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12 Days in Ecuador and Galapagos Islands

Departs November 1, 2026

Returns November 13, 2026

Just \$6,300 per person based on double occupancy

Limited Group Size to 30

Airfare can be arranged – not included in the price

Day 1

Sun 01-Nov-2026 Arrival - Quito

Transfer via: Flight , arranged on your own

Accommodations: Swissotel Quito (5 star), Swiss Business Advantage Room

Once you arrive in Quito you will be warmly welcomed by your guide and transferred to your hotel. Quito, the country's capital, is an old Andean city, and although it doesn't maintain much of its Inca origins, it's still a testimony to the history of Ecuador and the merging of the Spanish and native cultures. Its historic downtown is the largest and best conserved in all of Latin America; and its buildings, being the most prominent the churches, basilica and cathedrals show the influence the Spanish conquest had on native people, while at the same time demonstrating little acts of rebellion that were imprinted in the form of the sun always being present in the highest place. It's a perfect representation of the modern Quiteños who always find a way to encounter and defy their problems with a bit of salty humor. The cobbled stoned streets invite you to explore the colonial buildings and maybe make a stop to try the local cuisine. Canelazo and some empanadas de viento will give you the strength and warmth needed to travel across the many stories that the city has to offer just by walking around.

Day 2

Mon 02-Nov-2026 Quito

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Swissotel Quito (5 star), Swiss Business Advantage Room

This tour starts in the historic center of Quito. During the tour you will visit emblematic places, your guide will use all of his knowledge of the city to take you through colonial streets and other places of interest, such as a visit to an authentic local market, where you will be able to perceive a mixture of smells, between cumin and palo santo and also find more than 250 stalls where you can buy fruits, vegetables, medicinal plants, herbs, meat and seafood. At this market we will try some of the typical Ecuadorian fruits, also, in its halls you can see how time has stopped, it is easy to see religious images, colors, women wearing scarves, a parade of hats and faces. Visit one of the most beautiful churches in Latin America which is Iglesia de la Compañía the architecture of the church was inspired by the Gesù church in Rome and the pillars are exact copies of the pillars that were made by Bernini in the Vatican. This beautiful tourist place in Quito is an architectural jewel in the best-preserved historical center of Latin America. The church La Compania, has been catalogued by UNESCO among the hundred most important World Heritage Site Monuments in the world. After an integral restoration, which took 12 years, the church is a magnificent example of the extraordinary artistic

ability of the Ecuadorian artisans! During the afternoon take the way to visit the Equatorial Monument is one of the most interesting attractions of Quito. Be in the middle of the World and enjoy the different experiments in the Intiñan museum. Try to balance an egg on a nail or watch water spin opposite ways, and while some of the exhibits might be staged, the concepts behind the gravity and physics are curiously entertaining. In addition to exhibits about the Equator, the Intiñan Museum also offers a look at Ecuador's culture, from the biodiversity of the Galapagos Islands to Amazonian tribes. A true experience! Before getting back to Quito, there is another interesting activity to visit the Agave House, it is the first museum in Ecuador created 100% in honor of the Andean agave culture (Agave, plant that use to make a traditional liquor), in the same way, it is a tribute to the Mishqueros guardians of this wonderful tradition.



Day 3

Tue 03-Nov-2026 Quito

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Swissotel Quito (5 star), Swiss Business Advantage Room

