



Best of the Galapagos by Catamaran

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The Offer

Discover the extraordinary wildlife & ecosystems of the Galapagos Islands on a luxury 12-day sailing package. Fly to Quito, Ecuador, then board a boutique 16-passenger luxury catamaran to discover the islands of Santa Cruz, Isabela, Fernandina, Santiago and more.

Begin your journey with a 5-star stay in Quito, Ecuador, with leisure time to explore at your own pace or join optional tours showcasing historic landmarks. Fly to Baltra Island, where you'll begin your Galapagos adventure with the chance of coming face to face with wild Giant Galapagos tortoises in their natural habitat on Santa Cruz Island.

Step aboard the boutique MC Seaman Journey catamaran to revel in personalised service, with a maximum capacity of only 16 passengers. After a full day of exploring, you'll be able to relax and recharge on the sundeck, perhaps enjoy a refreshing drink before dinner and share tales of your day's discoveries with fellow guests and your experienced naturalist guide.

Each day in the Galapagos brings unforgettable wildlife encounters and shore excursions with experienced guides and conservationists. Explore mangrove-lined inlets, roam

across ancient lava flows dotted with cacti, visit isolated islets and tidal grottoes by zodiac, or soak in the panoramic views as you stroll along sandy shores. Discover each island's biodiverse eco-system, home to giant tortoises, marine iguanas, colourful Sally Lightfoot crabs, fur seals, sea lions and more. Watch the skies for fluttering finches, colonies of flamingo, bright red frigate birds, hawks and blue-footed boobies. Snorkel through the nutrient-rich waters of the Galapagos, where you may spot basking sunfish (Mola mola), seahorses, starfish and an abundance of shimmering reef fish.

Look for sea turtles and spotted eagle rays gliding beneath the peaceful waters of Black Turtle Cove, before disembarking and returning to Quito for your flight home.

This transformative exploration of the Galapagos includes return international full-service flights, 6-night boutique luxury catamaran cruise, 3-nights of 5-star accommodation, 20 meals and more.

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Extend the adventure with Itinerary 2, taking you to iconic Machu Picchu, Sacred Valley, Aguas Calientes, Lima, Cusco and more in Peru before your Galapagos experience.

Want more? Add a stopover to your itinerary, plus Arrive Early and Stay Behind options are also available.

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The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Quito, Ecuador

Today, at the appropriate time, make your way to the airport for your flight to Quito, Ecuador. Once arrived, a tour representative will meet and transfer you to your accommodation for the next two evenings.

Welcome to Quito, a captivating city where rich history, vibrant culture, and breathtaking Andean landscapes meet. As Ecuador's high-altitude capital and a UNESCO World Heritage site, Quito's historic centre enchants with its colonial architecture, bustling plazas, and stunning churches like the gold-covered La Compañía de Jesús. Stroll along charming cobblestone streets or ride the TeleferiQo, one of the world's highest cable cars, for panoramic views of the city and surrounding volcanoes. Thanks to its location near the equator, Quito enjoys a mild, spring-like climate year-round and serves as the perfect gateway to Ecuador's natural wonders (additional charges may apply for activities referenced).

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Overnight: Sheraton Quito Hotel or similar

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Quito - Day at Leisure

Spend the day at leisure to explore the wonders of Quito. Alternatively, you can choose to participate in an optional activity.

Optional Tour: Quito Viewpoints Tour

Marvel at the beautiful city of Quito from different viewpoints throughout the city. A World Heritage Listed city, Quito is one of Spanish-speaking America's most extensive and best-preserved historic centres. Start your journey overlooking the city from the Guapulo neighbourhood, offering fantastic views of the colonial church and the valley beyond. On clear days, you can see the snow-capped Cayambe Volcano over the horizon. This spot is renowned as the place where Spanish conquistador Francisco de Orellana set out on his impromptu journey, which led him to become the first person to navigate the whole length of the Amazon River.

The views don't stop here. You'll then proceed to El Panecillo for further breathtaking views of the city horizon, and the opportunity to see the Virgin of Legarda monument. The final stop on your tour ends in the traditional neighbourhood of San Juan, one of the emblematic viewpoints of the city.

After the tour, you'll have the opportunity to try some traditional and delicious quesadillas. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Optional Tour: Quito City Tour

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Enjoy a truly unique experience in the heart of Quito city and discover its history through local eyes. Walk around its charming streets and visit the most iconic buildings, such as the Golden Church, San Francisco Square, and the Main Square. Visit Luis' local workshop, Cruz Verde (Green Cross), a well-known artisan whose family has prepared the local candy "Colaciones" for the last 100 years, keeping alive Quito's tradition.

For lunch, you can sit with locals and enjoy a tasty meal freshly prepared using local products and flavours. In the afternoon, walk on the colourful Ronda Street, where you can enjoy a giant empanada (traditional pasty).

To finish the day, go to Panecillo Hill for a panoramic view of Quito. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Please note: You can book both optional tours. If the group has chosen both, the city tour will be in the morning before the viewpoints tour later in the afternoon.

Overnight: Sheraton Quito Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Quito - Santa Cruz Island - Board MC Galapagos Seaman Journey Catamaran

This morning, be transferred to the airport for the flight to the Galapagos Islands. Upon arrival, travel by vehicle and ferry across the Itabaca Channel. En route, enjoy a visit to Rancho El Manzanillo (or a similar reserve), where you'll have the chance to observe wild Galapagos tortoises in their natural habitat and explore fascinating lava tubes and volcanic craters.

Then, board the MC Galapagos Seaman Journey catamaran and settle in for the adventure ahead.

The elegant first-class MC Galapagos Seaman Journey catamaran offers year-round cruising through the breathtaking Galapagos Islands. With a maximum of just 16 guests on board, this intimate vessel combines comfort, adventure, and personalised service at the highest standard.

Each day brings unforgettable wildlife encounters with iconic species such as giant tortoises, penguins, marine and land iguanas, sea lions, and more. Guests can enjoy a range of activities including: hiking, kayaking, zodiac excursions, swimming, snorkelling, and guided island exploration. After a day of discovery, your experienced naturalist guide will offer a detailed debrief on the day's adventures and be available to answer questions about the region's unique wildlife, marine life, geology, and ecology.

The Seaman Journey is thoughtfully equipped with everything you need to relax and recharge. On board, you'll find a dining room, lounge, bar area, shaded sundeck with a whirlpool, library with board games and a DVD player, kayaks, laundry service, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, and private balconies.

Please note: A \$20 USD migration control card and \$200 USD national park fee apply upon arrival in the Galapagos (prices are per person and are subject to change). Please note that onboard spending is by cash only (USD).

Inclusions:

- Accommodation on board in twin bedrooms (double bedding is not available on board)



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- All meals during the cruise
- Naturalist Bilingual Guide Level III
- All visits and excursions according to the itinerary
- Snorkel Gear (mask, tube and fins)
- Kayaks
- Unlimited purified water, coffee, and tea

Exclusions:

- Galapagos National Park entrance fee: \$200 USD per person
- Galapagos Ingala card: \$20 USD per person
- Tips
- Local Taxes
- Travel Insurance
- Meals and services not mentioned
- Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks
- Extras and personal expenses
- Wetsuit rental
- Internet service on board

Overnight: MC Galapagos Seaman Journey Catamaran or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 4 Moreno Point, Isabela Island & Mangle Point, Fernandina Island

Today begins at Moreno Point on the western coast of Isabela Island, near the entrance to the Bolívar Channel. Witness the striking Pahoehoe lava flows that wind their way into coastal lagoons, where you'll have the chance to spot a variety of birdlife, including blue-footed boobies and flightless cormorants. The surrounding lakes and mangroves offer a rich habitat teeming with life, making it an ideal location for nature enthusiasts and birdwatchers alike.

