



**Galapagos Islands & Machu Picchu (14 nights)
7 night Galapagos cruise + 1 night Guayaquil + 6 nights Peru**

- Saturday: Fly to Guayaquil, transfer in upon arrival
Overnight Hotel Oro Verde – Guayaquil
- Sunday Quito to Pto Baq. Moreno, San Cristobal Aerogal 36 8:55AM
Playa Ochoa (SN, KY)/ Leon Dormido (PR) SAN CRISTOBAL
- Monday: Punta Pitt, (SN, PR, KY) SAN CRISTOBAL
Cerro Brujo (SN, PR, KY) SAN CRISTOBAL
- Tuesday: Punta Suarez, ESPANOLA (Hood)
Gardner Bay (SN, PR, KY) ESPANOLA (Hood)
- Wednesday: Punta Cormorant (PR), Devil's Crown or Champion (SN), FLOREANA
Post Office Bay (PR), FLOREANA
- Thursday: Humedales & Muro de Lagrimas or Tintoreras, ISABELA
Sierra Negra Volcano, ISABELA
- Friday: Bachas or Mosquera (PR, KY), SANTA CRUZ
Bartolome (SN, PR)
- Saturday: South Plaza Island
Darwin station or highlands of SANTA CRUZ
- Sunday: San Cristobal to Guayaquil on Aerogal 2k 37 12:00-3:10PM
Guayaquil to Lima on LAN or Taca 5:30PM – 7:30PM
Transfer in upon arrival, overnight Casa Andina Private Collection
- Monday: Lima to Cuzco, transfer in upon arrival
Tour of Cuzco, overnight Casa Andina Hotel Private Collection
- Tuesday : Cuzco - Machu Picchu by train, tour of ruins,
Overnight Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel
- Wednesday Machu Picchu – Sacred Valley by train, tour of Urubamba Valley
Overnight Casa Andina Sacred Valley Private Collection
- Thursday Sacred Valley – Cuzco, overnight Casa Andina Private Collection
- Friday Cuzco-Lima, tour of Lima, overnight Casa Andina Miraflores
- Saturday: Lima – USA

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Day-by-day detailed itinerary

SATURDAY: Upon arrival to Guayaquil, transfer to the Hotel Oro Verde via shuttle. Guayaquil is the country's largest city and gateway to the Galapagos Islands. With its dynamic seaport, is the industrial capital of Ecuador and of the Guayas Province.

The Oro Verde is located in the heart of the commercial and banking district, the Hotel Oro Verde is the only member hotel of *The Leading Hotels of the World* in Ecuador. The guest rooms and suites are appointed with cable TV, internet connection, direct dial telephones, mini bar and safety boxes. There are three restaurants; Le Gourmet, La Fondue and El Patio Café, and gourmet deli, El Capitan bar, international casino, gym Oro Fit, sauna and swimming pool. The Oro Verde is a locally owned and operated hotel and recipient of the World Travel Award for Ecuador's Leading Hotel. Oro Verde is the first hotel certified by SmartVoyager in Ecuador.

SUNDAY: Buffet breakfast is provided at the Hotel Oro Verde. We depart for the airport via hotel shuttle for AEROGAL flight 36 departing Guayaquil at 10:45 and arriving to Galapagos at 11:25AM. Upon arrival to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, **SAN CRISTOBAL** Island, our crew is waiting at the airport to escort you to your anchored yacht. After the welcome briefing, buffet lunch and safety drill, we set sail for **Playa Ochoa** where we have a wet landing. Here, we can test our snorkeling equipment and at the same time swim with a small colony of sea lions. Behind the beach, there is a tidal lagoon where bird can be spotted including the rare Chatham mockingbird. At sunset, we cruise around **Kicker Rock (Leon Dormido)**, a vertical tuff cone formation that abruptly juts up almost 500 feet out of the ocean. On the cliffs, we spot blue-footed boobies, masked boobies and magnificent frigate birds. This evening, the guides hold a briefing followed by the Captain's welcome party.

MONDAY: This morning, we visit the northeast tip of San Cristobal, **PUNTA PITT**, a tuff formation that serves as a nesting site for many sea birds including Blue footed, Nazca and Red-footed boobies, Frigate birds, Swallow-tailed gulls and Storm petrels. Punta Pitt is considered to be a first class site for birds and equal to Genovesa (Tower) Island. This afternoon we visit **CERRO BRUJO**, a breathtaking white power-sand beach, said to be one of the most spectacular in Galapagos and have an opportunity to snorkel or kayak right from the beach.

