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Trip to Ecuador, Peru & Bolivia

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Visited countries

Ecuador

Ecuador is a country of spectacular variety and beautiful scenery. From beaches to volcanoes, you can expect to find almost any kind of environment here. Ecuador is one of the few countries that has such a variety in types of regions, the coast, the mountain range, the amazon and in the peninsular area, the Galapagos Islands.This means Ecuador's tourism opportunities are some of the best in the world. It also means that there are a lot of activities to enjoy in this country. Best of all, Ecuador offers the opportunity to enjoy the ruins left behind by the Amerindian cultures that populated this country many years ago. It also gives easy access to one of the greatest rainforests in the world – the Amazon! Besides the Amazon, the Galapagos Islands have much to offer to the intrepid adventurer. You will never run out of places to discover when you visit Ecuador! **Ecuador video presentation**



Peru

Peru... land of contrasts and diversity. From the arid coast to the depths of the Amazonian forest, passing through the majestic Royal Range of the Andes with some of the highest summits of the continent, Peru will surprise you more than once. Meet its people and their ancestral traditions, heritage from a rich historical and cultural miscegenation, discover its gastronomy considered the finest and most diverse of the continent, and be dazzled by one of the seven Wonders of the World : Machu Picchu...

Peru - Empire of Hidden Treasures - Video



Bolivia

Bolivia. How can I talk about this country without falling into the trap of simplistic superlatives, or, more difficult still, without sounding contradictory? A few days ago, Apolino, an Amazonian boatman, summed up this unfathomable country for me by saying "BOLIVIA? TODO POSIBLE, NADA SEGURO!" In other words, here, everything is possible (very true) but nothing is (ever) certain! Because Bolivia is everything and its opposite: fascinating and alluring, but also wearing because of the inevitable surprises, and puzzling, or even disconcerting, for a resident such as myself. One thing is certain, Bolivia stands out for its contrasts and extremes. First of all, the geography. Twice the size of France, Bolivia offers incredible diversity. Altiplano, Llanos (the great plains of the east), Lake Titicaca, Yungas, Lipez, the Amazon, each designates a unique landscape. A high plateau perched at 4000 metres and surrounded by mountain peaks over 6000 metres high, infinite plains stretching to the borders of Brazil and Argentina, deserts of rock and volcanoes where the temperature can range from +20 to -25 degrees in the space of 24 hours, lush tropical valleys... It is not unusual to start a day on a glacier wearing crampons, at an altitude of over 5000 meters, and to finish on the banks of a stream, a papaya juice in one hand, listening to the parrots singing. Then, the population: over 8 million inhabitants, including 6 million American Indians, who often have nothing in common other than the same passport. An Aymara of the highlands has, really, nothing to do with a Yungueño, and even less to do with an Indian of the Amazon Basin. Skin color, language, traditions - everything is completely different. In this respect, Bolivia is, without doubt, the last refuge of many American Indian cultures: Quechua, Aymara, Guarani, Tacana, Pano, Aruaco, Chapacura, Botocudo... You only have to take a stroll around La Paz, that incredible melting pot of a city, and to follow a rainbow poncho, or a cholita busy in one of the many popular markets, among the apparent chaos of dozens of sweet-smelling, colorful stalls.

video of Bolivia : click here

Regions to discover



Bala Camp, Amazonia

Quito



The capital of Ecuador is a beautiful colonial style city with a 1.7 million population located at 2,800m above the sea level and surrounded with mountains. The temperature varies from 23 to 8 degrees centigrade in the same day, because of the altitude. With white walls, red roofs, flourishing patios, fountains and wooden doors, the Ronda is the oldest street in the old city. You can admire a superb architectural ensemble from the Panecillo. Different museums are located in the city centre, such as the Colonial Art Museum, the Art and History Museum of "Alberto Mena Caamaño", the Sugar House, the Party Temple, the Jacinto Jijon Museum of the Catholic University and the Guayasamin Museum. The anthropology museum and the gold museum of the Central Bank are the most complete and interesting in the country. Other places are also places we have to see, like, Guapulo and its church, the Sugar theatre, the Astronomy Observatory in the Alameda park, the El Ejido and La Carolina parks, and the Government and the Archbishop palaces. One of the most particular places around Quito is the monument of the "Mitad del Mundo", indicating the exact place of the parallel 0 of Equator. The Ethnographic Museum is located inside the building where you can see the city of the "Mitad del Mundo", a model of the colonial Quito, the Astronomical observatory and the French stand. A few kilometers from there, you can visit the inactive crater of the Pululahua volcano with its different vegetation species, and the protected areas of: Nono, Tandayapa, Mindo, with an abundant vegetation and animal life. In the north of Quito we can fin the village of Calderon which is well known for the marzipan sculptures.

We invit you to look at the following website to get you convinced of the beauty of the city: **Interactive presentation of Quito Quito My Story**

Guayaquil



Guayaquil, also named the "Pearl of the Pacific" is the largest and the most populous city in Ecuador, its economic capital as well as the main port in Latin America's Pacific coast. It has been founded in 1937 by Spanish Conquistador Francisco de Orellana. This city has a tropical climate, hot and humid. It does not dispose anymore of colonial vestiges due to the multiple fires and loots that destroyed it. Only subsists the elegant neighbourhood of Las Peñas, from the XIXth century, along the Guayas river, thta gave its name to the province. You may appreciate the recently refurbished "Malecón", a walk along the river, maybe visit the surprising Guayaquil cementary, spend the night in the modern and animated area of Urdesa, or reach the parks in the center where live many iguanas in total liberty. But Guayaquil is the transition point toward the Pacific Coast and the inevitable connexion to the Galapagos islands.

Sierra Central - The Volcanoes Avenue



A majestic double range of snow topped volcanoes is marking this natural avenue, containing indigenous villages with colorful markets. The equatorial Andes are often compared to a back spine although there are people that say that it looks more like a pirogue. The Este and Oeste Cordilleras form its sides and the transversal ranges linking them, lower and called nudos, form their banks. Between each nudos and at an altitude of 2300 to 3000 m, there is a valley with fertile volcanic ground. These valleys are densely populated and extensively exploited and have already been occupied by different ethnical groups in the pre Inca era.

The Panamerican road and the railway both trace between the cordilleras in the South-North direction, following the shape of the nudos, passing fields with astonished cows at the base of a range of active or inactive volcanoes, some topped with permanent snow. In 1802 the exploratory Alexander Von Humbolt called this way the "Volcanoes Avenue". The geographical location of Ecuador made it possible to travel along this avenue in the palm trees and the orchids while seeing tundra style vegetation with glaciers and fields of snow higher above you. While leaving the valley to climb up the slopes you will be able to cross every kind of ecosystem, from the subtropical area to the altiplano area.

Sierra Sur



Cuenca and its colonial treasures, the most important Inca ruins in Ingapirca, the Vilcabamba valley and the Podocarpus park : This area which used to be isolated puts now all the effort to seduce you. It was less touristic than the North for because of the difficulty people had to get there, but the South Sierra is now an unavoidable stop for the travelers going from Ecuador to Peru. The improvement of the road system and the development of infrastructures allow people to travel, this place include the the provinces of Canar, Azuay and Loja. In here the Andes get larger and flatter, their emerald color and their mountain roads will give you a impressive thrill.

The Galapagos



When traveling in Ecuador, a visit of the Galapagos islands is an absolute must! The archipelago is approximately 1000 km off the Ecuador coast and is composed of 3 big islands, 7 small islands and 47 rocky islands, with a total surface of 8000 km2. They became famous since the exploration by Charles Darwin in 1835 who was inspired in such a way by this particular natural life, that he wrote his theory about "The origins of species by means of natural selection". Classified as a World Natural Heritage by the UNESCO in 1979, the archipelago is a real size observation laboratory for the study of the vegetation and animal life.

For the diving lovers, there are many opportunities to discover the great variety of sea animals in an unforgettable experience. The Galapagos islands contain many stunning landscapes: from moon-like places to places of abundant vegetation, they well deserve to be nicknamed as the "Wonder Islands".

Lima



Situated on the Edge of the Ocean, Lima was known as the Pacific Pearl. In the pre-hispanic time, the Valley where Peru's capital is located was a greenery oasis, which allowed the agricultural exploitation like fishing activity. During the 17th and 18th century, various colonial houses with wonderful balconies were built, as a symbol of Lima's political, strategical and economical importance. Discovering Lima nowadays is guessing at each corner of the streets the complexity of this huge city. Peru is a country made of contrasts, fighting to bring together, on the one hand the traditions of the rural society and on the other hand, the adaptation to modernity and the worldwide industrialization. Lima is an overpopulated city with more than 10 millions inhabitants and most of them come from inside the country, With its lacks and disorder, Lima is nevertheless a charming city. The friendly and festive Limenian invites you to discover it.

Puerto Maldonado



Peru is far more than just the Andes. The country's tropical rainforest covers practically half of the national territory, and the fabulous world of the Amazon should not be missed! We will professionally guide you on a trip into the heart of the jungle and within an arm's length of all the Amazon's wonderful flora and fauna. All of our Amazon adventures are built around the single objective of helping you know and understand its nature – one of the most unusual places on the planet, while always being aware of the Amazon's fragile ecology. The city of Puerto Maldonado is the door to the Amazon region, and is the starting point for numerous trips into the jungle, most of which being on foot or by canoe. The activities are varied and include: photo safari, trips through the Amazon jungle, piranha fishing, and more.