In the afternoon, continue to Mangle Point on the eastern side of Fernandina Island. This peaceful mangrove-lined inlet is best explored by panga or zodiac, drifting quietly through the groves in search of wildlife. Keep an eye out for sea lions lounging along the shore, marine iguanas, sea turtles, rays gliding beneath the surface, and an impressive array of coastal birds. With its calm waters and rich marine life, Mangle Point is also an excellent spot for snorkelling.

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Day 5 Urbina Bay & Tagus Cove, Isabela Island

This morning, explore Urbina Bay on the western coast of Isabela Island, nestled at the base of Alcedo Volcano. The area experienced a significant uplift from the sea in 1954, the area offers a fascinating landscape where stranded marine life still tells the story of this dramatic geological event. Follow a 3.2 kilometre trail through a mix of sand, pumice, lava, coral, and coastal vegetation, keeping an eye out for land iguanas, larger than those found on South Plaza Island, and burrows tucked into the earth. The area is also home to Darwin's finches, giant tortoises, and native flora such as chamomile, rosewood, and the rare Darwin's cotton flowers. Snorkelling here may reward you with sightings of penguins gliding through the water and vibrant red and blue lobsters hiding among the rocks.

In the afternoon, visit Tagus Cove, located to the west of Darwin Volcano. Once a refuge for pirates and whalers, the area still bears their legacy with 19th-century graffiti carved into the stone walls. The trail here is moderately challenging and leads to a lookout above the emerald waters of Darwin Lake, offering sweeping views of the bay below. Along the way, look out for finches, mockingbirds, and volcanic formations such as "lapilli", small, spherical rock fragments formed during eruptions. Tagus Cove is also a fantastic spot for kayaking and snorkelling, with the added chance of encountering a colony of flightless cormorants nestled along the rocky shores.

Overnight: MC Galapagos Seaman Journey Catamaran or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 6 Espinoza Point, Fernandina Island & Vicente Roca Point, Isabela Island

This morning, visit Espinoza Point on Fernandina Island, one of the most untouched and remote corners of the Galápagos. Here, you'll find dense colonies of marine iguanas sprawled across the black lava rocks, resembling miniature dragon armies basking in the sun. The site is also home to remarkable wildlife including the flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguin, Galapagos hawk, and even the elusive Galapagos snake. With its raw beauty and thriving biodiversity, Espinoza Point offers a true taste of the islands' wild side.

In the afternoon, continue to Vicente Roca Point on the northwestern coast of Isabela Island. Framed by dramatic cliffs and striking lava formations, this bay is a haven for marine life. Snorkel or enjoy a panga ride through its nutrient-rich waters, where you may spot sea turtles, seahorses, sunfish (Mola mola), and an abundance of coastal birds such as penguins, blue-footed boobies, terns, and playful sea lions. It's a spectacular setting to explore both above and below the surface.

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Day 7 Espumilla Beach & Puerto Egas, Santiago Island

This morning, explore Espumilla Beach on the northern coast of Santiago Island, tucked within James Bay. Known for its stunning coastal scenery shaped by sea erosion, the area offers a fascinating mix of ecosystems, from dry palo santo forest to lush mangroves and humid zones. Wander the sand dunes where baby sea turtles may be seen nesting, and keep an eye out for a vibrant flamingo colony in the nearby lagoon. Wildlife is abundant here, with sightings of sea lions, fur seals, marine turtles, oystercatchers, herons, marine iguanas, and an array of sea and land birds, including the Galapagos dove, finches, and hawks. The landscape also tells the story of past conservation challenges, with visible signs of damage from previous invasive species like feral goats, now successfully eradicated.

In the afternoon, visit Puerto Egas, home to a striking black sand beach made of volcanic tuff. This site once housed a salt mining operation and its abandoned remains can still be seen scattered along the shoreline. Walk the trail past sea lion colonies to a series of tidal grottoes, where fur seals gather to swim and play in the pools. With its dramatic contrast of dark rock and the vivid red of Sally Lightfoot crabs, this is a photographer's dream. Snorkelling here offers a chance to swim alongside marine iguanas, playful sea lions, and a colourful array of marine life.

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Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 8 Rábida Island & Sombrero Chino

This morning, explore the striking landscapes of Rábida Island, instantly recognisable by its rich red sands and rocks, coloured by oxidised volcanic material. A short walk leads to a saltwater lagoon where flamingos often gather, and land birds flit through the surrounding vegetation. Along the coast, watch pelicans plunge for fish against a vivid backdrop of red beach and green foliage. Snorkelling along the island's shoreline is considered among the best in the archipelago, with opportunities to swim alongside playful sea lions and observe moray eels, small sharks, starfish, and an array of colourful reef fish.

In the afternoon, visit Sombrero Chino (Chinese Hat), a tiny volcanic islet off the southeastern tip of Santiago Island. This young volcanic cone lives up to its name, with a distinct shape that resembles a traditional Chinese hat. Wander among surreal lava landscapes dotted with vibrant red sesuvium plants, bright orange-billed oystercatchers, Sally Lightfoot crabs, and lava cacti. Sea lions, marine iguanas, lava lizards, and Galapagos penguins are commonly seen resting or playing along the shore. The channel between Chinese Hat and Santiago Island provides a sheltered deep-water snorkelling site with calm turquoise waters. Here, you might encounter white-tipped reef sharks resting in underwater caves, as well as stingrays, parrotfish, sea turtles, more penguins, and, if you're lucky, a passing pod of dolphins or the rare sighting of a whale shark.

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Day 9 Black Turtle Cove - Santa Cruz Island - Quito

This morning, enjoy a peaceful dinghy ride through the serene waters of Black Turtle Cove, located on the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. With engines turned off to preserve the tranquillity of the mangrove-fringed cove, drift silently through this protected habitat. Keep watch for sea turtles gliding beneath the surface, often feeding or mating, as well as black-tip, white-tip, and Galapagos sharks. You may also spot groups of golden cow rays, spotted eagle rays, egrets, and herons wading in the shallows or perched among the roots.

You'll then be transferred to Baltra Airport for your return flight to the mainland. Be met and transferred to the hotel in Quito for the final night of your journey.

Overnight: Sheraton Quito Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Quito, Ecuador - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, at the appropriate time, be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Australia (or New Zealand)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 In-transit

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 12 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Arrive back on home turf and make your own onward travel arrangements!

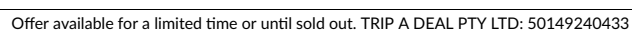
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Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Lima, Peru

Today depart from Australia (or New Zealand) to Lima, Peru. Upon arrival in Lima, be welcomed and transferred to the hotel.

Lima is a huge and fascinating city, a melting pot of all things Peruvian, where world-famous restaurants sit alongside ancient archaeological sites. Known as The City of Kings, the Peruvian capital is packed with stunning colonial architecture, huge religious buildings, government seat, and other important structures.

