

16 Days / 15 Nights

Ecuador Volcanoes and the Galapagos Islands

Quito | Avenue of the Volcanoes | Chugchilán | Baños | Puenbo

Trip Summary

Day	Accommodation	Room Type
Day 1 - 4	Casa Anabela Hotel Boutique (3 Nights) in Quito	1x Premium Room Double
Day 4 - 5	Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge (1 Night) in Avenue of the Volcanoes	1x Mountain View Room Double
Day 5 - 6	Hostal Mamá Hilda (1 Night) in Chugchilán	1x El Encanto Room Double
Day 6 - 7	Sangay Spa Hotel (1 Night) in Baños	1x Plaza Sangay Room Double
Day 7 - 8	Casa Anabela Hotel Boutique (1 Night) in Quito	1x Premium Room Double
Day 8 - 15	Galaxy Orion (7 Nights)	1x Standard Cabin
Day 15 - 16	Wyndham Quito Airport (1 Night) in Puenbo	1x Deluxe Room Double
Day 16	End of Itinerary	

Daily Information



Day 1
Quito

| Day Notes

Once you land in Quito, your designated guide will greet you. He will be holding a sign with your name for easy recognition. He will then escort you to your hotel, where you can relax and get settled.

| Private Guided Trip

Private Guided Trip from Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO] to Casa Anabela Hotel Boutique



Overnight

Casa Anabela Hotel Boutique

Casa Anabela Hotel Boutique is ideally located in the historic centre of Quito, a World Heritage Site. The guest rooms are bright, modern and elegantly decorated, equipped with air conditioning, Wi-Fi, TVs and private bathrooms. Guests can enjoy a delicious breakfast served daily on the patio. Additional amenities and services include an expansive inner courtyard, Sunday brunches, a cafeteria, event hosting and a reception.

Day 2

Quito

| Day Notes

Pick Up: 9:00 am from your hotel's lobby.

Your journey begins with a hotel pick-up by your guide, setting off to explore one of Latin America's most enchanting cities. Quito, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, captivates with its stunning colonial district and friendly inhabitants. You'll be taken to some of the city's most extraordinary locations.

Our first stop is Independence Square, also known as Plaza de La Independencia. This vibrant square is flanked by key governmental buildings—the Archbishop's Palace, the Presidential Palace, and the Cathedral—making it Ecuador's cultural epicenter.

Next, we'll visit the Church of La Compania de Jesus, a remarkable Jesuit temple widely considered one of Latin America's most impressive. This baroque-style masterpiece showcases some of the continent's finest artistry, adorned with intricate ornamentation from floor to ceiling. Its main altar and extensive use of gold leaf throughout will leave you spellbound.

Our exploration of the colonial district continues with a visit to San Francisco Square, once the city's commercial hub. Today, it's a serene spot for soaking up the colonial grandeur of Quito, nestled amidst a stunning backdrop of mountains and volcanoes. Here, you'll find the Church and Monastery of San Francisco—one of Latin America's oldest Catholic establishments.

Our tour then takes us to a site known by many names. First called "Yavirac" by Quito's original inhabitants, it was later christened "Panecillo" by the Spaniards, who likened its perfect shape to a small bread roll. Atop this hill, a replica of famous sculptor Bernardo Legarda's Virgin keeps a watchful eye over the city from her lofty perch.

We'll pause for lunch at a local restaurant before continuing our journey to the “Mitad del Mundo,” or the Middle of the World. This monument commemorates the 18th-century French geodesic mission that pinpointed the exact spot where the equatorial line divides the northern and southern hemispheres. It's a unique opportunity to straddle both hemispheres at once—perfect for a memorable selfie.

Our visit to Mitad del Mundo city includes a stop at the Intiñan Museum, where you'll delve into Ecuador's indigenous culture and partake in special experiments only possible at latitude 0°. The day concludes with a leisurely drive back to your hotel, rich with memories of a captivating day in Quito.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

Day 3 - 4
Quito

| Day Notes

Pick Up: 8:00 am from your hotel's lobby.

