



Three-toed sloth, Amazon



Galápagos Islands

## Ultimate Galápagos Exploration & Ecuador's Amazon Wilds

**Ecuador:** Quito, Amazon Rain Forest, Coca, 7-night Galápagos Cruise

**16 days** starting from **\$7,645** including international airfare from Los Angeles  
Single Supplement: **FREE**

**Departure Dates:** JANUARY 9 - 25, 2025

JANUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 1, 2025

**Activity Level:**

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Moderate

### ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to Quito, Ecuador
2-3	Quito
4-6	The Amazon
7-8	Fly to Quito
9-15	Fly to Galápagos • Embark ship • Cruise Galápagos
16	Disembark ship • Fly to Quito • Return to U.S.



### OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Best of Peru: Lima, The Sacred Valley & Machu Picchu

PRE-TRIP: 6 nights from **\$1,895**

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**G528-708**



## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 • Depart U.S. • Arrive Quito, Ecuador

Fly to Quito, Ecuador, where you'll meet your fellow travelers, including those who took our *Best of Peru: Lima, The Sacred Valley & Machu Picchu* pre-trip extension.

### DAY 2 • Equator Museum • Agave Spirit museum

Begin the day at the Inti Nan Museum, which sits directly on the equator, followed by a light Ecuadorian lunch and tasting at Agave Spirit, a museum that preserves the heritage of locally distilled liquors.

### DAY 3 • Santa Clara market • Quito • Controversial Topic: Sex work in Quito's Old Town

Visit the Santa Clara market before exploring Old Town Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, including Independence Plaza, San Francisco Square, and Quito's oldest street, Calle La Ronda. We'll also discuss the **Controversial Topic** of sex work in Quito with two locals who have opposing views. Then the rest of day is for independent exploration.

### DAY 4 • Quito • Coca • Cruise to Amazon lodge

Fly to Coca, where we transfer by boat to our Amazon lodge in the rain forest.

## IT'S INCLUDED

- 15 nights accommodation, including 7 nights aboard a privately chartered, 16-passenger Galápagos small ship
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation and 4 internal flights
- 39 meals: 15 breakfasts, 13 lunches, and 11 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Lunch)
- 12 guided tours and cultural experiences, plus Galápagos shore excursions
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, ship crew, and luggage porters
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip

### DAY 5 • Amazon rain forest • Sapococha Lagoon

Enjoy a nature walk in the rain forest, where we'll learn about native medicinal plants and see an example of primary forest. Then, go for a canoe ride in Sapococha Lagoon.

### DAY 6 • A Day in the Life of Kichwa village • GCF visit • Home-Hosted Lunch

Your *A Day in the Life* of an indigenous Kichwa village experience begins with a visit to a school supported in part by **Grand Circle Foundation**. Then we'll meet a local Kichwa family and help prepare a special meal which we'll share during a **Home-Hosted Lunch**.

### DAY 7 • Coca • Quito

Return by boat to Coca, where you'll catch a return flight to Quito.

### DAY 8 • Quito • Optional Papallacta Hot Springs tour

Enjoy a free day in Quito, or join a full-day optional tour to the Termas de Papallacta hot springs in Ecuador's highlands.







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**DAY 9 • Galápagos • Embark ship** 

Fly to the Galápagos via Guayaquil on Ecuador’s Pacific Coast. Then, board our ship once we land in the islands.

**DAY 10 • Galápagos cruise** 

For the next six days, we’ll explore the “Enchanted Isles” aboard our small ship, on foot, and during Zodiac excursions.

**Please note:** *The islands we call upon vary according to seasonal conditions and Galápagos National Park regulations.*

**DAY 11 • Galápagos cruise** 

As we cruise, explore the wildlife of the Galápagos, much of which exists nowhere else on Earth. The absence of human predators makes the animals surprisingly tame, so we can view them up close during our hikes, while snorkeling, and aboard Zodiacs.

**DAY 12 • Galápagos cruise** 

Depending on our departure date, we may stop at the Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz Island, dedicated to the preservation of the islands and to maintaining the purity of their endemic species.

**DAY 13 • Galápagos cruise** 

As we cruise, we may visit Santiago (James) Island, where tidal pools reveal a profusion of undersea life; or Bartolome (Bartholomew), with the distinctive spire of Pinnacle Rock as its landmark. Some of the Galápagos’s most fascinating features are best viewed from a Zodiac. We’ll have several opportunities to explore aboard these open-air crafts during our cruise.

