



QUITO & GALAPAGOS WILDLIFE CRUISE 6-DAYS





ITINERARY

DAY BY DAY



Discover **Ecuador** through a travel experience that unites Quito's historic colonial beauty with the natural wonders of the Galápagos Islands. This experience combines modern comfort with cultural elements and natural surroundings. The itinerary provides an exceptional travel experience that combines UNESCO-listed Quito with a **Galapagos Islands** Cruise for travelers who seek genuine luxury experiences.



DAY 1- WEDNESDAY. ARRIVAL IN QUITO.

Upon arrival at Quito airport, you will meet with your guide, who will transfer you to your hotel.

Situated in a circle of Andean peaks, **Quito** is the world's second-highest capital, with arguably one of the finest settings in the world. Originally settled by the Quitu tribe in the first millennium, Quito was an important part of the Inca Empire before being destroyed and re-founded by the Spanish conquistador Sebastián de Benalcázar in 1534. The colonial center, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1978, is one of the largest and best-preserved in Latin America. It is home to excellent museums, churches, and art galleries. (-/-/-)

Overnight Wyndham Garden Quito or similar



DAY 2 - THURSDAY. QUITO - SAN CRISTOBAL

After breakfast, you will go to the airport in order to depart from Quito to San Cristobal is a 2 ½ hour flight.

The Galapagos airport welcomes visitors with our experienced guides who will escort them during a brief ten-minute bus journey to the pier, which serves as the boarding point for the Letty Cruise.

The interpretation center contains many fascinating details that provide a complete understanding of the Galapagos formation. The view from Frigatebird Hill (Cerro Tijeretas) reveals both frigatebird species to visitors while displaying a stunning panorama of the bay below.

If time allows, visit Playa Mann and then return to Yacht Letty, where you will receive a briefing, dinner, and overnight accommodations on board. (B/L/D)

Overnight: Letty Lower Deck

DAY 3- TUESDAY. PITT POINT & WITCH HILL

After Breakfast, board the Zodiac to Pitt Point (wet-landing at beach) to take an active trail that leads you to the summit of a volcanic tuff where you can experience spectacular views. You will be able to spot all three species of boobies in one place: Blue, Red & Nazca boobies. The area contains Blue, Red, and Nazca boobies alongside frigate birds and multiple sea-bird species and playful sea-lions. The location provides excellent conditions for both snorkeling and swimming activities.

In the afternoon, the landing takes place at Witch Hill (Cerro Brujo), which stands as an eroding tuff cone made up of lava formations and volcanic rocks and features a beautiful white-sand beach that serves as an ideal spot for snorkeling and swimming activities. The location serves as an excellent site for watching migratory birds, including whimbrels and white-cheeked pintails, and stilts, and other species. The path leads to Kicker Rock, which stands as a massive rock formation that remains from a volcanic cone that formed into the shape of a sleeping lion. The rock summit provides shelter to numerous blue-footed boobies and tropical birds and frigate birds, and other species. The location offers snorkeling activities, which enable visitors to discover its stunning underwater creatures, while hammerhead sharks occasionally appear. The boat will return to your yacht. The group will receive a briefing before they have dinner and spend the night at the location.

(B/L/D)

Overnight: Letty Lower Deck

DAY 4 - SUNDAY. DRAGON HILL & PUNTA BOWDITCH

After Breakfast, the Zodiac will take you to Española, which stands as the oldest island of the Archipelago. The wet-landing at Gardner Bay reveals a breathtakingly large coralline sandy beach that hosts curious sea lions who will greet you during this experience. The place demands snorkeling because it lets you see rays and white-tipped sharks together with vibrant reef fish schools. The area provides excellent conditions for kayaking activities. The area contains colonies of marine iguanas together with endemic mocking birds and sally light-foot crabs, and blue-footed boobies. People should eat their lunch while sitting on the Letty.

In the Archipelago bird sanctuary, Suarez Point allows visitors to enter dry while they observe the diverse bird species, including the waved-albatross, which nests from April through December, and the endemic mockingbirds and swallow-tailed gulls and Nazca, and blue-footed boobies, and tropical birds. The boat will be your home after you finish your enjoyable afternoon hike. Dinner and overnight. (B/L/D)

Overnight: Letty Lower Deck



DAY 5 - THURSDAY. FLOREANA & CORMORANT POINT

In the morning, after breakfast you will visit Floreana Island with a wet-landing at the north side of the Island on a sandy beach at Post Office Bay named by Captain James Colnett in 1973, who installed a wooden barrel that will serve sailors as an improvised post office where seamen will drop letters that will eventually be taken by other sailors on their way to other Countries especially in Europe; there has been cases where the letter arrives back home long after the sender does! The Baroness viewpoint provides visitors with outstanding panoramic views of the Island when they reach it through hiking. Darwin finches, lava lizards, sea lions, yellow warblers, and more can be spotted on site; also good opportunity to snorkel and swim.