The Cusco region must be one of the most interesting in south America for its rich past and its ancestral traditions. Its rich historical patrimony and geographical contrast will satisfy all kind of curious explorers. Nowadays, the entire Cusco region economically depends on agriculture and tourism. Cusco is the seventh most populated city in Peru. Near Cusco is the Urubamba Valley, better known as the Sacred Valley of the Incas which was a military, religious, political and agricultural centre during Inca times. Many fortresses were built on the flanks of the mountains, and these fortresses controlled access to the valley and protected it from invaders. Pisac and Ollantaytambo are considered the most important fortresses in the Sacred Valley. Further from the Sacred Valley, at 2,900 m.a.s.l., the majestic sanctuary-city of Machupicchu – the lost city of the Incas – is built atop the mountain and surrounded by tropical vegetation.

Sacred Valley



The sacred Valley is located about 10 miles from Cusco as the crow flies, but 1 800 feet below. Its pleasant climate and its fertile soil made the Urubamba Valley a choice granary for the Empire. It was also a strategic site because it guarded the entrance of the jungle. But above all, it was of course a high religious place. The place emanates a singular energy, a strange mix of sweet and relaxed lifestyle and a startling relief, stuck between a grandiose and impressive past, and a harsh present, rural and colored.

Machu Picchu



The visit of Machu Picchu can be as impressing as the visit of the Pyramids in Egypt... You have to imagine out from the postcard and open the eyes to the reality of being in this mystical site. The beginning of the visit is quite promising already with the surrounding landscape before getting there. Even before getting to the entrance the site remains hidden as a secret. The citadel is deemed one of the world's finest examples of landscape architecture. It is split into two major areas: the agricultural zone, made up of terracing and food storehouses; and the urban zone, featuring the sacred sector, with temples, squares and royal tombs which have been carved to an extraordinary degree of perfection. The stone staircases and canals are found throughout this unique archaeological site.

Arequipa



Arequipa is located 1.000 kilometers southern from Lima, at the feet of the famous volcano Misti. The town is famous for the beauty of its colonial architecture, made from a white volcanic rock, the sillar. It is also know as the starting point to the Colca Canyon, the second deepest canyon worldwide.

With its 700.000 inhabitants, Arequipa is the second biggest city in Peru. At 2.380m high, offering a temperate and dry climate, the white city was founded in 1540 by Don Garcia Manuel de Carbajal. A great number of churches, houses and convents with colonial architecture have been restored and opened to the public. Santa Catalina's convent will open us its doors to reveal us its secrets.

Under its eternal blue sky and its green land, the city attracts the travellers thanks to the smoothmess of its climate and the beauty of its architecture.

Colca Valley



Four hours away northern from Arequipa, the impressive Colca's Valley offers wonderful landscapes, surrounded by terraces. 3400m deep into the Canyon, the Colca river is snaking, transforming the Canyon into one of the deepest in the World. Numerous villages there have kept their original features, like the lining position of their streets, their churches from the Colonial time and their traditional celebrations. The highlight of the Canyon is obviously the Condor's Cross, a natural view point from which you can observe the Condors, while perceiving in the background the Volcanos Coropuna and Ampato.

Titicaca



Ancient land of the Quechuas, Aymaras, Uros, Pacajes and Puqinas, the Titilaca Lake was considered as the cradle of the most influent pre-hispanic cultures in the Andes. From the 9th century, various independent kings arose that competed against each other until the middle of the 15th century, when the Incas conquered this region. The region was very important for the Incas regarding the production of wool and meat. Nowadays, in the region of Puno, the agricultural exploitation and ancestral rites as for instance offerings to the land are still very present. In 1978 the Titicaca Lake Reserve was created with the goal of preserving its fauna and flora and the beauty of its landscapes. In this reserve, 60 types of birds, 14 species of native fishes and 18 species of amphibians, betweem which the giant frog of the Lake that can reach 3 kg, were registered.

Titicaca



View of Copacabana, Titicaca lake

La Paz



Muela del diablo, La Paz region

Lake Titicaca... A name that evokes our childhood dreams, a true symbol of South America. Crossroads of the most ancient of Amerindian civilizations, site of enormous historical significance, Lake Titicaca has fascinated explorers and conquerors alike through the ages.TheTiticaca is certainly the lake most sacred of andean cluture : from the interior sea was born Tunupa, the god creator of the Aymaras, this millenary culture that had established her « capital » in Tiwanaku.Situated in a truly privileged position, between the mysterious Peru and the dizzying heights of the Royal Cordillera, it takes in the magnificent panorama of these mountain ranges. Observed from the tranquil water of Lake Titicaca, the peaks are genuinely like magnets. Aligned to each other, they form an extraordinary wall, an uninterrupted continuation of snowy heights reaching more than 6000 metres in altitude. Let yourself be taken to the Island of the Sun, cradle of Inca mythology. It was there that Viracocha created his children: Manko Capac, the first Inca, and his sister, Mama Ollko, who went on to found the capital of the Cuzco empire. Discover traces of ancient times on the islands: the Temple of Chinkana, the famous Temple of the Sun or the Virgin Temple on the Island of the Moon. Local beliefs here mix with the legends and it is not uncommon to hear of them from a wise person in one of the villages of Kalahuta or Tiguira. In all simplicity, around a fire, in the evening hours, under a star studded sky of crystal purity.

La Paz department is the department with the largest geographical diversity in Bolivia.

The culture of La Paz department is marked by the Western world's customs and the ancestral values of Aymara and Quechua peoples.

The department has the Altiplano area, located at 3600 meters altitude above the sea level, the most popular sights of which are Titicaca Lake with its islands such as the Islands of the Sun and Moon and Tiwanaku (inca ruins - 1200 AC).

The department also includes the Yungas region that goes down from the Cordillera, a magnificent region full of valleys and tropical lowlands. This descent can be done by foot through the paths of the Inca (El Choro, el Takesi, etc.).

North of the department, there is the Amazon that is characterized by lush vegetation. Among the most attractive sites, we can find Rurrenabaque and Madidi National Park, which is characterized by a large biodiversity of fauna and flora.



The end of the world. This deeply remote place is the most southern point of Bolivia, you can reach it after a few days walking through arid landscapes. The only thing that disturbs this quiet environment are the rare volcanic eruptions, every millennium or so. We find ourselves at the green Lagoon (Laguna Verde), at more than 4000 meters , in the South of Lipez, several days journey from the main city of Bolivia. Before getting to this special place, one must cross the highlands, from the North to the South, and the whole of Bolivia passes in front of us. We then reach Uyuni, the most westerly city,(the only exit to which is entry to Lipez and its wonders). The Uyuni salt deserts (Salars), an immense rocky area from which emerge islands populated by giant cactuses, proves that even here life can survive. Further south, we truly penetrate the desert of Lipez, where the multicolored lagoons punctuate our journey to the Chilean border. Surrounding these islets of life one meets the true owners of the region: the flamingos, who throw us haughty looks, their feet soaked in the freezing water.

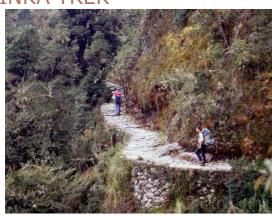
Salars and Lipez

Amazon



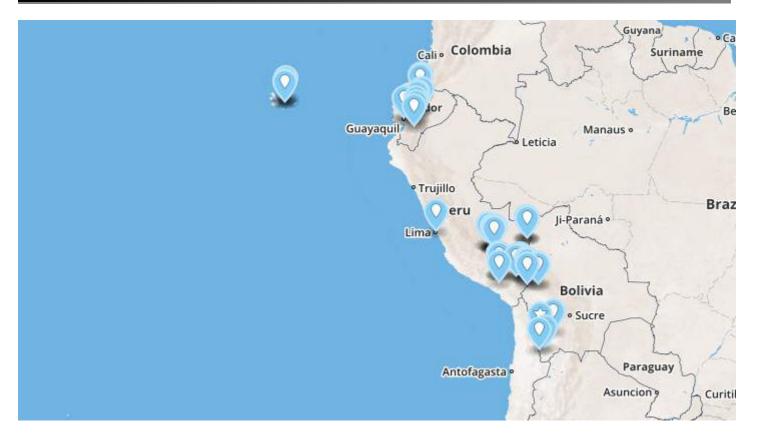
Discovering the protected and remote areas of the Amazon, would certainly be an unforgettable adventure in your life. The Amazonian forest ecosystem presents a great variety of vegetal species (more than 25.000 types of plants and animals). You can find different kinds of palm trees, beautiful orchid flowers, climbing plants as well as exotic animals such as crocodiles, monkeys, and a great diversity of birds: macaws, toucans, hoazins wich are easy to observe. With a bit of luck you will also observe the shyer animals such as the ocelots, sloths, anteaters, anacondas, soft water pink dolphins, jaguars and even the harpy eagle during your expedition. We offer you a selection of excursions in the jungle, lodges and multilingual naturalist guides who perfectly know the Amazonian jungle and will explain to you the mysteries and secrets of this mythical rainforest. Let's go and have a look, you will not regret it !The Amazon region will be a nice surprise far from the clichés of danger we have of it.

INKA TREK



Peru's Mythical trek: in the heart of spectacular sceneries, with the added interests of numerous archaeological sites as Runkuraqay, Sayacmarca, Phuyupatamarca or Wiñaywayna, the highlight being the Citadel of Machu Picchu, visited the last day. The trek will last 4 days being 43 kilometres, a little part of all the grid (23 000 kilometres) built by Incas.

