

## PERU & GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

(Prices valid through December 24th 2011)

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QUITO – GALAPAGOS – GUAYAQUIL – LIMA – CUSCO

(14 days/13 nights)



Embark on an adventurous journey combining a cruise expedition to a world of natural wonders with the ancient culture of the Inca Empire. Trip starts in Quito with a chance to visit the beautiful city of Quito and the Equatorial Monument. From there we fly to the Galapagos Islands, one of the World's great wildlife destinations. Your journey continues to Peru, touring Lima, Cusco and Machu Picchu.

### DAY 1 ... - QUITO

Arrival to Quito and transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 2 QUITO (B)

The sightseeing tour takes you to visit the historic old town, declared a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO, because of its wealth of Spanish, Flemish, Moorish and Pre-Columbian architecture. Visit the Congress building with its intricate stonework façade, the monastery of San Agustin, the church of San Francisco as well as the Independence Square, which is surrounded by the Government Palace and Cathedral. Continue on to Panecillo Hill topped with a statue of Quito's 'Winged Virgin' visible from almost anywhere in the city. You are welcomed by spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and the city below before culminating your tour with a visit to the Equatorial monument – (La Mitad del Mundo) an irresistible opportunity to straddle both hemispheres.

### DAY 3 QUITO (B,L)

Depart for a 2-hour drive north to the verdant slopes and lakes of the volcanic highlands, to the famous Otavalo. This is one of the most famous Indian Markets in the Americas. The market is held everyday but acquires special relevance on Saturdays when hundreds of artisans from the surrounding communities congregate in the Plaza de los Ponchos to display their textile works, produced using techniques that date back to colonial times. Here you will have the chance to purchase all sorts of beautifully hand made items fashioned and sold by the local inhabitants. After lunch in a typical hacienda we return to Quito where you will overnight in preparation for tomorrow's adventure: The Galapagos Islands.

- DAY 4**      **QUITO – GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (B,L,D)**  
Flight to Galapagos. Arrival at Galapagos, itinerary according to the selected cruise.
- DAY 5**      **GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (B,L,D)**  
Itinerary according the selected cruise (see details below).
- DAY 6**      **GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (B,L,D)**  
Itinerary according the selected cruise (see details below).
- DAY 7**      **GALAPAGOS ISLANDS – GUAYAQUIL (B)**  
Flight to Guayaquil. Arrival and transfer to your hotel.
- DAY 8**      **GUAYAQUIL – LIMA (B)**  
Flight to Lima. Arrival and transfer to your hotel.
- DAY 9**      **LIMA – CUSCO (B)**  
Flight to Cusco. Arrival and transfer to your hotel.  
Our comprehensive afternoon tour includes the beautiful Temple of the Sun or 'Koricancha', the Cathedral as well as the Fortress of Sacsayhuaman, a most remarkable Inca building, the amphitheater of Kenko. This is followed by a visit to Puca Pucara, a strategically located red fortress' that dominates the entire area before visiting Tambomachay, with its two distinctive aqueducts that to this day continue to provide clean water to the area.
- DAY 10**     **CUSCO – SACRED VALLEY (B) (market only on TUE, THU, SUN)**  
This morning we drive to the valley of the Urubamba River the so called Sacred Valley of the Inca. We proceed then to PISAQ where hundreds of visitors and people from remote communities dressed in their traditional and colourful attires meet to market and barter their products. Today, the market also has a tourist element, so there is an opportunity to buy souvenirs. Afterwards, we drive along the valley to Ollantaytambo, where the Temple of the Sun (formed of six gigantic monoliths, whose total weight exceeds 50 tons) and the Terrace of the Ten Niches stand out.  
  
Ollantaytambo was the site of the only successful Inca battle against the Spanish conquerors and the only town in the area to still retain its original Inca layout. Transfer to the hotel in the Sacred Valley.
- DAY 11**     **SACRED VALLEY – MACHU PICCHU (B)**  
Morning transfer to Ollanta Station. Our 1½ hour train journey takes us through the Sacred Valley of the Incas up to the legendary ancient citadel in Machu Picchu. On arrival a small coach take us up the steep roads to the entrance of the citadel.  
  
Machu Picchu remained for centuries undiscovered by the Spaniards, only to be found in 1911 by Hiram Bingham. The uniqueness of its location and the genius that went into its construction make this Inca archaeological site truly one of the great wonders of the world. Afternoon return to Aguas Calientes.
- DAY 12**     **MACHU PICCHU – CUSCO (B)**  
Morning at leisure. In the afternoon you will head back by train to Ollanta station to be transferred by coach to Cusco.

