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Wild Galapagos & Cultures of Ecuador - 14 Days



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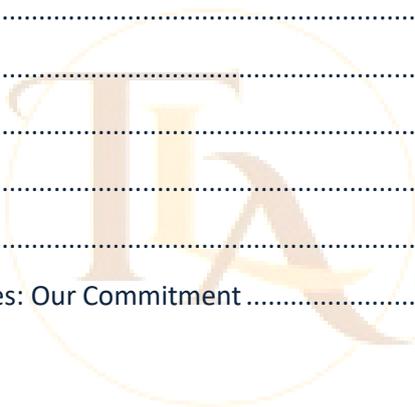
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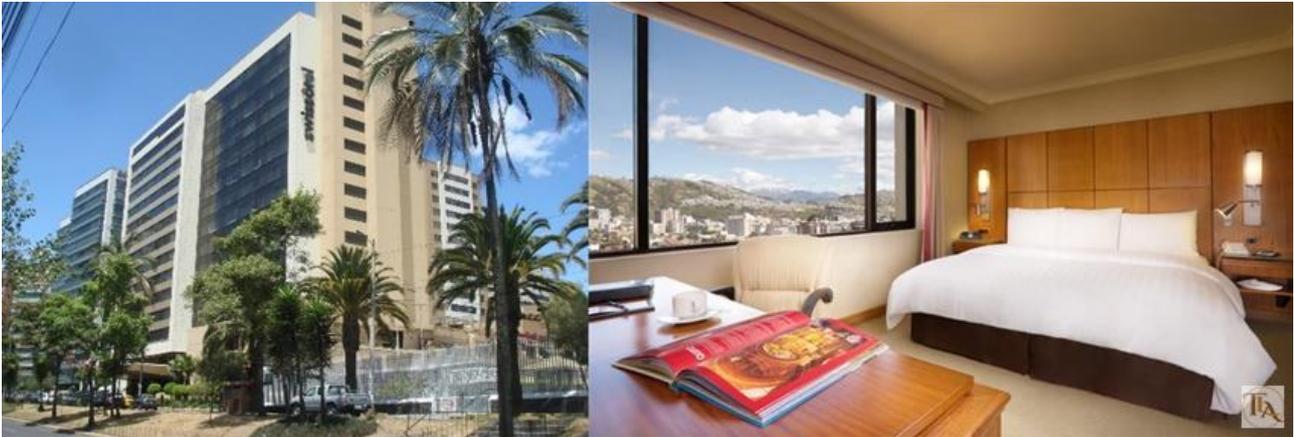
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Note: This itinerary is recommended for children age 11 years and older.

Day 1, Arrival Quito, Collection and Private Transfer Airport to Quito Hotel

- 1) International flight arrival Quito (times to be confirmed).
- 2) Private transfer from Quito Airport - Quito Hotel.
- 3) Overnight at the **5 Star Swissotel Hotel** – Quito, (See hotel section in summary for full details).



Day 2, Morning Private Quito City Tour, Free Evening Quito (B, L)

- 1) Breakfast at hotel.
- 2) Morning private tour of Colonial Quito. Includes lunch.
- 3) Free evening to enjoy Quito.
- 4) Overnight at the **5 Star Swissotel Hotel** – Quito, (See hotel section in summary for full details).

Colonial Quito, is a city of narrow cobblestone streets lined with whitewashed walls and, rising above, the steeples and cupolas of the city's many spectacularly decorated historic churches. The city has one of the best-preserved colonial centers in all South America, and its integrity was assured in 1978 when the United Nations declared Quito a World Cultural Heritage site. During the morning we will walk through the Main Plaza, where you will see the Government Palace, the spectacular gilded church of La Compañía, and some of the most important churches built around the XVI and XVII centuries, including the San Francisco Monastery, which was begun 5 days after the founding of the city in 1534. Then we will visit 'La Ronda', the city's most famous colonial street, where we will learn about the traditional jobs of Colonial Quito.