Your itinerary



Your trip summary

★ Day 1 - Wednesday 01/04/20: 🛛 Quito Airport - Guayaquil Airport - Quito Historic Center 🗙 Day 2 - Thursday 02/04/20: Quito - Banos 🗙 Day 3 - Friday 03/04/20: Banos - Pailon del Diablo - Riobamba 🚖 Day 4 - Saturday 04/04/20: 🛛 Riobamba - Balbanera & Colta - Alausi - Nariz del Diablo - Alausi - Ingapirca -Cuenca 🗙 Day 5 - Sunday 05/04/20: Cuenca - Guayaquil ★ Day 6 - Monday 06/04/20: 🛛 Guayaquil - Guayaquil Airport - Baltra - Santa Cruz - Puerto Ayora ★ Day 7 - Tuesday 07/04/20: Puerto Ayora - Tortuga Bay - Puerto Ayora ★ Day 8 - Wednesday 08/04/20: 🛛 Puerto Ayora - North Seymour - Puerto Ayora 📌 Day 9 - Thursday 09/04/20: Puerto Ayora - Baltra - Quito Airport - Lima 🛧 Day 10 - Friday 10/04/20: Lima ★ Day 11 - Saturday 11/04/20: Lima - Puerto Maldonado - Corto Maltes Toay 12 - Sunday 12/04/20: Sandoval Lake - Corto Maltes 🗙 Day 13 - Monday 13/04/20: Corto Maltes 🚖 Day 14 - Tuesday 14/04/20: 🛛 Colpa de perroquets - Puerto Maldonado - Cusco - Sacsayhuaman ★ Day 15 - Wednesday 15/04/20: Sacred Valley - Chinchero - Moray - Maras - Cusco ★ Day 16 - Thursday 16/04/20: Cusco 🗙 Day 17 - Friday 17/04/20: Cusco - Wayllabamba 🗙 Day 18 - Saturday 18/04/20: 🛛 Wayllabamba - Pacaymayo 📌 Day 19 - Sunday 19/04/20: Pacaymayo - Wiñay Wayna 🗙 Day 20 - Monday 20/04/20: Machu Picchu - Cusco 🗙 Day 21 - Tuesday 21/04/20: 🛛 Cusco - Arequipa 🗙 Day 22 - Wednesday 22/04/20: 🛛 Arequipa 🗙 Day 23 - Thursday 23/04/20: Arequipa - Uyo Uyo - Canyon de Colca Tay 24 - Friday 24/04/20: Canyon de Colca - Chivay - Puno 🚖 Day 25 - Saturday 25/04/20: 🛛 Puno - Uros - Amantani - Puno - Uros - Amantani 🚖 Day 26 - Sunday 26/04/20: 🛛 Amantani - Taquile - Puno - Amantani - Taquile - Puno - Desaguadero - Kasani -Copacabana - Yumani 📩 Day 27 - Monday 27/04/20: Yumani - Copacabana - La Paz ★ Day 28 - Tuesday 28/04/20: La Paz ★ Day 29 - Wednesday 29/04/20: 🛛 La Paz - El Alto Airport - La Paz - Uyuni 🗙 Day 30 - Thursday 30/04/20: Uyuni - Villamar 🗙 Day 31 - Friday 01/05/20: Villamar - Siloli Desert 🗙 Day 32 - Saturday 02/05/20: Siloli Desert - San Pedro de Quemez ★ Day 33 - Sunday 03/05/20: 🛛 San Pedro de Quemez - Uyuni - La Paz - El Alto Airport - La Paz

🛧 Day 34 - Monday 04/05/20: La Paz - El Alto Airport

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Wednesday 01/04/20, Quito Airport- Guayaquil Airport- Quito Historic Center

Private transfer with spanish-speaking driver from Quito airport to your hotel.

Reception at the airport by an english-speaking guide (if you are from 1 to 3 persons, your guide will also be your driver).

You will spend the night at San Francisco hotel in Quito.

Included: private transport , arrival transfer , arrival transfer with english-speaking guide , room & breakfast

Day 2: Thursday 02/04/20, Quito- Banos

English-speaking guide in a private transport (if you are from 1 to 3 persons, your guide will also be your driver).

Transport to Baños which is one of the best places to visit in Ecuador because of its beautiful nature, and it is also a nice town to walk around. The basilica of "Nuestra Señora de Agua Santa" is worth to see and you can go swimming in one of the relaxing thermal pools that can be found in all the region of Baños.

Visit of the Casa del Arbol (Tree House) on the heights of Baños.

This site is known for its swing over the void. Which makes the delight of youngs, and the kind fright of the dads; it is the place which allows a great moment of exchange and diversion in family and the opportunity to admire a very beautiful landscape, between the volcano Tungurahua, the sight on Baños and the entrance of the Pastaza canyon towards the Amazonia.

You can also have fun with the small installation of canopy and listen to the presentation on the history of the eruptions made by the guard of the Military Geographical Institute.

Free time in Banos to wander around this nice small town. The Basilica of "Nuestra Señora de Agua Santa" is worth the visit, as well as a swim in the town's baths. Different sport activities are also available: mountain biking, rafting, canyoneering...

You will spend the night at La Floresta hotel, in Baños.

Included: private transport , local english-speaking guide , guide expenses , entrance fees mentioned in the program , room & breakfast

distance : 206 km ascent : 860 trip : 03:00hrs.





Day 3: Friday 03/04/20, Banos- Pailon del Diablo- Riobamba

distance : 104 km trip : 00:45hrs.

English-speaking guide in a private transport (if you are from 1 to 3 persons, your guide will also be your driver).

Journey to the "Waterfalls Road" along the Rio Pastaza gorges.

You will stop in Pailon del Diablo, the country's most famous waterfalls which you will be able to see from closer from a sightseeing platform.

You will take the road from Pailon del Diablo to get to Riobamba.

Free time in Riobamba to wander around this nice town.

Night at the Hacienda La Andaluza close to Riobamba. Dinner included at the hotel.

Included: private transport , local english-speaking guide , guide expenses , entrance fees mentioned in the program , room & breakfast



English-speaking guide in a private transport (if you are from 1 to 3 persons, your guide will also be your driver).

Trip to the village of Alausi, the departure town for the train to the Nariz del Diablo. On the way you will pass the Colta lake and visit the Balbanera church, the first one in Ecuador, built in 1534.

A journey in the Andes train from the Alausi station to Sibambe. The train is more modern than the former old micheline and the trip is very safe. You will pass by the "Nariz del Diablo" (Devil's nose) with successive Andean landscapes well worth the trip: highlands, forests, deep gorges, locals in their activities... You will be provided breefing about the railway history in Ecuador and the associated adventures.

Return to Alausi and to your vehicle.

Back on the road to travel to Ingapirca.

Ingapirca means "inca stone wall" in the canari language, and indeed a site where the rock is full of legends and history. Ingapirca was founded by the Inca Huayna Capac in the XVth century. The impressive fortress used to contain a temple, sheds and an observatory with amazing exemple of mortar free stone constructions. It was though to be a tambo (relay) along the Inca way from Quito to Cuenca. The locals also see a puma's shape in the ruins. After a visit of the site you will find the Inganahui after walking a bit away. This Inca face rock sculpted by the wind and the rain may had inspired the Incas to found Ingapirca there. After returning to the main site, you will have the opportunity to visit the museum dedicated to this place discovered by the french scientist La Condamine.

You will travel to the beautiful city of Cuenca by vehicle, following a scenic road in the middle of the Andes with views over the colored fields and the mountains around.

You will spend the night at the Felicia hotel in Cuenca.

Included: private transport , local english-speaking guide , guide expenses , train ticket , entrance fees mentioned in the program , room & breakfast



Day 5: Sunday 05/04/20, Cuenca- Guayaquil

distance : 250 km trip : 04:00hrs.

English-speaking guide in a private transport (if you are from 1 to 3 persons, your guide will also be your driver).

The city of Cuenca (2 550 m) is undoubtedly as charming as its former name of Guapondelic tells "the valley as great as the sky". This colorful and lively city with superb historic buildings was classified as a World Heritage by the UNESCO since 1999. The best way to feel the warm colors of Cuenca is to walk around its paved streets, along the white houses with roman tiled roofs and flourishing wrought iron balconies.

Colonial art treasures can also be discovered in Cuenca in the churches and convents from the XVIIth and XVIIIth centuries.

Journey to the West and the Pacific Ocean to get to Guayaquil, Ecuador's biggest city and economical capital. You will follow up the Western cordillera and cross the Cajas park where you will enjoy stunning views over the many lakes of this protected area.

Back down from the mountains you will then pass by fertile lowlands with huge orchards and banana plantations before arriving to Guayaquil.

You will spend the night at Grand Hotel in Guayaquil.

Included: private transport , local english-speaking guide , guide expenses , room & breakfast

Day 6: Monday 06/04/20, Guayaquil- Guayaquil Airport- Baltra- Santa Cruz- Puerto Ayora

Departure from your hotel to the airport by private transport with a spanish-speaking driver.

You will take a domestic flight from Guayaquil to Baltra. Note : this air ticket is not included.

Private transfer from Baltra airport to your hotel, and visit of the "Parte Alta" with an english-speaking guide driver.

