
GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS & MACHU PICCHU EXPEDITION
**Quito – Cotopaxi – Galápagos – Guayaquil – Lima – Cusco – Sacred
Valley – Machu Picchu – Cusco – Lima**
14 days / 13 nights



Itinerary:

Day 01:

Quito - Transfer in

Welcome to Ecuador!

Arrive at Quito's airport, reception, and transfer to the hotel in the Quito district, check in (15:00 hours). Overnight in Quito.

Day 02:

Quito – Mitad del Mundo – Teleferico / (B)

Breakfast in the hotel. Pick up from the Hotel in Quito. The tour will then continue from the Basilica Church, where we will make a brief stop to visit it. After walking through the colonial streets, we will then stop at the Independence Plaza to admire the Cathedral and the Government's Palace. We will also visit La Ronda Street, The Company Church, Santo Domingo's Church, The Sagrario's Church, and San Francisco's Church, which was built during the 17th century. After visiting the historical sights, we will go to Teleferico. This is one of the best ways to enjoy our city with views of beautiful valleys, snow-capped mountains, and the capital, Quito. From a point of more than 13,000 feet (4000 m), you will enjoy magnificent views of the city. After lunch, you will head to the Middle of the

World monument, where you can stand right in the middle of the equatorial line and straddle the two hemispheres. In addition, you will have a chance to participate in several experiments at the Intiñan Museum such as watching the water go down a drain in a different direction (only inches away from either side of the equator), or balancing an egg on a nail, or using an ancient sundial and much more. At this place complex, you will also be able to visit a fascinating ethnographical museum that gives a great overview of the many distinct cultures of this small country. You will also enjoy the amazing landscape in Pululahua inhabited crater just 5 minutes from the Equatorial line. Return to Quito. Overnight in Quito.

Day 03:

Cotopaxi Volcano / (B, L)

Breakfast in the hotel. The excursion starts at 8 am from your hotel in Quito. Meet your guide and board a vehicle heading south of Quito and towards Cotopaxi National Park. On the way, you will enjoy the beautiful views of the Andes Mountain range and gorgeous natural scenery. Once you reach the National Park, you will visit the Interpretation Center and Limpiopungo Lagoon. Take a short hike in the surrounding Limpiopungo valley before driving ever-higher into this sky-high region, stopping at the 15,800-foot (4830-meter) Padre Rivas Refuge. Depending on your physical condition, you will get the Glacier (5050-meter) Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant that offers typical Ecuadorian meals. Overnight in Quito.

Day 04:

Quito – Baltra – Santa Cruz / (B, L)

Breakfast in the hotel. You will be picked up at the airport by your guide. Then, we will move to the Itabaca Canal and cross on a ferry. Later we will drive with the vehicle to the ranch "El Chato" in the highlands to see giant outdoor turtles. We will visit the Charles Darwin Station, which is primarily an international scientific research station located on the outskirts of Puerto Ayora. We will go to your interpretation center to learn about the geology, climate, natural history, and conservation of the Galapagos Islands. In the evening, you can choose from many restaurants near the pier for dinner on your own. Overnight in Santa Cruz.

Day 05:

Full-day navigable tour / (B, BL)

Breakfast in the hotel. Depending on the dates and/or navigable site available, pick-up from the hotel will be early in the morning (6 or 7:00 am) to take you to the small vessel at the embarkation point in Puerto Ayora for a unique experience with Galapagos wildlife and endemic vegetation. The destination can be either Santa Fe, South Plazas, North Seymour, Pinzon, or Floreana (the destination depends on availability and regulations of the National Park). The activities will include hiking, snorkeling, swimming, and breathtaking sightseeing. After land and sea excursions, we will return to the hotel in Santa

Cruz where you can relax and later have dinner at the restaurant specified by the guide.
Overnight in Santa Cruz.

Day 06:

Santa Cruz – Isabela / (B, L)

Early morning, you will take a private small plane for a short flight of 30 minutes from Baltra-Isabela. Upon arrival, our guide will transfer you to your hotel and you will have the rest of the morning free. If you want, you can walk to the nearby flamingo lagoon to spot these graceful birds or visit (entrance free) the tortoise breeding center. In the afternoon, we will visit "Las Tintoreras," a chain of small islets full of the cove and hidden beaches. The islet of Tintoreras is situated in the south of Puerto Villamil. It has a bay where it is possible to see sea lions, marine turtles, iguanas, manta rays, etc. This bay is connected by a superficial crack with crystalline water which is closed off during low tide. In this crack, it is possible to see the sharks from Blanca Point swimming with the rest of the tropical fish and sea lions (snorkel). Overnight in Isabela.

Day 07:

Isabela - Cabo Rosa Tuneles / (B, BL)

Breakfast in the hotel. Departure by boat to Cabo Rosa (45 min by boat), where lava flowed into the ocean and formed beautiful lava tunnels. There you will see penguins, blue-footed boobies, and sea turtles. However, the highlight is diving. You can see sharks, turtles/sea lions, sea lions, rays, seahorses, and much tropical fish. The tour to Cabo Rosa lasts approximately 5 hours. Then, we will take a speedboat to return to Santa Cruz Island. Overnight in Santa Cruz.

Day 08:

Baltra – Guayaquil – Lima / (B)

At 6:00 am a guide will pick up from the hotel and transfer to the pier to take the 6:30 boat to Santa Cruz. At Puerto Ayora, you will have breakfast and departure for Baltra to catch your flight back to Guayaquil. Arrival and connection with international flight to Lima.

Welcome to Perú! Arrive at Lima's airport, reception, and transfer to the hotel in Miraflores district, check in (15:00 hours). Overnight in Lima.