The final stop of our colonial visit will be the 'Panecillo', the hill that divides Quito in North & South, and where we will be able to admire the famous statue of Our Lady of the Panecillo, built by Bernardo de Legarda where we will have the chance to enjoy spectacular views of Quito. **Lunch included in old town.** We will have the chance to enjoy a **chocolate experience**, which starts with a guided tour explaining the history of cocoa in Ecuador, followed by a chocolate tasting. Ecuador's unique equatorial climate provides the perfect environment for growing the world's finest cocoa - Cacao Arriba. Cocoa has been revered in Latin America for over 5,000 years. Spanish explorers loved it so much they called it the 'Food of the Gods'. The Republica del Cacao's founders began their voyage over ten years ago when they set themselves an ambitious mission: to produce the most authentic chocolate while protecting and developing sustainable fine cocoa production.



Day 03 - 10, Flight to Galapagos, 8 Days / 7 Nights Galapagos Cruise (B, L, D)

- 1) Breakfast at hotel.
- 2) Private transfer from Quito Hotel to Quito Airport, driver + rep.
- 3) Flight: Quito (UIO) – Galapagos. Flight time to be confirmed.
- 4) Shared Transfer to Cruise Ship.
- 5) 8 Days / 7 Nights Galapagos Cruise, aboard the [Ecoventura Origin Cruise](#), with **8-day B** itinerary, including all meals, and excursions lead by professional naturalist guides. **Video** click [here](#).
Based 1 x Matrimonial/ Twin Beagle Deck Stateroom Cabin. Includes INGALA Transit Control Card US\$ 20 pp. **Galapagos National Park Fee NOT included – US\$ 100 per adult, US\$ 50 per child (to be paid in cash on arrival in the Galapagos).**

Please note:

1. All itineraries are subject to change. Weather, wildlife breeding, safety concerns, instructions from the Galapagos National Park, specific abilities and interests of passengers as well as operational matters may cause your guide or captain to change the time or nature of visits. Your guide and captain will always endeavor to select the best itinerary within these limits.

For a full interactive look at the Origin Cruise **8-day B** itinerary, please follow this link [HERE](#).



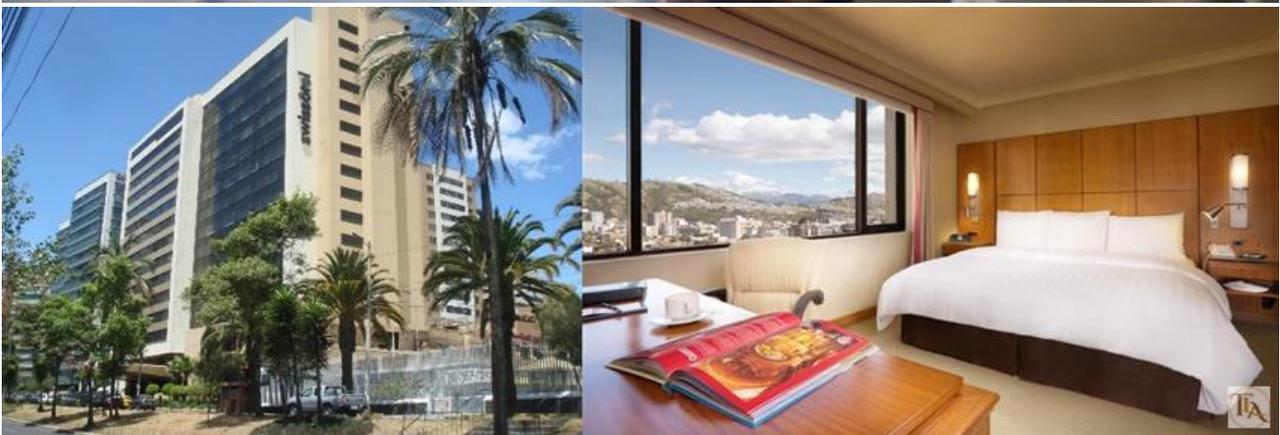




Day 10, Last Day in the Cruise, Flight to Quito, Private Transfer to Quito Hotel (B)

- 1) Breakfast on cruise ship.
- 2) Transfer to Galapagos airport.
- 3) Flight: Galápagos (GPS) – Quito (UIO). TBC
- 4) Private transfer to Quito Hotel, driver + rep.
- 5) We recommend a visit to [Terra](#) Restaurant Quito. Meal not included in itinerary price.
- 6) Overnight at the **5 Star Swissotel Quito** (see hotel list below for details).

