



15 Days / 14 Nights

Amazon Rainforest and the Galapagos Islands

Quito | Angochagua | The Amazon Ecuador

Trip Summary

Day	Accommodation	Room Type
Day 1 - 3	GO Quito Hotel (2 Nights) in Quito	
Day 3 - 4	Hacienda Zuleta (1 Night) in Angochagua	
Day 4 - 6	GO Quito Hotel (2 Nights) in Quito	
Day 6 - 9	La Selva Eco-Lodge & Retreat (3 Nights) in The Amazon Ecuador	
Day 9 - 10	GO Quito Hotel (1 Night) in Quito	
Day 10 - 14	Endemic Galapagos Luxury Cruise (4 Nights)	
Day 14 - 15	GO Quito Hotel (1 Night) in Quito	
Day 15	End of Itinerary	

Daily Information



Day 1
Quito

| Day Notes

Upon arrival to Quito, a private transfer will be arranged from the airport to the hotel. You will be met by one of our representatives. He will assist you with your luggage and hotel check-in.

| Private Guided Trip

Private Guided Trip from Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO] to GO Quito Hotel



Overnight

GO Quito Hotel

GO Quito Hotel is conveniently located on Avenida Eloy Alfaro N34-137 and Catalina Aldaz in the business district. Accommodation options consist of 151 rooms, suites, and lofts with desks, TVs, coffee machines, mini-fridges, safes, air conditioning, ironing facilities, hairdryers, and toiletries. Guests can start the day with a delicious breakfast on-site. Facilities and services include a lounge, a swimming pool, a gym, room service, daily housekeeping, a sauna, a steam bath, gardens, a family play area, a rooftop area, laundry services, parking, and Wi-Fi.