The "Parte Alta" or the highlands present diverse attractions.

This luxuriant landscape is in contrast with the dry lands of the other smaller islands. During your walking, you will pass by various zones of vegetation, since dry areas covered with cactus up to the wood scalesia in heights. You will visit a finca which will offer you the best opportunity to observe closely the huge tortoises of the island of Santa Cruz in their natural housing environment. On the high part of the island we can also visit lava tubes of more than one kilometer long. They were made by the solidification of the surface of the flows of lava. When the flow stops, the lava settles of in continuous to circulate by letting the outside solidify and by forming tunnels.

Night in Deja Vu hotel in Santa Cruz island.

Included: departure transfer , local english-speaking guide , private transport , arrival transfer , room & breakfast





Day 7: Tuesday 07/04/20, Puerto Ayora- Tortuga Bay- Puerto Ayora

After walking around 2 hours (the 2 ways), you will enjoy the Tortuga Bay which is one of the most beautiful beaches of the islands. Along the path you can observe the mangroves with its specific fauna and have a perfect moment to relax once reached the beach. Marine birds, iguanas, turtles during their period of eggs, including sharks at the distance.

You will enjoy a taxi boat to return of Tortuga Bay.

Night in Deja Vu hotel in Santa Cruz island.

Included: local english-speaking guide , private transport , navigation , shared transport , room & breakfast

Day 8: Wednesday 08/04/20, Puerto Ayora- North Seymour- Puerto Ayora

This day you will take a fast prived boat to visit diverse places on the island of Seymour Norte, neighbor of the island of Santa Cruz.

During this excursion on Seymour Norte you will visit the symbolic places of the island as the beaches, you will know more about the fauna of the Galapagos, and you can enjoy activities like : gone hiking, snorkeling, observation of the flora and fauna.

With a maximum of two sites visited a day and a route dependent on weather conditions and on authorizations given by the Administration of the National park of the Galapagos.

You will be taken care in your hotel and a private bus will take you directly to the landing stage of the boat.

After the last excursion, you return on Santa Cruz in the afternoon.

The capacity of the boat is generally 16 people, with a team formed by the captain, 2 sailors and the Spanish-English bilingual guide of the National park of the Galapagos. The boat has all the security required by the Ecuadorian navy.

Night in Deja Vu hotel in Santa Cruz island.

Included: box lunch , local english-speaking guide , snorkeling equipment , room & *breakfast*





distance : 50 km trip : <u>01:15hrs.</u>

Transportation by a spanish-speaking driver from your hotel to Baltra airport.

You will take a domestic flight from Baltra to Quito. *Note : this air ticket is not included.*

Free connection for your international flight from Quito. According to your flight schedule, you will dispose of more or less free time.

Flight Quito - Lima Note : this air ticket is not included.

Reception at the arrival of your international flight at Jorge Chavez airport in Lima and transfer to the hotel.

An English representative will greet you at the airport and hand you over your travel documents.

Night at the hotel Barranco's Bed & Breakfast

Included: private transport , departure transfer , private transport , arrival transfer with english-speaking guide , room & breakfast

Day 10:Friday 10/04/20, Lima

Visit of the Peruvian capital through the exploration of the numerous markets. Colorful and varied, these markets are a wonderful introduction to the richness of Peruvian gastronomy.

Free afternoon in Lima.

Suggestions:

In **Miraflores**, you can go to the craft market on Calle Petit Thouars or take a walk through the Parque de Amor located along the "Malecon" facing the Pacific Ocean ...

In **Barranco**, we advise you to wander the streets around the Plaza de Armas, the Bridge of Sighs and along the Malecon, to discover the charming architecture and colorful houses of the bohemian district of the capital. Between designer boutiques, street-arts, street musicians and colonial mansions, you'll find two merging universes in Barranco!

Night at the hotel Barranco's Bed & Breakfast

Included: private transport , entrance fees mentioned in the program , english speaking guide , guide expenses , room & breakfast





You will be transferred to the Lima airport to take your flight.

Domestic flight from Lima to Puerto Maldonado.

Arrival at the airport with transfer to the lodge office, which is located in the center of

Puerto Maldonado.

Any luggage that you do not require during your stay in the rainforest can be safely kept in their storage room. This is to facilitate the transport by boat to the lodge.

You will embark for the lodge traveling on the river-vessel "Puerto de Capitanía". It is about 40 minutes of navigation on the Madre de Dios River.

After arrival at the facilities of the Lodge Corto Maltes Amazonía you will be received with refreshments made from seasonal fruits. Later, your guide will give you the necessary information for your stay and hand over the keys to your bungalow and security safe, followed by the lunch and some time to rest until the first excursion.

15h30 : Trek and visit the Shiringuero Camp.

Depart for your first contact with the jungle.

You will be accompanied by your guide, who will show you the tropical trees, medicinal plants and other aspects of the exuberant nature among the 60 hectares of Brazil nut concession that Corto Maltés Amazonia stewards.

Visit a shiringuero encampment, which is another one of the most important economic activities in the Madre de Dios region. This is a reproduction of a real camp, in which you can see the process of collecting rubber (better known as latex), and see how it is used for many products.

The time for this trek is 2 hours.

Back at the Lodge you can relax by the pool or in the hammocks on the terrace of your bungalow, savor an exotic cocktail at the bar, enjoy a relaxing massage by our qualified

staff, visit the shop for a handcrafted souvenir of the rainforest or head to the riverside to view the breathtaking sunset.

19h00 :Caiman safari.

Before dinner, you will leave for a nocturnal boat trip to observe caimans and, with a bit of luck, other animals which populate the riverbank at night.

20h00 : Dinner in the riverside dining room.

Note: The order and schedules of the excursions can be modified according to your guide, and as seen fit through coordination with the management by considering the physical condition of the passengers, and the climate of the moment.

Included: private transport , departure transfer , airport tax , domestic flight , all inclusive , entrance fees mentioned in the program , excursion (shared) , english speaking guide



05h30 Breakfast.

Wake up for some coffee or tea before leaving for Lake Sandoval. Your guide will hand out a bagged breakfast and snack for the excursion.

06h00 : Lake Sandoval.

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After roughly 20 minutes of travel on the river Madre de Dios, you arrive at the landing stage of Lake Sandoval. During a 3 km hike through the wild vegetation, you will enter the territory of Tambopata National Reserve, where you will have the chance to admire giant trees, different snakes, monkeys (squirrel monkeys, howler monkeys and capuchin monkeys) and various birds (notably the Hoatzin – also known as the stink bird-, kingfishers and snakebirds).

Once on Lake Sandoval, you will embark in small rowboats in search of giant river otters. You will also have the possibility to spot a good number of other reptiles, mammals and birds in their natural habitat.

When the guide finds an opportune spot where you can continue to observe the nature, you will eat breakfast.

For the return trip, make sure you have gathered your belongings and we will row back to the pier.

13h30 : Lunch. Return to the Lodge for lunch.

15h30 : Visit to the Lookout tower and a Brazil nut harvesting camp.

We will visit of one of the two lookout towers of Corto Maltès Amazonía, with a height of 20 and 42 meters and designed for bird watching and the viewing of other types of animals living at this altitude in the canopy.

In addition, you will enjoy an incredible view of the sunset.

Note : The guide will consult with the guests on their preferences and adapt this excursion accordingly.

There will also be a visit to a Brazil nut camp, where harvesters stay for the duration of the season. The Brazil nut (also known as castaña, as it is known locally) is one of the most important economic activities in the Madre de Dios region.

You will then have some free time to enjoy the pool or a massage, get refreshed at

the bar or visit the souvenir shop.

20h00 : Dinner.

Note: The order and schedules of the excursions can be modified according to your guide, and as seen fit through coordination with the management by considering the physical condition of the passengers, and the climate of the moment.

Included: all inclusive , excursion (shared) , english speaking guide



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08h00 Breakfast.

09h00 : Chacra.

After a 20-minute boat trip down-river, you will arrive at a chacra, which is a farm owned by a local family. Here we will recognize and even taste different seasonal tropical

fruits as well as other native products (cacao, banana, cocona, bread-fruit, noni, yucca, lime...)

This place belongs to a typical rural family who maintain with care and without chemicals some native plants that grow naturally. They sell their products in the main markets of Puerto Maldonado for consumption.

Once finished the visit you will return to take the boat, and after about 20 minutes you will arrive at the land of a native Machiguenga family.

12h00 : Native Machiguenga Family.

The Machiguenga are one of the many ethnic groups that exist in the Peruvian Amazon. A family of native Machiguenga will receive you for a visit.

They will show you the cultural value of their ancestors, as well as language and customs, including traditional clothes, hunting gear, handicrafts and the music they play during ayahuasca ceremonies. They will teach you how to take advantage of natural products to make tools, and what they use to make their houses, dresses and ornaments, each important for their daily life.

13h00 : Lunch.

You will share lunch with the Machiguenga family in a typical construction and enjoy an indigenous dish from the jungle.

14h00 : Return to the lodge to relax and have free time to visit the boutique, refresh

in the pool, have a cocktail in the bar or have a relaxing massage.

20h00 : Dinner.

Note: The order and schedules of the excursions can be modified according to your guide, and as seen fit through coordination with the management by considering the physical condition of the passengers, and the climate of the moment.

Included: all inclusive , excursion (shared) , english speaking guide



05h30 : Clay Lick.

