

# GALAPAGOS , AMAZON & ANDES

15 days /14 nights



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- Day 1, 2 Quito, Boutique Hotel (A/B)
- Day 3, 4, 5 Galapagos, Scalesia Lodge-Isabela Island (F/B)
- Day 6, 7 Galapagos, Finch Bay Hotel-Santa Cruz Island (F/B)
- Day 8 Quito, Boutique Hotel (A/B)
- Day 9, 10, 11 Amazon, Sacha Lodge (F/B)
- Day 12, 13 Andes, Hacienda Piman, train ride, Otavalo market (F/B)
- Day 14, 15 Quito, Boutique Hotel (A/B)

Price	Program	Air fare	Air fare	Total
2016-2017	15 days / 14 nights	Baltra- Isabela-Baltra	Quito - Coca - Quito	Program Cost
	<b>RACK RATE USD</b>	<b>NET USD</b>	<b>NET USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
DBL occupancy per person	4.700	350	240	5.240
SGL occupancy	6.110	350	240	6.650

(minimum 02 passengers)

## Includes:

- Accommodation in Quito, Galapagos, Sacha Lodge and Hacienda Piman
- Breakfast at hotel in Quito
- Full board in Galapagos, Sacha Lodge and Hacienda Piman
- Full day city tour of Quito
- Salinas-Ibarra train ride, Otavalo market and rose plantation visits
- Transfers airport-hotel-airport in Quito for international and local flights
- Aquatic transportation in Galapagos and Sacha Lodge
- Land transportation in the Andes
- Air tickets Baltra-Puerto Villamil-Baltra (10kg per person only) and Quito-Coca-Quito
- Guided excursions with an English speaking guide
- Local taxes

## Not Included:

- Air ticket Quito-Baltra-Quito USD 475.00 – USD 540.00 depending on season per person (subject to change)
- Galapagos National Park entrance fee US \$ 100.00 per person
- Galapagos Transit Card US \$ 20.00 per person
- Puerto Villamil entrance fee US \$ 10.00 per person
- Meals in Quito
- Drinks, gratuities

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### DAY 1

Arrive to Quito. Airport transfer to the boutique hotel centrally located.

### DAY 2

Explore Quito's colonial center; the best preserved historic center in America. Learn about Quito's history and artistic legacy. Admire the wonderful architecture of its colonial buildings and the uniqueness of religious art pieces. Continue to the famous Middle of the World and celebrate the ability to be in both hemispheres at the same time.

### DAY 3

Transfer to Quito's for flight to Baltra in the Galapagos Islands. Flight from Baltra to Puerto Villamil. Transfer to Scalesia Lodge. Scalesia is situated in the highlands of Isabela Island on the slopes of a volcano, about 20 minutes from the town of Puerto Villamil. The modern, luxurious, safari-style tent resort is in the middle of 16 hectare (40 acre) property of a magical forest with a spectacular view of the coast of Isabela Island, the Pacific Ocean, and other Islands of Galapagos dotting the horizon. In the afternoon visit to Sucre's cave, and enjoy a short walk to appreciate the typical vegetation and endemic plants. Continue to Mirador de Mango from where you have panoramic views of southern Isabela and the agricultural area. This is also a place for finch birds' observation.

### DAY 4

Today you will visit some of Isabela's best attractions: the Sierra Negra and Chico Volcano. Sierra Negra is one of the most active volcanoes of the archipelago, The volcano's crater is considered the second largest in the world with a diameter of 10kms. Volcan Chico is also an active volcano, sulfur vents can be seen in this area. This is an approximately 6 hour's walk tour to appreciate all the splendor of the volcanoes. For those who do not wish to do the hike an alternative activity is visiting the Tuneles: a 30 to 40 minute ride on a small fast boat will take us to this unique place where lava flow has been impacted for many years by the oceans waves. This visiting site is a marine paradise for white tipped reef sharks, Galápagos green sea turtle, the Galápagos sea lions, manta rays, parrot fish, yellow tail surgeon fish among many others. Return to the Lodge for lunch. In the afternoon enjoy Concha Perla where you can swim and snorkel alongside tropical fish, sea lions, penguins and turtles and it is also possible to observe up to 20 bird species.

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## DAY 5

Morning visit to the Tintoreras, an islet formed by lava flows located 10 minutes by dinghy from Puerto Villamil. Its name comes from the white tip reef sharks called in Spanish “Tintoreras” which are frequently seen in this area. Different species of animals can be seen in the area as sea lions, marine iguanas and penguins. This is a perfect place to practice snorkeling. Return to the hotel by lunch time. In the afternoon visit los Humedales, a complex with various trails where you can find the four species of mangroves existing in Galapagos. This area is characterized by solitary beaches, lava tunnels, natural pools and estuaries where you can see flamingos and other birds. You will also visit the Turtle breeding center where the National Park is breeding turtles in danger of extinction. Some of these giant turtles have been released by the park and can be found on the trails.