Day 2 - 3

Quito

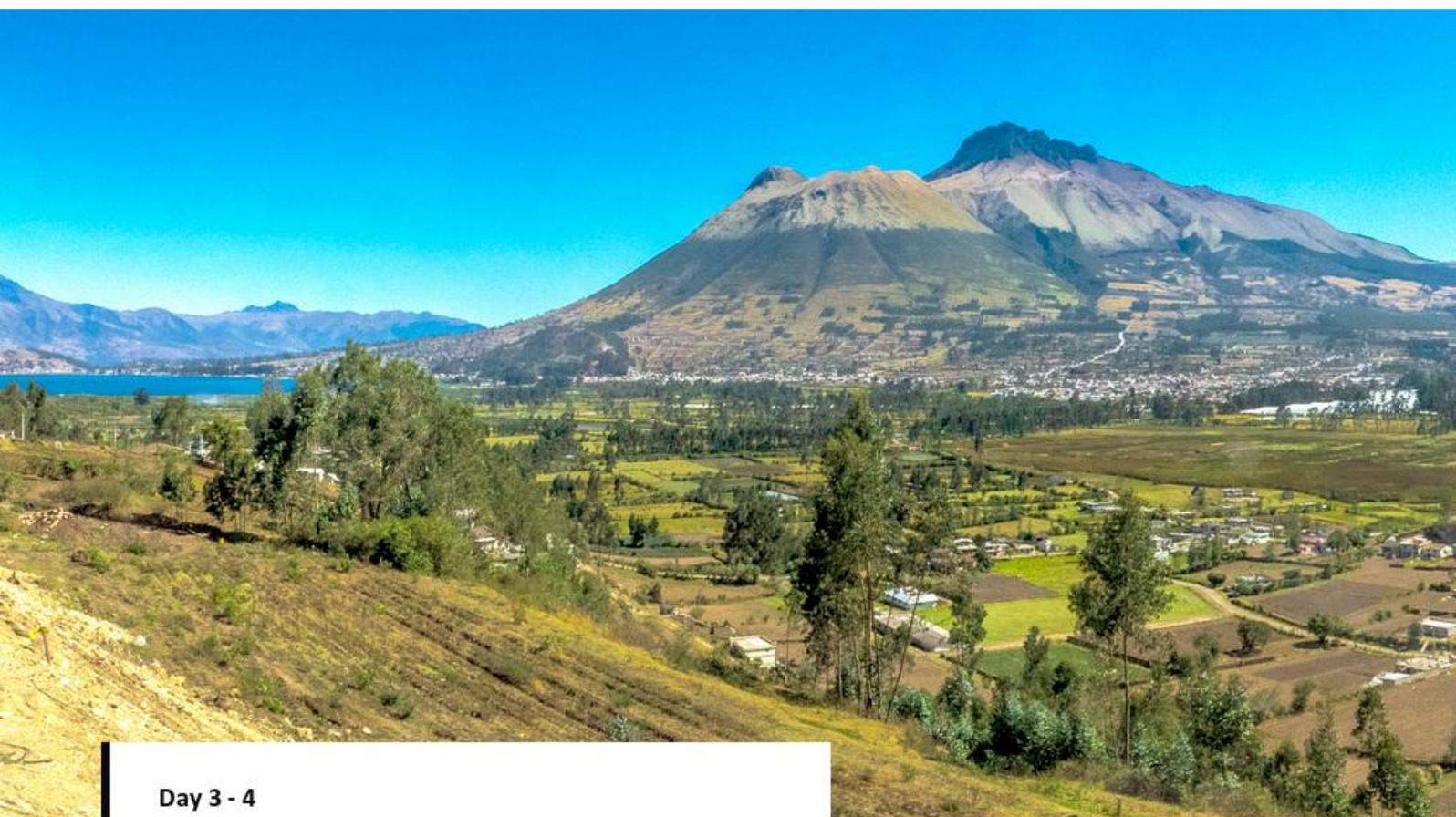
| Day Notes

After breakfast, we will discover one of the most beautiful cities in Latin America – Quito. The capital of Ecuador, Quito was declared a world heritage site because of its beautiful colonial district. Stone streets, tiled roofs, beautiful buildings, and magnificent churches make Quito one of the most charming colonial cities of Latin America. Colonial Quito was designed by the conquistadors like a chessboard, allowing them to control the city and defend it in a much more organized way. The main plaza, where construction started in the city, is commonly known as La Plaza Grande, and around this square the most important powers of the government were settled. Here we will find the Cathedral and the Archbishop's Palace, which represent the vast power of the Catholic Church at the time. Then we will visit the presidential palace of Carondelet, which was the administrative center of the colonial period for the Royal Audience of Quito. We will learn more about the administrative ways of the colonial period and the contemporary times of Ecuador. Our tour continues to the awe-inspiring Compania de Jesus church. This Jesuit temple is perhaps the most impressive accomplishment of Baroque architecture on the continent. Marvelous columns, intricate designs, and detailed carvings decorate the main entrance, but what will take your breath away is the spectacular interior. Incredible "mudejar-style" roofs, carved figures, and gold leaf on almost every wall make this church the most precious treasure of colonial Quito. We continue our city tour of Quito at San Francisco Square. Here we will check out one of the most iconic churches of Quito and also one of the oldest churches in Latin America, the church of San Francisco. The construction of the church started in 1537, but it was not until 1705 that the church was officially inaugurated. Between its chapels and the monastery, this church spans almost 3 hectares, making this religious complex the biggest in Latin America. But San Francisco is not only famous for its architectural beauty; its history is also part of the richness of this church – especially the

harrowing legend of Cantuña and how he cheated the devil in the atrium of San Francisco. We will have lunch, and afterwards we will head to the Middle of the World Monument. The monument was built in the place where the 18th century Geodesic French Mission established the point at which the equatorial line divided the world in two hemispheres, hence the name the “Middle of the World.” This will be a wonderful experience where you can take a fun picture in both hemispheres at the same time. Finally, we will visit the Intiñan Museum, a very entertaining museum where you will learn about the different cultures that inhabit Ecuador and their traditions. After our city tour of Quito, we will return to our hotel for a good night sleep.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch



Day 3 - 4

Angochagua

| Day Notes

Along with your private guide you will discover one of Ecuador's most beautiful places, and probably the most charming indigenous market in Latin America, the Otavalo market. We will start our tour from the city of Quito, where one of our representatives will pick you up to start our tour to one of Ecuador's most important touristic destinations. We will drive north for approximately one hour, and we will have the chance to see the amazing Cayambe Volcano that reaches a height of 5,790 m (19,000 ft). An interesting fact is that Cayambe is the only snow-capped mountain in the world crossed by the equatorial line; if weather allows, we will take some incredible photos of this snow-covered volcano. On the way, we will try the local delicacy of “bizcochos,” a pastry that is accompanied by cheese and a cozy cup of hot chocolate. We will continue our trip north to the city of Otavalo, on

Saturdays, this market extends throughout the entire city of Otavalo, while on the other days of the week, you will find the Plaza de los Ponchos filled with indigenous merchants that bring their products from all over the Andes to sell them here. Practice your bargaining skills with locals, and share a nice moment with them; find an authentic alpaca poncho to call your own; or appreciate the vibrant tapestries or the famous embroidered Zuleta blouses.