TUESDAY: This morning we have a dry landing at **Punta Suarez, ESPANOLA**, where we witness the highest rate of endemic species in Galapagos. Sea lions noisily greet us as we land on their beach. Curious Hood mockingbirds peck at our shoelaces. From April to November, the waved albatross, found only on Espanola, perform their wild mating ritual. Colonies of blue-footed boobies engage in "sky-pointing" to show off for potential mates. Nazca boobies busily care for their young. Stunning swallow-tailed gulls are the only nocturnal gulls in the world. Red-billed tropicbirds take shelter under the cliffs. We also find Darwin's Finches, Galapagos Doves and Galapagos Hawks. Observe a unique species of marine iguana identified with traces of red and green colorings. Colorful sally light-foot crabs crawl along the shoreline near to the famous "blow hole".

In the afternoon, we have a wet landing on **Gardner Bay, ESPANOLA (HOOD)**. Walk along seemingly endless stretches of this white sandy beach where you'll find large colonies of sea lions. There is no trail to follow so this is a chance to explore and you may

find a Galapagos Hawk, Darwin's Finches or Hood Mockingbird. Swim with sea lions right from the beach, explore by kayak or just relax. There's an excellent snorkeling site off Gardner Islet with a colorful diversity of sea life near Tortuga Rock, explore caves covered with invertebrates.

WEDNESDAY: This morning we step ashore at **Punta Cormorant, FLOREANA (Charles)**, one of the few populated islands in the Galapagos. Floreana presents a rich history with mystery and intrigue. Set foot on a green-sand beach alive with the sounds of sea lions. Follow a trail to a brackish lagoon, home of the pintail ducks, common stilts, and the pinkest Flamingos in the world. Wind your way past a rich variety of plants including Morning Glory, Cut Leaf Daisies, Palo Verdes and Scalesia leading to a beach with power soft sand. Sea turtles lay their eggs in the sand dunes and rays swim in the shallow water. After the walk, we have an opportunity to snorkel at **Devil's Crown or Champion**, a shallow sunken crater colonized by a brilliant array of colorful fish and coral. This afternoon we visit **Post office Bay**, not the most scenic, but probably the most famous sites in Galapagos. Here is where a post barrel was put into use in the late 18th Century by English whaling vessels. You are invited to leave a post card and to pick up any mail from your home area.

THURSDAY: This morning we visit a hidden gem on Isabela Island called **Los Humedales and Muro de Lagrimas** which translates to "wetlands" and "wall of tears". This area has trails from which you find all four species of mangroves, secluded sandy beaches with rocky shores lava tunnels and natural pools. View migratory birds including Whimbrels, Short-billed Dowitchers, Wilson's Phalarope, Common Tern, Osprey, Semi-palmated Plovers as well as mating Flamingos. The national park has released young tortoises from the breeding center in this area so you may encounter tortoises in the wild. The Wall of Tears was constructed between 1946-1959 when Isabela was a penal colony. In the afternoon, we visit **Sierra Negra Volcano**, located in the Southwest portion of Isabela, and considered the oldest and largest volcano on Isabela. From Puerto Villamil, we travel by motorized vehicle to Santo Tomas. From here, we continue by horseback to the rim of the caldera, traversing a lava field through a series of craters and fumaroles until we reach Volcan Chico. Along the way, you will usually spot the vermilion flycatcher, Galapagos Martins, Whimbrels, Egrets, Galapagos Hawks and possibly the Dark-billed Cuckoo.

FRIDAY: This morning we visit Mosquera, a tiny islet between Baltra and North Seymour with a long narrow beach and large population of sea lions. After a wet landing, we will have time for swimming and snorkeling on this volcanically-formed islet. This afternoon we visit Bartolome, where it seems like we are walking on the moon. This young Island is inhospitable to most plants and animals. After a dry landing, climb 30 minutes up stairs leading to the summit of a once active volcano. Along the way, we pause to marvel at lava bombs, spatter cones and cinder cones. From the top of the wooden stairs, we can gaze out across the island for a panoramic view of the island and "Pinnacle Rock", an eroded tuff cone. Crystal clear water is an invitation to snorkel from the beach or Zodiac with schools of tropical fish and Galapagos Penguins.

