

# OPTION 1 CULTURAL EXPERIENCES – ANDES AND AMAZON 10D/9N

# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES – ANDES AND AMAZON

- This wonderful tour begins in the historic center of Quito, discover the largest concentration of pre-modern architecture in all of South America, a city declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.
- The Otavalo market, known locally as the "Plaza de los Ponchos" and as Mercado Centenario, one of the largest indigenous markets in Latin America.
- Observe the natural and cultural biodiversity of two of the four regions of Ecuador.

DAY	ITINERARY	CITY	MEALS			
1	Arrival in Quito		-/-/-			
2	City Tour Quito - Middle of the World	Quito	B/L/-			
3	Otavalo y Cotacachi		B/L/-			
4	Cotopaxi National Park	Cotopaxi	B/L/-			
5	Quilotoa Volcanic Crater Lake		B/L/-			
6	Full Day Baños	Baños	B/-/-			
7	Amazonía - Napo	T	B/L/D			
8	Amazonía - Napo	Tena	B/L/D			
9	Termas de Papallacta	Papallacta	B/L/-			
10	Return flight	-	B/-/-			
	B=Breakfast / L=Lunch / D=Dinner					

# CONDENSED ITINERARY

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#### PRICE USD - PER PERSON:

CATEGORY	1 PAX	2 - 3 PAX	4 - 5 PAX	6 - 7 PAX	8 - 9 PAX	10 - 11 PAX	12 - 13 PAX	14 - 15 PAX	Supl. Sencilla
Tourist Superior	\$ 3274	\$ 1856	\$ 1596	\$ 1362	\$ 1263	\$ 1211	\$ 1158	\$ 1120	\$ 453
First	\$ 3396	\$ 2007	\$ 1754	\$ 1517	\$ 1418	\$ 1365	\$ 1311	\$ 1273	\$ 424

Net Price in american dolars.

Price per person

#### **DETAILED ITINERARY**

1	Arrival in Quito	-/-/-
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Arrival at Quito International Airport.

The guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel, located near restaurants, bars, handcrafts and parks. Depending on your arrival time, you will have a free afternoon to settle in, adapt to the challenging altitude, and start discovering this beautiful city.

2	City Tour Quito - Middle of the World	B/L/-

After breakfast, our guide will pick you up at your hotel to travel towards old town Quito. We will start our walking tour in Plaza de la Independencia, Quito's main square named after the country's Independence from Spain. This is the location of some of Ecuador's main administrative buildings such as the Presidential Palace, the Metropolitan Cathedral, and the Municipal building. The tour will continue to visit two of the most significant churches of the colonial area and the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century artistic movement knowns as the Quito School (*Escuela Quiteña*); the church of Society of Jesus (*La Compañía de Jesús*) known for its impressive gold-gilded nave, and the church of San Francisco where we will visit the temple and its impressive convent that houses the most important museum of religious art in the country.

Then, we will continue with the walking tour through several of the neighborhoods of this vibrant historic center. These areas still maintain traditional aspects of the daily life of *quiteños*. We will walk through Carmen Bajo convent, the so-called Queen's Arch next to the City Museum, the emblematic La Ronda Street, Santo Domingo Church, Junín



Street and San Marcos neighborhood. The tour will conclude at Espejo Street where travelers will have a lunch break and explore the nearby area on their own. Throughout this tour you will be able to discover a fascinating commercial system of artisanal and local products, and even some more peculiar ones.

In the afternoon, we will travel towards the Middle of the World, located 22 km north of Quito at the Equator's location. The line's position was determined in the 18th century by the French Geodesic Mission with the support of Spanish and Ecuadorian geographers. You will visit the ethnographic museum, the colossal Middle of the World monument, and to take fun photographs while stepping with one foot on each hemisphere. At the Intiñán museum, which is located nearby, you will perform a series of dynamic experiments that validates the Equator's location. Return to the hotel.

3	Otavalo Indigenous Market - Cotacachi	B/L/-

After breakfast, we will travel to the north of the country. The province of Imbabura was declared a UNESCO World Geopark in 2019, for its geological and natural heritage in union with the cultural heritage of its indigenous peoples. This day we will dedicate to visiting several communities, getting to know their artisans up close and visiting one of their natural jewels. We will move to the city of Cotacachi. This city was named in 2020 as the Magical Town of Ecuador and is known for the elaboration of fine leather garments. Very close to this town is the Cuicocha lagoon, located inside a volcanic crater at the foot of the Cotacachi volcano. In this place, it will be possible to walk a portion of the path that surrounds the lagoon and admire the natural environment of this place, in particular the two islets within the lagoon. After this visit, we will return to Quito.