**DAY 13**      **CUSCO (B)**  
Day at leisure.

**DAY 14**      **CUSCO – LIMA (B)**  
Flight to Lima. Arrival and pick up from the airport. Afternoon colonial tour of Lima. The city has always been one of the most important cities in South America since it was founded by the Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro in 1535. Our sightseeing tour exclusively explores Lima's historic quarter and unlike the conventional tours it includes the visit to the 'Casona San Marcos'. You will be able to retrace Lima's colonial past as you explore the different rooms and courtyards of this house founded in 1605 by Jesuit missionaries. After the suppression of the Jesuits the house became the Royal School of San Carlos. The first generation of intellectuals, playing a key role in Peru's independence process, was educated here. Years later in 1867 the Casona was given to the University of San Marcos - America's oldest and Peru's most renowned university. Today, the restored 'casona' houses San Marcos University's cultural center and is used as venue for graduation ceremonies and cultural conferences.

At proper time transfer to the airport to board your flight.

**Price per person in USD sharing TWIN**

Hotels	Private Services					SIC*	Single Suppl.
	2	4	6	8	10		
Tourist	3,263	2,862	2,815	2,742	2,643	2,996	1,370
First	3,512	3,112	3,063	2,991	2,892	3,247	1,639
Deluxe	3,971	3,569	3,520	3,447	3,351	3,662	2,039

\* min. 2 persons

Domestic flights (net price per person in USD)	
Guayaquil – Lima	285*
Quito – Galapagos – Guayaquil	360*
Lima – Cusco – Lima	380*

\* Air fares subject to change according availability

City	Tourist	First	Deluxe
Quito	Fuente de Piedra	Dann Carlton	Swissotel
Guayaquil	Palace	Gran Hotel Guayaquil	Oro Verde
Galapagos	Coral I or Coral II (standard cabin)		Galapagos Legend (standard cabin)
Lima	Girasoles	Sol de Oro	Casa Andina Private Collection Lima
Cusco	Suenos del Inca / Mamasara	Novotel	Aranwa Cusco
Sacred Valley	Casona Yucay	Sonesta Posada Yucay	Aranwa Valle
Aguas Calientes	Inti Inn	Hatuchay Towers	Sumaq/Inkaterra

**SERVICES INCLUDED**

- Transfers from/to hotel
- Accommodation based on TWIN in the selected hotel category
- Excursions as noted in the itinerary
- Private services with local English speaking guide
- Services in SIC basis (seat in coach - shared with other travellers, with local English/Spanish speaking guide)
- Services on the Galapagos Islands are offered in SIC basis (seat in coach – shared with other travellers, with local English/Spanish speaking guide)
- Train ticket Ollanta - Machu Picchu – Ollanta in Vistadome (First class)
- Entrance fees to the sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals as noted (B: breakfast, L: lunch, D: dinner)

**NOT INCLUDED**

- International air fares (see separate cost above)
- Domestic flights (see separate cost above including airport taxes)
- Airport taxes in Ecuador (approx. USD 28 for international flight departures from Guayaquil)
- Entrance fees for the National Park in Galapagos (USD 100)
- Transit Control Card USD 10
- Snorkeling equipment USD 25 per person
- Alcoholic drinks during the Galapagos cruise
- Tips

## GALAPAGOS CRUISES

### CORAL I

**Capacity:** for 36 passengers

**Departures:** Sunday & Wednesday

The Coral I is a newly renovated, spacious motor yacht designed with dark teakwood and bronze. All 18 cabins have air conditioning, TV, background music, a safety box, intercabin phones and a private bath with hot water and hair dryer. Some cabins connect and are ideal for special groups and families. Beds can be arranged as joined double beds as well as twin beds. The mid-sized yacht provides ample areas for fun and relaxation, including a sundeck, a lounge area with cozy sofas, TV and DVD, music and a well-stocked bar for drinks.

### CORAL II

**Capacity:** for 20 passengers

**Departures:** Sunday & Wednesday

The Coral II is a fully equipped, spacious yacht with custom-designed teak and bronze interiors. Passengers are accommodated in 10 air-conditioned, outside cabins. Coral's easy maneuverability allows exploring secluded waterways beyond the reach of larger vessels. It offers comfortable lounges, dining rooms and conference areas with TV, well stocked bars, large picture windows, and best of all: expansive observation sun decks.



**ITINERARY CORAL I & II****DAY 1 ... - GALAPAGOS (BALTRA) - SANTA CRUZ (CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH STATION) (L,D)**

Departure from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra (aprox. 2.5h flight time). You are picked up at the airport by a guide and taken to the Itabaca canal, then cross to the Island of Santa Cruz and travel to Puerto Ayora.