Terra is about food. It's about taste of Ecuador's four regions, but there is so much more: aroma, colour and texture. And then there's memory, culture and tradition. Born in the highlands of the Cotopaxi, the Terra project is based on ingredients from our land to table, modern cuisine with ingredients delicately chosen from local producers around the country. The brainchild, the chef, **Alvaro Reinoso**, combines traditional Ecuadorian ingredients in new, challenging and experimental arrangements equal to anything produced anywhere in the world. The restaurant is a magnificent combination of the old and the new, a contemporary space that preserves the spirit of the old traditional house of the Floresta area. Terra wish the experience and taste to be unforgettable and raise the very best of Ecuadorian cuisine onto the world culinary stage.



Day 11, Otavalo Market Experience, Overnight Hacienda Piman (B, L, D)

- 1) Breakfast at hotel.
- 2) Otavalo market experience including private transfers, driver with rep. Lunch included. Tour as described below.
- 3) Dinner at your hotel.
- 4) Overnight at the **Luxury Hacienda Piman** – Ibarra (See hotel section in summary for full details).

Otavalo Market Experience. On this day we will visit the **Quitsato Sundial**, a cultural-tourist area located on the equatorial line near the Cayambe volcano, where you will learn about the astronomical knowledge of the region's prehispanic cultures. We will then head to the town of **Otavalo**, either on foot (a recommended one-hour hike on a back road or a ten-minute drive). This is truly one of the most interesting towns in Ecuador, where the local **Kichwa indigenous culture** is not only plainly visible, but in the ascendency. The town's famous craft market is one of the most visited sites in Ecuador, and with good reason. The market is filled with interesting colourful and sometimes rare objects and crafts. Do remember to bargain, but only if you're interested! The market is held every day on one of the town squares at the foot of the majestic **Mt. Imbabura**. And to help you navigate the market, you will be given a short explanation of the market and provided with a map of the area. As part of our day at the market we will visit the workshop of **Master weaver Miguel Andrango**, in the village of **Agato**. Miguel's art has taken him abroad, mainly to exhibitions and fairs in the United States where the quality of his work is widely acknowledged. In the small store in the courtyard of his **Tawantinsuyo** workshop, the walls are covered with bright designs, most with an indigenous motif; the designs are based on Inca patterns but are the work of Miguel and his family. The workshop uses only **pure wool and Alpaca**; the weaver's card and spin it themselves and then dye it with natural inks made from mosses (for yellow) or seeds such as '**Achiote**' (for red). In the afternoon we'll drive to the **Cotacachi-Cayapas Ecological Reserve** for a visit to the interpretation center and an outstanding view of the **Cuicocha Lagoon**, a deep-blue crater lake on the lower southern flanks of Mount Cotacachi. After our hike we will stop at the picturesque colonial town of **Cotacachi**, famous for its leatherwork.





Day 12, Journey Ibarra to Salinas. Overnight Hacienda Zuleta (B, L, D)

- 1) Breakfast at hotel.
- 2) Tour from Ibarra to Salinas and return to Zuleta. Driver and guide in a private service. Includes lunch.
- 3) Dinner at Hacienda Zuleta.
- 4) Overnight at the **Luxury Hacienda Zuleta** – Comuna Zuleta (See hotel section in summary for full details).

Today we will set out on a road journey through spectacular Andean landscapes to the **Afro Ecuadorian Community of Salinas**. This is an authentic cultural experience which offers a unique journey starting from Ibarra, the “White City” to reach the warmth of the town of **Salinas**. Here, you’ll discover colorful murals commemorating the history and culture of Afro Ecuadorian people. Visit its museums, learn of local commerce and enjoy the local cuisine in a trip full of memorable experiences.

Hacienda Zuleta. Dating from the late XVI century, our Ecuadorian Hotel lies in the spectacular Andean mountain range of Ecuador at 9,600 feet (2,800 meters) above the sea level, and only two hours north of Quito, the capital of Ecuador. Zuleta is a colonial working farm of 4,000 acres (2,000 hectares) that belongs to the family of **Mr. Galo Plaza Iasso, a former president of Ecuador.** It was chosen as one of the world's "Top Ten Finds" by Outside magazine and named as one of the best Ecuador Hotel by National Geographic Traveler. The hacienda has 14 beautifully decorated bedrooms, all with their own fireplace. Diverse gardens along with cozy living and reading rooms offer a peaceful atmosphere. Delicious home Ecuadorian cuisine among other types of gastronomic adventures are offered daily, prepared with organic vegetables, trout and dairy products produced on the Hacienda.