Escape the city's hustle and immerse yourself in the breathtaking beauty and adventure that lies just outside Quito. Whether you're drawn to Otavalo's vibrant culture and artisan markets or the majestic natural wonders of Antisana National Park, a day of unforgettable experiences awaits.

Option 1: Otavalo - A Cultural Journey Begin your day with a scenic drive through the Andean landscape to the town of Otavalo, renowned for hosting one of the largest and most colorful indigenous markets in South America. Here, you'll be enveloped in a sea of textiles, handicrafts, and local artworks, each piece telling a story of tradition and craftsmanship. Engage with local artisans, learn about their techniques, and perhaps find unique souvenirs to bring home. Beyond the market, Otavalo offers serene landscapes, including the tranquil Peguche Waterfall and the mystical Cuicocha Crater Lake. This option is perfect for those looking to experience the rich cultural tapestry and peaceful beauty of the Andean communities.

Option 2: Antisana National Park and Adventure in the Wild Embark on a mesmerizing full-day journey to the heart of Ecuador's breathtaking natural beauty, the Antisana volcano. This majestic behemoth, standing tall as one of the highest volcanoes in Ecuador at an impressive 5,704 meters, is a testament to the raw and untamed splendor that our planet has to offer.

Our adventure starts in the morning with your guide picking you up from your hotel. As we navigate towards the east, we will traverse through the stunning landscapes of the Antisana natural reserve. Here, you'll witness an unspoiled Andean Forest, home to many wildlife, including deer, rabbits, condors, and, if fortune favors us, the elusive spectacled bear.

Our first stop will be the serene Mica Lake, a thriving ecosystem attracting diverse bird species. This tranquil spot offers an excellent opportunity to observe these feathered creatures in their natural habitat. If luck is on our side, we might even spot rabbits frolicking in the wilderness or a majestic condor soaring high against the clear blue sky.

Following our visit to the lagoon, we'll indulge in a delectable lunch at a nearby lodge. Here, you can savor local flavors while soaking in the panoramic views of this pristine reserve.

After lunch, we'll slowly return to the bustling city of Quito. But don't let the return journey dampen your spirits. The memories of the awe-inspiring Antisana, its diverse flora and fauna, and the tranquility of Mica Lake will accompany you, leaving an indelible imprint on your heart.

The Antisana natural reserve is undeniably one of the most beautiful and pristine reserves of the Ecuadorian Andes. Its captivating landscapes and rich biodiversity make it a must-visit destination for any nature enthusiast. So, come with us on this exciting day trip and immerse yourself in the unparalleled beauty of Antisana.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch



Day 4 - 5

Avenue of the Volcanoes

| Day Notes

Pick Up: 08:00 am from your hotel's lobby.

Some places on this earth have the power to shift your perspective and leave an indelible mark on your soul. One such place is the Cotopaxi National Park in Ecuador. With its awe-inspiring beauty accentuated by the majestic Cotopaxi Volcano and the endless expanse of the golden Paramo ecosystem, this national park offers an experience that is nothing short of transformative.

Your journey begins in the vibrant city of Quito, where your expert guide at your hotel will greet you. From there, we chart a course southward towards the legendary Avenue of the Volcanoes. This extraordinary region owes its name to the famous explorer Alexander Von Humboldt, astounded by the succession of volcanoes dotting the landscape like a string of pearls. Our destination lies within this remarkable avenue, nestled within the boundaries of the Cotopaxi National Park.

The park's crowning glory is the towering Cotopaxi stratovolcano at 5,897 m (19,347 ft). This makes it one of the highest active volcanoes in the world, a sight that is as humbling as it is breathtaking. As we navigate the slopes of this colossal natural wonder tucked within the park's confines, you'll discover the hidden treasures of the paramo ecosystem.

This seemingly austere landscape is a thriving paradise with diverse flora and fauna. Your guide will unravel the mysteries of this unique ecosystem, revealing its vital role in supporting life at such high altitudes. You'll learn about the various species it shelters, from the magnificent Andean condor soaring in the skies above to the elusive paramo wolf and countless others that call this place home.

After immersing ourselves in this fascinating exploration, we'll retreat to a local restaurant to relish a meal prepared with fresh local ingredients. Imagine the flavors of traditional Ecuadorian cuisine dancing on your palate, a culinary experience that mirrors the landscape's richness.

