

LET'S

TRAVEL



FIXED DEPARTURE

ECUADOR MAIN TRIP

QUITO | SANTA CRUZ | ISABELA

OTAVALO

Optional Pre - Extension → Jungle

JANUARY – NOVEMBER 2023

Guaranteed Departure: minimum 2 persons – maximum 16 persons per group



ITINERARY

- Day 1: QUITO:** Arrive in Quito (Optional ECI) Briefing with your guide
- Day 2: QUITO (→) BALTRA - GALAPAGOS** -Highlands of Santa Cruz Visit / **PUERTO AYORA**
- Day 3: PUERTO AYORA:** Full day navigation to one of: Bartolome, North Seymour, South Plaza, Santa Fe
- Day 4: PUERTO AYORA:** Speed boat to Isabela (shared boat) - Wetlands visit / **ISABELA**
- Day 5: ISABELA:** Half day tour to Tintorerías & afternoon snorkel at Concha Perla
- Day 6: ISABELA:** Speed boat to Puerto Ayora (shared boat) - Charles Darwin Station visit / **PUERTO AYORA**
- Day 7: PUERTO AYORA:** Transfer to Baltra Airport - (→) **QUITO** Arrive & transfer to hotel
- Day 8: QUITO:** City tour & Middle of the World / **OTAVALO**
- Day 9: OTAVALO:** Artisanal local Market / Transfer to Quito's airport

PRE – EXTENSION JUNGLE

- Day 1: QUITO:** Arrival day and transfer to hotel
- Day 2: QUITO (→) LAGO AGRIO** -Arrival and transfer to the Lodge / **CUYABENO NATURAL RESERVE**
- Day 3: CUYABENO NATURAL RESERVE:** Jungle activities
- Day 4: CUYABENO NATURAL RESERVE:** Jungle activities
- Day 5: CUYABENO NATURAL RESERVE:** Transfer to Lago Agrio Airport - (→) **QUITO** Arrive and transfer to hotel to start main program

RATES

PRICES IN US dollars per

person

Valid until November 2023 (except holidays, festivals, end of the year and congresses. Contact us).

PROGRAM	PRICE PER PERSON
ECUADOR MAIN TRIP	US\$ 1490 / Pers.
SGL Supplement	US\$ 300 / Pers.
Half board Supplement	US\$ 175 / Pers.
PRE - EXTENSION	PRICE PER PERSON
Jungle Pre-Extension	US\$ 1.050 / Pers.
SGL Supplement	US\$ 265 / Pers.
Half board Supplement	N/A

ACCOMODATION EXTENSIONS	PRICE (Double room)	PRICE (Single room)
Quito: Hotel Ibis (or similar) Extra night	US\$ 85 / Pers.	US\$ 110 / Pers.
Guayaquil: Hotel Unipark (or similar) Extra night	US\$ 100 / Pers.	US\$ 100 / Pers.

TRANSFER OPTIONS		Quito	Guayaquil
Private Transfer from airport to Hotel without Guide	01 Pax	US\$ 65/ Pers.	US\$ 40/ Pers.
	02 Pax	US\$ 35/ Pers.	US\$ 25 / Pers.
	03 Pax	US\$ 30/ Pers.	US\$ 20 / Pers.
	04 Pax	US\$ 25/ Pers.	US\$ 20 / Pers.
Private Transfer from airport to Hotel with Guide	01 Pax	US\$ 110/ Pers.	US\$ 75 / Pers.
	02 Pax	US\$ 60/ Pers.	US\$ 40 / Pers.
	03 Pax	US\$ 55/ Pers.	US\$ 30 / Pers.
	04 Pax	US\$ 35/ Pers.	US\$ 30 / Pers.

FLIGHTS

REFERENTIAL DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

Availability and schedule are subject to change on the part of the airline.

ROUTE	FLIGHT	IMPORTANT:
Quito/ Baltra	AV 1632 UIO 06:25 – GPS 09:08	<p>The final schedule will be communicated to customers before each departure in accordance with the flight schedules confirmed by the airlines and the operation of the services.</p> <p>PASSENGERS CONFIRMATION DEADLINE: 30 days before the day of arrival</p>
Baltra / Quito	AV 1689 GPS 11:19 – UIO 14:24	

20 STARTING DATES BETWEEN JANUARY – NOVEMBER 2023 – ECUADOR MAIN TRIP

2023 (IN on Friday)	JANUARY	06/01, 27/02	2023 (IN on Friday)	APRIL	14/04, 28/04
	FEBRUARY	17/02		MAY	12/05
	MARCH	10/04		JUNE	09/06, 16/06, 30/06
2023 (IN on Friday)	AUGUST	04/08, 11/08, 18/08	2023 (IN on Friday)	OCTOBER	13/10, 20/10, 27/10
	SEPTEMBER	08/09, 22/09, 29/09		NOVEMBER	03/11

HOTELS

The category of hotels is based on national standards, and the below are listed for reference purposes only. Availability will be confirmed at the time of booking, and in case of no availability, they will be replaced by hotels of equivalent standard.