In the afternoon, disembark at Cormorant Point at the south of Floreana, the site features a golden-greenish beach rich in olivine. The sand derives its distinctive color from volcanic crystals, which form deep within the Earth's mantle and contain aluminum alongside silica and magnesium, and iron, and from weathered tuff fragments.

The brackish lake situated nearby supports various migratory and coastal birds, which makes it an excellent location to see flamingos. Here, there's quite a large percentage of flamingos living in one single pond, considering that the entire population of Galapagos Flamingos amounts to only about 1,200 to 1,500 individuals scattered across the archipelago.

Flamingos tend to migrate from island to island searching for food, but never attempting to fly toward mainland Ecuador. Their ancestors came from the Caribbean.

The path leads to a stunning white-sand beach, which serves as a vital nesting area for Green Pacific Sea Turtles. Return to the Yacht. Briefing, Dinner, and overnight. (B/L/D)

Overnight: Letty Lower Deck



DAY 6 - FRIDAY. NORTH SEYMOUR. COME BACK TO THE MAINLAND

In the early morning hours, North Seymour Island served as the last stop of our visit before we left Galapagos.

The dry-landing area of North Seymour Island allows visitors to take brief walks through the nesting grounds of blue-footed boobies while also observing magnificent frigate birds, sea lions, lizards, swallow-tailed gulls, and extensive native plant life. Sail to Baltra Island

The sail to Baltra Island begins at 9:30 until 10:00 when the vessel reaches the island, to either head back to the Mainland or stay at Itabaca Channel's pier area for additional Galapagos exploration. The tour services end at the conclusion of the trip.

Transfer to the Airport, where you will have a flight to Quito.

(B/-/-)

Overnight: Letty Lower Deck

RATES

From \$ 4579
per person



Includes

- Transfer in/out
- Accommodations in double rooms
- Guided tours
- Indicated Meals
- Transportation
- Bilingual naturalist guide
- Activities mentioned in the itinerary
- Emergency contact 24/7



Not Includes

- Tips
- Wet suits
- Domestic Flights
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages
- Personal expenses
- Meals not described in the program
- Galapagos Islands fees (TCT and National Park Entry)

Hotels:

Quito: Wyndham Airport or similar

Galapagos: Letty Cruise

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the perfect balance of culture, comfort, and nature in one journey from Quito to and Galapagos
- Close encounters with wildlife in the Galápagos Islands
- Discover Uninhabited Islands and pristine beaches

TRAVEL TIPS

- Adjust to Quito's altitude gradually, stay hydrated and rest upon arrival.
- Pack lightweight, breathable clothing and layers for varying climates.
- Bring insect repellent, sunscreen, and a reusable water bottle.
- Respect local customs and wildlife, observe but never disturb.
- Prepare waterproof gear for rainforest and island excursions.

WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

- **Quito & Andes:** Cool to mild temperatures (50–70°F); chilly evenings.
- **Galápagos:** Warm and sunny (70–85°F); sea breezes can feel fresh. Pack versatile layers and quick-dry clothing to adapt to the changes.

Fitness Requirements

Moderate fitness is recommended. The itinerary includes walking tours, short hikes, light kayaking, and optional spa treatments. Participants should be comfortable with humidity and occasional uneven terrain. The wellness therapies focus on relaxation rather than strenuous activity, suitable for travelers seeking a mindful yet active experience.

FAQS

1. When is the best time to visit Ecuador and the Galápagos?

Ecuador serves as a travel destination that remains accessible throughout the entire year. The Galápagos provides year-round wildlife observation.

2. The package contains what types of domestic flights?

The package doesn't include your round-trip flights from Quito to the Galápagos Islands.

3. Is this tour suitable for first-time travelers to Ecuador?

Yes, it offers a balanced introduction to Ecuador's key ecosystems—Andes and Galápagos—while maintaining a relaxing pace.

4. What kind of activities are included?

Transfers and transportation during the tour, City Tour, museum visits, and activities inside of the cruise.

5. Will I encounter wildlife up close?

Yes, in the Galápagos, you will see diverse species in their natural habitats under the guidance of expert naturalists.



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