On this day, we will also visit a rose plantation, where you will learn more about the production of the best roses in Ecuador.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

| Private Guided Trip

Private Guided Trip from Casa Anabela Hotel Boutique to Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge



Overnight

Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge

Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge is an eco-friendly lodge located in the picturesque village of Islinlivi, Ecuador, featuring breathtaking views of the Andes Mountains. Accommodation options consist of cosy unique garden

cottages, mountain rooms, farmhouse rooms, and a dormitory. Guests can enjoy inclusive meals at the on-site restaurant. Facilities and services include an outside terrace, lounge areas, a bar, a Jacuzzi, a sauna, and an organic garden.



Day 5 - 6

Chugchilán

| Day Notes

Pick Up: 8:00 am from your hotel's lobby.

After a well-deserved breakfast, you will continue on your hike to Chugchilán town. This part of the hike may be a bit muddy depending on if there was rain the days before you arrived. This path twists through the beautiful canyon with some amazing views. The path leads to Itualo village. Walk past the church and follow the path that begins the steep ascent to the small community of Chinaló.

In Chinaló, stop by the viewpoint that offers incredible pictures of the Toachi Canyon. Continue to Chugchilán town.

Overnight in Mama Hilda Hostal.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Box Lunch
- Dinner

Private Guided Trip

Private Guided Trip from Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge to Hostal Mamá Hilda

Overnight

Hostal Mamá Hilda

Featuring a lovely garden, Hostal Mamá Hilda is a five-star hotel in Chugchilán, Ecuador. Each unit features a TV with streaming service and satellite channels, heating, and a balcony or terrace. Guests can conveniently enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner on-site. The hotel also offers a terrace, a shared lounge, a bar and Wi-Fi.



Day 6 - 7

Baños

Day Notes

Pick Up: 5:00 am from your hotel's lobby.

We will start the day early to embark their way toward the Quilotoa Crater Lake. Discover this 7.7-mile point-to-point trail perfect for those seeking a rewarding outdoor adventure. Known for its challenging terrain, this route typically takes about 4 hours and 40 minutes to complete, offering a fulfilling experience for avid hikers.

The trail is a favourite among bird enthusiasts, and hikers alike, so you can expect to cross paths with other nature lovers along the way.

You will visit the Shalala Mirador is a stunning viewpoint overlooking the Quilotoa Crater Lake. Located on the rim of the volcanic crater, this modern, eco-friendly platform provides visitors with a spectacular, unobstructed view of the lake's turquoise waters and the surrounding Andean landscape

The group will then return to the hotel to visit local indigenous artisans and painters, offering a rich cultural experience.

The trip continues to the vibrant town of Baños, famous for its waterfalls, hot springs and adventure activities

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

| Private Guided Trip

Private Guided Trip from Hostal Mamá Hilda to Sangay Spa Hotel



Overnight Sangay Spa Hotel

Sangay Spa Hotel is located in the vibrant city of Banos, in eastern Tungurahua. There are a number of popular leisure, nature, and cultural attractions nearby that one can enjoy exploring - the hotel itself is situated next to a spectacular 80-meter waterfall.

Accommodation consists of 66 spacious and comfortable rooms with modern en-suite bathrooms, private balconies, and cable TVs. Certain rooms offer stunning views of La Virgen thermal baths and La Cascada. Guests can enjoy hearty local and international dishes at the cozy in-house, Rumi Wuasi Restaurant and Bonkers Cafe, relax with exotic drinks and snacks at the pool.

The hotel features an array of leisure facilities where guests can relax and unwind, including a large swimming pool, a tennis court, a gym, and a billiards room. There is also an extensive spa centre offering Ayurveda therapies, a Jacuzzi, a sauna and a Turkish bath.



| Day Notes

Pick Up: 08:00 am from your hotel's lobby.

One of the most popular biking routes in Baños is the Cascadas route. This tour takes more than half a day to enjoy nature between Sangay and Llanganates National Park.