**DAY 14 • Galápagos cruise** 

During our cruise, we may visit Mosquera Beach, a small, white-sand islet ideal for snorkeling; or Rabida (Jervis) Island, which has a reddish beach with steep volcanic slopes.

**DAY 15 • Galápagos cruise • Farewell Dinner** 

Perhaps we’ll visit Santa Fe (Barrington) today, where iguanas doze in forests of opuntia cacti, or San Cristobal (Chatham), the sleepy capital of the Galápagos province. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner aboard ship this evening.

**DAY 16 • Disembark ship • Quito • Return to U.S.**

Fly to Quito, where we’ll have the use of a day room. Then, fly home to the U.S, or begin your post-trip extension to *Riobamba & Cuenca: Cultural Treasures in the Ecuadorean Andes.*





Machu Picchu, Peru

# Best of Peru: Lima, The Sacred Valley & Machu Picchu

6 nights pre-trip from **\$1,895** Only **\$316** per night

**Single Supplement: FREE**

## **DAY 1 • Depart U.S. • Arrive Lima, Peru**

Depart the U.S. today and fly to Lima, Peru, where an O.A.T. representative will greet you at the airport.

## **DAY 2 • Lima**

After breakfast, we'll begin our day with a panoramic sightseeing tour of the city. We'll then set off on an orientation walk around the fashionable Miraflores neighborhood of Lima. The rest of the afternoon is free to make your own discoveries in Lima.

## **DAY 3 • Fly to Cuzco • Sacred Valley**

This morning we fly to Cuzco, at an altitude of 10,909 feet. Cuzco is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and we'll enjoy a walking tour of the city and visit the Temple of the Sun.

## **DAY 4 • Sacred Valley • Explore Ollantaytambo**

This morning we'll head to the Ollantaytambo ruins and explore this former bureaucratic center of the Incan Empire and pay a visit to a local village. Later, we'll have lunch at a local restaurant before participating in a pottery workshop. Dinner is at your hotel tonight.

## **DAY 5 • Cuzco • Transfer to Machu Picchu**

We rise early to catch our train for the journey to Machu Picchu. We make our first visit to the ancient UNESCO World Heritage Site this afternoon.

## **DAY 6 • Second visit to Machu Picchu • Train ride to Cuzco**

We return to Machu Picchu for more exploration this morning—before the crowds arrive. Explore the ruins on your own, or choose between one of two hikes that will reveal the site from a different vantage point. Then we take an afternoon train back to Cuzco.

## **DAY 7 • Fly to Quito • Join main trip**

Today, we'll fly to Quito to begin our *Ultimate Galápagos Exploration & Ecuador's Amazon Wilds* adventure.

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*Please note: This extension may not be available on all departures.*

## **IT'S INCLUDED**

- Roundtrip air transportation from Lima to Cuzco; and from Cuzco to Quito
- 6 nights accommodation
- 13 meals: 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 2 dinners
- 7 guided tours and cultural experiences
- Services of our local Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers

*Please note: Travelers purchasing their own international flights will be responsible for additional internal flight costs.*

## **FEATURED HOTEL**

### **Villa Urubamba Sacred Valley, Peru**

Set amid lush gardens, the Villa Urubamba offers easy access to the legendary Sacred Valley. The hotel offers an on-site restaurant and wireless Internet in common areas. Each of the 21 rooms features a private en suite bathroom with hot running water and a hair dryer.





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## 2025 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

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DEPARTURE #2: JANUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 1, 2025

Deck:

A	Upper Deck	\$6,795
B	Lower Deck	\$6,495

### AIR ADD-ON

Los Angeles	\$1,150
San Francisco	\$1,250

Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

**Deposit:** \$500 Deposit per person.

**Single Supplement:** FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

## RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:

# 1-800-955-1925

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when you pay in by check or ACH based on a trip price of \$6,500 per person

Months That You Pay in Full Prior to Your Final Payment Due Date (90 days prior to your departure date)	Guarantee Your Price and Receive:	Good Buy Plan Savings Per Person:	Good Buy Savings Per Couple:
12 months or more	10% off	\$650	\$1,300
11 months	9% off	\$585	\$1,170
10 months	8% off	\$520	\$1,040
9 months	7.5% off	\$488	\$975
8 months	6% off	\$390	\$780
7 months	5% off	\$325	\$650
6 months	4% off	\$260	\$520
5 months	3% off	\$195	\$390
Make your final payment by check within 120 days	\$50 off	\$50	\$50

Good Buy Plan savings are calculated based on total reservation cost.

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