



**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: Guayaquil to Pto Baq. Moreno, San Cristobal Aerogal 36 10:45AM  
Playa Ochoa (SN, KY)/ Leon Dormido (PR)
- Monday: Prince Philip's Steps (KY) TOWER  
Darwin Bay (SN), TOWER
- Tuesday: Punta Espinoza, FERNANDINA  
Tagus Cove (SN, PR, KY), ISABELA
- Wednesday Puerto Egas (SN, KY) SANTIAGO  
Sombrero Chino
- Thursday: Bartolome (SN, PR)  
North Seymour (SN)
- Friday: Highlands, SANTA CRUZ - DIVING WITH SCUBA IGUANA  
Darwin Station, SANTA CRUZ
- Saturday: Punta Suarez, Espanola (HOOD)  
Gardner Bay (SN, PR, KY) Espanola – DIVING WITH WRECK BAY
- 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:** We spend the entire day on **TOWER** (Genovesa), considered to be one of the most spectacular Islands in Galapagos for bird species. This morning, we have a dry landing at **Prince Philip's Steps**. Red-footed boobies nest here in Palo Santo trees and Nazca (formerly masked) boobies nest near the trail. In an open lava field, we find storm petrels in large numbers. If you are lucky, we will see the elusive short-eared owl. After the walk, our kayaks are available to paddle along the shoreline. Look for the beautiful red-billed tropic bird usually found in the crevices. After lunch, take a *siesta* or borrow a book from our library and lounge on deck.

This afternoon, we have a wet-landing on **Darwin Bay**, a coral sand beach where swallow-tailed and lava gulls gather near the tide pools. Enter a forest of *Optuntia* cactus and mangroves where colonies of great frigate birds nest. The males inflate their red-throated pouches to attract females as they fly overhead. The trail leads through a rich inter tidal zone where we find a wide diversity of wildlife. After the walk, we can swim and snorkel from the beach with sea lions in these northern warmer waters. We set sail early to motor to the western Islands during the briefing followed by dinner.

**TUESDAY:** This morning, we have a semi-wet landing at **Punta Espinoza, FERNANDINA**, the youngest and most pristine Island in Galapagos. Recent lava flows formed by an active volcano stretch their way around the coast. Hundreds of marine iguanas, the largest colony in Galapagos, bask in the sun along the rugged shoreline. Observe sea lion harems with resident bulls carefully guarding their territory. Flightless

Cormorants build their nest on the point and Galapagos Hawks fly overhead. After lunch, we cross the Bolivar Chanel where we often spot whales and dolphins riding the bow wave.

This afternoon, we have a dry landing at **Tagus Cove**, located on the western Island of **ISABELA**. Six volcanoes flowed together and formed the largest Island in Galapagos. During the walk, we discover a salt-water lagoon, a scenic overlook with a spectacular view of the ocean, lava fields and volcanic formations. Graffiti dating back to the 1800's is written on the rocky cliffs. Explore the Coves by Zodiac or in one of our clear-bottom sea kayaks to find Galapagos penguins, boobies, pelicans and other seabirds. An excellent snorkeling opportunity is offered here after the walk. After the briefing and dinner, a sky full of stars beckons to go out on deck and observe the galaxy.

**WEDNESDAY:** This morning, we have a wet landing at **Puerto Egas, SANTIAGO** (James). Stroll along the shoreline looking for octopus, starfish and other sea life caught in the tide pools. At low tide, catch a glimpse of marine iguanas as they feed on exposed green algae. Watch for great blue herons, lava herons, American oystercatchers and yellow-crowned night herons. Our walk ends at the grottos, deep pools of clear water where we encounter fur sea lions once on the verge of extinction. Before returning to the yacht, there is a snorkeling opportunity with loads of tropical fish. As an alternative, you may use the kayaks to explore the marine life without getting wet. During lunch, the yacht motors to the other side of the Island which provides for scenic landscapes.