4	Cotopaxi National Park	B/L/-
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After breakfast, we will head south down the Panamericana Highway towards volcano Cotopaxi. It is the secondhighest peak in Ecuador at 5,897 meters. Cotopaxi is active and easily recognized by its snowcapped conical shape. It is surrounded by beautiful Andean highlands vegetation.

The visit begins with the travelers' registration at the southern entry point of the National Park, Then, we will visit the interpretation center to learn about the fauna and flora of the area and learn more about the volcano and the Andes Mountain range. After this stop, we will take a one-hour walk around the Limpiopungo lagoon This is an ideal place to admire the majestic volcano and take beautiful photographs if weather permitting.



Optionally, it is also possible to drive up towards the parking lot of the Jose Rivas Mountain refuge. From there, you can walk up 200 meters to reach the refuge which sits just below the glacier line and is used as a basecamp by hikers who ascend to the top of the volcano. Take into consideration, that the parking lot is located at 4,600 meters You will enjoy lunch observing the Cotopaxi volcano, from the only hotel located inside the National Park. At the end of the day, we will head towards the hotel, located a few kilometers from the park's southern entrance.

5	Quilotoa Volcanic Crater Lake	B/L/-
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We will leave from the hotel early in the morning to reach the Quilotoa volcanic lake which is in the western Andes at an altitude of 3,900 meters. This is one of the most beautiful and spectacular places of Ecuador that stands out for its natural environment that transmits serenity, and for its green- and turquoise-colored waters located inside an extinct volcanic caldera. It is possible to descend towards the shore to admire its waters from up close. This is a perfect spot to relax and enjoy the peacefulness of mother nature. The ascent back is an excellent exercise, but physically demanding. Alternatively, the community rent mules to travelers who require assistance to reach the top.

The trip to Quilotoa is a panoramic drive and travelers will also visit Pujilí, Zumbahua, and Tigua, which are picturesque traditional Andean towns that still preserve their traditions and culture. On Saturdays, the Zumbahua indigenous market takes place, where you can admire the colors and dynamism of this important tradition. Tigua is particularly known for being a community of visual artists who represent in colorful paintings the indigenous lifestyle of the Andean countryside and landscape. At the end of the visit, you will be transferred to the hotel located in Baños de Agua Santa.

6	Full Day Baños	D/-/-
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At the indicated time, we will leave the hotel and have a brief introduction to the town of Baños, a special place, unique and full of biodiversity and outdoor activities. Baños is a set of factors that make it a beautiful and striking place, among them is the variety of flora that we can mention, La Chuquiragua, Almohadilla, Achupalla, Aliso, Bromeliads, Arrayán, Pumamaqui, Frailejones, Mortiños, Orchids, Paper Tree and Rosemary. Birds also stand out, such as swallows, turtledoves, blackbirds, quililicos and chirotes.

After 20 minutes we will arrive at Agoyan, the first waterfall, where we can stop to rest and take pictures. The next stop is Manto de la Novia, where we will make a stop and then cross the impressive Pastaza River in a cable car.



The view of the waterfall from the top of the river is unbeatable. After 17 km, we will arrive at the town of Río Verde where we will take a break to enjoy the next waterfall, Pailón del Diablo. We will walk through the cloud forest for about half an hour to enjoy the view of this impressive waterfall. Afterwards, it can be continued to Machay, the final waterfall in case we have more time, we will have the opportunity to walk to the waterfall as well and cool off in its powerful and refreshing water. Once we have finished swimming and contemplating the impressive Machay, we will return to Río Verde where we will take a transport to return to Baños. Approximate duration of the tour: 4-5 hours. In the afternoon we will visit the tree house, a good opportunity to take photos on the swing at the end of the world. Return to the hotel.

7 - 8	Amazonía – Napo	B/L/D
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At the indicated time, we will start our trip to the Amazon region to go to the selected Lodge.

# CASA DEL SUIZO

Travel to the Amazon to the town of Misahuallí, located on the Napo River, where a tour of the place will be made to take the boat to La Casa del Suizo, where we will spend two days of our trip. Here there are several activities that we can choose in the place according to your preference, morning, afternoon or whole day. These are in charge of specialized and native guides. Some of these activities are:

• Misicocha, raft tour and nature walk.

• Cosano, walks in the forest. Amazoonico, a rescue sanctuary for Amazonian animals, is a space run by volunteer guides who will tell you fascinating stories.

- Alligator sighting
- Ceramics, where the traditional way of making ceramics in the upper Napo will be taught.
- Butterfly Farm
- Museum of Traps
- Visit to the chocolate house

Rest at the Lodge.



