

The World Experienced™

ECUADOR

MYSTIQUE OF THE ENCHANTED ISLES

THE TOUR

Day 1 (Thur) Quito

Arrive in Quito and transfer to historic heritage hotel.

Day 2 (Fri) Quito

Today begins with a tour of the largest colonial city in the Americas. The city evokes various art and creativity from lavish, gothic and baroque styles derived from the Spanish conquistadors. Visit the San Francisco de Quito, Basilica, Independence square, Presidential & the Archbishop's Palaces, Metropolitan Cathedral & The Jesuit church of La Compañia de Jesús. Tile roofs, forged iron rod balconies and beautifully carved doors gives you the feeling of going back in time to the Spanish American Era. Later, visit the "Mitad del Mundo" Equator Monument depicting the middle of the world situated at 0°0'0" latitude where the 18th century French Geodesic Expedition built one of the three pyramids.

Day 3 (Sat) Quito - Ibara - Magdalena

Visit Otavalo indigenous market, the largest traditional Indian market in South America. Interact and bargain with friendly locals in beautiful and unique costumes. Continue to Ibara and experience a thrilling train ride along an early 20th century railroad through the Spectacular Andes Mountains. Stop at Sallana, an Ecuadorian village for lunch and cultural experience. Stay overnight with an Indian family in the village of Magdalena high in the mountains. Optional overnight in historic Hacienda whose guests included General Simón Bolívar.

Day 4 (Sun) Magdalena - Peguche - Quito

Embark on a horseback ride with a native guide through the magnificent Andes followed by insight into village traditional Andean activities including embroidery, sheepherding and harvest techniques. Visit the town of Cotacachi known for manufacturing leather goods. Visit Culcocha crater lake flanked by snow-capped peaks and native flora or visit Peguche to witness Andean instrument manufacturing with optional traditional Ecuadorian lunch & folklore show.

Days 5 - 8 Quito - Galapagos Islands Cruise - Quito

Transfer to airport for flight to Baltra Island. Begin a 4-Day Deluxe Galapagos Cruise. Visit Bartolomé, Pinnacle Rock, Egas Port, optional visit to Salt Mines, Dragon Hill and Palo Santo. Walk through giant Opuntia cactus forest, visit North Seymour and Santa Cruz Highlands. Become lost amidst the stunning and unique ecology and wildlife discovered by Charles Darwin and found only here on Earth. Enjoy close personal encounters with Sea Lions, Penguins, Iguanas, Giant Sea Tortoise, Darwin's Finches, Yellow Warblers & Frigate birds, among others, for an experience of a lifetime. Activities include snorkling & trekking. Return to Quito

Day 9 (Fri) Quito

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Canada.

Extend your tour with an optional 4-Day all inclusive expedition to the Ecuadorian Amazon Rainforest with stay at a luxury Jungle Lodge or wildlife research centre

DEPARTURE DATES 2023:

JAN 4	-	JAN 12
FEB 1	-	FEB 9
MAR 7	-	MAR 15
APR 4	-	APR 12
MAY 2	-	MAY 10
JUN 6	-	JUN 14
JUL 4	-	JUL 12
AUG 1	-	AUG 9
SEP 7	-	SEP 13
OCT 5	-	OCT 11
NOV 7	-	NOV 15
DEC 5	-	DEC 13

RATES UNTIL DEC. 31, 2023:

★★★ HOTELS

P/person in Double room CAD\$3,995
P/person in Single room CAD\$5,990

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P/person in Double room CAD\$4,065
P/person in Single room CAD\$6,100
Supp. Hacienda Pinaquil CAD\$60

ADDITIONAL AIRFARES:

UIO/GPS/UIO per person net in CAD 383.00
Plus airport taxes and fees.
All airfares subject to change!

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- 8 Overnights
- Daily Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner
- All meals included on Galapagos Cruise
- Excursions and transfers as described with local English and French speaking guides
- Entrance fees, luggage handling
- Tax and service charge in the hotels

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:

- Flights & Airport taxes
 - Personal expenses & tips
 - Galapagos Park Tax: CAD 120
 - Cruise Fuel Surcharge: CAD 108
 - Wet Suit rental: CAD 27
 - Extras in the hotels
- Our general conditions apply

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