The waterfall route is 17 kilometers long, and most of the waterfalls are concentrated between two national parks. After 20 minutes, you will arrive at Agoyan, the first waterfall, where you can stop to rest and take pictures. The next stop is the Mega Aventura Park Rio Blanco. Next is Manto de la Novia, where you can stop and cross the impressive Pastaza River.

The views of the waterfall from above the river are wonderful. After 17 kilometers, you will reach the town of Rio Verde, where you can take a break to enjoy the next waterfall, Pailon del Diablo. To reach it, you must walk through the cloud forest for half an hour to enjoy the view of this impressive waterfall. Then you can continue to Machay, the final waterfall if you have more time. You will have the opportunity to walk to the waterfall and cool off in its powerful and refreshing water once you have finished swimming and contemplating the impressive Machay waterfall.

Next stop the Casa del Árbol (Treehouse) , is a popular attraction known for its iconic "Swing at the End of the World." Perched on a hillside at 2,600 meters (8,530 feet) above sea level, this rustic treehouse offers breathtaking views of the Tungurahua Volcano and the surrounding lush valley.

Adventurous visitors can swing out over the edge of the hill, experiencing a thrilling moment as if flying above the clouds. The site also provides a serene atmosphere for enjoying the natural beauty of the region, making it a must-visit destination for both thrill-seekers and nature lovers

Travelers pass through lush valleys, cloud forests, and quaint Andean villages along the way. The road offers breathtaking views of mountains, rivers, and cascading waterfalls. As you approach Quito, the terrain gradually transitions from rural to urban, leading you into the bustling streets of Ecuador's historic capital.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

| Private Guided Trip

Private Guided Trip from Sangay Spa Hotel to Casa Anabela Hotel Boutique



| Day Notes

Pick Up: from your hotel's lobby.

Our professional guide will pick you up directly from your hotel, assisting with your luggage as needed.

Upon arrival at Quito Airport, you'll be conveniently dropped off at your designated terminal. Here, you'll meet the a representative of Galaxy Orion cruise who will guide you through the check-in process. Our team is dedicated to providing you with an efficient and stress-free airport experience, allowing you to relax before your flight.

GALAXY ORION CRUISE

Your voyage to the captivating Galapagos Islands commences! Upon your arrival at Baltra Airport, you'll be greeted by our National Park-certified naturalist guide, ready to introduce you to the unique wonders of this pristine archipelago.

PM: HIGHLANDS

Embark on a highlands adventure, either from Baltra or Puerto Ayora. A bus journey brings you to the verdant highland forests, home to Galapagos Giant tortoises. You'll find these impressive creatures, weighing up to 300 kg/600 lbs, casually grazing or lounging in freshwater ponds. The highlands also host a variety of bird species seldom seen in the lowlands. Depending on your itinerary, explore a lava tunnel and delve into the geological history of these volcanic islands.

Highlights: Giant tortoises, Darwin finches, barn owls, white-cheeked pintails, Galapagos flycatchers, Lava tunnels.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

| Private Guided Trip

Private Guided Trip from Casa Anabela Hotel Boutique to Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO]

| Cruise

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

| Scheduled Flight

Scheduled Flight from Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO] to Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS]



Overnight Galaxy Orion

Sailing the Galapagos Islands, the M/Y Galaxy Diver tours excellent dive sites. The ship's charming staterooms have private bathrooms, air conditioning, hairdryer and, in general, safe and internet on board. Guests can enjoy delicious breakfast and lunch buffets and dinners in the dining room with two menu options. There are also indoor and outdoor seating areas.

This exclusive liveaboard, fully renovated in 2022, will take you to the most incredible dive sites of the Galapagos Islands and allow you to discover its hidden underwater galaxy, offering a unique experience for diving enthusiasts.

Explore the great variety of underwater life in this marine reserve with our experienced staff and state-of-the-art diving equipment. Live a world-class diving experience surrounded by sharks, whales, manta rays, rays, turtles, penguins, iguanas, sea lions and much more, all in one place.