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Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Lima or similar

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Lima, City Tour

Today, embark on a Lima city tour, beginning with a visit to Huaca Pucllana. This ancient adobe pyramid in the heart of modern Miraflores offers a captivating glimpse into the past amidst the present. From here, the tour continues to Lima's historic centre, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site, where you'll visit the stunning Plaza de Armas. Surrounded by grand colonial and Republican-era buildings, the square is home to many of Peru's most significant institutions, including the Government Palace, the Cathedral of Lima, the Archbishop's Palace, the Municipal Palace, and the Palace of the Union. The ornate wooden balconies and architectural detail reflect centuries of history and cultural fusion.

Just a short walk from the square, visit the Convent of San Francisco, one of Lima's most treasured religious sites. Founded in the 1530s and completed in the 18th century, this remarkable complex holds a wealth of artistic and historical treasures. Wander through the peaceful central courtyard lined with mango and lucuma trees, admire intricate tilework, and view murals depicting the life of St Francis of Assisi. The convent's library is a true highlight, housing more than 25,000 books, some dating back to the 16th century, including a rare Bible from 1571, now handled only by Franciscan monks.

In the afternoon, visit the private Larco Museum, considered one of the finest in Peru. Set in an elegant 18th-century mansion, the museum showcases a vast collection of pre-Columbian ceramics, textiles, metalwork, and more. Its most famous exhibit is the





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unique and often eyebrow-raising gallery of erotic pottery, offering a bold and fascinating look into the artistic expression and social customs of ancient cultures.

After your museum visit, you'll be returned to your hotel, with the rest of the evening at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Lima or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Lima - Cusco

This morning, at the appropriate time, you'll be transferred to the airport in Lima in preparation for your short flight to Cusco. Once you arrive in Cusco, you will be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel.

Welcome to Cusco, the Inca Empire's former capital and one of South America's most fascinating cities. Walking through the city centre, you can see the incredible mix of Inca and colonial architecture, watch the merging of indigenous and Spanish influences, and feel the history flowing through every cobblestone street. Cusco is located in the Peruvian Andes at 3,399 metres above sea level.

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Cusco, City Tour

Today, enjoy a guided tour of beautiful Cusco, starting at the wonderful Qorikancha which is next door to Santo Domingo Church. The Qorikancha was one of the Incan Empire's most sacred and important temples. Sadly stripped by Spanish conquistadors, the Qorikancha's walls were once covered with gold and decorated with life-size statues of plants and animals, said to be made of pure gold and silver.

Head to Cusco Cathedral and see its main altar and pulpit covered in gold and silver relief work. Located on the Plaza de Armas, and built between 1560 and 1664 on top of the foundations of an existing Incan temple, this spectacular cathedral houses many works of art by the Cusco School. The next stop is the imposing Incan fortress of Sacsayhuamán, which sits on a hill above Cusco. Here, you can see some of the finest examples of Incan stonework and construction, including massive rocks that were carefully cut and perfectly fitted together to form the walls. After exploring Sacsayhuamán, head up the hill to the Tambomachay Archeological Complex. Although the exact purpose of this site is unknown, it's thought to have functioned, at least in part, as an Incan spa.

After the tour, return to the hotel, then enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Total trekking distance: 3 kilometres (approximately 1 hour).

Highest altitude: 3,750 metres

Lowest Altitude: 3,400 metres



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Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Cusco, Day at Leisure

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to explore Cusco at your own leisure. The capital city of the Inca Empire is the archaeological capital of the Americas, as well as the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city. Alternatively, you can choose to participate in an optional activity.

Optional Activity: Maras & Moray

Embark on a captivating half-day tour of Maras and Moray, beginning with a pickup from your Cusco hotel at approximately 09:00. The journey to Moray takes about 1.5 hours, offering breathtaking views of the Andean landscape along the way. Pass golden wheat fields, charming traditional villages, and majestic snow-capped mountains.

Upon arrival at Moray, explore its fascinating amphitheatre-like terraced structures. These circular terraces, believed to have been an agricultural laboratory for the Incas, showcase their innovative techniques for optimising crop growth. It's a truly awe-inspiring site that highlights the ingenuity of the Inca Empire. Next, you'll visit Maras, located just 3 kilometres from Moray. Marvel at the ancient salt evaporation ponds carved into the mountainside. More than 3,000 pools collect salty spring water that evaporates to leave behind the renowned sal de Maras, a prized pink salt still harvested today. The view of these glistening ponds, resembling a blanket of snow or ice, is unforgettable.

After exploring Maras, you'll return to Cusco, with drop-off at your hotel included. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Optional Activity: Rainbow Mountain Trek

Physical ability: Active (please refer to the "Other Important Information" section for more information).

Set off before sunrise on an unforgettable full-day adventure to Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca), one of Peru's most spectacular natural wonders. Your day begins with a 05:00 hotel pick-up from Cusco, followed by an approximately three-hour scenic drive through the South Valley, where you'll enjoy breathtaking Andean landscapes and a delicious breakfast en route. Start your hike in the small town of Pitumarca (3,310 metres), following a gentle path beside a tranquil stream, with views of Mount Ausangate, one of the region's most sacred peaks. Along the way, spot grazing alpacas and llamas, and pass through remote villages where traditional Andean life still thrives.

After about 1.5 hours of hiking, reach Rainbow Mountain, standing at an impressive 5,100 metres. Marvel at the vibrant mineral layers that create the mountain's iconic striped appearance and enjoy approximately 30 minutes at the summit to take in the panoramic views, snap photos, and absorb the majestic setting. The return hike is approximately one hour, followed by a hearty buffet lunch at a local restaurant.

Afterwards, sit back and relax during the three-hour drive back to Cusco, arriving around 16:00. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

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Please note: The Rainbow Mountain Trek tour requires a moderate to high level of fitness. Participants will encounter uneven surfaces, steep inclines, numerous steps and trekking at high altitudes. Prior to undertaking this optional excursion, we recommend consulting with your GP to assess your suitability for the tour.

Optional Activity: Folklore Dinner & Show

At 19:00, make your way to a restaurant near Cusco's central Plaza de Armas for an unforgettable evening. Indulge in a fabulous buffet dinner featuring a wide selection of traditional dishes, including meats, fish, vegetables, and exquisite desserts. The culinary delights are sure to please every palate. As you dine, the evening comes alive with a vibrant traditional dance show. Immerse yourself in the rich culture of the Andes with folk and classical music performed on traditional instruments like the quena, charango, flute and zampoña.

For an even more memorable experience, you're welcome to join the dancers on the floor and become part of the celebration. It's an enchanting way to connect with the region's culture and traditions. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Please note: Only one of the daytime optional activities (Maras & Moray or Rainbow Mountain Trek) may be chosen today, as they operate concurrently.

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Sacred Valley of the Incas

This morning, be picked up from the hotel to begin a full-day adventure through the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Leaving the city behind, the journey starts with a scenic drive past the ancient site of Saqsaywaman and over the surrounding mountains, descending approximately 450 metres to the fertile valley floor.

The first stop is the charming village of Pisac, nestled alongside the Urubamba River. Explore the colourful traditional market, where vibrant stalls brim with handmade textiles, ceramics, jewellery, and other artisan treasures, perfect souvenirs to take home. After around 30 minutes in the market, ascend to the impressive Pisac archaeological site perched high above the valley. Enjoy a guided walk through the extensive ruins, which include Inca altars, temples, tunnels, and the iconic Intihuatana, or "hitching post of the sun," all set against sweeping views of the valley below.