#### HAKUNA MATATA LODGE

# DAY 7

Depending on our arrival time at the Lodge, we recommend doing an optional activity (not included) or, if you prefer, enjoying the facilities at your own pace, which include a 120-hectare private reserve, a spectacular palm-shaped swimming pool and a river of clear waters. crystal clear. The optional activities are: a walk in the private reserve with a native guide to discover the interesting Amazonian flora, a guided horseback ride in which we can enjoy a beautiful tropical landscape or a chocolate craft workshop. In the evening, we will enjoy a delicious three-course gourmet dinner.

### DIA 8

After enjoying a full breakfast, we will go to the Napo River, we will take a motorized canoe to the "Amazoonico" wild animal rescue center to meet monkeys, parrots, tapirs, and tigrillos. We will also go on an interesting walk where we will learn about flora, insects, medicinal plants and understand the importance that the jungle has for local cultures. After a picnic lunch on the riverbank, we will visit a native Kichwa family who will explain how to prepare chicha, the typical drink of indigenous communities. We will finish with a visit to the colorful market of the capital Tena to learn about some of the most interesting local products. In the afternoon, you can relax and enjoy the Lodge facilities. In the evening, you will enjoy a delicious three-course gourmet dinner in our restaurant.

9	Papallacta Hot Springs	B/L/-
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At the indicated time, we will leave the Lodge and head to the Papallacta Hot Springs. Upon arrival, we will take a short walk to recognize the native flora and fauna of the place.

Thermal pools with healing properties, unique in the world, will be waiting for us in this incredible adventure. The Laguna de Papallacta has an extension of 32.4 hectares. The water comes mainly from the melting of the snow-capped Cayambe, Sarahurco and from many springs in the surrounding moors. It has medium and high slopes where there is good drainage. Its majestic vision can be seen from the left side of the road. The color of the waters is generally reflected in dark and deep tones. Rest at the hotel.



10	Transfer hotel – aeropuerto	B/-/-

Transfer to Mariscal Sucre International Airport to take your return flight.

### **PROGRAM INCLUDES**

- Private transportation during transfers and excursions. Tours with 1-3 passengers are carried out with a driver-guide.
- Bilingual guide (English-Spanish) for the group during transfers and visits. Tours with 1-3 passengers are carried out with a driver-guide
- Accommodation in selected hotel in double or single room
- Meals as detailed in the itinerary
- Visits as described in the itinerary
- Entrance tickets to sites
- Taxes
- Biosecurity measures

### PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Air ticket
- Meals not mentioned
- Unspecified tours and activities
- Alcoholic beverage during meals
- Tips and additional expenses

### PROGRAM INCLUDES - CASA DEL SUIZO

- Private transportation during transfers and visits
- Guide in Spanish at the Lodge
- Accommodation

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- Food detailed in the itinerary
- Visits detailed in the itinerary
- Tickets to visit sites detailed in the itinerary
- Taxes
- Biosecurity measures

# PROGRAM NOT INCLUDED - CASA DEL SUIZO

- Input and output canoes
- Alligator sighting tickets USD 1, ceramics USD 1, butterfly garden USD 3
- Food not mentioned
- Alcoholic beverages during lunch or dinner
- Tours and activities not specified
- Tips and additional expenses

### **PROGRAM INCLUDES – HAKUNA MATATA**

- Private transportation during transfers and visits
- Guide in Spanish at the Lodge
- Accommodation
- Detailed nutrition in the itinerary
- Detailed visits in the itinerary
- Entrance fees to the visiting sites detailed in the itinerary
- Taxes
- Biosafety measures

### PROGRAM NOT INCLUDED - HAKUNA MATATA

- Food not mentioned
- Alcoholic beverages during lunch or dinner
- Tours and activities not specified
- Tips and additional expenses



# ADDITIONAL OPTIONS -YASUNI NATIONAL PARK

NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER - 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



### PRICE PER PERSON

	HAB ESTÁNDAR			SUITE		
NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER 4 days / 3 nights	SINGLE	DOUBLE	CHILD	SINGLE	DOUBLE	CHILD
	\$2.532,00	\$1.597,00	\$1.118,00	\$2.967,00	\$1.888,00	\$1.322,00

### • Price per person in US dollars

# **PROGRAM INCLUDES**

- Transportation Coca Lodge –Coca
- 3 nights of accommodation
- Full board meals
- Purified water
- Excursions in the program
- Naturalist guide (English Spanish)
- Entrance to Yasuni National Park



- Boots, water poncho.
- Taxes

# PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Air ticket Quito Coca Quito
  - Mandatory to issue USD 256 with the lodge operator \*subject to change
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Non-mentioned tours and activities.
- Tips and additional expenses.