Wake up for some coffee or tea before leaving for a 20-minute walk to the clay lick, where you will have the possibility to observe 3 to 5 types of parrots.

The parrots come to the clay lick to ingest a particular kind of clay, only found in certain areas of this region. The clay is vital for the metabolic regulation of the birds, and therefore is host to a colorful and veritably delightful and exciting event.

08h00 : Breakfast and free time.

Visit of the local city market and return to the city of Puerto Maldonado by boat. A vehicule of the lodge will receive you at the port. After a short stop at their office, you will drive to the local market where the local population supplies itself with foods and other products.

During a short visit of around 20-minutes, you will be able to appreciate the different typical products of the area.

You will then head to the airport to check-in for your respective flights.

Note: The order and schedules of the excursions can be modified according to your guide, and as seen fit through coordination with the management by considering the physical condition of the passengers, and the climate of the moment.

Domestic flight from Puerto Maldonado to Cusco.

Departure by private vehicle in direction of Saqsayhuaman. We will visit the site and then continue on to Pisac where we will visit the site and walk around the handicraft market. Return to your hotel in the Sacred Valley.

Night at the hotel Casona Yucay.

Included: breakfast , private transport , airport tax , domestic flight , guide expenses , english speaking guide , entrance fees mentioned in the program , room & breakfast



Day 15:Wednesday 15/04/20, Sacred Valley- Chinchero- Moray- Maras-Cusco

In the morning, departure in a private vehicle for a day dedicated to the discovery of the Sacred Valley. First stop at the cultural site of Moray, a former Incan agricultural 'laboratory'.

Then, continuation of the excursion to Maras: salt mines in the middle of the Cordillera! Visit of the village of Chinchero and its colonial church. Walk around the traditional handcraft market on Sundays or visit of the Awana Wasi Tocapo textile association on the other days.

Drive back to Cuzco and transfer to the hotel.

Free afternoon in Cusco, navel of the Inca world.

Suggestions:

Free time in Cusco is generally appreciated for its walking possibilities in the many small cobbled streets of the city.

You can also take advantage of this moment to make your last purchases of souvenirs: clothes, jewelry and decoration, the choices are endless in Cusco! Night at the hotel El Retablo.

Included: private transport , entrance fees mentioned in the program , guide expenses , english speaking guide , room & breakfast



Day 16: Thursday 16/04/20, Cusco

This tour offers a wonderful hike to Palccoyo or "new rainbow mountain" through the Cordillera of the same name. This place has gained its fame thanks to the coloring of the sediments of this part of the Andes.

A private transport will pick you up at your hotel at 6:30, to take you to Palccoyo, starting point of your hike, where you will arrive around 10:30. After only 1 hour walking, you will discover the mountain Huallatacunca, whose colorful sediments will not fail to amaze you. A meal (picnic) will be served on site and you can enjoy your lunch in a beautiful setting.

You will then return walking to Palccoyo and with a private vehicle to Cusco. Expected arrival around 17:30.

Total Distance 3 km

Maximum height: 5000 m

Climate:

Andin (Puna) cold Between - 4 ° C and 11 ° C Rain: November to April Night at the hotel El Retablo.

Included: box lunch , entrance fees mentioned in the program , guide (hiking) , local guide , private transport , english speaking guide , room & breakfast

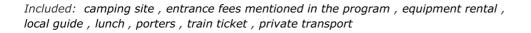
Day 17: Friday 17/04/20, Cusco- Wayllabamba

Early morning, we will pick your hotel and then go by bus to Piscacucho located at kilometer 82 (2,800 m / 9,186 ft), in the way we will pass through the Sacred Valley of the Incas, for populations Urubamba and Ollantaytambo, to make a short stop buy some groceries for the walk, then continue our journey to Piscacucho. Upon arrival at Km 82 Piscacucho pass the control to start the walk along the Urubamba River.

In this first section of the Inca Trail, visit the small community of Miskay (2,800 m. / 9,186 ft), later start ascending towards a small plateau, where we will enjoy a superb Andean landscape and Inca building known as Patallacta, located at 2,750 m / 9,022 ft, here we can see some agricultural terraces that served to feed different places travelers taking this route to get to Machu Picchu.

Lunch in route (Meskay – Tarachayoc).

Then continue walking through a crowded area where vegetation is very likely seen the giant hummingbird, after walking for about 2 hours we arrive at our first camp in the area Huayllabamba 3,000 m / 9,842 ft Huayllabamba is a small town surrounded by fields of corn, potato crops and other products, here we will have our first camp.







Day 18: Saturday 18/04/20, Wayllabamba- Pacaymayo

On this day we will have a great challenge, to ascend the pass of Warmihuañusca, for starters we have a refreshing breakfast then begin our trek toward the Valley Ayapata which took 1 hour to get to this area, this is known to possess a micro climate of high Andean valley. Then pass through a narrow path full of vegetation, through a small bridge that will take us through a cloud forest, with unsurpassed beauty until to climb up to the highest point of Warmihuañusca, name Quechua means "When the woman dies", this point has a height of 4,200 m / 13,779 ft, along the climb will appreciate how the vegetation changes however this place is one of the most beautiful and once you have conquered the summit, we will be offset by a beautiful view of the mountains and Andean scenery.



Then descend by a winding valley to reach a point where we stop for lunch. In this way it is possible to observe several types of birds. We follow the path until you reach the Valley of the River Pacaymayu (3,600 m / 11,811 ft), where we will have aour lunch and it is the place for our second camp.

Hiking time: 8-9 hours Total distance: 15 km approx.

Included: camping site , entrance fees mentioned in the program , equipment rental , excursion (shared) , full board (with drinks) , local guide , porters

Day 19:Sunday 19/04/20, Pacaymayo- Wiñay Wayna

For many visitors, this is one of the longest days, but at the same time one of the most beautiful, because of the presence of Inca sites along the trail. After a nutritious breakfast, we will trek ascending a steep path. We will go through a second opening where the archaeological sites of Runkuracay (3,800 m / 12,467 ft) which is named for its unique shape of half circle. This semicircular shape allows protected from strong winds in the area. Then ascend towards Yanacocha (Black Lake) lagoon and then proceed to Sayaqmarca (3,600 m / 11, 811 ft), "The dominant people", where we interesting Inca ruins, and will have a panoramic view of the valley Acobamba, the only how to access these buildings is via a steep stone staircase. During the tour passes Conchamarka, a small recently discovered archaeological site.

After, we continue uphill and we'll get the first tunnel along the way, then continue climbing until you reach the third and final open, where we see the people of Phuyupatamarca (3,665 m / 12,024 ft), "Village above the clouds", which is undoubtedly one of the most original along the Inca Trail citadels. It is located on the edge of a ravine. Here we will find many cultivation terraces and ceremonial fountains.

Lunch in route (ChaquiCocha – Phuyupatamarka).

After this site, descend about 2,000 cobblestone stairs to the citadel of Wiñaywayna (2,700 m / 8,858 ft), which means "Forever Young", is located at an altitude of 2,490 m / 8,675 ft, and the name derived by the typical orchids that can be found throughout the year with flowers in red, yellow and purple. This is possibly the most attractive of all the palaces along the Inca Trail, and the last urban center before reaching Machu Picchu. It was built on the slopes of the mountains, is divided into four main parts: housing at the bottom, with over 20 buildings, the area holding the ritual sources, area of cultivation terraces and the area of the tower .

After we head to our last camp, which is located a few meters away. This is the night when we say goodbye to our porters and staff of the tour, so at night a small ceremony to thank everyone for sharing with the group this beautiful experience will take place.

Walking time: 5-6 hours Total distance: 10 km approx.

Included: camping site , equipment rental , excursion (shared) , full board (with drinks) , local guide , porters



Day 20: Monday 20/04/20, Machu Picchu- Cusco

On this last day we get up early and then have breakfast and continue our walk, after two hours of walking, we reach the area Intipunku or Puerta del Sol (2,720 m / 8,923 ft). A small complex of small buildings that apparently seem to have been used as a control. It is an excellent opportunity to take panoramic pictures of the citadel of Machu Picchu. If the traveler has begun to walk early, arrive just before dawn, this is perhaps the best place and time to contemplate the majestic splendor of Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas.

It was long thought that Machu Picchu was part of a legend, until 1911 that the American explorer Hiram Bingham discovered Machu Picchu rises to a height of 2,430 m / 7,980 ft. in the middle of a tropical forest, and an extraordinary location. It was definitely one of the most amazing urban creation in Inca heyday. Its massive walls, terraces and ramps seem to be continuously cut naturally in the rocky cliffs.

Then descend to walk the Inca Citadel of Machu Picchu, we will have a guided tour by our local guide about 2 hours, followed by free time for you to enjoy this wonder of the world.

Night at the hotel El Retablo.

Included: breakfast, entrance fees mentioned in the program, local guide, porters, train ticket, shared transport, bus ticket, room & breakfast

Day 21: Tuesday 21/04/20, Cusco- Arequipa

Transfer from your hotel to Cusco's airport.

English speaking assistance from your hotel to the airport. Transfer to the hotel

Free afternoon in Arequipa, the white city.

Suggestions:

Arequipa is the perfect city to stroll in the streets and between the colonial buildings : the Plaza of Armas and the cathedral, the cloister of the Jesus company or the district of San Lorenzo, picturesque district known as the oldest district of the city.

Arequipa is also known for its textile crafts.

The carefully crafted alpaca wool garments and leather hats are of exceptional quality!