From Pisac, continue through the heart of the Sacred Valley toward Urubamba, where you'll stop for a relaxing lunch.

In the afternoon, travel onward to the remarkable Inca town of Ollantaytambo. Once the royal estate of Emperor Pachacuti, the site is rich with history and engineering marvels. Discover the magnificent Temple of the Sun and marvel at the precisely carved stone blocks crafted by master stonemasons. The site is also home to sophisticated water channels, ceremonial fountains, and agricultural terraces designed to create distinct microclimates, an incredible testament to Inca innovation. After touring the ruins,



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return to the town below, where you'll see Inca-era water systems still in use today and soak in the atmosphere of daily life, with locals often dressed in traditional Andean clothing.

Today's final stop is the highland village of Chinchero, known for its deep cultural roots and stunning vistas of the snow-capped Chicón and Veronica peaks. Visit the colonial-era church, built atop Inca foundations, with beautifully painted interior walls adorned with floral and religious motifs. In the village plaza, admire the massive Inca stone wall with its ten trapezoidal niches. Chinchero offers a vivid glimpse into the living traditions of the Andes, where ancient customs and Spanish influences blend in vibrant harmony. After exploring Chinchero, return to the hotel in Ollantaytambo for an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Pakaritampu or similar

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 7 Ollantaytambo - Aguas Calientes

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation and prepare an overnight backpack for your journey to Aguas Calientes, as large suitcases cannot be transported on the train. Your main luggage will be securely transferred to your Cusco hotel, where it will be waiting for your return.

From Ollantaytambo, board the Peru Expedition train to Aguas Calientes (also known as Machu Picchu Pueblo), a colourful town at the foot of Machu Picchu. The two-hour train ride is a memorable experience, as you pass through river canyons and rolling hills. Aguas Calientes is the gateway to Machu Picchu, sitting in a deep gorge at the foot of the mountain on which

Machu Picchu stands. It is a beautiful town that mixes traditional life with a massive tourist infrastructure, with many markets, souvenir shops, hotels and restaurants. It's also largely pedestrianised, making it a fun place to explore on foot. Jungle-covered mountains and cliffs surround Aguas Calientes, and the Urubamba River flows by the town. Aguas Calientes is also surrounded by hot springs, so you will have plenty of time to relax and dip in one of the steaming natural springs (not included). You will also have time to walk around the city and explore the colourful markets and the general bustle of this unique Peruvian settlement.

Alternatively, you can choose to participate in an optional activity.

Optional Activity: Express Inca Trail Trek

Physical ability: Active (please refer to the "Other Important Information" section for more information).

You will be picked up early (approximately 06:00) to board the train for a 1.5-hour scenic ride to a point known as Kilometre 104 to start your short Inca Trail trek. Hike for approximately four hours to the Inca site of Wiñay Wayna ("Forever Young"), approximately 2,680 metres above sea level. Built on a steep hillside overlooking the Urubamba River, this archaeological site has ten baths and numerous Inca buildings displaying high levels of Inca masonry. Wiñay Wayna was discovered almost 30 years after the entire world knew about Machu Picchu and 40 years after Machu Picchu was first discovered. Little is known about what Wiñay Wayna was originally built for; however, there are theories that it was built as a spiritual destination or resting place





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before reaching Machu Picchu, where elders and royalty would cleanse themselves in the baths. Others believe that the site functioned as a kind of administrative centre to keep track of the amount of produce stored on-site.

After exploring Wiñay Wayna, continue your walk to Inti Punku (the Puerta del Sol, or The Sun's Gate) where you will have your first spectacular view of Machu Picchu. This site was believed to have once been the main entrance to Machu Picchu and was dedicated to Inti, the Inca Sun God. Then, head to Aguas Calientes for an afternoon at leisure. Current pricing details can be found in the Important Information section.

Please note: Due to the nature and duration of this tour, a moderate to active fitness level is required for participation in this supplementary trek. The route includes uneven surfaces, steep ascents and descents, a mix of stairs and dirt trails, and high-altitude conditions. The trek spans approximately 12 kilometres (6-8 hours) of walking, including stops for photos, lunch (included) and exploring. If you have any concerns about your ability to complete this trek, we recommend consulting your GP for guidance.

Overnight: Hatun Inti Classic or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Machu Picchu

Today has an early start, with time for breakfast before an approximately 05:40 pick up to board a bus to the citadel of Machu Picchu.

Pass through the gates into the Machu Picchu archaeological site and be guided on a two-hour tour of the archaeological complex's most famous and spectacular locations. These include the House of the Guardian, Intihuatana, Temple of the Sun, Sacred Plaza and other key areas. As you walk around, enjoy spectacular views across the agricultural terraces of Machu Picchu and across the surrounding mountains and plunging gorges.

Once the tour of Machu Picchu is finished, take the bus back down to Aguas Calientes, where you can relax and have lunch (not included) before boarding the train back to Poroy and Cusco. Upon arrival at the station, a tour representative will take you back to the hotel in Cusco, arriving around 19:00.

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Cusco, Day at Leisure

Today enjoy a final full day in captivating Cusco! Experience a free day to explore Cusco at your own leisure or alternatively, you can choose to participate in an optional activity.

Optional Activity: Maras & Moray

Embark on a captivating half-day tour of Maras and Moray, beginning with a pickup from your Cusco hotel at approximately 09:00. The journey to Moray takes about 1.5 hours, offering breathtaking views of the Andean landscape along the way. Pass golden wheat fields, charming traditional villages, and majestic snow-capped mountains.





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Upon arrival at Moray, explore its fascinating amphitheatre-like terraced structures. These circular terraces, believed to have been an agricultural laboratory for the Incas, showcase their innovative techniques for optimising crop growth. It's a truly awe-inspiring site that highlights the ingenuity of the Inca Empire. Next, you'll visit Maras, located just 3 kilometres from Moray. Marvel at the ancient salt evaporation ponds carved into the mountainside. More than 3,000 pools collect salty spring water that evaporates to leave behind the renowned sal de Maras, a prized pink salt still harvested today. The view of these glistening ponds, resembling a blanket of snow or ice, is unforgettable.

After exploring Maras, you'll return to Cusco, with drop-off at your hotel included. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Optional Activity: Rainbow Mountain Trek

Physical ability: Active (please refer to the "Other Important Information" section for more information).

Set off before sunrise on an unforgettable full-day adventure to Rainbow Mountain (Vinicunca), one of Peru's most spectacular natural wonders. Your day begins with a 05:00 hotel pick-up from Cusco, followed by an approximately three-hour scenic drive through the South Valley, where you'll enjoy breathtaking Andean landscapes and a delicious breakfast en route. Start your hike in the small town of Pitumarca (3,310 metres), following a gentle path beside a tranquil stream, with views of Mount

Ausangate, one of the region's most sacred peaks. Along the way, spot grazing alpacas and llamas, and pass through remote villages where traditional Andean life still thrives.

After about 1.5 hours of hiking, reach Rainbow Mountain, standing at an impressive 5,100 metres. Marvel at the vibrant mineral layers that create the mountain's iconic striped appearance and enjoy approximately 30 minutes at the summit to take in the panoramic views, snap photos, and absorb the majestic setting. The return hike is approximately one hour, followed by a hearty buffet lunch at a local restaurant.

