

DISCOVER ECUADOR IN 12 DAYS

DEPARTURES EVERY SUNDAY



ITINERARY

QUITO

- DAY 1: Arrive to Quito – transfer and accommodation
DAY 2: Quito City Tour and Middle of the World Monument

GALAPAGOS

- DAY 3: Arrive to San Cristobal Island – Interpretation Center- Cerro Tijeretas
- Playa Mann
DAY 4: Excursion to Highlands- Laguna el Junco- Galapaguera- Loberia Beach
DAY 5: Sail to Santa Cruz Island- Visit to Charles Darwin Station- Tortuga
Bay Beach
DAY 6: Transfer out, return to Quito

OTAVALO

- DAY 7: Visit to Otavalo Indian Market

MISAHUALLI JUNGLE

- DAY 8: Stop in Papallacta thermal springs – Misahualli
DAY 9: Misahualli
DAY 10: Misahualli , transfer to Quito

QUITO

DAY 11: **Free Day**
DAY 12: Transfer out ,return to your country

INCLUDED:

- Transfers in Quito and Galápagos Airport to Hotels
- 06 nights accommodation in Quito with breakfast
- 03 nights accommodation in Galapagos with all meals
- 02 nights accommodation in Misahualli with all meals
- Excursions detailed in the Itinerary
- Roundtrip flight Quito – Galápagos – Quito
- Transportation Quito- Misahualli- Quito
- Full service, bilingual touristic guide

NOT INCLUDED:

- Galapagos Island entrance fee \$ 100.00
- Muelle Isabela fee: 5.00
- Galapagos visitor's card \$ 20.00
- Quito Museums and attractions entrance fees
- Dinners and Lunch in Quito , alcoholic beverages, and personal snacks
- Additional hotel options including but not limited to phone calls, internet, or massage services
- Air Ticket to Ecuador ➔ please visit our web
<https://www.tripsinecuador.com> ➔

PRICE PER PERSON

2 PAX 2829 USD

4 PAX 2576 USD

***Prices subject to change**

*** Economic Class Hotels in GPS**

**ALL YOU NEED IS
ECUADOR**

DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE TO ECUADOR

Arrive in Quito, Airport Pickup, transfer to your hotel in Quito.

DAY 2: QUITO CITY TOUR

A comprehensive city tour includes a visit to the Basilica Church. Walking through the colonial streets we will then stop at the Independence Plaza where we will be able to admire the Cathedral, the Government's Palace, and the archiepiscopal palace. After, we will visit La Compañía's Church where adornments and gold altars can be appreciated; a visit to the Sagrario and San Francisco Church which were built during the XVII century will also be done. We will then be heading to the "*Panecillo Mirador*" a beautiful place from where a perfect sight of the colonial and modern Quito will be seen.



We will continue to the northern part of the city heading up to the "Middle of the World City" where the monument that divides the Northern Hemisphere from the Southern Hemisphere will be visited. It was built during the XVII century when a French Expedition defined the precise location of the equatorial line. The Ethnographic Museum can also be visited. (Entrances not included)

DAY 3: QUITO - GALAPAGOS – SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND

Flight to San Cristobal Island where you will be assisted and driven to the hotel, check in. Lunch. Then we are going to start our first visit at INTERPRETATION CENTER where we can get knowledge about Galapagos's history in many contexts such as natural, human and conservation one. CERRO TIJERETAS, here you can observe frigate birds nesting on this hill find three spectacular viewpoints: In 1st we can take pictures with a cannon dating from World War II, from the 2nd viewpoint will see the famous site "Kicker" and in the 3rd viewpoint we enjoy a towering



dinner.

statue of Charles Darwin Scientific. PUNTA CAROLA is a beautiful beach with white sand. The beach has an exotic landscape due to the nature, flora and fauna that surrounds it. On the beach a large colony of sea lions observed between vegetation and rocks marine iguanas. PLAYA MANN where we will enjoy this beautiful white sand formed by the fragmentation of shells, the clarity of its waters allows snorkeling, back to the hotel. Dinner. Then will back to Hotel for

DAY 4: SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND

After a delicious American breakfast we will take our bus to go to EL JUNCO LAKE



(the one and only sweet water lake) at 700 above sea level where the tourist will enjoy a completely view of the island. Also you will admire many Galapago's bird species such as sea gulls, red and blue footed boobies and Galapagos Finch. Next we arrive to LA GALAPAGUERA where we will observe the famous giant turtles (totally different against the Santa Cruz's one), here also exist the Tortoise Breeding Centre where the tourist will understand and look one by one all the steps that exist during the growing process of the Giant Turtle. Lunch, in

the afternoon we will take you to LA LOBERIA BEACH as its name says, in this beach exists a considerable Sea Lion crew so you can take some pictures or just enjoy of the water practicing snorkeling or swimming. Back to the Hotel, dinner.