SATURDAY: This morning, we visit **SOUTH PLAZA**, a small geological uplift with tall cliffs offering spectacular views. After a dry landing, the trails lead us through Prickly Pear cactus or Opuntia and Sesuvium. Here we can find the Galapagos Land Iguana feeding on the cactus leaves. Toward the end of the hill, we encounter a colony of bachelor sea lions. The dominant bulls are in various stages of recovery from battles lost over prime beach territory. We also find Swallow tailed gulls, Shearwaters and Red-billed tropicbirds who

build their nests along the cliffs. Travel by bus to the **highlands** of **SANTA CRUZ** Island. The scenery gradually changes as we wind our way through all seven vegetation zones found in Galapagos. Here, we visit the tortoise reserve at one of the private farms in the highlands where we encounter giant tortoises in their natural habitat. We visit *Los Gemelos*, Spanish for "The Twins", a pair of large pit craters where we find the bright red male vermilion flycatcher. We stop at "the tunnels", the largest lava tubes found in Galapagos.

SUNDAY: This morning, we drop anchor in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, **SAN CRISTOBAL**. We visit the Interpretation Center opened in 1999. Here we gain a more complete understanding of the natural and human history of the Islands. Afterwards, we head straight to the airport for our flight back to the mainland departing San Cristobal at 12:30PM on Aerogal 37 and arriving to Guayaquil at 3:10PM. Upon arrival, transfer to the international terminal to check-in for your flight #27 to Lima on TACA Airlines departing Guayaquil at 5:30PM. Upon arrival in Lima to the Jorge Chavez International Airport, you will be met by our guide and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores

Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores

Located in Miraflores, two blocks from the Central Park, the most exclusive residential district in Lima, the Casa Andina Private Collection is a 4 star hotel with 148 rooms fully equipped, two restaurants, spa, gym, heated swimming pool and beauty salon.

MONDAY: Lima – Cuzco

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Cuzco on Lan Peru flight 23 departing at 9:25am (subject to change). Upon arrival to Cuzco at 10:40am, transfer to Casa Andina Private Collection hotel. The rest of the morning is to acclimate to the altitude. In the afternoon, you will tour this capital of the Inca Empire including visits to "Plaza de Armas" (main square), the Cathedral and the Santo Domingo Monastery (Koricancha). Also visit the surrounding ruins of Kenko, Puka Pukara, Tampu Machay and the fortress and religious site of Sacsayhuaman. Overnight Hotel Monasterio Cuzco

Casa Andina Private Collection Cusco

Located 3 blocks away from Cusco Main Square, an old colonial large house from the 18th century becomes the finest boutique hotel in the city. It has 72 rooms (with oxygen upon request), large courtyards, gourmet restaurant and bar.

Vistadome Train

These spectacular carriages have beautiful panoramic windows offering scenic views and photographic opportunities. With glass surrounding them on all sides, passengers feel they are part of the landscape

TUESDAY – Cuzco – Machu Picchu

After buffet breakfast, transfer to the Cuzco station for a 3 hour and 40 minute scenic train trip through the Urubamba Valley, followed by a 30-minute bus ride up to the breathtaking Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu followed by a guided tour through the ruins. Lunch is included at the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge. Your afternoon is free to explore the ruins on your own and return to the hotel at your leisure.

Alternatively you may prefer to allow time to explore the paths from the hotel, take a guided tour: nature walk, orchid walk, twilight walk and organic tear processing. There is also a

spectacled bear rescue and conservation project on site. Or just relax and schedule a spa treatment or sauna (outdoors, tented and powered by fire).
Dinner and overnight at the Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel.

Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

This hotel sits amid a private twelve acre cloud forest at 6627 feet above sea level inside the Machu Picchu sanctuary. The hotel is located in Aguas Calientes (at the base of the mountain) and has 78 rooms and 7 suites (with IDD telephone, private bath with hair dryer) built in a rustic, colonial style. Facilities include the Hiram Bingham lounge bar, two restaurants; Mijuna Wasi and Café Inkaterra, reading room and eco media center with internet, UNU spa with treatments and massages, sauna and lobby overlooking the gardens and gift shop. Surrounded by lush vegetation and rich biodiversity, the hotel is the best choice for exploring the sanctuary including 3 miles of paths with observation points for viewing flora (372 native orchid species), birds (157 species) and butterflies (108 species).

WEDNESDAY: Machu Picchu – Ollantaytambo - Urubamba

After buffet breakfast, you are free to return to Machu Picchu (on your own, no guide or bus tickets provided) or you may choose to go on foot but you must leave early (6am).
The overnight stay allows you to fully explore the altars, temples, fountains, staircases and terraced gardens early – before the crowds arrive.

If you are adventuresome, you may want to walk to Inti Punku or the “Gate of the Sun” a mountain pass on a hill behind the site through which the Inca Trail passes on its approach to Machu Picchu. Or you may wish to climb Huayna Picchu, the peak that rises dramatically above the ancient citadel.