Afterwards, sit back and relax during the three-hour drive back to Cusco, arriving around 16:00. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please note:

- *The Rainbow Mountain Trek tour requires a moderate to high level of fitness. Participants will encounter uneven surfaces, steep inclines, numerous steps and trekking at high altitudes. Prior to undertaking this optional excursion, we recommend consulting with your GP to assess your suitability for the tour.*
- *Only one of the daytime optional activities (Maras & Moray or Rainbow Mountain Trek) may be chosen today, as they operate concurrently.*

Overnight: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar

Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 10 Cusco - Lima

At the appropriate time be transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Lima. Upon arrival, make your way to the conveniently located airport hotel, which is directly connected to the international terminal via a covered walkway.

Please note that this day of the itinerary is unguided and has been included due to international flight scheduling to Quito. Enjoy a restful evening at the hotel as you prepare for your journey onward.

Overnight: Hotel Costa del Sol Wyndham Lima Aeropuerto or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Lima, Peru - Quito, Ecuador

Today, at the appropriate time, make your own way to the international airport for your flight to Quito, Ecuador. Once arrived, you'll be met by a tour representative and transferred to your accommodation for the next two evenings.

Welcome to Quito, a captivating city where rich history, vibrant culture, and breathtaking Andean landscapes meet. As Ecuador's high-altitude capital and a UNESCO World Heritage site, Quito's historic centre enchants with its colonial architecture, bustling plazas, and stunning churches like the gold-covered La Compañía de Jesús. Stroll along charming cobblestone streets or ride the TeleferiQo, one of the world's highest cable cars, for panoramic views of the city and surrounding volcanoes. Thanks to its location near the equator, Quito enjoys a mild, spring-like climate

year-round and serves as the perfect gateway to Ecuador's natural wonders (additional charges may apply for activities referenced).

Overnight: Sheraton Quito Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Quito - Day at Leisure

Spend the day at leisure to explore the wonders of Quito. Alternatively, you can choose to participate in an optional activity.

Optional Tour: Quito Viewpoints Tour

Marvel at the beautiful city of Quito from different viewpoints throughout the city. A World Heritage Listed city, Quito is one of Spanish-speaking America's most extensive and best-preserved historic centres. Start your journey overlooking the city from the Guapulo neighbourhood, offering fantastic views of the colonial church and the valley beyond. On clear days, you can see the snow-capped Cayambe Volcano over the horizon. This spot is renowned as the place where Spanish conquistador Francisco de Orellana set out on his impromptu journey, which led him to become the first person to navigate the whole length of the Amazon River.

The views don't stop here. You'll then proceed to El Panecillo for further breathtaking views of the city horizon, and the opportunity to see the Virgin of Legarda monument. The final stop on your tour ends in the traditional neighbourhood of San Juan, one of the emblematic viewpoints of the city.



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After the tour, you'll have the opportunity to try some traditional and delicious quesadillas. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Optional Tour: Quito City Tour

Enjoy a truly unique experience in the heart of Quito city and discover its history through local eyes. Walk around its charming streets and visit the most iconic buildings, such as the Golden Church, San Francisco Square, and the Main Square. Visit Luis' local workshop, Cruz Verde (Green Cross), a well-known artisan whose family has prepared the local candy "Colaciones" for the last 100 years, keeping alive Quito's tradition.

For lunch, you can sit with locals and enjoy a tasty meal freshly prepared using local products and flavours. In the afternoon, walk on the colourful Ronda Street, where you can enjoy a giant empanada (traditional pasty).

To finish the day, go to Panecillo Hill for a panoramic view of Quito. Please see the current pricing in the Important Information section.

Please note: You can book both optional tours. If the group has chosen both, the city tour will be in the morning before the viewpoints tour later in the afternoon.

Overnight: Sheraton Quito Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Quito - Santa Cruz Island - Board MC Galapagos Seaman Journey Catamaran

This morning, be transferred to the airport for the flight to the Galapagos Islands. Upon arrival, travel by vehicle and ferry across the Itabaca Channel. En route, enjoy a visit to Rancho El Manzanillo (or a similar reserve), where you'll have the chance to observe wild Galapagos tortoises in their natural habitat and explore fascinating lava tubes and volcanic craters.

Then, board the MC Galapagos Seaman Journey catamaran and settle in for the adventure ahead.

The elegant first-class MC Galapagos Seaman Journey catamaran offers year-round cruising through the breathtaking Galapagos Islands. With a maximum of just 16 guests on board, this intimate vessel combines comfort, adventure, and personalised service at the highest standard.

Each day brings unforgettable wildlife encounters with iconic species such as giant tortoises, penguins, marine and land iguanas, sea lions, and more. Guests can enjoy a range of activities including: hiking, kayaking, zodiac excursions, swimming, snorkelling, and guided island exploration. After a day of discovery, your experienced naturalist guide will offer a detailed debrief on the day's adventures and be available to answer questions about the region's unique wildlife, marine life, geology, and ecology.





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The Seaman Journey is thoughtfully equipped with everything you need to relax and recharge. On board, you'll find a dining room, lounge, bar area, shaded sundeck with a whirlpool, library with board games and a DVD player, kayaks, laundry service, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, and private balconies.

Please note: A \$20 USD migration control card and \$200 USD national park fee apply upon arrival in the Galapagos (prices are per person and are subject to change). Please note that onboard spending is by cash only (USD).

Inclusions:

- Accommodation on board in twin bedrooms (double bedding is not available on board)
- All meals during the cruise
- Naturalist Bilingual Guide Level III
- All visits and excursions according to the itinerary
- Snorkel Gear (mask, tube and fins)
- Kayaks
- Unlimited purified water, coffee, and tea

Exclusions:

- Galapagos National Park entrance fee: \$200 USD per person
- Galapagos Ingala card: \$20 USD per person
- Tips
- Local Taxes
- Travel Insurance
- Meals and services not mentioned
- Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks
- Extras and personal expenses
- Wetsuit rental
- Internet service on board

Overnight: MC Galapagos Seaman Journey catamaran or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 14 Moreno Point, Isabela Island & Mangle Point, Fernandina Island

Today begins at Moreno Point on the western coast of Isabela Island, near the entrance to the Bolívar Channel. Witness the striking Pahoehoe lava flows that wind their way into coastal lagoons, where you'll have the chance to spot a variety of birdlife, including blue-footed boobies and flightless cormorants. The surrounding lakes and mangroves offer a rich habitat teeming with life, making it an ideal location for nature enthusiasts and birdwatchers alike.

In the afternoon, continue to Mangle Point on the eastern side of Fernandina Island. This peaceful mangrove-lined inlet is best explored by panga or zodiac, drifting quietly through the groves in search of wildlife. Keep an eye out for sea lions lounging along the shore, marine iguanas, sea turtles, rays gliding beneath the surface, and an impressive array of coastal birds. With its calm waters and rich marine life, Mangle Point is also an excellent spot for snorkelling.

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Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner





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Day 15 Urbina Bay & Tagus Cove, Isabela Island

This morning, explore Urbina Bay on the western coast of Isabela Island, nestled at the base of Alcedo Volcano. The area experienced a significant uplift from the sea in 1954, the area offers a fascinating landscape where stranded marine life still tells the story of this dramatic geological event. Follow a 3.2 kilometre trail through a mix of sand, pumice, lava, coral, and coastal vegetation, keeping an eye out for land iguanas, larger than those found on South Plaza Island, and burrows tucked into the earth. The area is also home to Darwin's finches, giant tortoises, and native flora such as chamomile, rosewood, and the rare Darwin's cotton flowers. Snorkelling here may reward you with sightings of penguins gliding through the water and vibrant red and blue lobsters hiding among the rocks.

