Responsible Tourism Matters...
aboard the most challenging train in the world.
With more than 300 miles of restored tracks
from the shores of the Pacific ocean,
to the heights of the Andes
aboard comfortable cars
pulled by lovingly restored steam engines
with 14 different tourist routes
operated by a team
of 420 passionate people
devoted
to
creating
unique experiences
for our passengers,
our tours are a celebration
of Ecuador’s cultural diversity
presented by local communities
offering ancillary tourist services
like handcrafts,
folklore,
traditional food,
and guided tours
under a “TrenEcuador-associated business” scheme.
This model allows licensed entrepreneurs
to become our partners in the tourist experience
in our restored, historical railway stations
while also serving their communities and other tourists.
With this model we create opportunities.
for young people,
for elderly people...
for indigenous communities,
for women...
by honoring their skills,
their traditions,
their crafts,
their produce and recipes,
their traditional trades
and traditional clothes;
their music
and dances...
Preserving their ancestral knowledge
and cultural expressions
and protecting the railway's heritage.
150,000 tourists enjoy our tours yearly.
supporting 1375 direct and indirect jobs
and over 1000 families
through 180 microenterprises
in 23 Cafés del Tren, (Train Cafes)
Tiendas del Tren, (Train Boutiques)
14 Artisans’ Plazas,
folklore and historical recreation groups
and 2 mountain lodges.
Income goes directly to those who need it most.
Tourists and locals together have fun,
learn from each other
and engage in meaningful interactions,
creating local value
while celebrating Ecuador's heritage,
and supporting those who preserve it,
In a successful strategy aimed at
Creating better places to live
and better places to visit.
tren Ecuador
look, live, feel and ride the rails.