Activities

Santa Cruz Highlands

Day 9

Galaxy Orion

Day Notes

AM: TINTORERAS

Start your morning on Isabela Island, embarking on a unique adventure at Tintoreras, a cluster of small isles teeming with wildlife. Sail through crystal-clear waters and discover a vibrant underwater world inhabited by white-tipped sharks, colorful tropical fish, and starfish. **Snorkeling:** Dive into the marvelous marine world of Isabela. Swim alongside sea turtles, manta rays, and, if you're lucky, Galapagos penguins.

Highlights: Tintoreras, white-tipped sharks, sea turtles, manta rays.

PM: ISABELA ISLAND WETLANDS & INTERPRETATION CENTER

In the afternoon, explore the wetlands of Isabela Island, a vital ecosystem for the biodiversity of the Galapagos. These trails take you through mangroves, saline lagoons, and beaches, where you can spot flamingos, blue-billed ducks, and other aquatic birds. Conclude the day at the Interpretation Center, discovering the natural and human history of the islands, their conservation, and the ongoing efforts to protect this World Heritage Site.

Highlights: Wetlands, mangroves, flamingos, blue-billed ducks, Interpretation Center.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 10

Galaxy Orion

| Day Notes

AM: MORENO POINT

Commence your day at the enchanted Moreno Point. The extensive lava fields may appear lifeless, but scattered brackish lagoons teeming with life, such as flamingos, gallinules, ducks, and herons lie within its borders. Along the coast, keep an eye out for penguins, marine iguanas, flightless cormorants, blue-footed boobies, sea lions, oystercatchers, and other shore birds.

Snorkeling Experience: Dip into the refreshing water and explore a mesmerizing underwater world populated by sea turtles, cormorants, and a myriad of fish species. Look carefully within the long seaweeds; you might discover a charming sea horse.

Highlights: American flamingoes, ducks, gallinules, penguins, cormorants, marine iguanas, sea lions, Galapagos mockingbirds, and Darwin finches.

PM: ELIZABETH BAY

Elizabeth Bay, your afternoon stop, is a sheltered bay encircled by towering mangroves and barren lava fields. There are no trails here, so you'll undertake a dinghy tour to explore the teeming channels, pools, and coves. This location is one of the finest to observe Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, blue-footed boobies, pelicans, rays, and sea turtles.

Highlights: Galapagos hawks, sea turtles, rays, Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, and herons.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 11

Galaxy Orion

Day Notes

AM: MANGLE POINT

Begin your day at Mangle Point on the pristine Fernandina Island, one of the Galapagos's most untouched and ecologically pure islands. This location offers a spectacular mangrove ecosystem, a haven for wildlife. As your boat gently navigates through the clear waters, observe the intricate mangrove roots where marine turtles and rays often hide. The calm and shallow waters make this an ideal spot for snorkeling, offering a chance to swim alongside sea turtles, various species of rays, and abundant tropical fish.

Mangle Point presents a unique opportunity to witness the symbiosis between the mangrove forests and the marine environment, offering a serene and intimate experience with nature.

Snorkeling Experience: Immerse yourself in the tranquil waters of Mangle Point—experience close encounters with the diverse marine life that thrives among the mangroves and coral reefs.

Highlights: Mangrove ecosystem, sea turtles, rays, tropical fish.

PM: URBINA BAY

Urbina Bay, known for its dramatic uplift during the 1950s, awaits your visit in the morning. As you traverse the trail, observe small shells and corals, indicators that this area was submerged just over sixty years ago. Here, you can encounter land iguanas and, during certain seasons, giant tortoises. Galapagos hawks nest in the area, often seen soaring or perched on trees.

Snorkeling Experience: Snorkel from the beach to spot sea turtles, flightless cormorants, and penguins. The area also boasts an abundance of fish.

Highlights: Galapagos hawks, land iguanas, Galapagos hawks, Galapagos mockingbirds, Darwin finches, and flycatchers.

Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 12

Galaxy Orion

Day Notes

AM: TAGUS COVE

Tagus Cove, a location visited by Charles Darwin during his Galapagos exploration, offers a dry Palo Santo forest where Darwin finches and mockingbirds reside. Take in the marvelous views of Darwin's Lake and the grand

volcanos of northern Isabela. A boat tour along the coast will reveal penguins, cormorants, marine iguanas, and the Galapagos martin, an endangered endemic species.