In the afternoon, visit Tagus Cove, located to the west of Darwin Volcano. Once a refuge for pirates and whalers, the area still bears their legacy with 19th-century graffiti carved into the stone walls. The trail here is moderately challenging and leads to a lookout above the emerald waters of Darwin Lake, offering sweeping views of the bay below. Along the way, look out for finches, mockingbirds, and volcanic formations such as "lapilli", small, spherical rock fragments formed during eruptions. Tagus Cove is also a fantastic spot for kayaking and snorkelling, with the added chance of encountering a colony of flightless cormorants nestled along the rocky shores.

Overnight: MC Galapagos Seaman Journey catamaran or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 16 Espinoza Point, Fernandina Island & Vicente Roca Point, Isabela Island

This morning, visit Espinoza Point on Fernandina Island, one of the most untouched and remote corners of the Galápagos. Here, you'll find dense colonies of marine iguanas sprawled across the black lava rocks, resembling miniature dragon armies basking in the sun. The site is also home to remarkable wildlife including the flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguin, Galapagos hawk, and even the elusive Galapagos snake. With its raw beauty and thriving biodiversity, Espinoza Point offers a true taste of the islands' wild side.

In the afternoon, continue to Vicente Roca Point on the northwestern coast of Isabela Island. Framed by dramatic cliffs and striking lava formations, this bay is a haven for marine life. Snorkel or enjoy a panga ride through its nutrient-rich waters, where you may spot sea turtles, seahorses, sunfish (Mola mola), and an abundance of coastal birds such as penguins, blue-footed boobies, terns, and playful sea lions. It's a spectacular setting to explore both above and below the surface.

Overnight: MC Galapagos Seaman Journey catamaran or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner





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Day 17 Espumilla Beach & Puerto Egas, Santiago Island

This morning, explore Espumilla Beach on the northern coast of Santiago Island, tucked within James Bay. Known for its stunning coastal scenery shaped by sea erosion, the area offers a fascinating mix of ecosystems, from dry palo santo forest to lush mangroves and humid zones. Wander the sand dunes where baby sea turtles may be seen nesting, and keep an eye out for a vibrant flamingo colony in the nearby lagoon. Wildlife is abundant here, with sightings of sea lions, fur seals, marine turtles, oystercatchers, herons, marine iguanas, and an array of sea and land birds, including the Galapagos dove, finches, and hawks. The landscape also tells the story of past conservation challenges, with visible signs of damage from previous invasive species like feral goats, now successfully eradicated.

In the afternoon, visit Puerto Egas, home to a striking black sand beach made of volcanic tuff. This site once housed a salt mining operation and its abandoned remains can still be seen scattered along the shoreline. Walk the trail past sea lion colonies to a series of tidal grottoes, where fur seals gather to swim and play in the pools. With its dramatic contrast of dark rock and the vivid red of Sally Lightfoot crabs, this is a photographer's dream. Snorkelling here offers a chance to swim alongside marine iguanas, playful sea lions, and a colourful array of marine life.

Overnight: MC Galapagos Seaman Journey catamaran or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 18 Rábida Island & Sombrero Chino

This morning, explore the striking landscapes of Rábida Island, instantly recognisable by its rich red sands and rocks, coloured by oxidised volcanic material. A short walk leads to a saltwater lagoon where flamingos often gather, and land birds flit through the surrounding vegetation. Along the coast, watch pelicans plunge for fish against a vivid backdrop of red beach and green foliage. Snorkelling along the island's shoreline is considered among the best in the archipelago, with opportunities to swim alongside playful sea lions and observe moray eels, small sharks, starfish, and an array of colourful reef fish.

In the afternoon, visit Sombrero Chino (Chinese Hat), a tiny volcanic islet off the southeastern tip of Santiago Island. This young volcanic cone lives up to its name, with a distinct shape that resembles a traditional Chinese hat. Wander among surreal lava landscapes dotted with vibrant red sesuvium plants, bright orange-billed oystercatchers, Sally Lightfoot crabs, and lava cacti. Sea lions, marine iguanas, lava lizards, and Galapagos penguins are commonly seen resting or playing along the shore. The channel between Chinese Hat and Santiago Island provides a sheltered deep-water snorkelling site with calm turquoise waters. Here, you might encounter white-tipped reef sharks resting in underwater caves, as well as stingrays, parrotfish, sea turtles, more penguins, and, if you're lucky, a passing pod of dolphins or the rare sighting of a whale shark.

Overnight: MC Galapagos Seaman Journey catamaran or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner



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Day 19 Black Turtle Cove - Santa Cruz Island - Quito

This morning, enjoy a peaceful dinghy ride through the serene waters of Black Turtle Cove, located on the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. With engines turned off to preserve the tranquillity of the mangrove-fringed cove, drift silently through this protected habitat. Keep watch for sea turtles gliding beneath the surface, often feeding or mating, as well as black-tip, white-tip, and Galapagos sharks. You may also spot groups of golden cow rays, spotted eagle rays, egrets, and herons wading in the shallows or perched among the roots.

You'll then be transferred to Baltra Airport for your return flight to the mainland. Be met and transferred to the hotel in Quito for the final night of your journey.

Overnight: Sheraton Quito Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 20 Quito, Ecuador - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, at the appropriate time, be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Australia (or New Zealand)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 21 In-transit

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 22 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

