

PRE & POST TOURS: SEPTEMBER 12 & 16 / 2017

## BIRD ISLAND + COCOA PLANTATION



### Excursion

Come and visit “Puerto el Morro” a fishermen village located at the seaside, 1 hour and 45 minutes away from Guayaquil city, by private transportation. At this particular place, there is a confluence of seawater and freshwater which allows the growth of mangroves and thus a perfect habitat and shelter for a great variety of marine species, making it part of the protected areas of Ecuador. Here, a boat tour is taken towards “La isla de los pájaros”, a little island covered with mangroves and with a huge congregation of marine birds like: magnificent frigate birds, roseate spoonbills, Peruvian boobies and many other mangrove birds. During the trip, delta dolphins (bottlenose dolphins) can be spotted following the boat and playing with the waves formed by the motor.

Once the boat tour is finished, the trip continues 45 min by land to the Cocoa Plantation “El Castillo” to learn about the techniques and processes that have made the Ecuadorian cocoa one of the highest quality cocoa in the world. This product is the raw material needed to make the most expensive and delicious chocolates and all started at Ecuador. Its quality relies on the Ecuadorian experience in the cultivation and drying process, the land and the type of cacao produced. “El Castillo” owns 300 ha of land from which 120 ha are dedicated to the growth of the cocoa plants, with its own chocolate processing plant, and the rest is a protected native forest. At the end of the visit, a local lunch is included.

<p><b>INCLUDED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing basis tour with English Speaking Guide</li> <li>• Transportation to and from the hotel</li> <li>• Boat ride</li> <li>• Typical lunch of the hacienda</li> </ul>	<p><b>NOT INCLUDED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel and medical insurance</li> <li>• Tips</li> </ul>	<p><b>WHAT TO BRING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comfortable walking shoes</li> <li>• Sunblock</li> <li>• Shirt and pants long sleeve</li> <li>• Sun hat</li> <li>• Plastic bag for your electronic equipment</li> <li>• Mosquitoes repellent</li> </ul>
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PICK UP TIME: 07h30

DURATION: 09 Hours approximately

PRICE PER PERSON FOR BUYERS:  
100% complementary service

PRICE PER PERSON FOR SUPPLIERS:  
US\$30,00

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