



## Ecuador

### A Journey Through Architecture, Culture and Land

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- First-ever survey of contemporary architecture and building culture in Ecuador
- Features some 20 designs by leading and emerging local architecture firms, highlighting a fascinating interplay between architecture, environment, and culture
- Ecuador's architects demonstrate how to combine traditional building materials and techniques with innovative design strategies, and how to create sustainable architecture with extremely limited financial resources
- Ecuador has evolved into a popular destination for tourists—the book's audience includes anyone interested in cultural heritage, biodiversity, and sustainable tourism

Ecuador boasts an extraordinary variety of landscapes. These range from the Amazon rainforest in the east, across the Andes Mountains, rising to over 20,500 ft, and the agriculturally dominated coastal region, to the Galápagos Archipelago, located nearly 560 miles off the mainland in the Pacific Ocean. Geographical diversity strongly forges Ecuador's contemporary architecture. Traditional building materials and techniques are combined with innovative design strategies that respond to the country's unique environmental conditions. Faced with major economic and political challenges, Ecuadorian architects push boundaries with a spirit of innovation and a strong commitment to sustainability. Their designs serve communities with vastly different social and economic needs and position the country at the forefront of the fight against climate change.

***Ecuador: A Journey Through Architecture, Culture and Land documents*** for the first time the country's contemporary architectural scene. Some 20 featured buildings exemplify how the designs interact with landscape, urban life, and communities, in a fascinating interplay of architecture, environment, and culture. This is interwoven with a personal travelogue by the two authors and photographers Francesco Russo and Luca Piffaeretti.

Text in English and Spanish.

London- and Venice-based **Francesco Russo** and Mendrisio-based **Luca Piffaeretti** both work as architectural and documentary photographers. They are co-founders of Mass, a collective of photographers creating new narratives in the built environment.