Then we will continue to Zuleta Hacienda. Explore the hacienda main building while you learn more about Zuleta's history, the property private library and chapel. Wander through our beautiful gardens. As sun sets it gets chilly at Zuleta, so enjoy some wine and farm made Ecuadorian cheese beside the fireplace while reading our information folders and books, learning more about our foundation, Ecuador's history, our horse breeding business or about the local culture of the Ecuadorian highlands.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

| Private Guided Trip

Private Guided Trip from GO Quito Hotel to Hacienda Zuleta



Overnight Hacienda Zuleta

Hacienda Zuleta is situated in a stunning 17th-century house close to Angochagua, Ecuador. Guests may enjoy activities such as horse riding, hiking, cycling and cooking lessons. The accommodation features beautifully appointed antique rooms equipped with a fireplace, a desk and Wi-Fi. Guests may enjoy walking through the lush blossoming garden, reading books from the library and enjoy movies and games in one of the living rooms. The on-site restaurant serves delicious Andean cuisine. Zuleta is also a working farm and includes archaeological sites, a craft shop and a vegetable garden.



Day 4 Quito

| Day Notes

After an exquisite breakfast, you will have include one the following activities. Morning horseback ride to our Andean Condor reserve. You will learn about the foundation's efforts, see rescued Andean condors in our aviary, and visit the nearby trout farm. Or you can take a class, buy or order countless beautiful, handmade, colorful embroidery articles from the Zuleta women's cooperative. Back to the Hacienda for lunch. Afternoon departure back to Quito with your guide and driver.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

| Private Guided Trip

Private Guided Trip from Hacienda Zuleta to GO Quito Hotel



Overnight
GO Quito Hotel

Day 5 - 6
Quito

| Day Notes

On the fifth day of our journey, we will visit the amazing Cotopaxi Volcano. With a height of 5,897 m (19,347 ft), Cotopaxi is one of the highest active volcanoes in the world. It's perfectly shaped cone and its snowed-capped summit make Cotopaxi one of the most beautiful landscapes in the Avenue of the Volcanoes.

After breakfast we will drive south into Cotopaxi National Park, home of the volcano for which it is named. Here in the Park, we will see an ecosystem that is very common to the Andes – the paramo. Paramos are a fundamental ecosystem for the support of life, since one of their main characteristic is retaining water in the roots of the plants and scrub brush that characterize this biosphere. We will learn more about this fascinating ecosystem and also about the different creatures that live in it, like the white tail deer, spectacled bear, the Andean Condor, and many more. Afterwards, you will enjoy the delicious Andean food in a local Hacienda then head back to the city of Quito for a good night rest.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch



Day 6

The Amazon Ecuador

| Day Notes

A private transfer will be arranged from the hotel to the airport to connect with your Coca flight. At the Quito International Airport, you will be met by one of La Selva representatives in the National departure area. Here they will assist you with the check-in process and give you a short briefing about the journey.

After a 30 minute commercial flight to Puerto Francisco de Orellana "El Coca", our representative will transfer you by private transportation to the city's main dock at the Napo River.

The next two hours will be on a motorized canoe heading down river on what will be the beginning of an unforgettable experience in the tropical rainforest, the Amazon.

At the end of the motorized canoe ride, you will be dropped off at La Selva's main dock and your first close encounter with the rainforest begins and the final leg of the trip to the lodge will be completed in a paddle canoe. The only thing you must take care of during this part of the trip is your carry-on and camera equipment, all other luggage will be transported by La Selva staff.

The manager will be waiting to greet you with a refreshing juice, snacks and a short briefing with general information about your stay at La Selva.

Intro to the Rainforest, one of the Naturalist Guides will give you basic info about the tropical rainforest, the Amazon, and how La Selva operates. The idea is to begin your activities with background knowledge of the amazing place you have just arrived to.

Matapalo Trail was given the Spanish name of the famous Strangler fig (*Ficus* sp), one of many remarkable trees that you can find on this short walk. Mahogany trees over 400 years old can be seen and your guides will share

their knowledge of the flora and fauna. Due to the time of day there is great natural light and the diurnal and nocturnal animals are beginning their daily transitional activities.