Located off the Southern tip of Santiago, **SOMBRERO CHINO** or Chinese Hat owes its name to its shape. After a wet beach landing with sea lion colonies, the trail gives way to a primeval landscape of volcanic rubble including cracked lava formations and lava tubes. The lava tubes are fragile and one must be careful to stay on the trail. We find marine iguanas and pairs of oystercatchers. There are good photographic opportunities here as this site conveys a strong feeling that you've come to a very special place in the world. There is a briefing followed by dinner as we anchor in a calm protected area.

**THURSDAY:** On **Bartolome**, 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. Down below, crystal clear water is an invitation to snorkel from the beach or Zodiac with schools of tropical fish and Galapagos Penguins. On the other side of the Island, encounter sea turtles and white-tipped sharks.

This afternoon, we have a dry landing at **North Seymour**, a small geological uplift. We follow a trail that leads us to swallow-tailed gulls, blue-footed boobies and the endemic land iguanas. Visit the largest colony of magnificent frigate birds found in Galapagos. As we stroll along the beach, we find marine iguanas and sea lions body surf the northern swells. After the walk there is a snorkeling opportunity offered in deep water.

**FRIDAY:** This morning we 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.

After lunch on board, we visit the **Charles Darwin Research Station**. We visit all three tortoise corals and the breeding center with new hatchlings and miniature tortoises not yet ready to be repatriated. Scientists from all over the globe work at the station and conduct biological research from anatomy to zoology. We also visit the Van Straelen Hall where there are exhibits and a short video presentation. Visitors can see the pen of Lonesome George, the last surviving member of the Pinta Island subspecies. Stroll through the town of **Puerto Ayora** (population: 20,000) and the largest town in the Galapagos. Buy souvenirs, mail postcards or kick back at an internet cafe in the social heart of the Islands.

**SATURDAY:** 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 (formerly masked) 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". This is the scene most people envision when they decide to visit Galapagos. During lunch, we motor to the other side of the Island.

On our last afternoon in Galapagos, 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 from the beach or just relax on your last glorious day in Galapagos. There's an excellent snorkeling site off Gardner Islet with a colorful diversity of sea life near Tortuga Rock in caves covered with invertebrates. Passengers are also permitted to use the kayaks at this particular site. Back on board, enjoy the Captain's Farewell cocktail followed by dinner and a briefing.

**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 (opening Jan 2008)***

Located in Miraflores, two blocks from the Central Park, the most exclusive residential district in Lima, the Casa Andina Private Collection is a 5 star hotel with 148 rooms fully equipped, 4 conference rooms, 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.

### ***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 Chimú. 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.

## **2010 rates: Galapagos Islands & Machu Picchu (14 nights)**

- \$ 3225.00 Iguana deck cabin 7 night Galapagos cruise  
(upgrade to Booby \$3575 or Dolphin deck \$3925 available)
- \$ 82.50 Hotel Oro Verde Guayaquil (1 night)
- \$ 372.00 airfare Guayaquil-Scy-Guayaquil (\$328 in low season)
- \$ 110.00 Galapagos park tax + transit card fee
- \$ 350.00 airfare Guayaquil – Lima (estimate only)
- \$ 325.00 airfare Lima- Cuzco-Lima (estimate only)
- \$ 2050.00 Peru extension 6 nights First Class

**Total = \$ 6514 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 and welcome beverage and airport transfers provided by the hotel's shuttle van service including baggage handling.

In Peru: accommodations in 4-5 star properties including 2 nights Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores, 2 nights Casa Andina Private Collection in Cuzco, 1 night Casa Andina Private Collection in Urubamba 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 \$175 suggested per person  
Guayaquil Ecuador departure tax \$28.27  
Optional scuba diving add-on in Galapagos  
Airport taxes \$6.05 in Lima and \$4.28 in Cuzco for national flights,  
Airport tax \$31.56 in Lima for international flight, meals not mentioned,  
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