Category 3* / 4* (Standard / Superior):

CITY	HOTEL	WEBSITE
Quito	Ibis 3* – Dbl Standard	https://all.accor.com/hotel

Otavalo	Indio Inn 3* - Dbl Standard	https://www.hotelesindioinn.com/
Puerto Ayora	Déjà vu 3* - Dbl Standard	http://hoteldejavu.com-galapagos.com/es/
Isabela	Iguana 3* - Dbl Standard	
Pre-Extension Jungle		
Cuaybeno	Jamu Lodge – Dbl Standard	https://jamulodge.com/

SERVICES

IN ECUADOR

INCLUDED:

- 08 hotel nights (breakfast included) in the aforementioned or equivalent establishments (double room basis)
- All ground transfers mentioned in first category tourist vehicles with driver (private services with guide - see details according to description)
- All visits mentioned with private service (see details according to program)
- All entrance fees to national parks, museums and tourist sites listed in the program above (optional activities are extra)
- Reconfirmation of domestic and international air tickets
- Ongoing assistance from our Gaston-Sacaze office in Quito

NOT INCLUDED:

- Food and drinks during the program
- Tips for guides, and porters at the airport, hotels, and restaurants
- International airline tickets
- Personal expenses incurred by the passenger.
- All elements that are not mentioned as included in the description.
- Galapagos Entrance fee US\$ 100 per person
- Galapagos Transit card US\$ 20 per person
- Entrance fee to Isabela Islands: US\$ 10 per person
- Snorkel equipment: mask, tube
- Domestic flights to Galapagos (round trip)

Pre-Extension JUNGLE LODGE

INCLUDED:

- 04 hotel/lodge nights (breakfast included) in the aforementioned or equivalent establishments (double room basis)
- All ground transfers mentioned in 1st category tourist vehicles with driver (regular services / with guide - see details according to description)
- All visits mentioned with regular service (see details according to program)
- Reconfirmation of domestic and international air tickets
- Ongoing assistance from our local suppliers and our Gaston-Sacaze Office in Quito
- Domestic flights to Lago Agrio (round trip)
- Meals in the lodge: 1st day from lunch to breakfast the last day.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Drinks during the program
- Tips for guides, and porters at the airport, hotels, and restaurants
- Local community entrance fee US\$ 10 per person
- Personal expenses incurred by the passenger.
- All elements that are not mentioned as included in the description.

TOUR DESCRIPTION

Day 1: Quito: Arrival & Briefing with Your Guide

Land at Quito International Airport. Transfer to your hotel on your own (see "Transfer Options").

Afternoon at leisure. Briefing with your guide at the hotel.

Meals not included. Overnight at your hotel in **Quito**.

Day 2: QUITO (→) BALTRA –GALAPAGOS: Highlands of Santa Cruz / PUERTO AYORA

Breakfast at the hotel.

Arrive on the Galapagos by plane and transfer to the airport on Baltra Island. Cross the Itabaca Channel, and on the other side, a bus will take you to the highlands of Santa Cruz to visit the Giant Tortoises Reserve.

Transfer to Puerto Ayora and check in at the hotel. **Meals not included.** Overnight at your hotel in **Puerto Ayora**.

Day 3: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: Full Day Navigation to One of: Bartolome, North Seymour, South Plaza, Santa Fe

Breakfast at the hotel.

According to the boat's availability, we will sail to one of these islands:

North Seymour was elevated from the seabed by volcanic activity, which gives it a flat and low profile. The elevations are a few meters above the coast, where the swallow-tailed gulls perch on the cliff. A small endemic Palo Santo forest rises near the landing site.

Bartolome Island is famous for Pinnacle Rock, a triangular rock that rises from the shores of the sea and is the best-known symbol of the islands. The Galapagos penguins walk on rocks and volcanic edges, and sea lions rest on rocky platforms ready to slide into the water to play with those who swim or practice surface diving.

South Plaza is a small island full of fascinating natural life at the edge of the sea and on the cliffs: sea lions, land iguanas, swallow-tailed gulls, and Opuntia cacti.

Santa Fe offers one of the most beautiful and protected bays of the islands. Like North Seymour, this island was elevated from the seabed by a seismic event and you can see the underwater lava formations.

Lunch or bag lunch included. Overnight at your hotel in **Puerto Ayora**.

Day 4: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: Speed Boat to ISABELA: Wetlands Excursion

Breakfast at the hotel.

Early morning departure to Isabela Island via public speedboat (approx. travel time 2 ½ to 3 hrs.)

A guide will greet you in Puerto Villamil and guide you to check in at the hotel.

After a brief rest, take a short walk to visit the Flamingo Lagoon, one of the natural breeding sites of the Galapagos flamingos. We'll also visit the Giant Tortoises Breeding Center.

Meals not included. Overnight at your hotel in **Isabela**.

Day 5: ISABELA ISLAND: Half-Day Tintoreras Tour & Afternoon Snorkel at Concha Perla

Breakfast at the hotel.