The dinner will be served at this time. Find your seat and get comfortable while our waiters serve you each course.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Boxed Lunch
- Dinner

| Scheduled Flight

Scheduled Flight from GO Quito Hotel to La Selva Eco-Lodge & Retreat



Overnight

La Selva Eco-Lodge & Retreat

Nestled in the heart of the Amazon rainforest, just outside the boundaries of the Yasuní National Park and within the pristine Yasuní Biosphere Reserve. Our lodge provides an authentic Amazon rainforest experience blending premium comfort and dedicated hospitality

The construction of our accommodations is thoughtfully designed in accordance with the environment, ensuring minimal impact on this privileged location.

At La Selva Eco-Lodge & Retreat, you'll experience real disconnection and reconnection with the deep Amazon rainforest. With a focus on premium hospitality, wildlife encounters, deep Amazon rainforest tours, and providing a mind, body, and soul retreat in extraordinary surroundings La Selva Eco-Lodge and Retreat is really a travelers paradise.

During your stay, go on excursion like canoe rides, exploration of trails, visits to our Pilche community, climbing our observation tower, and star gazing via canoe ride. Our English-speaking naturalist guides and native guides, experts in birdwatching and wildlife, will accompany you on these extraordinary activities.

In addition to our exceptional outdoor experiences, La Selva Eco-Lodge and Retreat also boasts a unique spa where specialized treatments will enhance your sense of relaxation and connection with the wonders of the forest. For those seeking inner balance, intimate yoga sessions overlooking the tranquil lagoon are an option.

Day 7

The Amazon Ecuador

| Day Notes

We will walk into the forest, after a 20 minute walk the observation tower comes into sight. This amazing construction will allow you to climb 120 ft above the forest. Your Naturalist and Native guides will help you spot the colorful birds of the Amazon, maybe even certain primates.

On the way back from the tower there is the option of taking the Tucaneta Trail where your Native Guide can show you some of the medicinal plants still in use today and your Naturalist Guide will provide you with interesting info on the ecology and natural history of the Amazon.

There is also the option of visiting the beautiful lagoon of Mandi Cocha. A hike of about 1 hour takes you to the lagoon where an Igapo Forest is present, meaning that the forest is temporarily flooded by black water. Different species of birds and even giant otters can be seen here.

Charapa trail goes on for about an hour beginning at the lodge and ending by the edge of the lagoon. It is a great loop where different mammals, monkeys and birds can be seen that come closer to the lagoon at this time looking for food. It is also perfect for witnessing an Amazonian sunset from the water in the canoe.

At the night you will have a canoe ride with the help of a spot light your guides will take you around the lagoon via canoe looking for nighttime wildlife. This is also a great opportunity for star gazing!

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 8 - 9

The Amazon Ecuador

| Day Notes

Today you will make your way back to the Napo River and take a motorized canoe ride to the clay licks, one of the most fascinating displays of the wild world. Hundreds of parrots and parakeets gather here to eat the mineral rich soil, an important part of their diet. Binoculars are essential to really capture the moment.

After the clay licks we will take you to experience our Cultural Activity. An Amazonian Kichua woman will welcome you at their community center to share their life of the Kichua's in the Amazon. This is special because it is part of the Amazon you do not find on the maps and provides the special and unique opportunity to really get to learn more about the people of the Amazon.

