

## TOUR OVERVIEW

This unforgettable Ecuador journey combines the historic atmosphere of Quito with the extraordinary natural beauty of the Galápagos Islands. From colonial streets and Andean scenery to volcanic islands and unique wildlife encounters, every stage of the experience reveals a different side of Ecuador's remarkable diversity. In Quito, travelers can explore colorful neighborhoods, colonial plazas, panoramic viewpoints, and vibrant local markets surrounded by the Andes Mountains. The city's rich history, culture, and gastronomy create the perfect introduction to Ecuador. The journey continues to the Galápagos Islands, where pristine beaches, lava landscapes, giant tortoises, marine iguanas, and crystal-clear waters create one of the world's most extraordinary ecosystems. Guided excursions, island explorations, snorkeling activities, and wildlife encounters offer unforgettable moments throughout the archipelago. Carefully designed to balance culture, nature, and exploration, this itinerary offers an immersive experience through two of Ecuador's most iconic destinations.

Quito & Galápagos Explorer – Culture, Wildlife & Island Adventures This Ecuador experience is designed for travelers seeking a combination of cultural discovery, wildlife encounters, and immersive nature exploration through the country's most iconic destinations. In Quito, travelers can explore historic districts, local markets, colonial architecture, and Andean viewpoints while discovering Ecuador's vibrant traditions and gastronomy. Excursions may include visits to the Middle of the World, Otavalo Market, and surrounding cloud forest landscapes. The Galápagos Islands portion of the journey offers unforgettable encounters with unique wildlife and volcanic scenery through guided island explorations, snorkeling experiences, beach visits, and yacht or speedboat excursions between islands. Travelers can discover giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies, sea lions, lava tunnels, and pristine coastal environments found nowhere else on Earth. The itinerary combines guided experiences with free time, allowing travelers to fully enjoy both the cultural atmosphere of Quito and the natural beauty of the Galápagos Islands at a comfortable pace.

**Highlights**

- Explore the historic city of Quito and its colonial architecture
- Visit the famous Middle of the World monument
- Discover colorful markets and Andean culture in Otavalo
- Explore the extraordinary wildlife of the Galápagos Islands
- Encounter giant tortoises, marine iguanas, sea lions, and blue-footed boobies
- Snorkeling experiences in crystal-clear Pacific waters
- Guided island excursions and volcanic landscape exploration
- Visit iconic locations such as Bartolomé Island and Turtle Bay
- Combination of culture, wildlife, and nature experiences
- Scenic landscapes ranging from Andes mountains to volcanic islands
- Ideal for nature lovers, photographers, and adventure travelers
- One of South America's most iconic travel combinations

## ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Arrive in Quito and transfer to your hotel.

Welcome to Quito - Culture, Charm, and the Andes Upon arrival, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel. Explore the historic streets, vibrant markets, and stunning viewpoints of Ecuador's capital. Savor local cuisine and immerse yourself in the city's rich heritage for an unforgettable start to your journey. Overnight stay at Hotel La Casona de la Ronda Hotel or similar.

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Ecuador
- ✓ Quito

## DAY 2

Quito City Tour and Middle of the World.

Quito City Tour & Middle of the World Explore the historic streets of Quito, from the charming La Ronda to iconic Baroque churches, and enjoy panoramic views from Panecillo Hill. Then journey to the Middle of the World, stand on the equatorial line, and discover Ecuadorian chocolate at an artisanal factory—a perfect blend of culture, history, and flavor. Overnight stay at Hotel La Casona de la Ronda Hotel or similar.

Breakfast

### MEALS:

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Quito City Tour
- ✓ Middle of the World

## DAY 3

Otavalo Market Tour.

Otavalo Market Tour Discover the vibrant Otavalo Market, Ecuador's top destination for authentic Andean crafts. Enjoy scenic stops at charming villages and San Pablo Lake, then explore the market at your leisure, meeting local artisans and uncovering unique treasures. Overnight stay at Hotel La Casona de la Ronda Hotel or similar.

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Breakfast

### MEALS:

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Quito
- ✓ Otavalo

## DAY 4

Mindo Cloud Forest - Full-Day Adventure.

