

Chacay Travel promotes ecotourism as a vehicle for both preservation and transformation. We will introduce you to Ecuador's four regions (Amazonia, Sierra, Costa, Galapagos), and go the extra mile, inviting you to meet those families in their communities who produce cocoa, coffee, guayusa, roses, bananas, shrimp, and exquisite handicrafts.

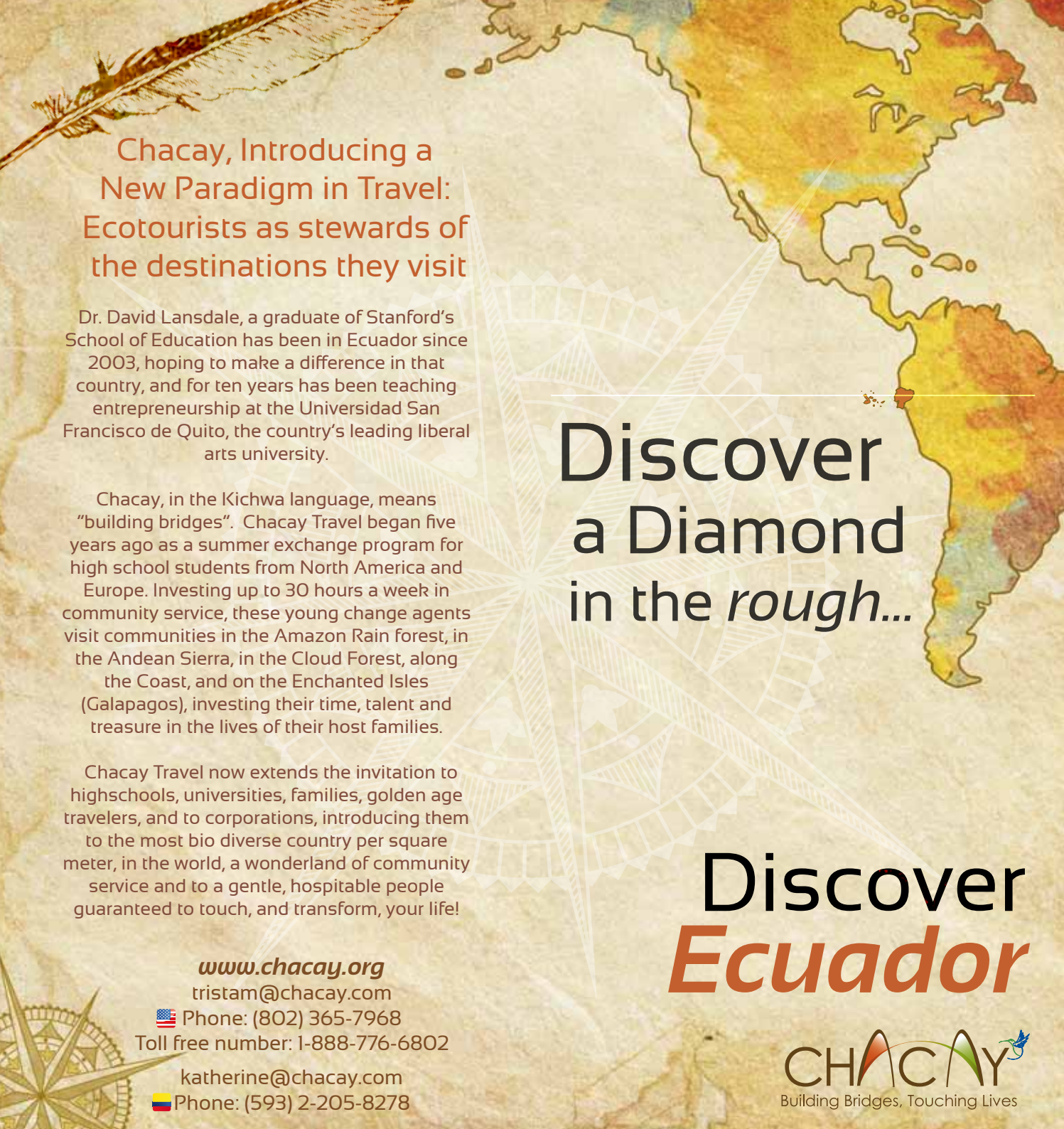
Our objective is to create sustainable opportunities for Ecuadorians in marginalized communities who will produce and distribute their own brands with you as the enabler and consumer, investing in a new generation of entrepreneurs. Packages include what for every and any age are an explorer and photographer's dream:

**¡Come and make a difference!**

0° **Come and discover**  
*Ecuador*

**Latin America's  
diamond in the rough...**





## Chacay, Introducing a New Paradigm in Travel: Ecotourists as stewards of the destinations they visit

Dr. David Lansdale, a graduate of Stanford's School of Education has been in Ecuador since 2003, hoping to make a difference in that country, and for ten years has been teaching entrepreneurship at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito, the country's leading liberal arts university.

Chacay, in the Kichwa language, means "building bridges". Chacay Travel began five years ago as a summer exchange program for high school students from North America and Europe. Investing up to 30 hours a week in community service, these young change agents visit communities in the Amazon Rain forest, in the Andean Sierra, in the Cloud Forest, along the Coast, and on the Enchanted Isles (Galapagos), investing their time, talent and treasure in the lives of their host families.

Chacay Travel now extends the invitation to highschools, universities, families, golden age travelers, and to corporations, introducing them to the most bio diverse country per square meter, in the world, a wonderland of community service and to a gentle, hospitable people guaranteed to touch, and transform, your life!


