



South American Gems: Treasures of Ecuador and Peru 10 days–19 nights

Day 1. Lima - Peru Welcome to Lima!

A representative will warmly greet you upon arrival at the airport and transfer you to your first-class hotel. Take some time to relax, settle in, and explore the vibrant city at your leisure.

- ❖ Overnight: First-Class Hotel in Lima.
- ❖ Meals: None.

Day 2. Lima - Cusco

After a delicious breakfast at the hotel, you'll head to the airport for a short domestic flight to Cusco. Upon arrival, take advantage of some free time to acclimate to the altitude and get a feel for the charming city. In the afternoon, embark on a fascinating city tour of Cusco, visiting notable attractions such as the Sacsayhuaman Archaeological Park, Q'enqo and the Puma shrine, Tambomachay with its panoramic view of Puca Pucara, the Korinkancha temple, and the Inti God shrine. In the main square, you'll explore the magnificent Cathedral and the Cross. After the tour, return to your selected first-class hotel in Cusco for an overnight stay.

- ❖ Overnight: First-Class Hotel in Cusco.
- ❖ Meals: Breakfast.

Day 3. Cusco - Machu Picchu - Cusco

Start your day early as you board a train bound for one of the Seven Wonders of the World: Machu Picchu. Enjoy the scenic journey through the picturesque Urubamba River and its breathtaking canyon. Upon arrival in Aguas Calientes, continue your journey by bus, which will take you to the awe-inspiring Machu Picchu. Explore the ancient ruins with a knowledgeable guide, discovering the fascinating ceremonial shrines, terraces, and stone steps. Marvel at the precision and craftsmanship of the Inca architecture. Afterward, savor a delicious local lunch before returning to Cusco by train. Rest and relax at your first-class hotel for the night.

- ❖ Overnight: First-Class Hotel in Cusco.
- ❖ Meals: Breakfast / Lunch.

Day 4. Cusco – Lima to Quito

After breakfast, you'll be transferred to the airport in Cusco for your flight back to Lima and then onwards to Quito, Ecuador. Upon arrival in either city, a friendly representative will be waiting to welcome you and escort you to your first-class hotel. Take some time to unwind, explore the city, or simply relax at your leisure.

- ❖ Overnight: First-Class Hotel in Quito.
- ❖ Meals: Breakfast.

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Day 5. Colonial Quito & Middle of the World

Embark on a captivating journey through the bustling streets and squares of Quito's historical old town, the largest in the Americas. As a UNESCO Cultural Heritage Site, the city boasts a rich multi-ethnic and artistic heritage. Your guided tour will include visits to notable landmarks such as the Gothic Basilica of the Heart of Jesus, Independence Square, the Metropolitan Cathedral, the street of the Seven Crosses, the Jesuit convent, El Sagrario church, the Jesuit temple of La Compañía de Jesús, and the majestic San Francisco Square.

In the northern part of the city, you'll visit the Middle of the World Complex, home to the Equator Monument situated at 0°0'0" latitude. Explore the Museum of Ethnicity, which showcases the diverse peoples of Ecuador. The complex itself replicates the architectural style of Spanish colonial times and features a central plaza, a church, and even a bullfighting ring. After a fascinating day of exploration, return to your hotel for a restful overnight stay.

- ❖ Overnight: First-Class Hotel in Quito.
- ❖ Meals: Breakfast.

Day 6 - 9. Galapagos Cruise aboard the Coral I & II or the Galapagos Legend

Embark on a memorable adventure as you fly to the Galapagos Islands, a journey of approximately 2.5 hours. Upon arrival at Baltra or San Cristobal Airport, you'll be transferred to the port to board your cruise vessel.

Over the next few days, you'll enjoy two guided visits per day to different locations, allowing you to immerse yourself in the unique beauty and biodiversity of the Galapagos. Experience thrilling hikes along natural paths, where you'll encounter blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, sea lions, marine iguanas, albatrosses, penguins, sharks, and marine turtles. Snorkeling and diving activities offer opportunities to witness these incredible creatures up close in their natural habitat. Optional activities such as glass-bottom boat rides and kayaking provide a more relaxed way to observe the marine life.

Back on the ship, indulge in a variety of delicious buffet lunches and take advantage of free time to relax on the sun terraces, in the Jacuzzi, or by the pool on the open decks. One evening, savor an exquisite al-fresco BBQ, adding to the ultimate Galapagos experience. After dinner, enjoy a short but entertaining lecture about the next day's excursions, followed by free time to unwind or participate in onboard activities.

On the last day of your Galapagos cruise, breakfast will be served earlier than usual, allowing you to make the most of the morning and take part in a final excursion. Following the excursion, you'll take a flight back to Quito or Guayaquil.

Once on the mainland, one of our representatives will transfer you to your hotel for an overnight stay.

- ❖ Overnight: Onboard accommodation.
- ❖ Meals: All meals included aboard the cruise.

Day 10. Quito or Guayaquil

If you have an international flight, we will arrange a transfer to the Quito or Guayaquil airport. Alternatively, you can choose to extend your stay in Ecuador with other land tours that we can offer.

- ❖ Meals: Breakfast.