Day 13, Hacienda Zuleta, Private Transfer to Quito Hotel (B)

- 1) Breakfast at hotel.
- 2) Morning short hike to the Condor bird project near Hacienda Zuleta.
Note: Horseback riding is available at an additional cost, pay directly at your hotel.
- 3) Afternoon private transfer Hacienda Zuleta to Quito hotel.
- 4) Overnight at the **5 Star Swissotel Hotel** – Quito, (See hotel section in summary for full details).

Condor Project. Today we will hike for two hours in the spectacular Andean mountain scenery to the hacienda's condor reintroduction project, stopping along the way to see some pre-Inca mounds. The hacienda is a 4,000-acre working hacienda with general agriculture, forestation and dairy farming operations. The remainder of the day is free to relax or visit the beautiful grounds of the hacienda.

Day 14, Private Transfer to Quito Airport, Connect to Onward Flight Home

- 1) Breakfast at hotel.
- 2) Private transfer from Quito hotel to Quito Airport.
- 3) International departure:
TBC.

Hotels

The hotel quoted below is our first-choice hotel for your itinerary and are chosen by our quality assessment process. Hotels are quoted subject to availability. Should you require specific hotels in your itinerary please consult a travel advisor. Our standard hotel policy is available on request.

Swissotel Hotel – Quito,
5 Star Hotel, Grand Room, Includes Breakfast
<https://www.swissotel.com/hotels/quito/>

Hacienda Piman – Comun Zuleta,
Luxury Hacienda, Standard Room, Includes meals as per vacation programme.
<https://www.haciendapiman.com/>

Hacienda Zuleta – Comun Zuleta,
Luxury Hacienda, Standard Room, Includes meals as per vacation programme.
<https://zuleta.com/>

What is Included

- 1) Tours as described in the preceding itinerary. Subject to change by us or by force majeure (including health pandemics) without prior notice.
- 2) Accommodations as shown in the hotel section, **2 people sharing 1 x Matrimonial/ Twin Room**. (Hotels are quoted subject to availability, none of the hotels have been pre-checked for availability).
- 3) Breakfasts at your accommodations.
- 4) All airport and bus station transfers in private.
- 5) Assistance with airport check-in.

- 6) 24-hour emergency contact telephone and assistance whilst travelling.

What is not Included

- 1) International airfare and taxes.
- 2) Galapagos National Park Fee NOT included – US\$ 100 per adult, US\$ 50 per child (to be paid in cash on arrival in the Galapagos).
- 3) Domestic flights quoted separately.
- 4) National Departure Taxes at airports (not applicable to Cusco and Lima Flights).
- 5) Other Meals unless specifically stated in the Itinerary.
- 6) Optional tours not included in the itinerary.
- 7) Personal expenses such as telephone bills, laundry expenses, beverages, etc.
- 8) Travel Insurance covering medical, cancellation, theft/loss, and incidents outside our control.
- 9) Baggage portorage and other extras not specified.
- 10) Tips and gratuities.

Terms & Conditions

When purchasing a tour from us our full 'Terms and Conditions' will apply. These can be found on our website: [Terms & Conditions](#)

Covid 19 Book with Confidence.

In addition to the terms and conditions noted above, in the event of a global health pandemic preventing the operation of tours in our destinations in 2021 we will reschedule the trip to 2022/23 at the cost price of doing so.



We work to recommended standards of the **World Travel & Tourism Council**. In all destinations the travel company is fully compliant with all government protocols which may be required regarding Covid – 19. These include, but are not limited to, sanitization, social distancing, wear of face coverings and the requirements of PCP testing. The required procedures change on a continual basis and your expert adviser will be happy to keep you informed of any procedural requirements prior to booking and throughout your stay with us.

Our Company Protocols

As a professional travel company, we have developed and implemented the following procedures to deliver the safest trip possible.