Mindo Cloud Forest - Full-Day Adventure Explore the lush Mindo Cloud Forest, hike to the stunning Nambillo Waterfalls, and cross a deep ravine via a panoramic cable car. Discover the art of chocolate-making at a local chocolate center, and finish the day at a butterfly garden or renowned birdwatching sites, a paradise for hummingbirds and nature lovers. Overnight stay at Hotel La Casona de la Ronda Hotel or similar.

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Breakfast

Lunch

### MEALS:

### HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Quito

✓ Mindo

## DAY 5

Pick-up from the hotel and transfer to the airport.

Upon arrival, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel San Cristobal. Visits: Interpretation Center - Frigatebird hill and Carola beach Overnight stay at Blue Marlin or similar.

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Breakfast

Lunch

### MEALS:

### HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Galapagos Island

✓ Carola beach

✓ Interpretation Center

✓ San Cristóbal

✓ Frigatebird Hill

**Accommodation: Angermeyer Waterfront Inn** ★★☆☆☆

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## DAY 6

Tour Kicker Rock.

Tour Kicker Rock (Snorkel) - Navigable Tour San Cristóbal Island&nbsp;(Snorkel / Diving)Visits: Kicker Rock and beachIncludes: Boat-ride, English-speaking guide, visits, snorkeling equipment.Not included: Wetsuit rental and transfer to the meeting point.&nbsp;You may need to go to the operator's office the day before to get the&nbsp;equipment that suits you best. Customer Service will contact you with more&nbsp;information.Overnight stay at&nbsp;Blue Marlin&nbsp;or similar.

Breakfast

### MEALS:

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Galapagos Island
- ✓ Kicker Rock and beach

**Accommodation: Angermeyer Waterfront Inn** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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## DAY 7

City Transfer from hotel to Dock.

Speedboat San Cristóbal - Santa Cruz - Speedboat San Cristóbal Track.&nbsp;You have to be at San Cristobal's dock 30 minutes before the departure timeMaximum Baggage Allowance: 1 backpack or bag (up to 5 kg) + 1 large.&nbsp;suitcase (up to 20 kg). Extra weight: \$10.00 per passenger for an additionalcarry-on bag (up to 10 kg).&nbsp;Not includes: water taxi and transfer to/from dock.City Transfer from Dock to hotel&nbsp;Half Day Tour Turtle bay beach With snorkel Equipment (By taxi - up to&nbsp;3 pax) (English Speaking Guide & Driver)Visits: Turtle Bay BeachIncludes:Transportation, English Speaking Guide and snorkelling equipmentOvernight stay at Hotel Angermeyer Waterfront Inn&nbsp;or similar.

Breakfast

### MEALS:

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ San Cristóbal
- ✓ Turtle Bay Beach
- ✓ Santa Cruz

**Accommodation: Angermeyer Waterfront Inn** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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**DAY 8**

Bartolomé.

Bartolomé (subject to availability) - Navigable Tour Santa Cruz Island (Standard) Visits: Bartolomé Includes: Boat-ride, English speaking guide, visits, snorkeling equipment - shared basis Pick up hour from hotel will be reconfirmed. Overnight stay at Hotel Angermeyer Waterfront Inn or similar.

Breakfast

Lunch

**MEALS:**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

✓ Galapagos Island

✓ Bartolomé

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**DAY 9**

Full Day Tour Santa Cruz Highlands.

Full Day Tour Santa Cruz Highlands With lunch (English Speaking Guide & Driver) Visits: Giant tortoise and lava tunnels Includes: Transportation and English Speaking Guide, highlands Entrance Fee. Overnight stay at Hotel Angermeyer Waterfront Inn or similar.

Breakfast

Lunch

**MEALS:**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

✓ Galapagos Island

✓ Lava tunnels

✓ Giant tortoise

**Accommodation: Angermeyer Waterfront Inn** ★★★★★

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**DAY 10**

Transfer to the airport

Pick-up from the hotel and transfer to the airport Baltra. Continue your journey with an optional extension to Amazonas or Machu Picchu.

Breakfast

**MEALS:**