Snorkeling Experience: Dive into the nutrient-rich waters around Tagus Cove, where many sea turtles, a great diversity of fish, and penguins await, feasting on large schools of anchovies. Cormorants are commonly spotted underwater as they chase fish through the reef.

Highlights: Galapagos hawks, marine iguanas, flightless cormorants, herons, penguins, sea turtles, and sea stars.

PM: ESPINOZA POINT

Espinoza Point is a National Park gem located at the base of an imposing volcano (the most active in the Galapagos islands). Upon landing, be greeted by hundreds of marine iguanas in the largest colony for the species. Also present are sea lions, flightless cormorants, herons, pelicans, oystercatchers, sea turtles, shorebirds, and more. Look to the mangroves where Galapagos hawks often perch, on the lookout for prey.

Snorkeling Experience: Immerse yourself in the nutrient-rich waters around Espinoza Point, brimming with a plethora of fish and sea turtles. Witness marine iguanas feeding underwater amidst a cornucopia of seaweeds.

Highlights: Galapagos hawks, marine iguanas, flightless cormorants, penguins, sea turtles, sea lions, herons, oystercatchers, shorebirds, and Sally light-foot crabs.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 13

Galaxy Orion

| Day Notes

AM: EGAS POINT

Despite its name, there's no port at Puerto Egas, but remnants from the 60s colonization attempts still linger. The trail along the wildlife-rich coastline leads to "the grottos," home to a small colony of the endemic Galapagos fur seal. In 2019, land iguanas were reintroduced, so keep your eyes peeled for these fascinating reptiles.

Snorkeling Experience: Snorkel from the beach to explore rocky bottoms teeming with fish, turtles, and reef sharks. Sea lions often join in, happy to interact with divers.

Highlights: Galapagos sea lions, Galapagos fur seals, oystercatchers, marine & land iguanas, Galapagos hawks, herons, shorebirds, Darwin finches, Galapagos doves.

PM: ESPUMILLA BEACH & BUCANEER COVE

Start your morning at Espumilla Beach on Santiago Island, a location famous for its stunning, golden sandy beach and mangrove forest. The beach is a nesting site for sea turtles and is also known for its excellent swimming and snorkeling opportunities. The calm waters and diverse marine life, including octopuses, moray eels, and reef

sharks, make for an unforgettable snorkeling experience. Following the beach, visit Buccaneer Cove, a historic area frequented by pirates and whalers in the past. This cove is surrounded by high cliffs and tuff formations, creating a breathtaking natural amphitheater. It's a great place for spotting seabirds like pelicans, boobies, and seagulls.

This combination of natural beauty and history provides a multifaceted experience, allowing you to enjoy both the tranquil beach setting and the adventurous tales of Buccaneer Cove

Snorkeling Experience: Enjoy the clear waters at Espumilla Beach and the rich historical backdrop of Buccaneer Cove. Discover the underwater world and the area's intriguing history.

Highlights: Bobbies, oystercatchers, herons, Galapagos mockingbirds, Darwin finches, Galapagos hawks, sea turtles, snorkeling, historical pirate and whaler site.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 14 - 15

Galaxy Orion

| Day Notes

AM: EL BARRANCO

Next stop, El Barranco. Known for its fractured lava cliffs serving as the perfect dwelling for storm petrel colonies, this unique ecosystem draws a significant population of short-eared owls. A trail alongside these cliffs reveals red-footed and Nazca boobies aplenty. Resting in the shadows at the cliffs' base, you may spot Galapagos fur seals and numerous seabirds.

Snorkeling Experience: The deep blue waters along the cliffs offer another underwater escapade with a profusion of colorful fish, sharks, rays, and sea lions.

Highlights: Nesting great frigatebirds, red-footed & Nazca boobies, Galapagos sea lions, Galapagos fur seals, lava & swallow-tailed gulls, yellow-crown night herons, Genovesa ground finch, Genovesa cactus finch, Galapagos mockingbirds.