To end the day, you can go to the Yanahuara viewpoint, offering an overview of the white city and its surrounding volcanoes.

Night at the hotel La Maison d'Elise.

Included: private transport , departure transfer with english speaking guide , airport tax , domestic flight , arrival transfer , breakfast buffet , room



Day 22:Wednesday 22/04/20, Arequipa

Half day dedicated to the discovery of Arequipa, the "white city".

Enjoy a guided tour of the colonial downtown including the main square, the Jesuit church and convent as well as the Santa Catalina monastery, a small city hidden within the city full of beautiful lanes lined with colored houses.

The remaining part of the tour will take us to the Yanahuara and Carmen Alto "miradors" (lookout points) where we can admire the panoramic views of the surrounding volcanoes (Misti and Chachani).

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Included: entrance fees mentioned in the program , english speaking guide , private transport , breakfast buffet , room

Day 23: Thursday 23/04/20, Arequipa- Uyo Uyo- Canyon de Colca

In the morning, departure at 8:00 am in a private group vehicle for Colca (4 or 5 hour journey), whose canyon is one of the deepest in the world at 3680 meters (12073 feet). Crossing of the Salinas Aguada Blanca National Preserve and of the Patapampa pass.

On the way we will take in magnificent landscapes and possibly observe vicunas and other camelids. Transfer to the hotel Tradicion Colca.

In the afternoon, 3 hour walk to the Uyo Uyo ruins and stopover at the thermal baths of Yanque to relax.

Notes:

the hiking guide only speaks spanish Uyo Uyo hiking: altitude min 3,000m/ altitude max 3,400m entrance fees to be paid in situ: Uyo Uyo ruins 5 soles/thermal baths 15 soles

Night at the Tradicion Colca hotel.

Included: excursion (shared), local guide, lunch (no drinks), room & breakfast, shared transport, entrance fees mentioned in the program





Day 24: Friday 24/04/20, Canyon de Colca- Chivay- Puno

We start our day at 6:00 am towards the Chimpa Fortress, without a doubt the most beautiful walk of the Valley: after climbing Chimpa Hill for 2 hours, we will admire an incredible panorama: it is a unique place where you can see the two hillsides of the canyon, being the precise place where the Colca river deepens to form the deepest canyon in the world. The ingenious Collagua people knew how to take advantage of this natural fortress to turn it into an impregnable frontier refuge.

And if it were not enough, during the excursion we will discover with our guide a bucolic landscape of pre-Columbian terraces, captured in a precise litho-scale model, cave paintings and the sacred tomb of the Collahuas warriors whose skulls are still venerated by the shamans.

Return by car (1h30 approx.) We arrive at Chivay by 12h30.

Note: The hiking guide speaks only Spanish. Transfer to the Chivay bus terminal to go towards Puno.

COLCA (Chivay)

PUNO

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- 13:15 Boarding and departure from Chivay Hotel La Paskana
- Stop at Patapampa Volcano Viewpoint (4950 masl) (10 min)
- Pass through the crater of Chucura Volcano,
- Stop at Lagunillas: observation of birds and lagoons (10 min)
- 19:30 Disembarkation: Land Terminal Puno.

IT INCLUDES

- Transportation tickets,
- Vehicles equipped with oxygen, heating, music, TV + video,
- Tourist stops with the assistance of English-Spanish guide,
- Snack + mineral water bottle Coca tea or coffee,
- Does not include Tourist Ticket
- Reception at Puno bus station and transfer to the hotel.

Night at the hotel Casona plaza.

Included: excursion (shared), local guide, shared transport, bus ticket, local spanishspeaking guide, public tour, private transport, room & breakfast



Day 25: Saturday 25/04/20, Puno- Uros- Amantani- Puno- Uros- Amantani

Early departure from your hotel by private transport, to reach the pier from which you will go to the Uros Islands by kayak. Depending on your level, several routes will be offered: between 45 minutes and 1:30.

On the lake, you can discover many species of birds, observe the fishermen, and enjoy the beautiful landscapes that can offer the banks and islands of the lake.

You arrive on the Uros Islands where your kayak trip ends.

You join the group to visit the floating islands. These islands are not natural; they were built by the Uros tribe, whose main activity is fishing. We then head for Amantani (around 2 and a half hour cruise) where we will be welcomed by a local family who will share their lunch with us.

In the afternoon we will take a walk up to the high point of the island and visit the archaeological sites dedicated to Pachamama and Pachapapa.

Dinner and night in the home of a local family. Note: Very basic accommodations at a local family's home.

Included: english speaking guide , guide expenses , dinner , excursion (private) , excursion (shared) , local guide , lunch (no drinks) , room & breakfast , shared transport



Day 26: Sunday 26/04/20, Amantani- Taquile- Puno- Amantani- Taquile-Puno- Desaguadero- Kasani- Copacabana- Yumani

In the morning, departure by boat for a one-hour cruise to Taquile, an island of great cultural interest, where residents live in harmony with the ancestral traditions.

Visit and lunch in a typical restaurant (not included). Back to Puno in midafternoon.

Transfer to the hotel.

Private transport Puno - Desaguadero.

Pick up at 11:30 a.m. (Peruvian time) at the border post of Kasani by the Bolivian driver that will take us to Copacabana.

After lunch, we embark for a motorboat traverse of 1h30 that will take us to the Fuente del Inca (Fountain of the Inca), on la Isla del Sol (Island of the Sun). From there we climb to the village of Yumani (about 500 steps...) from where we dominate the lake.

Lunch open. Dinner included. Lodging with local host at Maria and Ismaël's (basic comfort).

Note: the private boat will be at our disposal during the 2 days to charter people and gear.

A boat takes us to the Isla del Sol (Island of the Sun), where we disembark at the **old Inca Palace** of Pilkokaina.

A 1h15 walk brings us to the village of **Yumani**, from where there is a magnificent view of the lake.

Night at the Ecologe La Estancia hotel***.

Included: english speaking guide , excursion (shared) , local guide , shared transport , private transport , private transport , box lunch , guide expenses , english speaking guide , dinner (no drinks) , room & breakfast



Day 27: Monday 27/04/20, Yumani- Copacabana- La Paz

In the morning, a short hop by motorboat first takes us to Pilkokaina temple, south of the island. This palace was built by Inca Tupac Yupanqui for its pilgrimages on the island. We then head to Isla de la Luna where we visit the temple of the Ñustas, The Inca virgins. We then come back to Copacabana.

Cold lunch (included).

For lunch we will share a traditional meal called **"Apthapi**". This **tradition of the Aymara people** probably takes its source into the Tiwanaku pre-Inca culture.

It is a moment of sharing within the community: everyone brings some products of it land or livestock to the "table" and the meal is shared around a piece of traditional cloth (Aguayo) laid on the floor. Traditionally you will find corn, cheese, fish, fried or dried meat, quinoa and a great variety of potatoes from the Altiplano.

After our lunch, a **traditional healer** ("Yatiri") will realize a **ceremony** dedicated to **Mother Earth** ("Pachamama"). We will enjoy these unique moments in the heart of the **pre-Inca and Inca traditions**: the Isla del Sol ("Island of the Sun") owes its name to its important role in the cult to the Sun God "Inti" during the Inca Empire area. Here the people care about preserving the nature and their traditions.

We will return to La Paz in private transportation (about 3¹/₂-hour).

Night at the Rosario hotel***.

Included: private transport , box lunch , entrance fees mentioned in the program , guide expenses , english speaking guide , picnic lunch , room & breakfast



Day 28:Tuesday 28/04/20, La Paz

Our guide will pick you up at 09:00 am at the hotel lobby. Today you will discover the most traditional side of the city, walking into the day-to-day life of the **"paceños"** (inhabitants of La Paz).

You will first enter the indoor market of the **Plaza San Francisco (Mercado Lanza)** where many workers have breakfast. You will then take the cable car going up to El Alto and enjoy a unexpected view over the city and the mountains that surround it. You will fly over different neighborhoods and the general cemetery, in which you will then enter to discover the **Andean post-mortem traditions**: here the families leave elaborated offerings on the graves. Walking from the cemetery down to the historical center you will walk through the traditions of clothing and traditional celebrations of the city.

In the **Los Andes Street** you will feel like carnival is coming. It is the tailor's street and every shop is filed with colorful costumes and masks. You will end our tour in the **Witches Market** ("Mercado de las Brujas") where the locals buy all the necessary artifacts for ceremonial offering to the Pachamama (Mother Earth): coca leaves and other medicinal plants, miniature figurines in sugar and lama fetuses.

Everyone who comes to Bolivia should taste the famous "**salteña**": a small pastry filled with meat or chicken, potatoes, eggs and vegetables.

What makes the salteña so special is not only its slightly sweet dough but above all its abundant and sometimes spicy sauce.

Be careful when you bite in: eating a salteña without getting some sauce on your shirt is already being almost Bolivian!

The salteña is traditionally eaten for breakfast or during the morning with a cup of coffee.

Night at the Rosario hotel***.

Included: entrance fees mentioned in the program , lunch (*no drinks*) *, private transport , english speaking guide , room* & *breakfast*



A DOSE OF THRILL AND EXCITEMENT

We will meet at 6:30 a.m. at the Xtreme Downhill agency's office (our provider), where our exciting mountain bike tour on the famous death road will begin. A vehicle will bring us to the Cumbre Pass (el. 4750 m.a.s.l. – 1h), in the Royal Cordillera. Here begins our thrilling **mountain bike descent**!