# **DETAILED ITINERARY**

1	Flight to El Coca	-/BL/D

Departing from Quito, a 30-minute flight to Coca over the eastern Andes Mountain range. After landing, about midmorning, 5 min transfer will take you to "La Mision" Port, where you will embark onto a comfortable overed motor boat. Here we start a canoe ride along the Napo River for about 2 hours, box lunch and coffee are provided in route. Along the way, birds like herons, kingfishers and others can be spotted. After arriving at NWC's entry dock we disembark for restroom then take a majestic and peaceful 2 hours paddle canoe ride surrounded by trees, paddling along a narrow creek that connects to the lake where the lodge is located.

Chances to spot some species of monkeys as well as large birds like toucans, parrots or even macaws. Late afternoon arrival to Napo Wildlife Center with an overwhelming view of the Añangu Lake, welcome drink followed by a briefing of the local manager.

2	Visit Kichwa Community	B/L/D

Early wake up to reach the easiest access parrot clay licks in Ecuador, about 1 hour away from the lodge, guests reach there just before parrot activity kicks off at the clay lick between 7:30 to 8:30. A total of 11 species of parrots, parakeets and macaws can be seen.

Later, hike along forest trail to visit the Kichwa Community of Añangu and sharing time with a family on their activities.



Return to the creek and hike through a Terra Firme Forest for about 30 minutes until we arrive to the second parrot clay lick where if the weather conditions help will be able to find different species of parrots, parakeets and even macaws.

Lunch at Napo Cultural Center, where you share with people of the kichwa community. You will be paddled back to the lodge, where you arrive at late afternoon with a delicious dinner awaiting for you.

3 Canopy Tower B/L/D	)
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After early breakfast, we leave the lodge to experience an amazing view of the rainforest from a 36m. tall canopy tower, a great way to see the life above the ground of the forest.

This is the second tower at the Napo Wildlife Center, located about 30 minutes from the lodge deep within the terra firme forest. As you ascend the 12-floor tower, you pass through different levels of the forest and emerge on top of a huge Ceiba tree.

Flocks of colorful tanagers pass right through the canopy of the tree, Blue-and yellow Macaws fly past, in nearby trees Spider Monkeys search for fruit, two species of large toucans call in the early mornings and afternoons, and the life of the forest canopy opens before you. Birds that are virtually impossible to see from the forest floor far below are suddenly right beside you, oblivious to your presence.

The canopy tower opens a whole new world to guests of the Napo Wildlife Center!! Lunch served at the lodge. Afternoon visit to a terra firme trail, hike along primary forest to discover the forest interior, possibilities of finding lizards, colorful manakins or the unique and endemic Golden mantle tamarin monkeys. After the hike, explore the lake and creeks by dugout canoe with great possibilities of running into a Giant otter family on the way.

4	Flight to Quito	-/BL/D

Early departure and last excursion canoeing back to the Napo River, the creek may reveal new sights of Giant otters, Monk Saki monkeys or many other rare birds. Transfer to the motorized canoe in order to return back to Coca, arrival approximately after a 2 hours boat ride in order to check-in for Coca – Quito flight, schedule to be announced according to departure details and arrangements.



# SUCHIPAKARI AMAZON LODGE - 3D/2N



### Price per person:

	SINGLE	DOUBLE	CHILDREN
SUCHIPAKARI LODGE		STANDARD ROOM	
3 days - 2 nights	\$319.00	\$237.00	\$118.00

• Price per person in US dollars.

#### INCLUDES

- Welcome Cocktail
- Accommodation in comfortable rooms
- Full meals (starts with lunch on the first day and ends with breakfast on the last day)
- Activities and excursions within the Lodge
- Native guide
- Use of facilities and equipment for activities
- Taxes



# WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Transportation in or out of the Hotel
- Off-site activities and adventure sports
- Tips and extra expenses not specified

### **DETAILED ITINERARY**

# DAY 1

Registration and welcome lunch. The Suchipakari world is yours to discover, experience, appreciate the forest. Our expedition leader, along with the native guides of the region, are here to share the journey with you. Below, we've summarised the main activities and experiences we offer so you can combine them as you see fit. Upon arrival you will be able to choose how you wish to spend your time with us.

# DAY 2

## \*\* The activities to be carried out are decided with the passengers at the destination \*\*

# • Trekking in the jungle

Departing from the Lodge, your guide can lead you through half a dozen trails (of varying degrees of difficulty) that can last anywhere from half an hour to 4 hours winding through the thick, humid rainforest that connects to the river or lake, crossing muddy roads and always looking for the elusive wildlife of the place. Along the way you will be able to observe a variety of flora and fauna.