*****END OF OUR SERVICES*******Fare per person: \$3683****Included:**

- ✓ Transfer-in & out on bus and train rides.
- ✓ Visits and transportation in mainland Ecuador and Peru.
 - In Peru: Train ride on the Vista dome.
- ✓ Transfers for international flights.
- ✓ First class hotel accommodation in Quito, Lima, and Cusco, double room.
- ✓ Galapagos Islands luxury cruise or yacht accommodation, Standard cabin.
- ✓ All meals during the stay on the cruise or yacht in the Galapagos Islands.
- ✓ All breakfasts on mainland.
- ✓ Mentioned activities and excursions.
- ✓ Fresh water during the stay on the cruise or yacht in the Galapagos Islands.
- ✓ Bilingual guide.

Not included:

- ✗ Round flight to/from the Galapagos Islands.
 - Adult: \$495 (suggested fare).
 - Child: \$375 (suggested fare).
- ✗ Entrance fee to the Galapagos National Park, to be paid at Baltra or San Cristobal Airport:
 - Ecuadorians: \$6 adult - \$3 child.
 - Foreigners: \$100 adult - \$50 child.
- ✗ Transit Control Card, to be paid at Quito Airport: \$20 per person.
- ✗ Isabela Island dock fee - according to itinerary: \$5 nationals - \$10 foreigners.
- ✗ Santa Cruz Island dock fee - according to itinerary: \$1.00 per person.
- ✗ San Cristobal Island dock fee - according to itinerary: \$1.00 per person.
- ✗ Transportation to Itabaca Channel (Baltra) by bus "Lobito": \$6 per person/route.
- ✗ International Flight Cusco-Lima and Lima – Quito. Please consult airfare with us.
- ✗ Medical insurance - travel insurance.
- ✗ Soda, sparkling water, alcoholic and not-alcoholic beverages.
- ✗ Expenses not mentioned as included.
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- ✗ Personal expenses.
- ✗ Tips.

IMPORTANT REMARKS:

- ❖ Carry a valid identity document.

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- ❖ Prepare comfortable and sporty clothing for the Galapagos Islands and Lima. Prepare comfortable and warm clothes for the Andean region (Quito, Cusco).
- ❖ Bring a waterproof camera and a bag.
- ❖ Bring water, sunscreen, insect repellent, hat or cap, 2 bathing suits, sandals, towel.
- ❖ Upon arrival to the airport, an authorized guide (or a crew member) will welcome you.
- ❖ The guide will provide instructions and recommendations for each activity and excursion.
- ❖ In case there is any passenger that requires a specific diet (allergies, diabetes, vegetarian, vegan), please request it without any problem.
- ❖ Carry cash in case you buy sweets or souvenirs in local business and stores of small towns and villages. We recommend not to carry more than \$500 dollars in cash.

Optional Onboard Services (plus taxes):

- ❖ Scuba diving options during GO cruises.
- ❖ Wetsuits rental.
- ❖ Kayak rental.
- ❖ Internet plans (available upon request, during the stay on the cruise/yacht).

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Payments:

- ❖ All rates are shown in US Dollars.
- ❖ To book: initial deposit of \$500 per person (non-refundable in case of cancellation).
- ❖ Total value of the program must be paid up to 60 days before the start date of the trip.
- ❖ Prices do not apply for holidays or high season (consult price).
- ❖ Price valid only for cash payment (bank transfer).
- ❖ Charges may apply for transfers to international bank accounts.
- ❖ Credit card payment applies 8% surcharge.
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Cancellation Policy:

- ❖ All cancellations must be notified in writing.
- ❖ 121 days before the trip - No penalty.
- ❖ 120 - 61 days before the trip - Penalty of \$500 per person.
- ❖ 60 days before the trip - 100% penalty of the program's total cost, which must be paid. Any previous payments made will not be refunded.
- ❖ Penalty rates may vary and are subject to change.
- ❖ Any payment made in advance will not be refunded.
- ❖ The value of the penalty will be informed in writing.

- ❖ Penalty for flight cancellation subject to airline cancellation policies and conditions.

General conditions:

- ❖ It is essential to carry a valid identity document to process the entrance fees and validate your entry/exit to every country. Visitors must use their passport.
- ❖ Reservations are subject to change and availability up to the time of confirming your trip. We recommend you secure your place as soon as possible to guarantee availability.
- ❖ Exclusive accommodation in double rooms.
- ❖ Single supplement: 50%, except for Holiday Season.
- ❖ Applies discount for children up to 12 years old.
- ❖ Be sure to cancel your Transit Control Card directly at the Quito or Guayaquil airports prior to your flight to the Galapagos Islands.
- ❖ Galapagos National Park entrance fees are essential to preserve this natural wonder. Please pay these fees at the Baltra or San Cristobal airports upon arrival.
- ❖ Dock fees and transfers on the Itabaca Channel and the comfortable "Lobito" bus will be included in the final value of the program at the time of booking.
- ❖ Please note that Galapagos National Park entrance fees cannot be included in the cost of the program. These fees must be paid directly by the passenger at the designated places. Remember that only cash payments are accepted for these fees.
- ❖ The order of activities may change due to various factors, such as weather conditions, government regulations, public events, conservation, and passenger welfare considerations, as well as crew and facility safety.