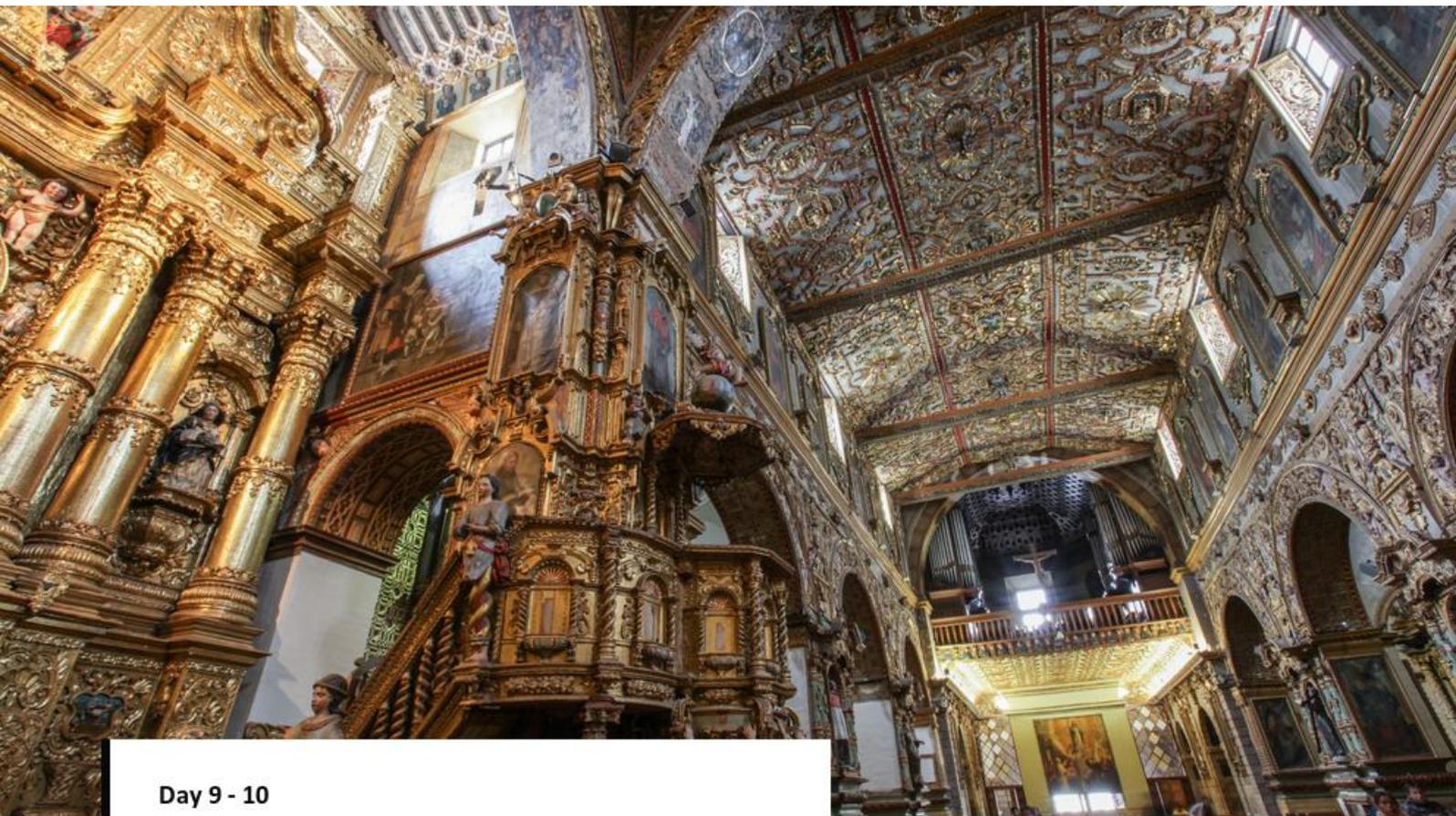
Garzacochoa Lagoon is one of the most beautiful lagoons in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Here there are many chances to see monkeys and birds and sometimes families of squirrel monkeys join capuchin monkeys looking for food.

The tremendous calls of the Howler monkeys can be heard in the afternoon and the smallest monkey in the world, the Pigmy Marmoset can be seen here too. Plenty of birds like the Hoatzin, toucans or macaws can also be seen flying overhead. On a night walk we give you the chance to enjoy the creatures and sounds of the Amazon Jungle at night. Sometimes we can see amazing things during this activity. Make sure you bring a flashlight for this fantastic experience.

Our manager will provide you all the necessary information about your departure procedure for the next morning.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



Day 9 - 10

Quito

| Day Notes

In accordance to your briefing the night before, you will have an early wake up call, breakfast and departure from the lodge.

The lodge staff will assist you with your checked luggage and the motorized canoe ride will head upstream back to Coca, where our representatives will take you to the airport to help you with your checked luggage and boarding passes. Once you arrive to Quito. A private transfer will be arranged from the airport to the hotel. You will be met by one of our representatives. He will assist you with your luggage and hotel check-in.

| Included

- Breakfast

| Scheduled Flight

Scheduled Flight from La Selva Eco-Lodge & Retreat to GO Quito Hotel



Overnight
GO Quito Hotel

Day 10
Endemic Galapagos Luxury Cruise

| Day Notes

A private transfer will be arranged from the hotel to the airport to connect with your Galapagos flight. You will be met by one of our representatives at the lobby of the hotel to take you to the airport, he will assist you with the check-in process and give you a short briefing about the journey.

