

GALAPAGOS and MACHU PICCHU



15 day tour
Weekly departure

DAY 1 **QUITO**

Depart Canada to Quito. Upon arrival to Quito and clearing Customs & Immigration formalities you will be met by our guide who will transfer you to Quito Hotel. Overnight at Quito hotel.

DAY 2 **QUITO**

After breakfast depart on a city tour of Quito which includes visits to residential neighborhoods at the northern end of the city, visiting the "Guapulo Mirador", passing through the 12 of October Avenue up to the Culture House and the Legislative Palace (Congress) where the rock murals that are related to the history of Ecuador can be appreciated.

The tour will then continue through the Grand Colombia Avenue up to the Basilica Church, and next the "San Juan Mirador".

We will walk through the colonial streets and then will stop at the Independence Plaza admiring the Cathedral, the Government's Palace, and the Archbishopal Palace. Furthermore, we will visit La Compañía Church where adornments and gold altars can be appreciated, a visit

to the Sagrario Church and San Francisco which was built in the XVII century will be also done. Then we will be heading to the "Panecillo Mirador", a beautiful place from where a sight of colonial and modern Quito will be taken.

We will continue at 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.

Return to the hotel. Overnight in Quito. **(B)**

DAY 3 QUITO - GALAPOGOS - PUERTO AYORA

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your Galapagos flight.

Upon arrival at Baltra airport, our guide will meet you and transfer to the yacht. Accommodation in double/twin cabin.



In the afternoon visit to Santa Cruz highlands. From Puerto Ayora you go by bus to the highlands of Santa Cruz. The green landscape of this area is a welcome contrast with the more arid scenery of the smaller, lower islands.



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Charles Darwin Research Station (Puerto Ayora) - Dry landing. The Darwin Station is located near the south shore town of Puerto Ayora. Scientists, park rangers and park managers make huge efforts to preserve and protect the Galápagos Islands, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Station is also a tortoise breeding and rearing center, where tortoises of different subspecies are prepared for reintroduction to their natural habitats.

Return to the boat. Overnight. **(B, L, D)**

DAY 4 **NORTH SEYMOUR - BARTOLOME**

North Seymour – Wet landing. This is a low, flat island located north of Baltra that was uplifted from the sea by underground seismic activity. On North Seymour we will see the following: fauna: sea lions, pelicans, blues footed boobies, magnificent frigate birds, great frigate birds, shorebirds, swallow-tailed gulls, marine iguanas, indigenous Palo Santo. (Wet landing)

Bartolome - Dry landing. It is a small island located east of James Island. Bartolome is famous for its Pinnacle Rock, which is the distinctive characteristic of this island. It has two visitor sites. At the first one, you may swim and snorkel around Pinnacle Rock, where penguins are usually seen, or walk to the other side of the island to see sea turtles nesting (from January to March) and sharks swimming close to shore.

Dry landing. At the other site, you can climb to the highest point of the island. On your way up, you will encounter different formations of volcanic origin including spatter and tuff cones, lava flows and lava tubes. Once on the summit, there is a spectacular view of the surroundings. On this island we can also see sea lions, Galápagos penguins, pelicans, Galápagos hawks, turtles, sharks, pioneer plants and landscape. **(B, L, D)**



DAY 5 **GENOVESA**

Your destination for today is Genovesa Island. This Genovesa is considered as one of the wildest and untouched within the National Park of Galápagos. It is also known as “Bird Island” or “Tower Island”. On your way to this island you will cross the equator. After a



panga ride along the cliffs of Genovesa Island you will have a dry landing where you can observe large colonies of masked boobies, frigate birds, storm petrels and bahama ducks. During this easy stroll you will cross a little Scalesia wood, in which you can observe the short-eared owl. The same path will lead you back to your boat. In the afternoon make a wet landing onto Tower Island at Darwin Bay for an easy stroll observing seemingly thousands of birds, mainly frigate and

red footed and masked boobies. On the beach you can see the interesting spectacle how the frigates try to catch the prey of the boobies. **(B, L, D)**

DAY 6 SAN CRISTOBAL - QUITO



This morning you will have the opportunity to visit this scientific Centro de Interpretaciòn where you will have an explanation about all conservation projects. In the afternoon trip to the highlands of this Island to see the big turtles and after this a nice swimming time in a white sand beach.

After this time we will be transfered to San Cristobal airport to take flight back to Quito. Time permitting lunch will be served.

