are several ways to get from Isinlivi to Sigchos:

- Hike for 3 and a half hours
- Take the milk truck at 09h30 from the central plaza of Isinlivi to Sigchos (45 min)
- Pick-up truck taxi at \$10

| DAY | TO | DEPARTURE | VIA I | COMPANY | ARRIVAL |
|------------------|---------|-----------|-------|------------|---------|
| Monday | Sigchos | 7h15 | - | Bus azul | 8h00 |
| | Sigchos | 9h15 | - | Milk Truck | 10h30 |
| Tuesday | Sigchos | 7h15 | - | Bus azul | 8h00 |
| | Sigchos | 9h15 | - | Milk Truck | 10h30 |
| Wednesday | Sigchos | 7h15 | - | Bus azul | 8h00 |
| | Sigchos | 9h15 | - | Milk Truck | 10h30 |
| Thursday | Sigchos | 7h15 | - | Bus azul | 8h00 |
| | Sigchos | 9h15 | - | Milk Truck | 10h30 |
| Friday | Sigchos | 7h15 | - | Bus azul | 8h00 |
| | Sigchos | 9h15 | - | Milk Truck | 10h30 |
| Saturday | Sigchos | 7h15 | - | Bus azul | 8h00 |
| | Sigchos | 9h15 | - | Milk Truck | 10h30 |
| Sunday | Sigchos | 7h15 | - | Bus azul | 8h00 |
| | Sigchos | 9h15 | - | Milk Truck | 10h30 |

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BUS: SIGCHOS TO LATACUNGA

From Sigchos there is a bus to Latacunga every day.

On Friday and Sunday there is a direct bus from Sigchos to Quito.

| DAY | TO | DEPARTURE | VIA I | COMPANY | ARRIVAL |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|---------|
| Monday | Latacunga | 8h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 10h30 |
| | Latacunga | 9h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 11h30 |
| | Latacunga | 10h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 12h30 |
| | Latacunga | 11h40 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 14h10 |
| | Latacunga | 12h20 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 14h50 |
| | Latacunga | 14h30 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 16h00 |
| | Latacunga | 16h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 18h30 |
| Tuesday | Latacunga | 8h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 10h30 |
| | Latacunga | 9h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 11h30 |
| | Latacunga | 10h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 12h30 |
| | Latacunga | 11h40 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 14h10 |
| | Latacunga | 12h20 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 14h50 |
| | Latacunga | 14h30 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 16h00 |
| | Latacunga | 16h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 18h30 |
| Wednesday | Latacunga | 8h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 10h30 |
| | Latacunga | 9h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 11h30 |
| | Latacunga | 10h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 12h30 |
| | Latacunga | 11h40 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 14h10 |
| | Latacunga | 12h20 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 14h50 |
| | Latacunga | 14h30 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 16h00 |
| | Latacunga | 16h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 18h30 |

| DAY | TO | DEPARTURE | VIA I | COMPANY | ARRIVAL |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|---------|
| Thursday | Latacunga | 8h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 10h30 |
| | Latacunga | 9h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 11h30 |
| | Latacunga | 10h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 12h30 |
| | Latacunga | 11h40 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 14h10 |
| | Latacunga | 12h20 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 14h50 |
| | Latacunga | 14h30 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 16h00 |
| | Latacunga | 16h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 18h30 |
| Friday | Latacunga | 8h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 10h30 |
| | Latacunga | 9h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 11h30 |
| | Latacunga | 10h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 12h30 |
| | Latacunga | 11h40 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 14h10 |
| | Latacunga | 12h20 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 14h50 |
| | Latacunga | 14h30 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 16h00 |
| | Latacunga | 16h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 18h30 |
| Saturday | Latacunga | 8h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 10h30 |
| | Latacunga | 9h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 11h30 |
| | Latacunga | 10h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 12h30 |
| | Latacunga | 11h40 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 14h10 |
| | Latacunga | 12h20 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 14h50 |
| | Latacunga | 14h30 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 16h00 |
| | Latacunga | 16h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 18h30 |
| Sunday | Latacunga | 8h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 10h30 |
| | Latacunga | 9h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 11h30 |
| | Latacunga | 10h00 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 12h30 |
| | Latacunga | 11h40 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 14h10 |
| | Latacunga | 12h20 | Saquisili | Reina De Sigchos | 14h50 |
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BUS: SIGCHOS TO QUITO

| DAY | TO | DEPARTURE | VIA I | COMPANY | ARRIVAL |
|------------------|-------|-----------|-------|------------------|---------|
| Monday | Quito | 4h30 | - | Reina De Sigchos | 7h30 |
| | Quito | 14h15 | - | Reina De Sigchos | 17h15 |
| Tuesday | Quito | 4h30 | - | Reina De Sigchos | 7h30 |
| | Quito | 14h15 | - | Reina De Sigchos | 17h15 |
| Wednesday | Quito | 4h30 | - | Reina De Sigchos | 7h30 |
| | Quito | 14h15 | - | Reina De Sigchos | 17h15 |
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Self-drive Instructions