Full-day tour to Otavalo

After breakfast, your guide will pick you up at the lobby of your hotel for starting your beautiful day connecting nature and culture. Otavalo is a beautiful town, that is known for its crafts, before you arrive in Otavalo, you will taste typical fruits "chirimoya" of one of the most beautiful towns of Ecuador "Guayllabamba", then you will have a stop in Cayambe where you can taste bizcocho and queso de hoja, after this activity, you will arrive to Otavalo where, you will have time to buy some souvenirs. Afterwards, you will visit the nearby village of Cotacachi. This quiet town is very famous all over Ecuador for its good quality leather. You will find many shops selling different items like belts, jackets, bags, etc. Do not hesitate to shop while you are there as the prices of the leather are lower than back home. You will head to the Cuicocha Lake, located twelve km from Cotacachi. Cuicocha is a young volcano that erupted 4,500 years ago which covered a large area of north-western South America with ashes. This intense activity continued until about 1,300 years ago. The lake is formed in a former crater of the Cotacachi volcano and has two islands inside of it called Teodoro Wolf and José María Yerovi. From there, you can walk up to the viewpoint for some nice pictures, hike near the lake or jump on one of the small boats for a tour around the lake. After the tour, you will be back to Quito.



Day 4

Wed 04-Nov-2026 **Quito - Galapagos Islands - Santa Cruz Island (Galapagos)**

Transfer via: Quito - Galapagos Islands, Flight , arranged by Odynovo

Galapagos Islands - Santa Cruz Island (Galapagos), Private vehicle , arranged by Odynovo

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: La Isla Hotel <https://laislahotel.com.ec/site/> or similar

After breakfast you will have the transfer service to the airport with assistance, to take your flight to the magical Galapagos Islands. Upon arrival at Baltra airport, one of the islands in the Galapagos, you will be picked up and transferred to Santa Cruz Island. First, you will take public transport (bus) until you reach the Itabaca channel where you will cross in a boat ferry to the other side of the port and then continue by car. Your first stop will be at the highlands of Santa Cruz. The Parte Alta as the highlands are called in Spanish is very lush and green and is the natural habitat of the giant Galapagos tortoises. You will visit a private ranch where you will have lunch. Here you will walk among the trees in search of giant tortoises, which prefer to stay near small lagoons. You will also visit the lava tunnels, which are formed when the surface of the lava flow solidifies and the interior remains liquid and flows like a river. After this visit, you will continue by private transport to your hotel. Here you will meet one of our coordinators for an information session, in which they will explain the rest of your itinerary.



Day 5

Thu 05-Nov-2026 **Santa Cruz Island (Galapagos)**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: La Isla www.laislahotel.com.ec or similar

Today you will have a day tour to Plazas Bartolome. lunch and snorkeling equipment are included. Your first stop will be a refreshing one; you will be snorkeling at Punta Carrion where you will see colorful fish and sea turtles. Afterwards you continue to Plazas. There are actually two islands, Plaza Norte and Plaza Sur. Only Plaza Sur, the southern bigger island is visited by tourists. This island has a lot to offer. The flora and fauna will astonish you. This island is mostly known for the many land iguanas that live on it. When you are a little further from the coast, it looks like you've walked into the movie Jurassic Park, because you will be eye to eye with beautiful green, yellow and orange land iguanas. This is all surrounded by beaches, beautiful cacti and in the background the blue ocean. At the coast, the male sea lions live in peace. The militant lifestyle is only maintainable for males who are in their prime. The elders spend their last days in colonies, of which one can be found at Plaza Sur. It is sensational to see how the sea lions and iguanas mix. They play together as real pals. This island also offers a lot to bird lovers and a so-called birdwatchers paradise can be found; a steep cliff with swallow-tailed gulls, masked boobies, blue-footed boobies, tropical red-bill birds, frigates, and pelicans. The gulls, partners forever, are always here cuddling or nesting.



Day 6

Fri 06-Nov-2026 **Santa Cruz Island (Galapagos) - Isabela Island (Galapagos)**

Transfer via: Boat (Public Speed Boat), arranged by Odynovo

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: IGUANA CROSSING or similar , Standard Room

After breakfast at the hotel, you will head out for a scenic walk to one of the largest white sand beaches in the Galapagos, Tortuga Bay is a gorgeous beach accessible only by foot and filled with a variety of activities. A leisurely 50-minute path leads to the beach and along the way; you may spot lava lizards, native birds, and massive marine iguanas. Here you will have the option to swim, snorkel, kayak, or you can just hang out with your friends and the local marine life. After that, return back to Puerto Ayora, the same way – 50 minutes. After lunch, at 2:00 pm we will take the public speed boat to Isabella Island. After checking into the hotel, enjoy a stroll through the picturesque town of Puerto Villamil. You will be able to find the perfect spot to enjoy the most beautiful sunset at arguably the most beautiful white sand beach of all the islands.