PM: DARWIN BAY

Start your day surrounded by the bustling avian life of Darwin Bay on Genovesa Island, a birdwatcher's paradise. As soon as your feet touch the sandy terrain, you're welcomed by a symphony of seabird calls, with frigatebirds, boobies, and gulls soaring overhead or nestled in the foliage. The trail meanders through colonies of sea lions, marine iguanas, night herons, Darwin finches, Galapagos doves, mockingbirds, and more.

Snorkeling Experience: Dive into the bay's underwater realms, teeming with vibrant fish, elusive sharks, graceful rays, and playful sea lions. With multiple snorkeling spots, from cliff-lined deep waters to shallow beachside areas, you're guaranteed a spectacular aquatic show.

Highlights: Nesting great frigatebirds, red-footed & Nazca boobies, Galapagos sea lions, lava & swallow-tailed gulls, yellow-crowned night herons, Genovesa ground finch, Genovesa cactus finch, Galapagos mockingbirds.

| Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



Day 15 - 16
Pueno

| Day Notes

AM – NORTH SEYMOUR & TRANSFER OUT TO BALTRA'S AIRPORT

Your journey continues with a morning visit to North Seymour Island, a spectacular showcase of the Galapagos Islands' diverse wildlife. This relatively flat island is home to a thriving population of blue-footed boobies and frigate birds. The trail winds its way through a forest of low, bushy vegetation, where you'll have the opportunity to witness the fascinating courtship dance of the blue-footed boobies. The island's coastline also allows one to observe sea lions and marine iguanas basking in the sun. The large frigate bird colonies are a sight, especially when the males inflate their bright red throat pouches to attract mates.

Birdwatching Experience: Encounter the majestic frigate birds and charming blue-footed boobies in their natural habitat. This is an ideal spot for birdwatching and photography.

Highlights: Blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, sea lions, marine iguanas.

As the day winds down, prepare for your return to the Ecuador mainland. Reflect on the extraordinary experiences and memories created as you journey back. The return trip is a time to relax and ponder the unique ecosystems and incredible wildlife you've encountered, leaving the enchanted islands behind but taking a piece of their magic.

This concludes your remarkable journey through the Galapagos, filled with awe-inspiring encounters with nature's wonders, leaving you with a deeper appreciation for the delicate balance of our planet's ecosystems.

Flight Information

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| Included

- Breakfast

| Cruise

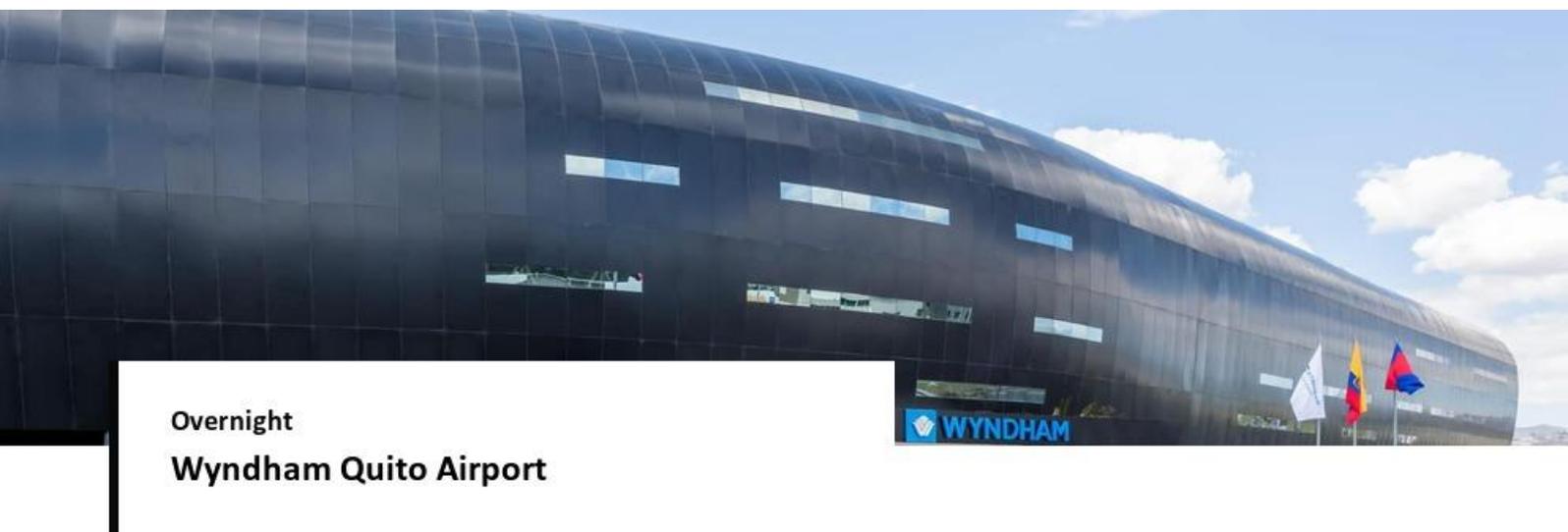
Disembark at Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS]