Las Tintoreras is an islet located south of Puerto Villamil, and you can spot sea lions, sea turtles, marine iguanas, and rays along its turquoise bay. When the tide is low, you can see reef sharks swim alongside other small fish and sea lions. Las Tintoreras is one of the few places where iguanas breed successfully because of the absence of non-native animals that could otherwise hurt them.

In the afternoon, visit Concha de Perla, a natural pool ideal for swimming and snorkeling in with sea lions, marine iguanas, and a wide range of fish. It's recommended to visit during low tide for better visibility and is advisable to use fins when entering or exiting the water.

Meals not included. Overnight at your hotel in **Isabela**.

Day 6: ISABELA ISLAND: Speed Boat to SANTA CRUZ: Charles Darwin Station Visit

Breakfast at the hotel.

Early in the morning transfer by speed boat to Santa Cruz Island,

Arrive and check in at your selected hotel.

In the afternoon, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and learn about its research and conservation programs. Observe giant tortoises in captivity, as well as land and marine iguanas.

Meals not included. Overnight at your hotel in **Puerto Ayora**.

Day 7: BALTRA -GALAPAGOS (→) QUITO Arrival in Quito & Transfer to Hotel

Breakfast at the hotel.

You will be picked up from the hotel according to your flight schedule. You will then embark on a ferry to cross the Itabaca Channel to Baltra Island, where a public bus will drop you off at the airport.

Arrive in Quito. Transfer to your hotel. **Meals not included.**

Day 8: QUITO: City Tour & Middle of the World / OTAVALO

Breakfast at the hotel. **City tour.**

Start at the historical center of the city and visit UNESCO World Heritage designated churches and monasteries. See Independence Square, the Presidential Palace, the Cathedral, the Archbishop's Palace and City Hall. Stroll past El Sagrario Church and marvel at the exquisite stone façades and interiors of La Compañía.

Visit Church of San Francisco and ride to the top of Panecillo Hill to see a breathtaking view over Quito.

Then journey towards the Equator Line, designated by a monument and an ethnographic museum 22 kms from Quito.

Transport to the North of Ecuador – Otavalo. **Meals not included.** Overnight at your hotel in **Otavalo**.

Day 9: OTAVALO: Artisanal Local Market & Return to Quito (→) Flight Home

Breakfast at the hotel.

Shop for goods at the colorful market of Otavalo, where you'll find woven rugs, alpaca sweaters, and even agricultural goods. Many of the native merchants still wear their traditional clothes.

Meals not included. On your own, transfer to the airport (see "Transfer Options").

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END OF OUR SERVICES

PRE – EXTENSION Jungle Lodge

Day 1: Quito: Arrival & Briefing with Your Guide

Land at Quito International Airport. Transfer to your hotel on your own (see "Transfer Options").

Afternoon at leisure. Briefing with your guide at the hotel.

Meals not included. Overnight at your hotel in **Quito**.

Day 2: QUITO (→) LAGO AGRIO: Arrival & Transfer to the Lodge CUYABENO NATURAL RESERVE

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning flight to Lago Agrio. By private bus, journey to the entrance of Cuyabeno River (2 hours) and enjoy a box lunch. Join our naturalist guide on a two-hour tour on the Cuyabeno River to reach Jamu Lodge. In the afternoon, go for a swim in the lagoon and watch a beautiful sunset in the middle of the Laguna Grande. Return to the lodge for dinner. Spend the night in bungalows with double beds and mosquito nets.

Dinner included. Overnight at your lodge in the Cuyabeno area.

Day 3: CUYABENO NATURAL RESERVE: Jungle Activities

Breakfast at the hotel.

Join your guide for a 3-to-4-hour jungle trek and learn about the complex tropical ecosystem. Hear about medicinal plants and try to spot exotic birds and monkeys. Return to the lodge for lunch and a siesta. In the afternoon, go for a swim in the lagoon and watch sunset. With a little luck, you can see pink river dolphins or an anaconda sunbathing in a tree. Return to the lodge for dinner and take a nighttime canoe ride to look for caimans.

Meals included. Overnight at your lodge in the Cuyabeno area.

Day 4: CUYABENO NATURAL RESERVE: Jungle Activities

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart for the Siona Community of Puerto Bolivar, home to the largest ethnic group in the Reserve. On the way, spot birds, monkeys, snakes, pink dolphins, and tortoises. While touring the Siona Community, learn about their traditions and way of life, and take part in making casaba, a local dish of yucca. Then return to the lodge and go on a night hike in the forest in search of insects, geckos and scorpions while listening to the sounds of the jungle.

Meals included. Overnight at your lodge in the Cuyabeno area.

Day 5: CUYABENO NATURAL RESERVE: Transfer to Lago Agrio Airport - (→) **QUITO.** Arrival and transfer to hotel for program start

Early this morning before breakfast, join an optional bird-watching excursion. Enjoy **breakfast** at the lodge and journey back upstream on the Cuyabeno River. The bus will take you to Lago Agrio. Return to Quito.

Arrival in Quito. Transfer into your hotel.

**Continue with your Ecuador main trip.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Done in Ecuador, in June 2022