Return to the hotel for 3:30pm departure by train to Ollantaytambo station.
Upon arrival, transfer to Casa Andina Private Collection Sacred Valley for overnight.

CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION SACRED VALLEY

Located on 3 hectares of land in the heart of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. The hotel is surrounded by gardens and has 85 fully equipped guest rooms, an Andean Spa and the area’s most exquisite cuisine.

THURSDAY: Sacred Valley – Pisac market - Cuzco

After buffet breakfast, depart early for the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the Urubamba Valley. Tour the town and fortresses of Ollantaytambo and drive up and hike the splendid Inca ruins of Pisac, a large complex of religious temples, agricultural terraces and Astronomic observatories. A lunch buffet and ceviche bar is provided at Tunupa. After lunch, we visit Pisac, a picturesque town of creole and colonial aspect that comes alive on market day. People from surrounding communities converge on the tiny central plaza to buy and sell produce, alpaca sweaters, and beautiful llama rugs of all sizes, blankets, cotton fabric, musical instruments, and food.
Overnight at the Casa Andina Private Collection – Cuzco.

FRIDAY: Cuzco – Lima

Transfer to the airport for your flight on LAN Peru 20 from Cuzco to Lima departing Cuzco at 8:50AM and arriving to Lima at 10:10AM. Upon arrival, transfer to the Swissotel Lima. Afternoon city tour of Lima includes: The Cathedral, "Plaza Mayor" (main square), Government, Archbishop, and Torre Tagle Palaces. Afterwards, drive through Lima’s

modern residential areas: San Isidro with its olive grove, golf course, and “Huaca Huallamarca”; and Miraflores with its Central Park, “Parque del Amor”, and ocean views.

The private museum of Miguel Mujica Gallo includes a splendid display of gold objects and ornaments which illustrate the craftsmanship of the ancient Peruvian cultures of Chavin, Paracas, Nazca, Lambayeque, Mochica, and Chimu. This museum also houses an eclectic arms collection which includes old Peruvian weapons and ancient, bizarre firearms. Overnight Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores.

SATURDAY: Lima - USA

Buffet breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

2012 rates: Galapagos Islands & Machu Picchu (14 nights)

\$ 3550.00 Iguana deck cabin 7 night Galapagos cruise
(upgrade to Booby \$3950 or Dolphin deck \$4350 available)

\$ 82.50 Hotel Oro Verde Guayaquil (1 night)

\$ 374.00 airfare Guayaquil-Scy-Guayaquil (\$330 in low season)

\$ 110.00 Galapagos park tax + transit card fee

\$ 1860.00 Peru extension 6 nights First Class

Total = \$ 5977 per person based on 2 guests in a double room

Rate includes:

Cabin accommodation with private bath on the first class 20-passenger M/Y ERIC, FLAMINGO or LETTY for 7 nights including all meals and snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, purified water, guided shore excursions, Captain’s welcome and farewell parties, use of snorkeling equipment, wet suits and sea kayaks and transfers in the Islands between the airport to dock.

Roundtrip airfare on AEROGAL Airlines from Guayaquil to Galapagos

Galapagos National Park entrance fee \$100 and transit card fee \$10

Hotel accommodations for one night at the Hotel Oro Verde in Guayaquil including taxes, buffet breakfast, welcome beverage and airport transfers provided by the hotel’s shuttle van service including baggage handling.

In Peru: hotel accommodations in 4 star properties including 2 nights Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores, 2 nights Casa Andina Private Collection in Cuzco, 1 night Casa Andina Private Collection Sacred Valley and 1 night in Machu Picchu Pueblo in Aguas Calientes including buffet breakfast, lunch on day 3 and 5 and dinner on day 3. Private transfers and tours with professional English speaking guide, private car and driver. Train tickets from Cuzco to Aguas Calientes and Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo in Vistadome class. Bus tickets from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu and return on day 3. Airfare Guayaquil to Lima (one way) and roundtrip airfare Lima to Cuzco (rates are subject to change),

Rates do not include:

International airfare from your hometown to Ecuador and return from Peru

Gratuities for guides and crew in Galapagos \$175 suggested per person

Airfare Guayaquil – Lima \$450.00 and Airfare Lima- Cuzco-Lima \$400.00 (estimate only)

Airport taxes \$6.05 in Lima and \$4.28 in Cuzco for national flights,

Optional second entrance fee to Machu Picchu \$55.56 and guide in MP on day 4,

Bus fare \$15.56 round trip on day 4 from Aguas Calientes to MP

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