DAY 5: SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND- SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

After breakfast, we will board a high speed boats to navigate to Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz Island, On our way we will be on the lookout for dolphins and whales. Upon arrival we will visit the CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH STATION, here we will



learn about the conservation of the Islands. The station has a tortoise breeding center called FAUSTO LLERENA, MIGUEL CIFUENTES VISITTANS CENTRE and ENVIROMENT EDUCATICON COMMUNITY CENTRE. Lunch. In the afternoon, will visit TORTUGA BAY BEACH (the most length white sand beach in all around archipelago), excellent place to go swimming or just walking around the coast. The marine iguanas, sharks, turtles and birds could be watched during small footpath way. Back to

Hotel. Dinner.

DAY 6: SANTA CRUZ

Breakfast, and then our last visit to TWINS, this landscape is created by lava fissures forming two giant walls pierced by an arm of brackish water filtered from the top where it mixes with seawater. Departure to Baltra airport to take our return flight.

DAY 7: OTAVALO INDIAN MARKET – QUITO

Departure from Quito through The Panamericana North Highway ,If timing allows us we will stop at the highway's mirador to admire and take pictures of the beautiful landscape and snow capped mountains of the zone.

Crossing the equatorial line at Guachala (used to be the middle of the world monument) we will head up to Otavalo and make a stop at Mira Lago to take pictures of the beautiful San Pablo Lake.



The tour then continues to Otavalo where the Otavaleños (natives) set up a market in which a bartering manner of shopping is taken. The market hosts a variety of different handcrafted items. Continuing the trip, we will go to Cotacachi, famous for its leather artíclas, and where lunch can be taken. Finally we will go to Peguche, small village known for its waterfalls and wind instruments fabrics.

Return to Quito

DAY 8: SAMPLE ITINERARY (Subject to weather, availability and group interest).

The first leg of our voyage brings us to Papallacta, a small mountain village famous for its natural hot springs. Arriving between 10:00 and 10:30am, we take some time to visit these springs for a soothing dip in their steaming thermal waters, before lunch at the Hotel Papallacta.



Shortly after noon, we continue on our route along a scenic stretch of road which takes us out of the majestic Andes highlands and down into the Jungle, or Amazon region. Along the way there are several opportunities to stop for photographs, overlooking lush green valleys and sparkling waterfalls.

The road ends at Punta Ahuano, a tiny port town on the north bank of the Napo River, where canoes await for a late-afternoon, 15-minute ride downstream to La Casa del Suizo. We arrive with time to get settled and enjoy the sunset from the swimming pool with a welcome cocktail.

DAY 9 : ADVENTURES ON THE NAPO RIVER

We begin the day with an early breakfast. Walking through primary and secondary forest trails, we observe distinct species of birds and insects as well as a great variety of trees and medicinal plants. The guides explain how such plants are used not only in medicine, but also in construction and other local activities. Along the



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trails, there are several opportunities to up the adventure factor, with hanging bridges and vines for swinging from tree to tree like Tarzan



We go on to experience the true adventure of explorers past, building and navigating a raft! On a small river island our guide shows us how to bind balsa logs together with rope to form a 'vessel', so those who wish can float down the Napo for about an hour, en route back to La Casa del Suizo. The duration of this visit is around 4 hours. Lunch at La Casa del Suizo, followed by "The Island": a one-hour walk around a totally flat river island where we can spot a great variety of plants and insects. Later we visit the Mariposario (Butterfly House) where we witness the awesome life-cycles of butterflies

DAY 10 : BACK TO QUITO

After breakfast we depart for the trip up the mountains and back to the city. About halfway there, the bus stops at a lookout to stretch our legs and enjoy a lunch box before continuing on to Quito.

DAY 11: FREE DAY

DAY 12: QUITO

On our last day of this adventurous and exciting one in a lifetime journey, we will enjoy a delicious breakfast and a transportation crew will safely transfer us to the Quito Airport.

HOTELS

QUITO
GALAPAGOS

MISAHUALLI

NU HOUSE OR SIMILAR
ARENA BLANCA SAN CRISTOBAL
PIEDRAS BLANCAS SANTA CRUZ
CASA DEL SUIZO