Not included: [Water taxis](#) and [Isabela entrance fee \\$10 in cash](#)

Day 7

Sat 07-Nov-2026 **Isabela Island (Galapagos)**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: IGUANA CROSSING or similar , Standard Room

Breakfast at the hotel. At 8:00 am: take an included transportation to one of the most impressive natural wonders on Isabela Island - Sierra Negra Volcano. It is one of five volcanos on the island of Isabela, and boasts the second-largest volcanic caldera in the world. * Strap on your hiking boots and get ready to hike on a volcano! Which last erupted in 2018, is one of the most active volcanoes in the Galapagos. * Arrive at a viewpoint where you will get to enjoy the breathtaking view from the rim of one of the largest and most active volcanic craters in the world. Then continue to the new volcanic lavas, a volcanic landscape nearby and of very different characteristics. Along the way, you will be able to observe the different landscapes and formations volcanic rocks that reflect the creation and evolution of the islands. You will return back to the hotel at approximately 4:00 pm.

Note:

Includes: [Transportation](#), [English Speaking Guide](#), [box lunch](#), and [dinner](#).

Day 8

Sun 08-Nov-2026 **Isabela Island (Galapagos)**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: IGUANA CROSSING or similar , Standard Room

Today, take your bike toward Muro de las Lagrimas - Poza de Flamingos and observe the local wildlife in their natural habitat, this infamous 10-meter-high wall constructed in volcanic rock is a sad memory of the history of Isabela. Between the years of 1946 and 1959, the island was a colonial jail, where the prisoners were forced to build this rock wall as punishment. It's thought that the goal of the wall was to distract the convicts from their loneliness and isolation. This zone is full of giant tortoises, flamingos, and other birds. Keep going on our trip to Arnaldo Tupiza breeding center where that are

the different species of tortoises of Isabella. In the afternoon, head back to town for lunch at a local restaurant.

Day 9

Mon 09-Nov-2026 **Isabela Island (Galapagos) - San Cristobal Island (Galapagos)**

Transfer via: Ferry (this could be rough waters)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: Miconia, Standard Room

In the morning, take a ferry to Santa Cruz. take lunch and then head to San Cristobal Island.

Day 10

Tue 10-Nov-2026 **San Cristobal Island (Galapagos)**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: Miconia, Standard Room

Today you will have a shared tour to Isla Lobos (today's lunch and snorkeling equipment are included). With a small boat you will go to Isla Lobos. During the guided visit over the land, you can observe frigate birds, blue-footed boobies, and sea lions that inhabit the island. Next, spend some time snorkeling to see rays and turtles or swimming with playful sea lions. Then, continue to Playa Ochoa or some other beach with a similar white coral beach that is wonderful for walking around or swimming. You will have a lunch box at the boat or on some days have lunch in a local restaurant.

Note: Includes: Boat-ride, English speaking guide, visits, snorkeling equipment & Box-Lunch, transfers to/from meeting point for Isla Lobos tour. Not included: water taxis



Day 11

Wed 11-Nov-2026 **San Cristobal Island (Galapagos) - Quito**

Transfer via: Flight , arranged by Odynova

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Swiss Business Advantage Room

You can enjoy the island until taking the transfer to the airport in San Cristóbal. Once you will arrive in, a transportation will be waiting for you to take you to the hotel.

Day 12

Thu 12-Nov-2026 **Quito - Exit**

This is a day on your own. The flights leave very late.

Transfer via: Flight , arranged on your own or with Fitzgerald Tours

Meals: Breakfast

You will be transferred to the airport for your onward trip. We will arrive at home on November 13.

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