• Tubing

The water is very refreshing after a hike in the jungle. In this fun activity on a buoy, your ability to paddle with your hands will be the key, looking at the sky and its banks full of trees, you will feel like part of a dream. It's up to you whether you want to go on this adventure alone or as a couple. This is one of the quietest ways to enjoy a river in the middle of the Amazon. Don't forget your life jacket and sandals!

Kayak

Free yourself from the usual view and explore the flows of the river and its tributaries at your own pace. Our destination is characterized by its variety of cultural and natural attractions such as its beaches in the middle of the jungle.



In addition, you will have the opportunity to see monkeys, hoatzin, and many other rainforest birds.

#### • Permaculture

Discover the secrets of this land, its flavours, the methodology used in our biodynamic crops, the influences of some medicinal plants on others. Each ingredient has its own history and ancestral legacy.

A living tour, where fruits, plants, flowers and even the care of wildlife, vary during the year, according to their productive cycle.



#### Suchipakari Cocoa Route



The Amazon on the palate, this experience begins with a journey among cocoa trees, tasting the fruit, its planting, harvesting, the careful process of fermentation and drying in our agrotourism project of cocoa fino de aroma. We will end, of course, learning about the making and tasting of chocolate, which includes natural benefits for those who consume them.

• Night Excursions (Optional)

The frog concert announces that the forest takes on another life in the dark, don't forget to bring a flashlight for this tour. This is also a great opportunity to observe the stars and constellations!

# DAY 3

Breakfast and check out.



# ITAMANDI ECOLODGE - 4D/3N



# Price per person:

ITAMANDI ECOLODGE	SINGLE BR	DOUBLE BRAND
4 days - 3 nights	\$388,00	\$299,00

• Price per person in US dollars.

#### INCLUDES

- Native Guide
- Shared Tours
- River Transport: Arajuno River Bridge Itamandi Arajuno River Bridge.
- Accommodation in selected room
- Life jackets and rubber boots (sizes 36 to 44)
- Full meals (The tour starts with lunch on the first day and ends with breakfast on the last day).
- Excursions and activities according to the pre-established itinerary, related to the number of nights.
- Taxation



### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Tickets \$10 p.p.
- Transportation Quito Bridge Quito.
- Lunch and dinner drinks.
- Alcohol.
- Tips and extra expenses not specified.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

- 30% surcharge in double rooms for single use
- Departures with a minimum of 2 people
- Bilingual guide has an extra daily value

#### **ITINERARY**

### DAY 1

We start our Amazon tour at the Arajuno Bridge, where we will take a motorized cance that goes upstream for 20 minutes through the rainforest to Itamandi Eco Lodge. On this boat trip, you will be able to appreciate the magic and beauty of the Amazon rainforest by traveling along a river that zigzags through the jungle like a giant snake, considered the main system of the Pacha Mama (Mother Earth). Once we arrive at the pier area of Itamandi EcoLodge, you will be welcomed by our staff. From there we will continue relaxing in the lounge with a fresh tropical snack and a short talk containing general information about the accommodation and activities, provided by one of our naturalist guides, in order to proceed to lunch. At night there will be a night walk for a first approach to the Amazon rainforest, this excursion allows you to listen to and capture the nocturnal sounds of fishing bats, owls, insects, tarantulas, toads, frogs and possibly snakes. If the sky is clear, we would have the opportunity to observe a large number of stars.

# DAY 2

After breakfast, we hike through the primary and secondary forest. This activity lasts about 2 - 1/2 to 3 hours. On the way back we will have lunch. In the afternoon it is time to enjoy a cultural activity, an indigenous community called Kichwa will show us about their way of life and the interaction they have with the jungle. This meeting will show that part of the Amazon that is not on the maps: the Amazonian people in their daily lives. Part of our visit to the community consists of sharing the famous "chicha", a fermented cassava drink that has become part of their



festivities and daily consumption. We'll participate in the preparation of this drink and try some of the traditional dishes. We will end the visit with a traditional dance performed by the children of the community and we will also have time to buy some handicrafts made by the indigenous peoples of the area. This small business is a great help in supporting the daily lives of the indigenous people. Dinner and rest.

### DAY 3

We take the canoe for about 40 minutes to visit the "Anaconda Island". We can observe the prehistoric bird "Hoatzin", woolly monkeys, squirrel monkeys, just to name a few. We also visited a family in one of the indigenous communities to learn about their cultivation habits, medicinal plants, as well as the ancestral way of hunting with blowguns and artisanal traps in the forest. After lunch we will head to the Amazoonico, which protects several different animals, some in danger of extinction. Amazónico is not a zoo, but a rescue center for Amazonian animals in Ecuador. We can observe some animals in their natural environment at close range.

### DAY 4



Bridge for your return to Quito.