It is perfectly fine to drive your own vehicle around the Quilotoa Loop. Many roads are paved, while other smaller roads are unpaved. Follow this instructions to get here from Quito or Latacunga. You can either drive directly to Isinlivi via Sigchos or the Guingopana Pass. Or you could firstly visit the Quilotoa Crater Lake and afterwards drive to Isinlivi. Bear in mind the driving times!

THINGS TO BEAR IN MIND

Driving in the Andes Mountains can be an amazing experience if you prepare well for it. You'll be overwhelmed by the beauty, far reaching views & friendly people you will meet along the way.

Below a few tips to make sure your trip is as pleasant as possible and with no surprises!

- ✦ We recommend leaving Quito early in the morning so that you have the best chance of catching great views along the Avenue of the Volcanoes – especially the Cotopaxi and Illinizas peaks are often seen!

- ✦ Avoid driving in the mountains after dark, it will be harder to find your way. Plan to arrive to Llullu Llama before 5.30pm. (from Quito it takes approx. 2 hours and 30 minutes to get to Quilotoa. In Quilotoa you'll like to spend up to 2 hours. The drive from Quilotoa to Isinlivi takes another hour and 30 minutes.)

- ✦ If for some reason you do end up driving in the dark - please don't panic, just follow the directions and drive carefully. Phone the lodge in case you need assistance.

- ✦ Remember you are driving in one of the safest areas in Ecuador – don't be afraid to ask the locals for help and directions.

- ✦ Before leaving the Pan-American Highway, make sure to fill up the tank to make sure you have enough for the full loop. In the villages there are no gas stations.

- ✦ There are sharp hairpin turns on several roads – keep an eye on your speed & blow your horn when making turns so that approaching traffic will know you're coming.

- ✦ Cellphone coverage is sporadic on the mountain roads. In Isinlivi and Sigchos the Claro company has coverage, while in Chugchilan and Quilotoa the Movistar company has coverage.

- ✦ Be aware that landmarks are constantly changing. We do our best to regularly update the instructions, but sometimes things change before we notice. If this is the case, or you feel the instructions are unclear, we would greatly appreciate it if you could let us know so we can inform future travelers.



Quito To Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge Via Quilotoa



DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS

Below directions are for the following route: Quito > Aloag > Machachi > Lasso > Latacunga > Pujili > Tigua > Zumbahua > Quilotoa > Chugchilan > Sigchos > Isinlivi

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When you are located in the New Town Mariscal or Old Town Colonial areas in Quito, the best way to leave the city is to take the Simon Bolivar highway which can be reached via “El Trebol” or the “Guayasamin Tunnel”.

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2.- Continue straight. You will see signs that indicate you are going South direction LATAACUNGA.



3.- Keep on following direction LATAACUNGA and MACHACHI.



4.- After Machachi you will pass through the TOLL HIGHWAY (be ready to pay \$1).



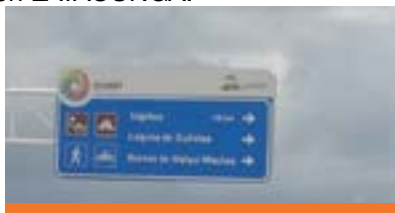
5.- Continue. On your left hand side you are passing by the Cotopaxi National Park. You'll see signs indicating you are near the volcano. If there are not too many clouds you will see the majestic volcano on your left hand side.



6.- You will pass by the entrance road to the Cotopaxi national park, but you have to just keep on following the road toward LASSO.

7.- This is a good point to start looking for a gas station, in case you need to fill up your vehicle – highly recommended before entering the mountains!

8.- In LASSO you'll see on your left hand side a huge tele communications tower. There will also be a traffic light on an intersection and below traffic sign – DO NOT TURN RIGHT HERE! Just continue straight direction LATACUNGA.



9.- Continue direction LATAACUNGA / AMBATO / RIOBAMBA.



10.- Do not take the turn to Latacunga, but continue direction SALCEDO / AMBATO / RIOBAMBA.



11.- After about 8 minutes, take the turn right leaving the Pan American highway up to PUJILI. Take the SALIDA to the right.