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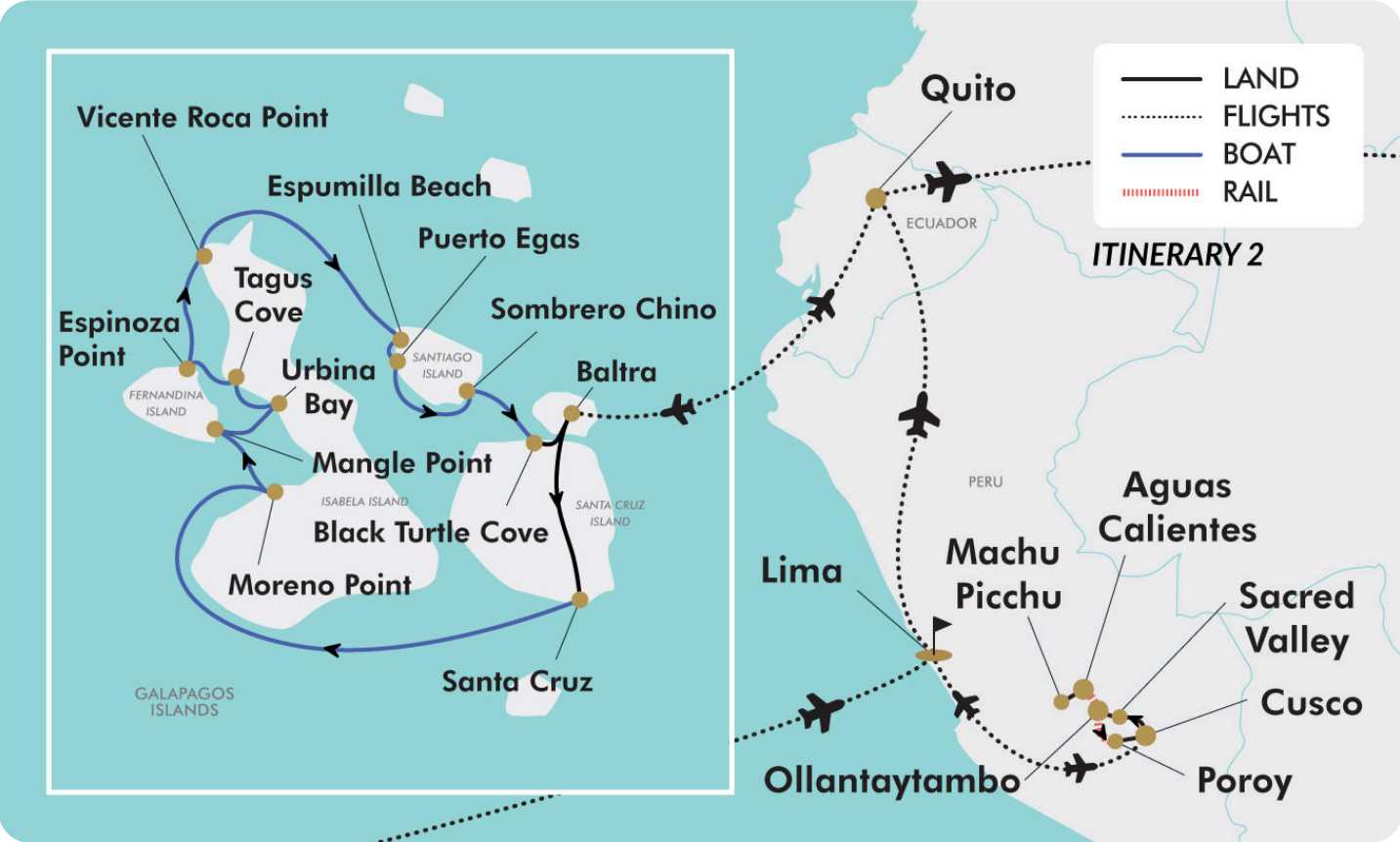
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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Set sail for the Galapagos with 7-days onboard the 27.4 metre boutique MC Seaman Journey catamaran
- Indulge in personalised service, with a maximum of 16 passengers on board
- Observe wild Galapagos tortoises, spot blue footed boobies, penguins, marine & land iguanas, sea lions & more
- Enjoy a daily debrief from your experienced onboard naturalist guide
- Cruise by zodiac or panga through the mangroves on the Galapagos's westernmost island
- Kayak & snorkel through crystal waters alongside abundant marine life
- Witness stunning coastal scenery shaped by sea erosion on Santiago Island
- Learn of ancient lava flows & volcanic activity that shaped the striking terrain & unique ecosystem of the Galapagos
- Indulge with 3 nights in a 5-star centrally-located accommodation in Quito, Ecuador

FLIGHTS

- Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply
- Return Internal flights from Quito to the Galapagos Islands

CRUISE

- 6-night boutique luxury cruise onboard MC Seaman Journey catamaran
- Personalised service with a maximum of 16 passengers on board
- All meals while cruising
- Snorkel gear (mask, tube & fins) & kayaks
- Unlimited purified water, coffee & tea
- English-speaking Naturalist Guide Level III

ACCOMMODATION

- 3-nights of 5-star accommodation in central Quito, Ecuador

DINING

- Enjoy 20 meals, including all while cruising

ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour guides
- Airline taxes & surcharges
- Marine fuel surcharges

TRANSFERS

- All airport & cruise port transfers



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All of the inclusions in Itinerary 1, plus:

HIGHLIGHTS:

Immerse yourself in historic Lima with a captivating city tour

Explore Huaca Pucllana and the UNESCO-listed iconic Plaza Mayor de Lima

Delve into the treasures of the Larco Museum, a gem of Peruvian culture

Witness the awe-inspiring majesty of the Andes Mountains

Discover ancient ruins, vibrant markets and breathtaking landscapes in the Sacred Valley

Behold the mystical allure of Machu Picchu

Relax in Aguas Calientes, nestled amidst soothing hot springs

Uncover the rich history and storied capital of the Inca Empire on a tour of Cusco

Marvel at architectural wonders like the Temple of the Sun and Sacsayhuamán

Enjoy time at leisure in enchanting Cusco and explore vibrant markets

FLIGHTS

All internal (international and domestic) flights (economy class) within South America

ACCOMMODATION

10-nights quality hotel accomodation

DINING

Enjoy daily breakfast

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

Museum and archaeological site entrances as per itinerary

TRANSPORT

Transportation by air-conditioned vehicles

Round-trip train tickets to Aguas Calientes aboard the Expedition Train

Round-trip bus ticket from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers in Peru

Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

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- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible;** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.

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Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 21st April 2027. Minimum group size 2, maximum group size 8 per vehicle.

This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:

Itinerary 1: \$7,650

Itinerary 2: \$8,600

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Flights

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide, *Perth, Auckland

Departure City Surcharges

Brisbane & Adelaide: \$200 per person
Perth: \$700 per person

International Flight(s)

Full-Service Airline(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Itinerary 1 & 2:

Domestic Flight(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Route: Quito, Ecuador to Baltra, Galapagos, Ecuador

Itinerary 2 Only:

Domestic Flight(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Route: Lima, Peru to Cusco, Peru
- Route: Cusco, Peru to Lima, Peru

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Domestic Flight Information

Baggage allowance per person:
1 x 23kg of checked baggage
1 x 7kg of carry on baggage

Preferred Airline Surcharge

Not available

Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

Arrive Early

Itinerary 1: Quito, Ecuador - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.
Itinerary 2: Lima, Peru - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

Stay Behind

Quito, Ecuador - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.
- You can arrive early, up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or stay behind until 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to arrive earlier or stay behind for more than 60 days, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.
- High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:
 - 1st December 2025 - 31st January 2026
 - 3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026
 - 26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026
 - 18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026
 - 12th December 2026 - 26th January 2027

Stopover Packages

* Santiago, Chile

Includes:

- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.
- When selecting an Arrive Early or Stay Behind in conjunction with a Stopover Package, the stopover will take place after the departure date you select for your Arrive Early or Stay Behind.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:
 - 22nd December 2025 - 2nd January 2026
 - 21st December 2026 - 3rd January 2027

Flight Class Upgrades

Not available.

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to

make arrangements.

Cruise

The MC Seaman Journey

The MC Seaman Journey is a first-class expedition catamaran offering an intimate and comfortable way to explore the Galapagos Islands. With capacity for just 16 guests, this stylish vessel combines stability and space with personalised service. On board, enjoy relaxing lounges, a well-stocked bar, and expert naturalist guides who lead daily land excursions across the islands. Spot iconic wildlife like giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas, and more.

Onboard currency:

USD (Cash only)

Cabins/Staterooms:

Twin Cabins are located on the main deck, each with panoramic windows. All cabins feature individually controlled air conditioning, a closet, hot and cold water, a safety deposit box, and a hairdryer.

Cruise inclusions:

- Full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Water, coffee and tea
- All excursions
- English-Speaking naturalist guide
- Snorkelling equipment
- Kayak equipment

Cruise exclusions:

- Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee (\$200 USD per person, subject to change)
- Galapagos Transit Control Card (\$20 USD per person, subject to change)
- Wetsuit rental
- Soft drinks and alcoholic drinks
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities for crew/guides
- Internet service on board

All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.