Early in the morning we take a 15-minute canoe ride upriver to visit the Parrots Salt Lick and appreciate a unique place where parrots and parakeets meet to obtain the minerals that will help them digest the fruits or seeds they have consumed. Hundreds of parrots and parakeets will approach the treetops and then descend on the clay wall to eat this mineral-rich soil. Binoculars are essential to enjoy this magnificent natural cooperation. Our tour ends at 9:30 am with a 20-minute motorized canoe ride to the Arajuno

• The visit to the Saladero de Aves clearly depends on the weather conditions.



# GALAPAGOS PROGRAMS

# SANTA CRUZ 5D/4N - LAND TOUR

# CONDENSED ITINERARY

DAY	DETAIL	ISLAND	MEALS
	Transfer from Baltra airport to hotel		
	Visit Highlands - Lava Tunnels	-/	-/L/-
2	Bay Tour - Grietas - Tortuga Bay beach	Santa Cruz	B/L/-
3	Sailing Day Isabela Island + Tintoreras		B/L/-
4	Sailing Day Santa Fe Island		B/BL/-
5	Transfer out hotel - airport Baltra	-	B/-/-
	B=Breakfast / L=Lunch / BL=Box Lunch	·	

# PRICE PER PERSON

CATEGORY	SINGLE	DOUBLE
First	\$2,365,00	\$1.865,00
First superior	\$2,474,00	\$1.536,00

- Price per person in US dollars.
- Program applies to a minimum of 2 people.

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### DETAILED ITINERARY

1	Transfer Baltra from Airport to hotel – Visit Highlands - Lava Tunnels	-/L/-
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We recommend taking flights arriving before noon, so that all the activities can be enjoyed peacefully.

Flight from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Airport. Our bilingual naturalist guide will be waiting to accompany you during the transfer to Puerto Ayora. On the way between the airport and Itabaca Canal, you must pay USD 5 per person, directly on site. On the way, you will make a stop to visit the Highlands characterized by the presence of the impressive lava tunnels, lunch is also scheduled in this area, where you will also enjoy the company of giant tortoises in a semi-natural state.

2	Bay Tour - Grietas - Tortuga Bay beach	B/L/-

After breakfast the day starts with a tour of the Bay, where we will visit the Island "La Loberia", named after the large colony of sea lions where you can snorkel. It is a very special place to observe a great variety of colorful fish, diversity of species of the seabed. Then we head to Punta Estrada where you can observe animals such as terns, frigate birds, sea lions, etc.

Visit to the Shark Channel, where you can watch sharks and from the viewpoint you can see the port and the mountains of the upper part of the island. Visit to Playa de los Perros to observe a colony of marine iguanas and panoramic views. Our last visit will be in Las Grietas where the landscape is made up of interesting lava figures that form two gigantic walls crossed by an arm of brackish water that mixes with seawater. This is a good place to swim and snorkel because of the transparency of its waters. Lunch.

After lunch we will visit Tortuga Bay Beach, one of the longest white sand beaches and nesting site of the black turtle. Marine iguanas, sharks and sea turtles can be seen at this site.

Return to the hotel.

3	Sailing Day Isabela Island + Tintoreras	B/L/-
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After breakfast at approximately 07:00 transfer from the hotel to the pier to take the speedboat to Isabela Island, we have 2:30 hours of tour, upon arrival to the island and by order of the local municipality the dock use fee must be paid in cash.

The sites that we will visit during this day are among the most desired and best valued by visitors:



Las Tintoreras is less than five minutes from the town is a small islet called Las Tintoreras, in which, as a result of volcanic activity, cracks have formed to which blue sharks enter to rest and are easily visible from a distance. Following the trail, you can also see different types of lava, marine iguanas, birds such as the famous blue-footed booby, sea lions, sea turtles, varieties of fish and sometimes rays and giant mantas.

At the Arnaldo Tupiza Breeding Center we will observe two of the five sub-species of giant tortoises that are in the care of the park rangers. The center was created to protect individuals in their first years of life since in their natural environment introduced animals such as pigs and donkeys constitute a danger, the former feed on their eggs and the latter competes for food. Park rangers collect the eggs at the Breeding Center where they are incubated. After five years, when they reach the size to survive in their natural environment, they are repatriated, before departing for a visit to La Laguna De Flamingos, return to Santa Cruz Island at the end of the afternoon.