Arrival in Quito and transfer from airport to Hotel Cayman. Accommodation in double room. **(B)**

DAY 7 QUITO - LIMA

Fly along the Pacific coast up to Lima, City of Kings. Once the pride of the conquistadors and the capital of all Spanish South America, it is now the capital of Peru. Complete customs/immigration formalities and enjoy a day of leisure, after transfer to Hotel. **(B)**

DAY 8 LIMA

After breakfast, depart on a city tour that includes outstanding historical sites of Spanish colonial times such as the Cathedral, the Palace of the Inquisition, and the Plaza de Arco

(the oldest bullring outside Spain). Drive through the graceful residential areas of San Isidro, Miraflores and Orrorantia. Return to hotel. Overnight in Lima. **(B)**



DAY 9 **LIMA - CUSCO**

Transfer from Lima hotel to the airport for your flight to Cusco. Fly high into the Andes to Cusco, the oldest continually inhabited city in the western hemisphere. Although Spanish architecture dominates the city now, the legacy of the Incas can be seen everywhere. The most impressive remains is Sacsayhuaman, a massive Inca fortress and parade ground that took more than 20,000 workers some 80 years to build . Transfer to your hotel upon arrival. Overnight in Cusco. **(B)**

DAY 10 **CUSCO**

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy full day tour to Pisac Market and the Fortress of Ollantaytambo. You will be driven through a scenic landscape to the Urubamba Valley, the "Sacred Valley of the Incas". Arriving at the town of Pisac, an hour drive from Cusco, you will visit the colorful Pisac Market, where the local Indians meet to sell their merchandise as they have done it for centuries. There is also a handicraft market. The tour continues to the town of Ollantaytambo from where you will climb up to its imposing Inca fortress at the top of



the mountain. Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant.
Overnight in Cusco. **(B, L)**

DAY 11

CUSCO - MACHU PICCHU



The Incas left intriguing legends and forgotten cities and treasures, the most incredible of which was of a "Lost City" hidden in the Andes. But the myth of a city lost to the world turned out to be fact when Machu Picchu was rediscovered in 1911. Our adventure to Machu Picchu begins with a three hour train journey through the sacred Urubamba Valley. It was to Machu Picchu that the Incas, fleeing the Spaniards as they stormed Cusco, took refuge.

The ruins of Machu Picchu are on a crest nestled between almost inaccessible mountains and are practically invisible from the valley floor. The ruins included baths, temples, altars and houses constructed on terraces and connected by countless stairways carved from solid rock. Seeming as if they were inhabited only yesterday, the buildings lack only their original roofs (which were made of thatch).

Overnight in Machu Picchu. **(B, L)**

DAY 12

MACHU PICCHU - CUSCO

Morning at leisure. You have a chance to go back to the ruins, watch enjoying sunrise over Machu Picchu and/or enjoy the hotel facility and relax.

Late afternoon transfer to train station for train return to Cusco and transfer to your hotel. **(B)**



DAY 13

CUSCO

Day at leisure. Overnight in Cusco.
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DAY 14

CUSCO - LIMA

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima. Transfer to your hotel upon arrival. Rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight in Lima. **(B)**

DAY 15

LIMA

Transfer from your hotel to the international airport for your flight back home. **(B)**

Tour Cost: \$ 3980.00 per person based on double occupancy.

Taxes & Service Charges: \$398.00 per person.

This comprises of hotel taxes and service charges, government imposed fees and taxes, all airport taxes within Peru and Ecuador, all entrance fees to monuments and sights visited.

Tour Cost Includes: All airfares within Peru and Ecuador
All private transfers
Hotel accommodation
All Breakfasts
Lunches & Dinners as specified in the daily itinerary
All tours/excursions/sightseeing as outlined in the program.
Professional English speaking local guides to assist throughout the entire holiday

Not Included: International Airfare
Meals not specified in the itinerary
Personal items such as laundry, telephone calls, beverages, etc.
Gratuities and any other items not mentioned in the program

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THE GALAPAGOS AND MACHU PICCHU TOUR, PLEASE COMPLETE THE RESERVATION FORM AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR DEPOSIT OF \$750.00 PER PERSON. BALANCE IS DUE 8 WEEKS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

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DATE OF BIRTH ____ ____ **PLACE OF BIRTH** _____

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DATE OF ISSUE _____ **DATE OF EXPIRY** _____

ACCOMPANING SPOUSE / COMPANION (Name):

REQUESTED ACCOMMODATION: Single () Twin ()

INSURANCE : Accepted () / Declined ()

DEPOSIT AMOUNT : _____

SMOKER / NON SMOKER _____ **MEAL REQUIRE** _____

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