Day 09:

Lima – Gastronomic Tour – Peruvian Experience / (B, L)

Breakfast in the hotel. Today you will start the first space of cultural and gastronomic entertainment. Meet the best of Peru through our guided tour, two hours of entertainment and fun are waiting for you. Live the full experience.

It includes:

- **DARK RIDE:** Take an exciting tour with special effects, where you will learn about the history of Peru and our gastronomy. Meet our sensory zone of super Andean grains and take a photo with one of the seven wonders of the world, like Machu Picchu.
- **PISCO EXPERIENCE:** Meet our interactive vineyard and learn about the production process of Pisco our flag drink. In our thematic bar of the 20s you will receive a master class to prepare your pisco sour and you will learn a little about its history to the rhythm of the Peruvian guitar and instruments.
- **COOKING EXPERIENCE:** Immerse yourself in the incredible world of flavors, sensations, and textures that only Peru can offer you in our cooking classes at the hands of our chef who will also tell you the story behind the plate.
- **THE TASTE OF PERU:** Live the experience and get to know a typical Peruvian market with its products and the joy of its characters. A staging where everything can happen. Taste, delight and savor the 12 emblematic dishes of traditional Peruvian cuisine prepared with the original recipe. Accompanied by Peruvian dances and participate in our choreographies. Overnight in Lima

Day 10:

Lima History & Culture – Modern Lima / (B)

Breakfast in the hotel. In the morning visit to the city of Colonial and Modern Lima, we will visit Lima in its 3 historical periods, Pre Hispanic, Colonial, and Modern. We will have a panoramic view of "La Huaca Pucllana", we will visit the imposing Historical Center of Lima, its palaces, houses, churches, and plazas ending with a visit to the residential and financial area of San Isidro. Finally, we will have an unforgettable view of the Pacific Ocean in the district of Miraflores. Overnight in Lima.

Day 11:

Lima – Cusco City Tour / (B)

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to the airport to board the flight to Cusco. Arrival, reception, and transfer to the hotel. The rest of the morning is free to acclimatize to the altitude. In the afternoon, your guide will pick you up for your City Tour Cusco where you will visit The Cathedral, Koricancha (Temple of the Sun), and the nearby ruins: Qenko (Ceremonial and Ritual center, place where sacrifices were made), Puca Pucara (this complex was probably used by Emperor Pachacutec as a Tambo), Tambomachay (also called "The Bath of the Inca") and Sacsayhuaman Fortress (the place where the main Inca Festivals, Inti Raymi and Warachicuy take place). Return to the hotel. Overnight in Cusco.

Day 12:

Sacred Valley / (B, L)

Breakfast in the hotel. In the morning departure for our visit to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We will visit the textile center Awanacancha, then we will go to the town of Pisac,

here we will visit a picturesque craft market where we can see how until today the locals maintain the tradition of exchanging their things or food, just like it was done in the past. Lunch at a local restaurant. Later we will go to the town of Ollantaytambo where we will visit the fortress that bears the same name. Here we will visit the most important attractions of the place, and our guide will give us an explanation of its history. Returning to Cusco, we will visit the town of Chinchero and its small chapel. Overnight in the Sacred Valley.

Day 13:

Machu Picchu - Cusco / (B)

Breakfast in the hotel. This day will be the highlight of our trip, the visit to the citadel of Machu Picchu. Very early we will depart from Ollanta train station towards the majestic city of Aguas Calientes, the travel time is approximately 01 hour 30 minutes. Arrival at Aguas Calientes town, from here we will board the buses to ascend to the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, one of the 7 wonders of the world. The tour will be 02 hours and 30 minutes and the visit include the Intihuatana (the Solar Clock), the Palace of the Incas, the Three Windows, etc. At the end of it, we will descend to the town of Aguas Calientes to go shopping. At a scheduled time, transfer to the station to board the train back to Ollantaytambo. Overnight in Cusco.

Day 14:

Cusco – Lima / (B)

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to the airport to board the flight to Lima. Arrival and connection with the international flight. Check Out: 10:00 hours approximately.

Note: Itineraries are subject to change without notice due to seasonal changes, last-minute weather conditions, and adjustment of National Parks policies. Peru trains luggage policies. Peru Trains accepts only one carry-on per person consisting of 5kg/11lbs and a maximum dimension of 157cm/62in. Please pack your bags accordingly.

Include:

- 13 nights lodging at selected hotels.
- Transportation: International and domestic airport transfers, comfortable land transportation, and sea transportation, FD Machu Picchu: Expedition or Voyager Class Train from Ollanta
- Meals mentioned in the itinerary (13 breakfasts, 5 menu lunches, 2 box lunches).
- Certified English / Spanish speaking guides
- Private vehicle in Peru, Ecuador & Galapagos
- Personal assistance.
- Guided activities
- Snorkeling Equipment (mask, fins, tube, wetsuit)

- Admission activities tickets in Quito and Cotopaxi
- HD City tour Lima Colonial and Modern
- HD Gastronomic Tour in Lima
- HD City Tour Cusco and nearby ruins: Sacsayhuaman, Qenqo, Tambomachay and Puca – Pucara – Machu Picchu
- FD Sacred Valley: Awanacancha + Pisac Market + Ollantaytambo Fortress

Not Include:

- Air tickets national and international (Airfare tickets: mainland – Galapagos – Guayaquil, \$500, Guayaquil – Lima \$350, Lima – Cusco – Lima \$160
- Travel insurance.
- Galápagos National Park Fee USD \$100.
- Transit Control Card USD \$20.
- Isabela Pier uses USD \$10.
- Tips.
- Wetsuit
- Overweight in Luggage
- Drinks and not specified meals
- Transportation Itabaca Channel – Baltra Airport – USD 5 p.p. (subject to change).