4 Sailing Day Santa Fe Island B/BL/-
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After breakfast at approximately 07:00 am, transfer from the hotel to the pier to take the speedboat to Santa Fe Island, located southeast of Santa Cruz. We'll sail to a beautiful bay with crystal clear turquoise waters surrounded by cacti and mangroves. From our boat we will observe a white sand beach, full of sea lions and the ravines populated by a small forest of giant cacti unique to this island, seabirds such as pelicans, moray gulls and blue-footed. With the yacht we will approach the beach and carefully observe Tintoreras resting on the shore, while in the mangroves it is common to observe the Galapagos Sparrowhawk. The obedience of the fauna on the islands is surprising, since they are not afraid of human beings. This is a great opportunity to interact with them and take unforgettable photos. Snorkeling in Santa Fe is spectacular! Playful sea lions invite us to swim, we will observe sea turtles, manta rays, a

wide variety of multicolored fish and occasional sharks.

Lunch on board.

After lunch, we will sail 30 minutes to Playa Escondida, white sand in the middle of a very quiet bay, where we will disembark to relax and enjoy the sun and the sea. Special for swimming and continuing with the practice of snorkeling. Return to Santa Cruz at the end of the afternoon.



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After breakfast and at the indicated time, passengers will be picked up from their hotel to transfer to the airport to take their flight back to the Quito or Guayaquil mainland.

# **PROGRAM INCLUDES**

- Shared transfers
  - Ferry to cross the Itabaca Channel
  - Transport for land excursions
- Bilingual naturalist guide during excursions
- 4 nights' accommodation at selected hotel
- Meals detailed in the itinerary.
- Detailed visits in the itinerary
- Speedboats for navigation (shared service)
- Equipment for itinerary activities
- Taxes

### PROGRAM NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Galapagos
- Entrance to the Galapagos National Park
- • Ecuadorians USD 30
- • Southern Merco and Andean Pact countries USD 100
- • Rest of the World USD 200
- • Children USD 100
- Traffic Control Card USD 20
- Isabela Entrance Tax USD 10
- Water taxis for embarkation and disembarkation of navigations
- Lobitos Bus / Public Transport Airport Canal de Itabaca / Direct Payment USD 5 per person per way
- Personal expenses, tips
- Items not specified



# SANTA CRUZ + ISABELA 6D/5N - LAND TOUR

### CONDENSED ITINERARY

DAY	DETAIL	ISLAND	MEALS
1	Transfer Baltra airport - Hotel	Santa Cruz -/L/-	
	Highlands - Lava Tunnels		
2	Bay tour - Tortuga Bay Beach		
3	Navigation to Isabela - Tintoreras	B/L,	
4	Sierra Negra Volcano - Chico Volcano	Isabela	B/BL/-
5	Cape Rose Tunnels - Transfer to Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	B/L/-
6	Transfer out hotel - Baltra airport	-	B/-/-
B=Breakfast / L=Lunch			

# PRICE PER PERSON 2024

CATEGORY	SINGLE	DOUBLE
Economic	\$1.219	\$1.129
Tourist	\$1.336	\$1.155
Tourist Superior	\$1.610	\$1.330
First	\$2.041	\$1.506
First Superior	\$2.589	\$1.751

• Price per person in U.S. american dollars

### **DETAILED ITINERARY**

1	Transfer In Baltra - Hotel - Highlands – Lava Tunnels	/L/-
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We recommend taking flights that arrive before noon, so that all the activities can be enjoyed peacefully.



Flight from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra airport. Our bilingual naturalist guide will be waiting to accompany you during the transfer to Puerto Ayora. On the way between the airport and the Itabaca canal, you must pay USD 5 per person, directly on the spot.

# Highlands – Lava Tunnels:

This tour covers the main attractions of the northern part of Santa Cruz Island where we will visit RANCHO PRIMICIA or CHATO II, in this spectacular place we can find turtles in their natural state. We will continue towards THE LAVA TUNNELS of volcanic formation, we will walk inland at a distance of approximately 100 m, and our guide will give an explanation about the types of volcanic eruptions that formed the islands.

2	Tortuga Bay Beach – Bay Tour	B/L/-
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After breakfast, at the agreed time, we will carry out the following activities:

**Bay Tour:** consists of a coastal tour, most of which is done by yacht. First, we go to La Lobería, where we can swim with sea lions, mantas, turtles and countless fish. After disembarking to visit the Canal de los Tiburones and the Playa de las Iguanas. We take the boat again on the Canal del Amor, so called because it is a very private and romantic place. We disembark again at Punta Estrada and visit Las Grietas, an arm of the sea located between two natural rock cliffs. Finally, we will enjoy a peaceful and warm Playa de los Alemanes.

**Tortuga Bay:** It is among the 25 best beaches in the world. We will take a walk of approximately 45 minutes to the beach. It is a beach of approximately 2, white sand formed by fish bones and white coral; considered a sanctuary for iguanas, sea turtles and other species where you can swim and perform activities such as swimming and beach games. Return to the hotel.