12.- Directly after leaving the Pan American Highway you'll reach a roundabout – take the first turn direction PUJILI.



13.- Continue this road. You'll pass La Victoria to the right, continue to Pujili. You'll cross this town and see a huge stairways up the mountain, just continue. You'll pass below statue on your right hand. Continue the road from here that leads you up the mountain.



14.- At the roundabout, follow the road direction LA MANA / ZUMBABUA / QUILOTOA.



15.- This road leads you through the stunning paramo landscapes, passing by small villages. You'll pass the village of Tigua where you can visit several shops where they sell their typical paintings on sheepskin representing Andean life and wooden masks.



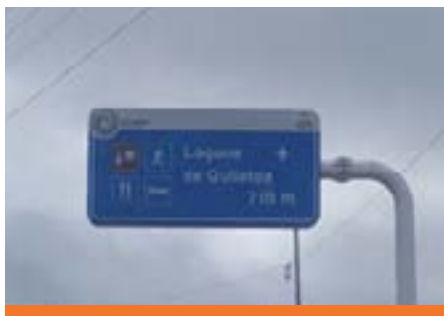
16.- After about half an hour you will reach Zumbahua. Turn right here and take the road direction QUILOTOA.



17.- Pass through Zumbahua following the signs to Quilotoa. On Saturday you can visit the market here. After Zumbahua you can also make a stop at the Toachi canyon viewpoint.



18.- Keep on following the paved road to Quilotoa crater.



19.- At the Quilotoa crater lake you can take the hike inside the crater and up again. It is also possible to rent a horse or mule to take you back up the mountain. There are several small restaurants to have lunch. There are also souvenir shops.



20.- To continue your trip to Isinlivi, you have to take the same road just to leave Quilotoa, and turn right direction CHUGCHILAN.



21.- Continue the paved road to Chugchilan village. It takes about 30 to 40 minutes to get there. From Chugchilan the road continues as an unpaved road to SIGCHOS.



22.- The road between Chugchilan and Sigchos is currently under construction. So some parts will already be paved while on other parts you'll see big machinery working on the roads. Keep on continuing this road until Sigchos, which will take about 30 to 40 minutes.



23.- In Sigchos you immediately turn right to get to the road to ISINLIVI. This is an unpaved road for 14 km.



24.- The road takes you through beautiful mountain landscapes down to Toachi river where you will cross a bridge. There the road goes up the mountain.



25.- When you reach below sign “Cochalo de Isinlivi”, DO NOT turn right, just follow the road to the left. The road to the right goes to Cochalo, not to Isinlivi.



26.- Continue the main road. You'll pass a sign to the left to Hierba Buena – DO NOT take this road, just keep right passing by a small bus stop.

Keep on following the road up the mountain until you
reach ISINLIVI

Ask our neighbors where to find Llullu Llama
Mountain Lodge.

**WELCOME TO THE
BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE OF
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Quito To Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge Insinlivi



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8.- Follow the road. When you arrive at the small intersection with traffic lights, cross the road and continue straight direction TOACASO. You'll pass through a small village called Santa Ana. Continue the road to TOACASO.



9.- In Toacaso, continue the paved road. There will be two intersections with traffic lights, although you won't see many cars. Just continue the paved road (DO NOT turn left at the traffic lights), the road will leave Toacaso behind.

Continue to PLANCHALOMA.

10.- In Planchaloma you'll pass a couple of small shops and cross a small bridge. Just continue the paved road.

IMPORTANT:

After about 8 minutes driving you'll get to a plain with a few houses. Here you have 2 different road options to Isinlivi:

GUIGOPANA PASS: This road takes you over the Guingopana Pass to Isinlivi. This road is half an hour shorter than via Sigchos, but you'll need a good vehicle as the road is unpaved, rocky and bumpy all the way to Isinlivi. You don't need a 4x4, but a higher model car is preferred. Smaller vehicles can also take this road, but you'll have to drive a lot slower. The views on this road are amazing – the typical paramo grasslands high up in the Andes are just magical with a good chance of catching great views over Cotopaxi and Illinizas peaks. You'll reach the highest point of Guingopana Pass at 4000m – a good spot to get out of the car for a stunning photo!

VIA SIGCHOS: The other road option takes a bit longer but is a beautiful paved road until you get to the town of Sigchos, so this route is more recommended if you have a smaller model car. From Sigchos to Isinlivi the road is unpaved, but in good conditions. The views on this route show you very green valleys and fantastic views over the Illinizas peaks.