## DAY 6

Early in the morning transfer to the airport to take your flight back to Baltra. Pick up and transfer to Puerto Ayora. Visit to Las Grietas. Las Grietas means “the Crevasses,” a simple name for one of the Galápagos Islands’ most enchanting locations – a series of three elongated, almost rectangular pools amid tall lava cliffs. In the afternoon visit Tortuga Bay beach. Tortuga Bay is located to the southwest of Puerto Ayora, on Santa Cruz Island. Its name means turtle, since it is the favorite place for sea turtles to lay their eggs. After the visit you will be taken to Finch Bay Hotel.

## DAY 7

Day trip navigation to one of these islands: Bartolome Island (Saturday, Sunday), Santa Fe Island (Wednesday), South Plazas Island (Tuesday, Friday) or North Seymour Island (Monday, Thursday) Overnight at Finch Bay Hotel.

**NOTE:** Itineraries in Galapagos subject to change without notice. The sequence of visits might be altered depending on arrival of flights to Baltra or Isabela, weather conditions, or other unexpected circumstances beyond our control.

## DAY 8

After breakfast, transfer to Baltra to take your flight back to Quito. Arrive to Quito in the afternoon. Airport transfer to the Boutique hotel.

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## DAY 9

Transfer from hotel to Quito airport. Embark on a 30-minute flight and arrive at Puerto Francisco de Orellana, locally known as Coca, where you will be met by naturalist guide and will board a larger motorized canoe for 2 hours ride down the Rio Napo to Sacha Lodge.

Upon arrival to Sacha Lodge's private reserve, guests will take their first walk along a raised boardwalk through dense flooded palm forest where several species of monkeys are often sighted. Dugout canoes await to carry you across the Pilchicocha lake to the Lodge. You will arrive with time to settle in, bird-watch, swim, or take a walk under the canopy before dinner.

## DAY 10 and 11

Activities are spread out over a wide area and allow visitors to explore several distinct but equally fascinating habitats. Visit to our on-the-premises butterfly farm is not to be missed.

One of Sacha Lodge's highlights is our Canopy Walk. It is one of only a few rigid, self-standing suspension canopy walkways in the world. Two of the three towers have observation platforms every 12 meters, making the towers accessible for everyone. The 275 meters, (900 feet) long canopy walkway is suspended at 36 meters (120 feet) above the forest floor.

Our newest attraction, the Treetop Walk, allows us to explore the rich life of the rainforest understory. We have built 5 observation platforms around tree trunks under the canopy, at heights between 20 and 65 feet, all connected by bridges. The Treetop Walk leads us on a 240 feet long path through this rainforest layer so rarely observed by human beings before.

A favorite activity of our guests is to paddle dugout canoes along tannin-rich black-water creeks and lakes, where luxuriant lianas, bromeliads and palm trees thrive. There is also a 43 meter (135 feet) observation tower that allows guests to climb into and above the rainforest canopy for a magnificent view of the surrounding area.

Located ten minutes across de Napo River, the Nueva Providencia Interpretation Center, an offers our guests the opportunity to share with the women from the community and learn about the Kichwa lifestyle. The visit culminates with a tasting of the local cuisine!

For adventurous souls, the day does not necessarily end with dinner. Night walks and canoe trips, with the aid of flashlights, often reveal creatures such as caimans that are seldom seen during daylight.

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## DAY 12

After breakfast we will walk back out to the Napo River along the boardwalk. The motorized canoe will be waiting at the shore of the Napo for the trip to Puerto Francisco de Orellana, where we will fly back to Quito.

Pick up at Quito airport at noon to head north through the winding roads of the Andes, reaching the fertile province of Imbabura. On the way stop in Cayambe, visit Quisato monument right on the Equator line, lunch and visit a rose plantation (no Sundays). Arrive in Hacienda Piman at late afternoon.

## DAY 13

Depart from Piman to Ibarra for a brief walk around its historic center and continue to the train station where you will board a locomotive for one hour and a half adventure ride through natural landscapes formed by mountains and sugarcane plantations. Arrive to Salinas de Ibarra at midday where you will be welcomed by the community who will show you part of their culture including music and dance presentation. Continue to explore the area and visit the village of El Juncal and its interpretation center, enjoy lunch with a local family.

After lunch return to Piman via backroads. Arrive at Piman at 4:30 PM.

**Note:** The train operates from Thursday to Sunday. In case we cannot fit the excursion on a train day we will offer an alternative excursion to El Angel Reserve where we will explore its strange and beautiful plants, forest and lakes.

## DAY 14

Leave Piman in the morning to head back to Quito. On the way stop in Cotacachi, continue to the Otavalo indigenous craft market, lunch in Otavalo, stop at Parque del Condor continue back to Quito arriving at around 5:00 pm. Overnight at the Boutique Hotel

## DAY 15

Transfer out to the Airport, end of our services.