3	Navigation to Isabela – Tintoreras	B/L/-
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After breakfast at approximately 07:00 a.m., transfer from the hotel to the pier to take the speedboat to Isabela Island, we have 2:30 hours of travel, upon arrival at the island and by order of the local municipality, you must pay in cash.

The sites that we will visit during this day are among the most desired and best valued by visitors:

Las Tintoreras is less than five minutes away from the town, there is a small islet called Las Tintoreras, where, as a result of volcanic activity, cracks have been formed into which tintorera sharks enter to rest and are easily visible from a distance.

Following the trail you can also see different types of lava, marine iguanas, birds such as the famous blue-footed booby, sea lions, sea turtles, varieties of fish and sometimes rays and giant manta rays.

**Arnaldo Tupiza Breeding Center**, we will observe two of the five sub-species of giant tortoises, which are at the care of the park rangers. The center was created to protect individuals in their first years of life since in their natural environment introduced animals such as pigs and donkeys constitute a danger, the former feed on their eggs and the latter compete for food. Park rangers collect the eggs at the Breeding Center where they are incubated. After five years, when they reach the size to survive in their natural environment, they are repatriated, before leaving to visit La Laguna De Flamingos.

4 Sierra Negra Volcano - Chico Volcano B/BL/-	
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Breakfast. The Sierra Negra Volcano is considered the oldest of the Isabela volcanoes. According to some geologists, including Nordlie, the wider and less deep a boiler is, the older it is. This conclusion is reached through a theory and observations that indicate that the volcanic processes in a caldera tend to tear down its edge, filling it. This activity is characterized by tremors and eruptions that are occurring over the course of thousands and millions of years. The youngest volcano is Cerro Azul, followed by Wolf, Fernandina, Darwin, Alcedo and Sierra Negra. This area is extremely active, having recorded three volcanic events in the 90s: two in Fernandina (91 and 95) and one in Cerro Azul (September 1998). The Sierra Negra caldera is 10 km in diameter and is the second largest in the world. Chico Volcano is located northeast of the Sierra Negra Volcano at an altitude of approximately 860msnm. There is a pedestrian path and a path for horse riding, which are clearly signposted.

Chico Volcano is a fissure of some parasitic cones, composed of slag and lava, is located northwest of the caldera, so it is not affected by the garua that always precipitates in the southeastern sector of the high islands.



This is one of the reasons why Chico Volcano is in perfect condition and can also be appreciated by visitors when there is good visibility and sun. Return to the hotel.

5	Cabo Rosa Tunnels – Transfer to Santa Cruz	B/L/-
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Breakfast. This tour lasts approximately 5 to 6 hours, the same as its departure at 8:30. The duration of the trip to the first place of visit is 30 minutes of which, along the way, you can see giant manta rays and sea turtles on the surface, When you arrive at the first visit site called Roca Unión we can observe different species of birds such as: blue footed boobies, masked boobies, seagulls, pelicans and sea lions.

The duration of the snorkel is approximately 2 hours. It can be easily observed volcanic formations of black lava in the form of arcs in the sea and varieties of species such as: sea turtles, shark sharks, and eagle stingrays, and skillet manta rays, seahorse schools of fish and penguins of Galapagos.

There is also a 25-minute walk where the guide will explain the arc formations that exist in the place and enjoy the Blue footed boobies and an unforgettable landscape. Lunch Transfer on board a panga. The access is easy and people can disembark both at low and high tide.

Transfer from Isabela to Santa Cruz by speedboat, after approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes arrival at Puerto Ayora by arrangement of the local municipality, the dock use fee must be paid in cash.

6	Transfer Out – Baltra Airport	B/-/-
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After having breakfast, at the agreed time we will go to the Baltra airport to take the return flight to Quito or Guayaquil.

# GALAPAGOS PROGRAM INCLUDES

- Transportation for transfers and land excursions.
- Maritime transportation in shared service for excursions.
- Bilingual naturalist guide during excursions



- Accommodation in selected hotel
- Meals detailed in the itinerary.
- Visits detailed in the itinerary
- Taxes

# GALAPAGOS PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Air ticket to / from Galapagos
- Entrance to the Galapagos National Park
  - $\circ$  Ecuadorians USD 30
  - $\circ$  Southern Merco and Andean Pact countries USD 100
  - $\circ$  Rest of the World USD 200
  - $\circ$  Children USD 100
- Transit Control Card USD 20
- Lobito bus ticket \$5 each way
- Inter-island water taxi (\$1.00 in Santa Cruz, Isabela and San Cristóbal per way)
- Isabela Island dock fee (\$10)
- Snorkel equipment
- Personal expenses, tips
- Alcoholic or carbonated beverages