On the way down this winding road, the scenery becomes greener, the air more humid, the wind warmer...

Some **100 km lower** (more than 3500 meters of elevation loss) is the Amazon Basin! Welcome to this incredible intermediate region called the Yungas.

A final 7-kilometer steep ascent (650 m of elevation gain) leads us to the village of Coroico, the paradise of the **Yungas** region (possible to do this last part in the vehicle). Lunch at the village and possibility to refresh in the swimming pool.

Return to La Paz at the end of the day.

Note: the descent is done in groups with English-speaking guide.

A private driver will pick you up at your hotel and take you to the airport.

Domestic flight La Paz -Uyuni.

A private driver will pick you up at the airport.

Night at the Tambo Aymara hotel***.

Included: entrance fees mentioned in the program , english speaking guide , lunch (*no drinks*) *, private transport , domestic flight , arrival transfer , room* & *breakfast*

Day 30: Thursday 30/04/20, Uyuni- Villamar

We depart at 9:30 a.m. to visit the train cemetery on the outskirt of town. We then head south. On the way, we visit various villages, including the **modern urbanization of Culpina K**.

We have lunch in **San Cristobal** where we can visit the beautiful colonial church if it is open. We then traverse **Rio Grande**, area home to numerous **vicuñas** and **ñandus** (of the ostrich family) and arrive in Villamar at the end of the day.

Cold lunch. All included. Night at the Jardines del Mallku Cueva hotel**.



Included: dinner (no drinks) , lunch (no drinks) , private transport , english-speaking driver guide , room & breakfast



Day 31: Friday 01/05/20, Villamar- Siloli Desert

We head south for **Laguna Colorada**. This laguna owes its intense red-brick color to the light sensitive phytoplancton present in its water. We keep heading south for an excursion to the **Sol de Mañana Geysers** (el. 4850 m.a.s.l.) a volcanic crater from which escape sulfuric fumes and heavy water. We then stop for breakfast in **Polques** before skirting Laguna Salada and crossing the Dali Desert (named after the scenery reminiscent of one of his paintings).

We reach the **lagunas Blanca and Verde**, at the foot of **volcanoes Juriques and Licancabur** (el. 5960 m.a.s.l.) at the end of the afternoon. Curious phenomenon: when the wind picks up, the waters of Laguna Verde change to a spectacular emerald color.

We return at laguna Colorada in the afternoon. The track traverses the magnificent landscapes of the **Siloli Desert** and its famous **"Arbol de Piedra"** (Stone Tree) where we may be able to spot some **viscachas**.

Cold lunch. All included. Hotel.

Night at the Hotel del Desierto***. (availability of double room with matrimonial bed not guaranteed)

Included: dinner (no drinks) , entrance fees mentioned in the program , lunch (no drinks) , private transport , english-speaking driver guide , room & breakfast

Day 32: Saturday 02/05/20, Siloli Desert- San Pedro de Quemez

We head north along the Chilean border on the scenic **"route of the Jewels"** owing its name to all the lagunas along its way: lagunas Honda, Ch'arkota, Hedionda, Cañapa, sanctuary to 3 varieties of flamingoes.

We stop at the mirador of **volcano Ollague**. This volcano is still active and sheters one of the world's highest open pit copper mines. The track then descends from 4200 to 3600 meters of altitude.

We cross the small **Salar de Chiguana** located at the foot of volcano Tomasamil (el. 5900 m.a.s.l.), before reaching San Pedro de Quemez at the end of the day.

Cold lunch. All included.

Night at the hotel de Piedra***. (availability of double room with matrimonial bed not guaranteed)

Included: dinner (*no drinks*), *entrance fees mentioned in the program*, *lunch* (*no drinks*), *private transport*, *english-speaking driver guide*, *room* & *breakfast*





Day 33:Sunday 03/05/20, San Pedro de Quemez- Uyuni- La Paz- El Alto Airport- La Paz

A 2-hour trip from San Pedro will take us to the Salar de Uyuni (el. 3650 m.a.s.l.). The atmosphere is special: the horizon seems to not have any limits and the feeling overwhelming. We head north to the **island of Incahuasi**.

This island of volcanic origin is covered with stromatolites (fossilized bacteria representing the first traces of life on earth) and giant cacti. On the way we visit the **"Cave of the Galaxy"** and its stalactites resembling lace. In the afternoon we head east towards Uyuni. On the way we visit the **Salt Hotels** (Closed since November 2001) and the **salt exploitation** of Colchani.

Cold lunch. Dinner open.

Your private driver take you to the airport.

Domestic flight Uyuni - La Paz.

A private driver will pick you up at the airport and take you to your hotel. Night at the Rosario hotel***.

Included: entrance fees mentioned in the program , lunch (no drinks) , private transport , english-speaking driver guide , departure transfer , domestic flight , arrival transfer , room & breakfast

Day 34: Monday 04/05/20, La Paz- El Alto Airport

A private driver will pick you up at your hotel and take you to the airport.

Included: private transport



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

San Francisco

Quito's Colonial downtown area is the largest and best preserved architectural space in all the Americas and was designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Surrounded by this wealth of culture, history and tradition is the Hotel San Francisco de Quito, located in a XVII century colonial house, which was restored carefully, keeping all its original details.

<u>Information:</u> Available meals: B / D Available services: Cable TV, laundry, luggage storage, safety box, restaurant. Capacity: 23 rooms Check in / out: 14:00 / 12:00 Access to Internet: Wifi



La Floresta

Category: Night at the hotel 3* **a**: 032 741 824 Juan Montalvo s/n y Thomas Halflants, Sagrado Corazón, Baños, Tungurahua http://www.laflorestahotel.com

The hotel La Floresta is located in a safe and quiet residential area, close to the city center and its commercial and banking facilities. Upon your arrival, you will feel at home in a small hotel that looks like a comfortable private residence.

The rooms are bright and colorful with its private bathroom. In the interior courtyard, guests can relax on the sun loungers and hammocks at your disposal.

Information:

Available meals: B Available services: TV, bar Capacity: 29 rooms & 2 Suites with jacuzzi. Check in / out: 14:00 / 12:00 Info: 7 rooms are adapted for disabled persons. Access to Internet: Wifi



Certification: Responsible Tourism:

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Dates: 01/04 Quito Historic Center

Beneficial Hosteria La Andaluza

Category: Night at the hotel 4* **a**: 03 233 3000 Panamericana Norte - Hacienda Chuquipogio - km. 16 via a Quito, Guano, Chimborazo http://www.hosteriaandaluza.com

Located in the heart of the country, the "Hosteria La Andaluza" has all the qualities of a peaceful and inviting place for visitors to enjoy a great time. All the major characters involved in the First Constituent, even the famous Simon Bolivar, stayed in this centennial house, that today offers every comfort, technology and distractions to enjoy the most of your stay.

Information:

Available meals: B / L / D Available services: Satellite TV, restaurant, bar, Spa, Game room, Auditorium Capacity: 57 rooms: 7 suites, 13 sup, 5 standard (200 pax) Check in / out: 14:00 / 12:00 Access to Internet: Wifi

Certification: Responsible Tourism:

FELICIA Felicia Hotel & Suites

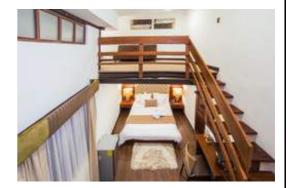
Category: Night at the hotel 3* The second second

Hotel Felicia is located in the historic center of the city. The hotel is of colonial and typical modern style. The rooms are spacious and very comfortable, which will allow you to have a pleasant stay in Cuenca.

Information:

Available meals: B / L / D Available services: Cable TV, Jacuzzi, Minibar Capacity: 19 rooms Check in / out: 13:00 / 12:00 Access to Internet: Wifi Dates: 04/04 Cuenca









Grand Hotel Guayaquil

Category: Night at the hotel 4* **11**: 04 232 9690 Boyaca 1615 E/10 de Agosto y Clemente, Guayaquil, Guayas http://www.grandhotelguayaquil.com

The Grand Hotel Guayaquil shares a whole city block with the largest and the most spectacular Cathedral in Guayaquil, The Cathedral's spires and impressive stained glass windows adorn the hotel's inner court that includes a cozy pool, a waterfall and a lush 45-foot tall climbing garden.

It has a long tradition of personalized friendly service. The hotel's 183 rooms are generously sized, handsomely decorated and full of amenities. The hotel's restaurants combine local history with tasty cuisine.

Information:

Available meals: B / L / D Available services: TV Cable, Hairdresser, Restaurant, Cafeteria, Swimming Pool, Turkish Bath, Squash court, Gymnasium Capacity: 183 rooms Check in / out: 14:00 / 12:00 Access to Internet: Wifi



DEJAVÚ Deja Vu

Category: Night at the hotel 3* **a**: 05 301 3081 - 05 252 7031 Fragata y Daphne (junto al parque El Eden), Santa Cruz, Puerto Ayora, Galapagos http://www.dejavugalapagos.com

Located a bit apart from the waterfront boardwalk but not far to reach it walking. Of a modern and sober design, it offers the services that allows you to recover from the daily visits on sea. A good option with swimming pool.

