

SPECIAL TRAVEL MART OFFER - 2017

TIP TOP CRUISE + MITHIC VOLCANOES Day by Day

Friday, Sep 08



Flight from mainland Ecuador (Quito or Guayaquil) to Baltra, with AVIANCA Airlines; arriving at 09:20 a.m. approximately. A guide meets us and accompanies us as we ride the bus to the Itabaca Channel, we cross the channel by barge and then we continue to Puerto Ayora by bus. We aboard the Yacht and the crew greets us and offers us a light snack and we have our first orientation. In the afternoon, we land at the pier for a visit to the Charles Darwin Station and its Interpretive Center. Return to the Port for a walk through the little town to appreciate various handicrafts. We have a welcome cocktail with the entire crew, and dinner.

Saturday, Sep 09

After breakfast, we make a wet landing on Santa Fe Island to visit the cactus forest and a colony of land iguanas native from Santa Fe. **Optional:** time for those who would like to swim, snorkel and/or kayak. Return to the Yacht for lunch and sail to South Plaza, where we make a dry landing on the pier of the island, there we can enjoy the antics of the sea lions. A walk through a cactus forest allows us to observe land iguanas and many species of tropical birds. At the end of the afternoon, we return to the Yacht for a delicious dinner and our nightly orientation.

Sunday, Sep 10

After breakfast, we make a wet landing on Chinese Hat (Sombrero Chino), a small island off the Coast of Santiago Island, we can observe on the rocky shoreline: Galapagos penguins, eagle rays, sea lions and marine iguanas. This is an excellent snorkeling site. **Optional:** time for those who would like to swim, snorkel and/ or kayak. We return to the boat for a delicious lunch. After lunch, we make a wet landing on Rabida, to walk and observe marine iguanas and sea lions, pelicans, blue-footed boobies, masked boobies and brown pelicans. We walk and we arrive at a small saltwater lagoon where we can see pink flamingos. **Optional:** time for those who would like to swim, snorkel and/ or Kayak. Return to the Yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

Monday, Sep 11

After breakfast, we make an early panga ride on Black Turtle Cove, series of mangrove-surrounded coves and islets; where we can observe white-tipped sharks, marine turtles, spotted eagle rays, and yellow cow-nosed rays. We return to the Yacht for disembarking on the pier at 09:00. Your guide accompanies you on the bus ride directly to the airport, to take to flight back to Quito. Transfer from the airport to your hotel, (Mercure Alameda or similar). At 19:00 pick up from your hotel to start a Quito by Night onboard the Quito Tour Bus.

Tuesday, Sep 12

After breakfast, pick up from your hotel at 07:00. We will take the Ruta Viva Highway towards Papallacta. We will walk through the forest to observe the flora and fauna inside the Antisana Ecological Reserve, which is part of the 10 “hot zones” of the world because it forms and ecological corridor between Cayambe-Coca National Park and Sumaco National Park; this is why this reserve has a high biodiversity. The Antisana Volcano has an altitude of 19000 fts over the sea level, snowcapped all year around. This is the nesting place for the Andean Condor, star hummingbird and spectacled bear.



Lunch at Sierra Azul Ecological Reserve. In the afternoon we will walk in the cloud forest.

Dinner and accommodation at Guango Lodge.

Wednesday, Sep 13

Early in the morning, walk through the trails to enjoy of several species of hummingbirds, tanagers, toucans, flight catchers, and more of Guango Lodge fauna. Breakfast. Then we will depart towards Cotopaxi National Park taking the Pintag highway to enjoy the Andean landscape. Entrance to the National Park, the volcano has an altitude of 19400 ft. over the sea level, this is one of the highest volcanoes over the world. Visit to the Recreational Area of Boliche, walk around the Limpiopungo Lake. Lunch at Rincón de Puembo (12:00). Return to Quito airport 13:00 approximately to take your flight to Guayaquil (XL1375 13:50/14:45)

INCLUDED:

- Private bilingual guide and transportation in Ecuador Mainland
- City by night in the Quito Tour Bus
- 4days / 3 nights Tip Top II cruise
- English Naturalist guide
- Full board onboard
- Meals as specified on itinerary
- Soft & hot drinks
- Accommodations as specified on itinerary

NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare to/from Galapagos
- Galapagos Park Fee USD100
- Transit Control Card USD20
- Airfare Quito/Guayaquil aprox. USD85
- Personal expenses
- Tips
- Alcoholic beverages
- What is not specified on itinerary

PRICE	2-3 PAX
PER PERSON	USD690

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