Cruise Arrival and Departure Times:

Please keep in mind that the provided cruise arrival and departure times are an approximate and will be finalised upon

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receipt of your cruise tickets.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

Itinerary 1 & 2:

5-star Properties (Self-Rated)

Quito, Ecuador: Sheraton Quito Hotel

Itinerary 2:

4-star Properties (Self-Rated)

Lima, Peru: Hotel Jose Antonio Lima or similar

Cusco, Peru: Hotel Jose Antonio Cusco or similar

Lima, Peru: Hotel Costa del Sol Wyndham Lima Aeropuerto or similar

3-star Properties (Self-Rated)

Ollantaytambo, Peru: Hotel Pakaritampu or similar

Aguas Calientes, Peru: Hatun Inti Classic or similar

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

MC Galapagos Seaman Journey Catamaran

Twin only

Land Tour

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

Itinerary 1 & 2:

- Quito Viewpoints Tour: \$115 per person
- Quito City Tour: \$80 per person

Itinerary 2 Only:

- Maras & Moray \$88 per person
- Rainbow Mountain Trek - \$175 per person
- Folklore Dinner & Show - \$48 per person
- Express Inca Trail Trek - \$610 per person

Please note:

- *Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions*
- *The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).*
- *Some tours or shore excursions require minimum numbers to operate.*
- *Shore excursions can be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability).*
- *Shore excursion programmes and itineraries may vary depending on local conditions and/or any unforeseen events concerning the timing on the day of the tour.*

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance

- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation
- Mandatory city tax
- Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee (\$200 USD per person, subject to change)
- Galapagos Transit Control Card (\$20 USD per person, subject to change)

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is \$10 - \$15 USD per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

Cruise

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the cruise staff's services throughout this tour's cruise component. Galapagos Seaman Journey is an internationally registered company & operates to US & European standards, both of which have an economy driven by a tipping culture. Gratuities are expected on your cruise, typical gratuity amounts are \$20 USD per person per day for the guide and \$25 USD per person per day for the rest of the crew. If you have any questions regarding the gratuities on your cruise, please speak to the guest services staff onboard the ship.

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TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good

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time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Quito, Ecuador

In Quito, the climate is warm and temperate. There is a great deal of rainfall in Quito, even in the driest month. The average annual temperature is 13.9°C. With an average of 14.1°C May is the warmest month. The lowest average temperature in the year occurs in June when it is around 13.6°C.

Santa Cruz, Galapagos, Ecuador

No time of year is too hot or too cold to enjoy the Galapagos, but the climate is not exactly the same throughout. June through December are considered the cooler months in terms of both the air and water. This is also the time of the dry season, where the highlands of the major islands

are kept lush but the beaches and flatlands receive very little rain. Blue skies interrupted by sparse and sporadic afternoon showers are the norm.

Cusco, Peru (Itinerary 2 Only)

Cusco has a subtropical highland climate due to its elevation (3500m above sea level). It is generally dry and temperate, with two defined seasons. The dry season lasts from May to August, with abundant sunshine and occasional nighttime freezes; July is the coldest month with an average of 9.7°C. The wet season lasts from December to March, with night frost less common; November averages 13.3°C. Although frost and hail are common, the only snowfall ever recorded was in June 1911. Temperatures usually range from 0.2°C to 20.9°C.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

CRUISE

Embarkation / Disembarkation:

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

Please note: Strict Covid-19 terms may also apply regarding proof of insurance covering Covid-19 and/or vaccination. Please refer to the cruise lines' terms and conditions for further information before boarding.

Cruise Loyalty Discounts:

Please note: Travellers must contact the cruise line directly upon receiving their travel documents in order to request any membership benefits they may be entitled to.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the

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uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility:

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

A moderate level of fitness will be required. Expect a moderate pace of touring with a focus on guided tours that may include full days with extended activity, guided city tours or nature walks. You will require a general level of fitness for unassisted navigation of stairs and inclines, longer distances with possible periods of standing when visiting sites, walking on sloping, uneven ground or elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance.

Please note: Many areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, where the unassisted use of personal walking sticks and other aids may be required. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.

Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Catamaran Excursions & Activities:

Moderate

Travelling aboard a catamaran in the Galapagos involves moderate physical activity and mobility. Passengers must be

comfortable boarding and disembarking from small dinghies (zodiacs), often at wet landings where feet may get wet. Onshore excursions include walking over uneven, rocky terrain and occasional beach or lava surface hikes. Optional activities such as kayaking and snorkelling require a reasonable level of fitness and confidence in the water. Recommended for active travellers with good balance, agility, and an adventurous spirit, this experience offers a unique and rewarding way to connect with the islands' incredible landscapes and marine life.

Rainbow Mountain Trek (Optional Activity): Active

The Rainbow Mountain Trek is a challenging yet rewarding adventure, suitable for those with a good fitness level who exercise regularly. This trek involves hiking at high altitudes, navigating uneven terrain for several hours. Participants should be prepared for steep ascents and the effects of altitude. Recommended for active travellers with prior trekking experience and a reasonable level of endurance, this trek offers breathtaking views of the vibrant Rainbow Mountain and its surrounding landscapes

Express Inca Trail Trek (Optional Activity): Active

Active/demanding are more strenuous activities, suitable for a good fitness level and for guests who exercise regularly. More fast-paced activities and walking on uneven surfaces. A high fitness level is required to undertake activities, which include high-altitude trekking for anywhere between four to seven hours per day for an extended number of days. Recommended for active travellers with some previous trekking experience.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

High Altitude Illness:

Altitude illness occurs when there is a lack of oxygen in the air at high altitudes. Altitude illness will affect some travellers,

with no apparent regard to age, gender or physical condition. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Please note: Inoculations may be required to enter the country visited, along with re-entry into Australia after your visit. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure.

Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate upon arrival.

You must check with your doctor well before leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

Sightseeing:

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#) regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

Important Information

Ecuador

Tourist visas for Ecuador are not required if travelling on an Australian Passport. You can stay in Ecuador for up to 90 days without a visa.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

Peru (Itinerary 2 Only)

Tourists who hold an Australian passport don't need a visa. You can get a permit to stay for up to 3 months when you arrive. You may need a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate to enter Peru. Some airlines may want to see one when you leave. If you've visited Peru in the previous 6 days, you'll need a valid certificate to enter Australia. Find out about returning to Australia after exposure to yellow fever.

New Zealand (Transiting)

If you do not hold an Australian passport you may be required to obtain a transit visa. Some flight routes make a stop in New Zealand and you may be required to obtain a transit visa to board your flight. It is the passengers' sole responsibility to seek advice on the correct visa and take appropriate action to ensure they have the correct visa prior to departure. Failure to do so may result in denied boarding and or refusal of entry to the country by the local authorities and immigration department. We strongly advise you to carefully review your flight tickets and then contact your respective consulate or a visa agency to confirm the necessary visa regulations and acceptable forms of personal identification for your transit.

Chile (Stopover Selected)

You must obtain your visa before you arrive in Chile. The application process can

be lengthy, so allow yourself enough time before your planned travel. If you arrive in Chile without a valid visa, you won't be able to pass the immigration point, and you'll be sent back to your last port of departure. You won't be able to obtain a visa at the airport or border entry point. To enter Chile, Australian citizens must obtain a visa before arrival: SAC Sistema Atención Consular - Ciudadanos. Please reach out to the Chilean consulate for any visa requirements.

Important:

- Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.
- Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.
- It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.
- Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.
- It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately

protected. For more information or advice visit <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance>

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.