Information:

Available meals: B (6:00-8:30) / L / D Available services: Air conditioning, swimming pool, restaurant, bar. Capacity: 19 rooms Check in / out: 14:00 / 10:00 Access to Internet: Wifi everywhere. Dates: 06/04 - 07/04 - 08/04 Puerto Ayora



Dates: 05/04 Guayaquil

3B Barranco's Bed & Breakfast

Category: Night in the hotel 3* a: 247 6915 Jirón Centenario 130, Barranco, Lima, LIMA, 4 http://www.3bhostal.com/inicio.php

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The lodge has two bungalows equipped with king size bed and twenty-four other double or triple rooms. Each bungalow features a terrace with hammocks, private bathroom with hot water round the Dates: 11/04 - 12/04 - 13/04 - 14/04 Puerto Maldonado

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Corto Maltes Lodge

http://www.cortomaltes-amazonia.com

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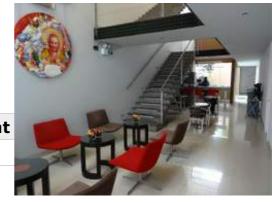
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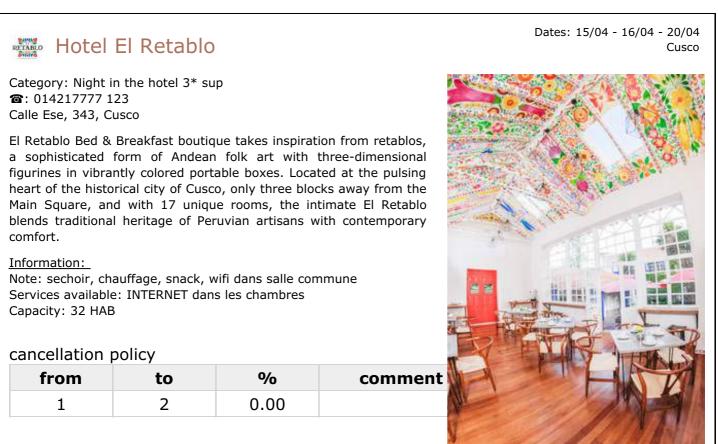


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La Maison d'Elise Arequipa

Category: Night in the hotel 3* a: (054) 253 343 Av. Bolognesi 104, Arequipa, 104 Yanahu http://www.hotelmaisondelise.com

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Casona Plaza



Category: Night in the hotel 3* a: (051) 368 1839 Jr. Puno 280, Puno http://www.casonaplazahotel.com/hoteles_peru/index.php

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Hotel ecolodge La

Estancia

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The Ecolodge "La Estancia", located in the southern part of the Island, was built with the idea of combining modern comfort with the traditional architectural style, in harmony with the natural environment.

Information:

Check-in: 15:00 Check-out: 11:00 Restaurant: YES Wi-Fi: YES





Dates: 27/04 - 28/04 - 03/05 La Paz

Category: Hotel 3* **a**: 2776286 - 2795811 calle Illampu nº 704, centro, La Paz, 522 http://www.hotelrosario.com

The original house where now Hotel Rosario is located was built in 1928. It's first name was Residencial Rosario. In year 2001 Residencial Rosario changed to Hotel Rosario, because it met all the requirements to be categorized as an hotel with three stars. This hotel offers an excellent comfort and a great quality of services.

Information:

Check-in: 13:00 Check-out: 11:00 Laundry: YES Swimming pool: NO Restaurant: YES Wi-Fi: YES



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Welcome to THE Ethno-Hotel of Uyuni with singles, twins and double rooms all with heating and private bathroom. The hotel has a restaurant, a charming Ethno-bar, a video library and a parking.

Information: Check-in: 14:00 Check-out: 11:00 Laundry: YES Swimming pool: NO Restaurant: NO Wi-Fi: YES





Mattines sasours Hotel Mallku Cueva

Category: Hotel 2* Villamar http://www.mallkucueva.com/

The hotel Los Jardines of Mallku Cueva is located in one of the most attractive place of the South Lipez. Inspired by the rustic architecture of the region, the hotel has been built within the rock that shelters it. All rooms are equipped with bathroom and central heating.

Information: Check-in: 15.00 Check-out: 12:00 Laundry: NO Swimming pool: NO Restaurant: NO Wi-Fi: YES



отаука Hotel tayka / Desierto

Category: Hotel 3* : 72407850 Siloli - Lipez, Ojo de Perdiz http://www.taykahoteles.com/es/hdesierto.php

The Tayka Desert Hotel is located in the heart of the Siloli desert. Volcanic rocks were used for the walls and the architectural design has been specially choosen to withstand the intensity of the winds of the region.

Information: Check-in: 15:00 - 18:00 Check-out: 6:00 - 8:00 Laundry: YES

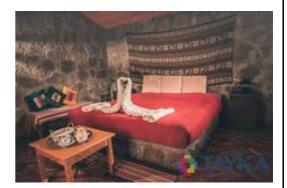
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Dates: 02/05 San Pedro de Quemez

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Located at south of Salar de Uyuni, in front of a peninsula and in an environment of majestic mountains, the Hotel de Piedra Tayka is built with materials of stone and volcanic sand characteristic of the region. The use of stone was inspired by the village Quemado next to the hotel. The roofs of the hotel are covered with straw, the traditional material that covers the entire Andean region.

Information:

Check-in: 15:00 - 23.00 Check-out: 6:00 - 12:00 Laundry: NO Swimming pool: NO Restaurant: YES Wi-Fi: NO



Land trip Ecuador - Rates per person in double room

Base 2 persons: 1026 \$usd per person

Galapagos - Rates per person in double room

Base 2 persons: 885 \$usd per person

Land trip Peru - Rates per person in double room

Base 2 persons: **3 490 \$usd** per person

Domestic flights Peru - Rates per person

Base 2 persons: 446 \$usd per person

Land trip Bolivia - Rates per person in double room

Base 2 persons: **3 045 \$usd** per person

Domestic flights Bolivia - Rates per person

Base 2 persons: 480 \$usd per person

Total - Rates per person in double roor

Base 2 persons : 9 372 \$usd per person

Rates notes

Hotels availability

- Hotels are subject to availability at the moment of the reservation / confirmation of your trip.
- In case of unavailability at one of the indicated hotels, another option in the same category will be proposed.

Included :

- Hotel and touristic services taxes
- English speaking assistance 24h/24 during the trip
- Guide, private transportation, entrance fees and the excursions indicated as "included" in each day
- All breakfasts (not guaranteed if leaving early the hotel)
- Lunch and dinner indicated as « included» in each day
- Nights in indicated hotels or equivalent in twin or matrimonial room.

Not included :

- International flight
- Domestic flight (except if mentionned in this proposal)
- Hospitalization / medical repatriation insurance (mandatory)
- Lunch and dinner not mentionned (around 8 to 16 \$US / person / meal)
- Tips (restaurants, guides and drivers)

• For a journey to Galapagos, price per person: entrance tax to the Galapagos national park (100 \$US),<u>likely to increase any time without previous notice</u>, migration card (20 \$US), any embarkment tax (ex.: Isabela (10 \$US), taxi-boats in harbour, transfer bus between airport and Itabaca channel (Santa Cruz) (5 \$US).

Pictures

This proposal uses pictures that cannot be considered as contractual. They can not reflect changes occured in the sites and not match exactly to the service, especially in the case of hotels with rooms that can be all different. Therefore they cannot be used as a base for any claim.

It is an habit in Ecuador to reward your guide and driver who went with you all along your trip. We remind you that the tips are not included in this offer : therefore at the end of your stay, do not forget to make a gesture toward whom had attentions for you, having you discovering their country with passion.

Terms and conditions of sale

Any confirmation implies the acceptance of our terms and conditions of sale.

Children in Galapagos

The majority of Operators in the Galapagos impose that the less than 6-year-old children can participate neither in the day-tours on boat nor in the cruises for obvious reasons of safety. If you do not respect this rule, you will be completely responsible for any event that may occur.

Natural activity

Ecuador being a country situated in the Andes and thus on a "young" volcanic chain, we are submitted to the fact that the authorities, which watch the volcanic and seismic activity, decrete at any time the ban on access to certain regions of the country, for obvious reasons of security. It concerns just as much the Galapagos, the archetypal volcanic archipelago (in particular the volcano Sierra Negra). It is then about a case of "force majeure" for which we shall try to compensate at best by proposing you an alternate activity. We shall ask you then for your understanding, being not our responsibility.

Cruises itineraries & Activities on the islands of Galapagos

The itineraries of the cruises in Galapagos are subject to approval by the Authorities of the Galapagos National park. Itineraries are submited 1 year in advance by the cruise owners. A program confirmed this year for the next year can be modified by authorities. Even approved programs for the current year can still be modified according to ecological and climatic criterias.

For "island hopping" programs, some sites can be closed by the Authorities at any time for the same reasons. Thus we beg you to be understanding as these measures allow to protect this natural jewel.

Notes

Passport

Your passport must be valid 6 months after your date of return to your country. It is of your responsibility to get proper information concerning a required visa according to your nationality and origin. You may have, as for most of the countries, a 90 days turistical visa at the entrance in Ecuador.

We invite you to consult the following site : **IATA**, that will give you some information on the requirements concerning the passports, visa and health regulations according to your origin.

Memberships



Financing participation to a socio-environmental project

Towards a more responsible tourism: Terra Ecuador undertakes, as compensation for the carbon emissions of your flight, to finance a social/environmental project. For this, 22 USD per person will be donated to a project that we have selected for its ethical commitment.