In the Charles Darwin Research Station you will be able to observe the giant tortoises that are part of the reproduction program and the world's most famous tortoise, Lonesome George, the last surviving specimen of his species. Visitors can also admire the prickly-pear cactus forest and many land birds. Later on, you'll have some free time to walk around town and shop for souvenirs.

**DAY 2 ESPAÑOLA (SUAREZ POINT) - ESPAÑOLA (GARDNER BAY) (B,L,D)**

Dry landing at the Suarez Point. Here, you will learn more about the lava terrain and cross the inactive lava fields. Besides the sea lion colonies, this is a very important site for bird watching. Various bird species such as the mockingbird of Española, Nazca booby and tropic bird can be spotted and observed from very close.

You will also see a large colony of marine iguanas, lava lizards, and rally light foot crabs. After a short trek visitors encounter colonies of Nazca and blue-footed boobies. The nesting grounds sometimes overlap the trail. Visitors will also find Galapagos doves, hawks and swallow-tailed gulls and then reach the world's largest colony of waved albatross. A major highlight is their mating season, from May through December. You'll visit the famous blowhole, where water shoots into the air about 23 m (75 ft).

Wet landing on a white coral beach of Gardner bay amidst a large colony of sea lions. Hiking is possible just along the white sandy beach. It's an open area where you can spot Galapagos hawks, American oyster catchers, Galapagos doves, hooded mockingbirds, 3 species of Darwin finches, yellow warblers, lava lizards, and marine iguanas. It's great for swimming and snorkeling, and you can see many Galapagos marine species like king angelfish, creole fish, damsel fish, parrot fish, manta rays, white tipped reef sharks.

**DAY 3 FLOREANA (CORMORANT POINT) - CHAMPION - FLOREANA (POST OFFICE) (B,L,D)**

Wet landing on a greenish colored sand beach. You will hike from the black mangrove beds to a large, brackish lagoon, which holds one of the biggest flamingo populations in the Galapagos. This island features endemic plants such as Scalesia Villosa, Galapagos daisies, white and black mangrove, and holy stick. Novice snorkelers can practice on the main beach with the playful sea lions.

You have two options here, dinghy ride along the coast for one hour tour to observe: blue footed bobbies, sea lions, marine iguanas, swallow-tailed gulls. Or deep water snorkelling, this unforgettable activity lasts an hour approximately you will be swimming in an aquarium with colorful fishes, tame sharks, and rays.

The Post office is located on the north side of Floreana Island, the bay is so-named because in 1793, Captain James Colnett installed an empty barrel which served as an informal post box for sailors who passed through the Galapagos, taking with them the letters to their destinations.

Today, our visitors continue the tradition by placing unstamped postcards inside the barrel which reach their destinations for free. It can take weeks, sometimes months, or sometimes the cards never arrive at all!

Down a path you can observe the mocking bird of Galapagos, some species of Darwin's finches, yellow Warble and lava lizards. Opportunity for snorkeling.

**DAY 4**

**NORTH SEYMOUR – BALTRA – ... (B)**

Dry landing at North Seymour. Guests will encounter swallow tailed gulls and sea lions. This site is a major nesting colony of blue footed boobies and has the largest colony of the magnificent frigate bird. Travelers will also spot both iguana species, the marine iguanas and land iguanas, and then hike around the nesting sites.

Disembark at the docks (Baltra); you will take a bus to the airport for your flight back to the mainland via Guayaquil to Quito.

## GALAPAGOS LEGEND

**Capacity:** 100 passengers

**Departing:** Monday & Thursday

The high-class, expedition-style, motor vessel (M/V) Galapagos Legend was reconstructed and refurbished in 2007 and accommodates a maximum of 100 adventure explorers with comfort in mind.


The Legend offers all the amenities of a larger cruise liner, yet she still brings to you the intimate feel of family-style cruising.

The Legend houses multiple social areas including a coffee bar, various sun decks and observation platforms, and an onboard restaurant serving Ecuadorian and international specialties. After a full afternoon of touring, cool down in the Legend's swimming pool, curl up with a good book in the lounge, or indulge in one of the Legend's specialty spa treatments. Children also have their special spot at the Kids Corner where they can have as much fun as possible. At night, enjoy live music at the lounge or cocktails at the bar.