BALTRA AIRPORT – BOARDING THE GALAPAGOS ENDEMIC

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: Dragon Hill

Transfer for Galapagos flight. Your guide will inform you of the pickup time the day before.

Upon arrival, reception and assistance at the airport, transfer from Baltra Airport to the M/C Endemic.

In the afternoon, visit Dragon Hill will take place, which is located in the north-western part of Santa Cruz island. Here you will have the opportunity to walk into the island and view the land iguana. Be among these magnificent reptiles, that just a few decades ago were on the brink of extinction.

Moreover, at Dragon Hill you will see a flamingos' lagoon, pintail ducks and other endemic birds including flycatchers and warblers. After a short trek, amazing view awaits us up the hill. Offshore snorkeling before returning to the yacht.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

| Scheduled Flight

Scheduled Flight from GO Quito Hotel to Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS]

| Cruise

Cruise from Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS] to Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS]



Overnight

Endemic Galapagos Luxury Cruise

The Endemic is as beautiful on the inside as it is on the outside. It offers stylish social areas on the yacht for guests to enjoy. An airy sundeck with lounge chairs is perfect for relaxing or enjoying a cold drink after a long day visiting the islands. Inside, the tasteful bar/lounge is a multi-purpose area where meals are served, briefings are held, stories are told, and new friends are made. The Endemic also features a TV lounge with comfortable furniture and wide-screen television with a DVD and Blu-ray player, perfect for families with kids who want to see a movie during the occasional downtime between island visits.

Day 11

Endemic Galapagos Luxury Cruise

| Day Notes

SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND: Kicker Rock - Witch Hill – Lobos Island

In the morning, the first spot to be visited is Kicker Rock, an impressive geological formation due to erosion. This is a nesting place of sea birds. Additionally, curious sea lions, and marine life can be found, such as fish, turtles, sharks, rays, representing the main attraction for snorkeling. This is a nice spot to take pictures.

The next attraction to see is Witch Hill, a tuff cone hill located south west from San Cristobal. This name comes from the Spanish name of the bird known in English as Vermilion Flycatcher.

A zodiac ride will take passengers into amazing rock formations along the island shore. A white sand beach and crystal-clear waters are part of this enchanted location. Fantastic opportunity for snorkeling.

In the afternoon, you will be taken to Lobos Island, where a small population of blue-footed boobies, frigates, marine iguanas, and great frigate birds nesting can be observed. Snorkeling with sea lions in this calm bay is also part of the excursion.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 12

Endemic Galapagos Luxury Cruise

| Day Notes

ESPAÑOLA ISLAND: Gardner Bay/ Osborn & Gardner islets – Suarez Point

Española Island will be explored today. You will have the chance to observe endemic wildlife such as the Hood-Mockingbird. This is the southernmost island in the Galapagos archipelago, and home to several wildlife species, including masked and blue-footed boobies. Spectacular views from the top of a cliff.

In the morning, after breakfast, the first attraction to be seen is Gardner Bay that provides an excellent beach for swimming. Around the small islets nearby, snorkelers will find lots of fish and sometimes turtles and sharks. The bay is also frequented by colonies of sea lions which like to swim with you.

Or visit the Osborn and Gardner islets that are amazing for underwater discovery. Snorkeling is a highlight on this visitor point.

After lunch, Point Suarez will be visited, which represents one of the most outstanding wildlife areas of the archipelago, with a long list of species found along its cliffs and sand or pebble beach.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 13 - 14