| Scheduled Flight

Scheduled Flight from Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS] to Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO]

| Shuttle

Shuttle Transfer from Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO] to Wyndham Quito Airport



Overnight

Wyndham Quito Airport

Situated opposite the Mariscal Sucre International Airport in Ecuador, Wyndham Quito Airport is an ideal base for exploring local museums and breathtaking sites. The property's rooms and suites feature amenities such as air conditioning, TVs with satellite channels, hairdryers, free Wi-Fi, safes, minibars and telephones. Guests are provided with an inclusive breakfast in the morning. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, a spa and a fitness centre.

Day 16

End of Itinerary

Day Notes

Pick Up: from your hotel's lobby.

Your designated hotel shuttle will pick you up directly from your hotel, assisting with your luggage as needed.

Included

- Breakfast

Shuttle

Shuttle Transfer from Wyndham Quito Airport to Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO]

Transport

Flights

Date & Time	Route	Flight
Day 8, 08:35 Day 8, 11:07	Depart: Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO] Arrive: Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS]	LATAM Airlines [LA], LA1413 (Scheduled Flight)
Day 15, 11:47 Day 15, 16:05	Depart: Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS] Arrive: Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO]	LATAM Airlines [LA], LA1412 (Scheduled Flight)

Transfers

Date & Time	Route	Vehicle
Day 1, 23:30 Day 1, 00:30	Pick Up: Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO] Drop Off: Casa Anabela Hotel Boutique	Columbus Travel, Private Guided Trip
Day 4, 08:00 Day 4, 16:00	Pick Up: Casa Anabela Hotel Boutique Drop Off: Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge	Columbus Travel, Private Guided Trip
Day 5, 08:00 Day 5, 16:00	Pick Up: Llullu Llama Mountain Lodge Drop Off: Hostal Mamá Hilda	Columbus Travel, Private Guided Trip
Day 6 Day 6	Pick Up: Hostal Mamá Hilda Drop Off: Sangay Spa Hotel	Private Guided Trip
Day 7 Day 7	Pick Up: Sangay Spa Hotel Drop Off: Casa Anabela Hotel Boutique	Private Guided Trip

Day 8, 05:30	Pick Up: Casa Anabela Hotel Boutique	Columbus Travel, Private Guided Trip
Day 8, 06:30	Drop Off: Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO]	
Day 15, 16:05	Pick Up: Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO]	Wyndham Quito airport, Shuttle
Day 15, 16:15	Drop Off: Wyndham Quito Airport	
Day 16, 21:30	Pick Up: Wyndham Quito Airport	Wyndham Quito Airport, Shuttle
Day 16, 21:40	Drop Off: Mariscal Sucre International Airport [UIO]	

Voyages

Date & Time	Route	Boat
Day 8	Embark: Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS]	Galaxy Orion
Day 15	Disembark: Seymour Galapagos Ecological Airport [GPS]	

| Included

- Private transportation
- Excursions with an English-speaking Guide
- Meals detailed in the itinerary
- Hotel/Lodge as described in the itinerary
- Entrance Fees to listed locations
- Bike for Devils Cauldron Waterfall
- 7 nights on board Galaxy Orion Cruise

| Excluded

- International flights to/from Ecuador
- Domestic flights
- Galapagos National Park
- Migratory Control Card
- Personal expenses
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Tips and gratuities
- Meals not described
- Laundry service
- Medical and Travel Insurance
- Walking sticks