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# Discover a Diamond in the *rough*...

# Discover *Ecuador*

**CHACAY**   
Building Bridges, Touching Lives

# Golden Age Expeditions




"Chacay Travel:  
the bridges  
are built -  
and they  
are beautiful"  
*Joyce (2011)*





# Golden Age *Expeditions*



These packages, tailored to the interests and personal preferences of our clients, expose travelers to the extraordinary flora and fauna of the four regions of the country, to the rich history including the Quito - Cara Indians, the Inca Empire, the Conquistadores, and their profound impact on the current psychology, cultural traditions, and natural and social phenomena characteristic of Ecuador, the middle of the world and Latin America's diamond in the rough.

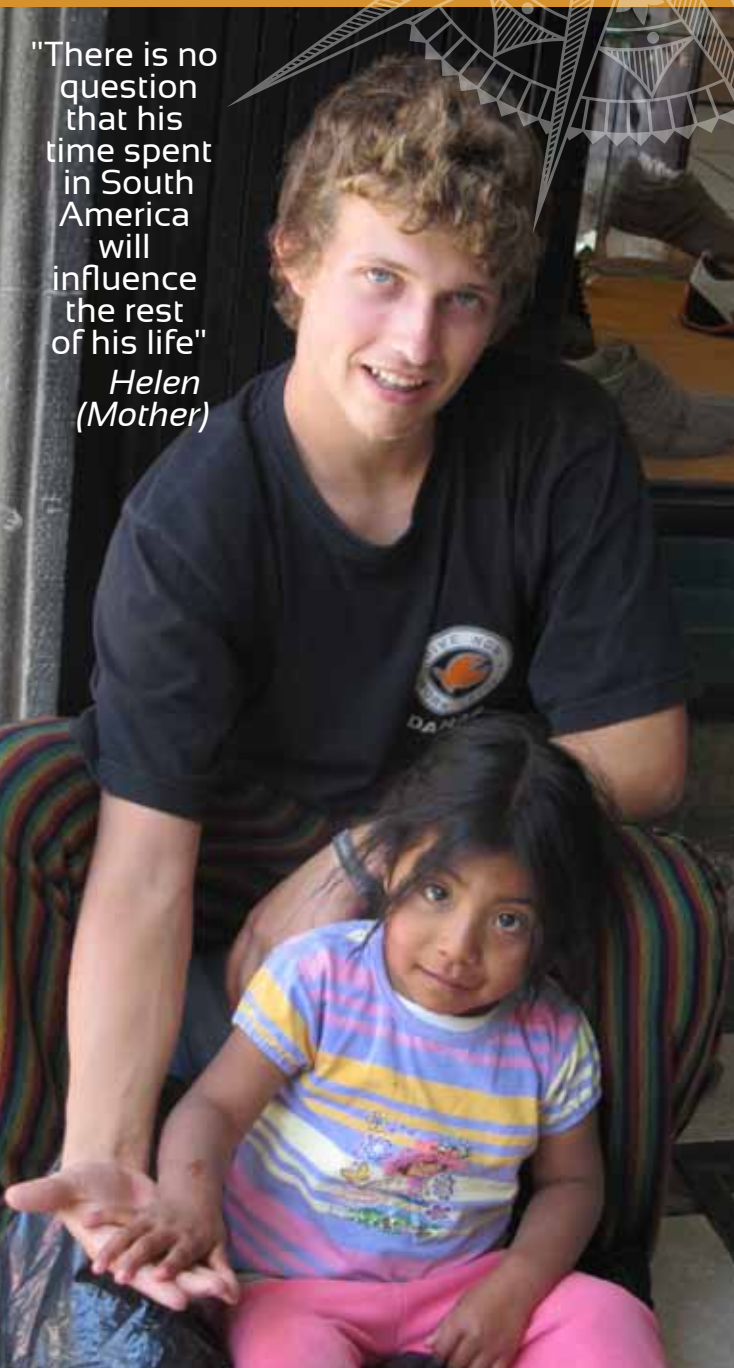



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# Encuentros


"There is no question that his time spent in South America will influence the rest of his life"

*Helen  
(Mother)*





# Encuentros *Program*



High school and university faculty and student encounters: In addition to community service, programs from ten days to a month in length introduce participants to adventure: trekking, biking, canyoning, zip lining, parasailing, white water rafting as well as to the Spanish language, Ecuadorian culture through homestays, spectacular biodiversity, and the opportunity to conduct research in the most extraordinary natural laboratory on planet earth!



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# Family Experiences

Encuentros  
helped me  
to grow  
and change  
it truly was a  
metamorphosis  
for me.

*Heidi (2008)*







# Family *Experiences*

In addition to adventure, culture, language and biodiversity, our tailored family packages are created around the following themes and areas of interest: handicrafts, chocolate, coffee and rose plantations, hiking, biking, birding, and visits with community families and officials for an insider's look at Ecuador.



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# Corporate Excursions



*"Conserving what's ours":*  
invest in the present for generations  
to come Help save Yasuni,  
the lungs of the planet  
and preserve  
Galapagos, the enchanted islands



# Corporate *Excursions*



We tailor experiences which, in addition to the superlatives Ecuador offers (Yasuni: lungs of the planet; Chimborazo, the closest summit to the sun and Cotopaxi, the world's highest active volcano; Quito, Luz de America and UNESCO's first cultural heritage site for humanity; and Galapagos, the Enchanted Isles and Darwin's laboratory), introduce participants to clusters of products and the origin of the value chain, providing opportunities to invest in fair trade, enable local producers to improve their production and their quality of life, and preserve the environment.



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