Endemic Galapagos Luxury Cruise

| Day Notes

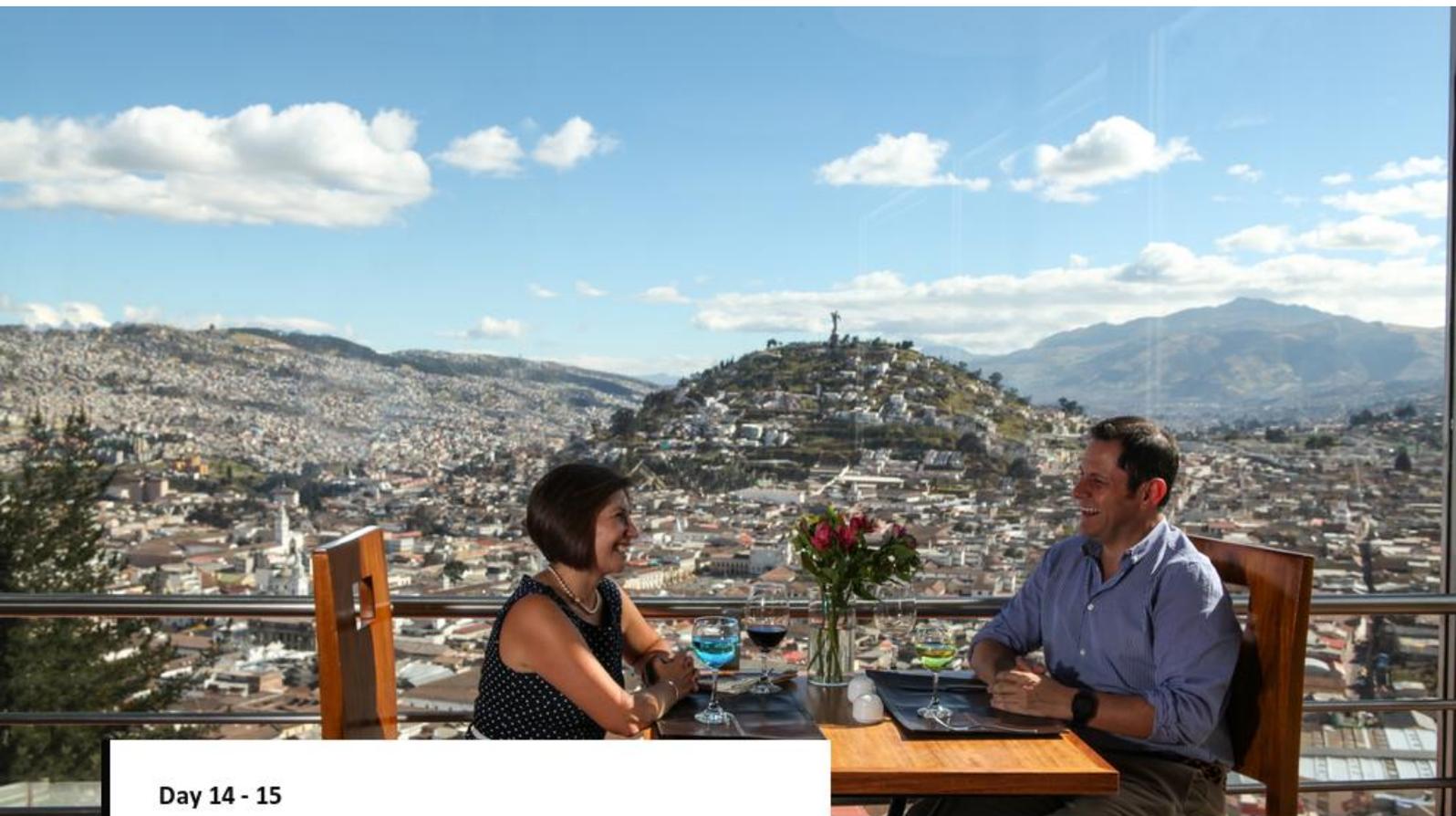
SANTA FE ISLAND – SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: Fausto Llerena Breeding Center

In the morning, after breakfast, Santa Fe island will be visited, which is one of the most entertaining destinations for shore excursions in the Galapagos Islands. It has two trail choices for visitors, one of which takes you to the tallest Opuntia cactus in the Galapagos. While the other trail takes you into the highlands where land iguanas can be seen. After a long walk, the opportunity to swim in calm waters or snorkel with playful sea lions will be pretty tempting.

In the afternoon, visit the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center, which is also known as Charles Darwin Research Station. This place has an information center, a museum, a library and a tortoise breeding station. In the tortoise breeding station, you can encounter tortoises of different subspecies, which are prepared for reintroduction to their natural habitats. The most popular inhabitant of this Station is probably the Lonesome George turtle, that already died in 2012.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



Day 14 - 15
Quito

| Day Notes

SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND– BALTRA AIRPORT

In the morning, South Plazas island is the next island to be discovered. It has unique Sesuvium plants and Opuntia cactuses scattered across the landscape which provide some of the most interesting wildlife observations

available in Galapagos. Land iguanas are easily seen from the trail, frequently under the shade of cactuses, waiting for a prickly pear to fall.

After this last visit, transfer to Baltra airport for your return flight to mainland Ecuador.

Assistance and farewell at the airport.