VIA GUINGOPANA PASS:

11.- About 8 minutes after you've passed the village of Planchaloma you'll see a couple of houses. On your left hand, there will be a cobblestone road to the left. There will be a sign pointing this direction – ISINLIVI & GUINGOPANA. Take this cobblestone road.



12.- Continue until you get to a couple of houses. Turn left here and continue the cobblestone road.

13.- The road takes you up the mountain in hairpin turns.

14.- On the other side of the mountain you'll get to a small village called Yanahurco. After the church, turn right and continue the dirt road.

15.- Continue this road. You'll pass houses and a small school, cross a small bridge – just continue the road which will go up higher and higher. If it's not too cloudy, on your right hand you'll see the Illinizas and maybe even the Cotopaxi.

16.- Almost at the top of the mountain you'll see several huge rocks. When arriving at the top, one huge rock on your right hand side will stand out, it will be right aside the road. You've reached Guingopana Pass at 4000m. A great point to get out of the car to stretch your legs and take some stunning pictures (on the other side of the rock you can climb on it for the best view).

You see this sign here...



17.- When continuing you will see another sign saying “Bienvenido a Isinlivi”, you are still about half an hour away from reaching Isinlivi.

Continue the dirt road crossing over the pass – you’ll see the stunning par-amo landscape of the Andes above the clouds!

19.- Continue the road until you reach Isinlivi, you’ll see the high school at your right hand side and the street is paved in this last part. Continue. Pass the cemetery. When you arrive to the main plaza, pass the church (right hand side).

18.- Keep on following this road. It will go down and down into the valley. About ten minutes before reaching Isinlivi, you’ll see the cheese factory on your right hand side with beautiful pine trees.

20.- Continue, and then turn left. After 30 meters, turn right and you will see Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge in front of you. Let our staff know you arrived and they will open the gate for you so that you can park your car on our property.

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VIA SIGCHOS:

11.- About 8 minutes after you've passed the village of Planchaloma you'll see a couple of houses. On your left hand, there will be a cobblestone road to the left and a sign saying GUINGOPANA and ISINLIVI – DO NOT TAKE THIS ROAD! Just continue the paved road to the right.



12.- Continue the paved road through the mountains – you'll enjoy the beautiful landscapes. Take your time to take pictures – if lucky you'll have amazing views over Illinizas to your right!

13.- On your left hand side you'll pass a CENTRO DE ACOPIO – this is a milk collection point. There will be beautiful pine trees. You'll cross the mountains down into the valley along steep hairpin bends – you'll cross small rivers and bridges, you'll see small houses.

14.- Continue the paved road down and through the valleys for approximately 45 minutes. Then the road slowly climbs up a mountain where you will reach a neighborhood called Yaló.



15.- Continue following the paved road climbing more up until you reach a sign saying "Bienvenido al Canton SIGCHOS".

16.- Continue following the road entering the town of Sigchos. Turn RIGHT and after two blocks turn LEFT at the intersection where you see a brown sign pointing direction to Quilotoa (see image below). If you get lost in Sigchos, ask the people for the road to Isinlivi (“Donde esta el camino a Isinlivi?”).



17.- Keep on going straight for a couple of blocks, until you arrive to an intersection where you see below sign. Turn LEFT to Isinlivi.



18.- The road now becomes a dirt road. In just a few minutes you arrive to a Y intersection – turn LEFT.



19.- Continue this unpaved road going down. You pass by a small church on your right hand side.



20.- Just a few minutes after the church, you will see a sign pointing on a dirt road to go right indicating the hikers trail to Isinlivi, do not take this road! Just keep on following the main unpaved road.

21.- Keep on following this road. You will reach a part where on your left hand side there are steep cliffs down into the canyon. Drive slowly, in curves blow your horn so that coming traffic can hear you.

22.- Keep on going. The road will now slowly descent until you reach the river. Cross the bridge and continue the road going up on the other side.



23.- You will reach a curve where a sign saying “Cochalo de Isinlivi” or “Bienvenido al Barrio Cochalo de Isinlivi” pointing to the road to the right – DO NOT TAKE THIS ROAD! This road takes you to the village of Cochalo. Just continue to the road curving to the left.

24.- Continue the road climbing up the mountain. You will reach a “Y” intersection. To the left there is a sign that says “Bienvenido to Hierba Buena” – do not take this road! Just follow the road to your right. In the curve there is a small bus stop.



25.- Now just keep on following the road until you reach Isinlivi. When reaching the village take the first road RIGHT slightly going down.

26.- Then turn RIGHT again and you will see Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge in front of you. Let our staff know you arrived and they will open the gate for you so that you can park your car on our property.

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