MV GALAPAGOS LEGEND
100 Passengers

**DELUXE** ↓↓↓↓

**EXPEDITION SHIP**



**Technical Specifications:**

**Length:** 301 feet (92 mts)

**Wide:** 47 feet (15 mts)

**Decks:** 5

**Made in:** Germany

**Refurbished in:** September 2007

**Passenger:** 100

**Crew:** 60

**Guides:** 7 multilingual naturalists

**Speed:** 17 knots

**Cruise speed:** 15 knots

**Moon deck**

A. Observatory  
Sun terrace  
Chill out area

**Sky deck**

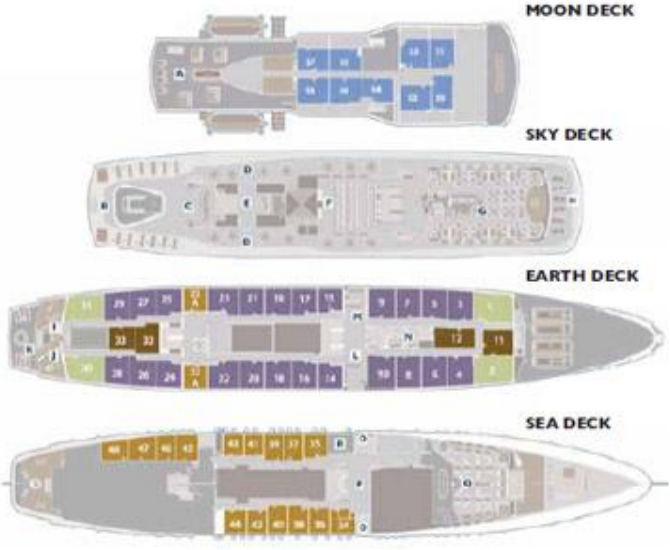
B. Sun terrace and pool  
C. Fisherman's bar  
D. BBQ area  
E. Kids' corner, Games  
F. Auditorium  
G. Bar and lounge  
H. Dolphin's observation deck  
Jogging track

**Earth deck**

I. Sauna  
J. Massage  
K. Jacuzzi  
L. Boutique  
M. Reception  
N. Library

**Sea deck**

O. Embarkation area  
P. Access hall  
Q. Restaurant  
R. Medical service



**MOON DECK**

**SKY DECK**

**EARTH DECK**

**SEA DECK**

- GALAPAGOS BALCONY
- LEGEND SUITE
- JUNIOR SUITE
- MOON CABIN
- STANDARD CABIN

**ITINERARY GALAPAGOS LEGEND****DAY 1****... - GALAPAGOS (BALTRA) - NORTH SEYMOUR (L,D)**

Departure from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra (2.5h flight time). You are picked up at the airport by a guide and taken to the pier to board the Galapagos Legend.

Dry landing at North Seymour. You will encounter swallow tailed gulls and sea lions. This site is a major nesting colony of blue footed boobies, and has the largest colony of the magnificent frigate bird. You will also spot both the marine iguanas and land iguanas.

**DAY 2****SANTA CRUZ (DRAGON HILL) - FLOREANA (CORMORANT POINT) (B,L,D)**

Dry landing at Santa Cruz. You walk to a saltwater lagoon behind the beach, where on occasion many pink flamingos can be observed. This trail leads up to Dragon Hill, which offers a lovely view on the bay. This is a nesting site for reintroduced land iguanas, and there is also a Holy Stick Forest.

Wet landing at Floreana on a greenish colored sand beach. You will hike from the black mangrove beds to a large brackish lagoon, which holds one of the biggest flamingo populations in the Galapagos. This island features endemic plants such as Scalesia Villosa, Galapagos daisies, white and black mangroves and holy stick. Novice snorkelers can practice on the main beach with the playful sea lions. Please keep in mind that this is an open-water activity - there is nothing to step on.

**DAY 3****ESPAÑOLA (SUAREZ POINT) - SAN CRISTOBAL (INTERPRETATION CENTER) (B,L,D)**

Dry landing at Española. You will learn more about the lava terrain and cross the inactive lava fields. Besides the sea lion colonies, this is a very important site for bird watching. Various bird species such as the mockingbird of Española, Nazca booby and tropic bird can be spotted and observed from very close. You will also see a large colony of marine iguanas, lava lizards, and rally light foot crabs.

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Dry landing at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. You are able to visit San Cristobal breeding center and learn about the National Park's breeding program with the giant tortoises. There you will observe some animals in their natural environment.

Passengers will also have the opportunity to the visit the town and go shopping for souvenirs and arts and crafts.

**DAY 4****SANTA CRUZ (CARRION POINT) - BALTRA - ... (B)**

Today, you have the opportunity to go snorkeling in order to see a variety of tropical fish, manta rays or even harmless white-tipped reef sharks. Return to the Galapagos Legend, check-out and transfer to the airport. Return flight to Quito or Guayaquil.