Once you arrive to Quito a private transfer will be arranged from the airport to the hotel. You will be met by one of our representatives. He will assist you with your luggage and hotel check-in.

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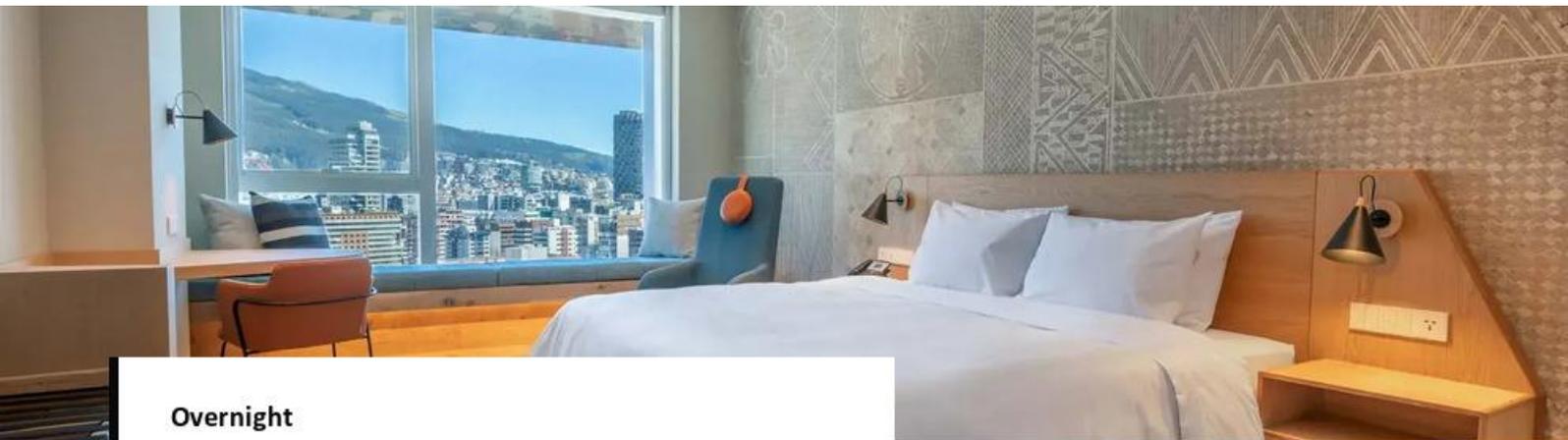
- Breakfast

| Cruise

Disembark at Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS]

| Scheduled Flight

Scheduled Flight from Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS] to GO Quito Hotel



Overnight
GO Quito Hotel

Day 15
End of Itinerary

| Day Notes

After breakfast, our guide will transfer you from your hotel to the airport for your International flight home.

| Included

- Breakfast

| Private Transfer

Private Transfer from GO Quito Hotel to Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO]

Transport

Flights

Date & Time	Route	Flight
Day 6	Depart: GO Quito Hotel	Scheduled Flight
Day 6	Arrive: La Selva Eco-Lodge & Retreat	
Day 9	Depart: La Selva Eco-Lodge & Retreat	Scheduled Flight
Day 9	Arrive: GO Quito Hotel	
Day 10	Depart: GO Quito Hotel	Scheduled Flight
Day 10	Arrive: Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS]	
Day 14	Depart: Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS]	Scheduled Flight
Day 14	Arrive: GO Quito Hotel	

Transfers

Date & Time	Route	Vehicle
Day 1	Pick Up: Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO]	Private Guided Trip
Day 1	Drop Off: GO Quito Hotel	
Day 3	Pick Up: GO Quito Hotel	Private Guided Trip
Day 3	Drop Off: Hacienda Zuleta	
Day 4	Pick Up: Hacienda Zuleta	Private Guided Trip
Day 4	Drop Off: GO Quito Hotel	
Day 15	Pick Up: GO Quito Hotel	Private Transfer
Day 15	Drop Off: Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO]	

Voyages

Date & Time	Route	Boat
Day 10	Embark: Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS]	Endemic Cruise
Day 14	Disembark: Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS]	

| Included

- Private Transportation
- Private English-speaking guides
- Accomodation at selected hotels
- Meals as per itinerary
- Entrance tickets to sites as per program
- 24/7 local assistance

| Excluded

- International flights
- Domestic flights
- Meals not mentioned in the program
- Personal expenses
- Laundry, phone bills, or any extra
- Galapagos Islands Park Fees
- Migratory Control Card
- Tips
- Extras