- ✓ All relevant certifications for operations required by local government
- ✓ COVID-19 prevention plan including an action/checklist for infection prevention and a special cleaning and disinfection plan

- ✓ Implemented protocols and guidelines for staff health, including health checks for staff as required by local legislation
- ✓ Issue and communicate a stay-home policy for anyone displaying any Covid 19 symptoms as per World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines
- ✓ Reflected physical distance in office layout and limiting the number of staff in common back-of-house areas where possible if required by local legislation
- ✓ Implemented protocols to minimize physical contact. Implemented physical distancing protocols if required by local legislation
- ✓ Personal protection equipment (PPE) made available to staff, such as masks, as long as required as per risk-based approach if required by local legislation
- ✓ Integrated technologies to enable automation such as contactless payment where possible. If contactless payment is not possible, we consider using gloves and hand sanitation
- ✓ Established with suppliers and partners including restaurants, hotels, parks, transport partners and venues that they follow likeminded health and hygiene protocols and guidelines to protect guests as required by local
- ✓ Explored different options for operations, where possible, such as advanced tickets, timed entries, smaller groups
- ✓ Requested that key stakeholders such as partner venues, hotels and transport partners have trained their staff based on likeminded protocols to enable consistent approach across sector
- ✓ All training informed by the latest advice from public health authorities and/or WHO
- ✓ Regular monitoring of well-being of team members by leadership, encouraging them to following governmental and WHO guidelines

Delivering A Safe Experience

As tour operators we work to deliver a safe experience for our staff and guests through enhanced cleanliness and hygiene best practices, which include but are not limited to:

Logistical Procedures

- ✓ Confirmed supplier processes focused on enhanced sanitation, disinfection, and deep cleaning practices for coaches and other vehicles used as well as increase their cleaning/disinfection frequency:
- ✓ Selected disinfecting products approved by health authorities
- ✓ Revisited guidance to our cleaning team with a specific focus on high-frequency touch points, including handrails, door handles, tables, board toilets, air conditioning filters, overhead lockers and headsets if applicable. Enhance cleaning frequency as appropriate
- ✓ Approved disinfecting products made available at sanitation stations to guests in the form of alcohol-based hand sanitizer as appropriate. Provide or make available for purchase additional individual disinfecting products for guests where possible
- ✓ Allocated seating plans with no rotation. Implement seat spacing if required by local legislation
- ✓ Explored providing bins with liner bags and regular disposal where possible
- ✓ Established with transport partners that they have likeminded processes for sanitation, disinfection and deep cleaning practices
- ✓ Implementing customer processes including guest information and minimizing physical contact
- ✓ Implemented guest health checks and testing if appropriate and required by local legislation
- ✓ Limited physical contact and queuing where possible

- ✓ Make masks available to guests if required by local authorities
- ✓ Developed online check-in and contactless check-out tools and procedures where appropriate and possible
- ✓ Explored staggered timing when possible of access to venues, hotels and restaurants among others
- ✓ Established with partners and suppliers, including shops, showrooms, tasting venues/shops, museums, shows, theatre, concert halls, factories & farms, that they follow likeminded health, sanitation, disinfection, and hygiene protocols aligned with local regulation

Restaurants

- ✓ Established that partner restaurants follow likeminded health, sanitation, disinfection and hygiene and food safety protocols
- ✓ Approved disinfecting products made available at restaurant entrance to guests in the form of alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- ✓ Established with restaurant that restaurant staff are trained and adhere to likeminded health & hygiene
- ✓ Avoid guest own handling of food at buffets
- ✓ Regular cleaning of coffee/drinks machines and where possible operated by staff member
- ✓ Enhanced cleaning, including disinfecting of tables and chairs after guest has left and using dishwasher over handwashing where possible
- ✓ Minimized physical contact through table spacing and guest seating if required by local legislation
- ✓ Considered minimizing what is placed on guest tables and provide mono-packaged items if feasible
- ✓ Reviewed payment method to prioritize contactless and pre-payment methods
- ✓ Considered having longer opening hours to reduce the number of guests served at any given time and facilitate the implementation of the new measures
- ✓ Reviewed payment method to prioritize contactless and pre-payment methods

Itinerary Notes

We quote many tours per day, so it is not possible for us to pre-check availability on hotels, trains, buses, flights or any other service included in this itinerary. We cannot guarantee any specific hotels, train times or flight times. Should the first-choice item as quoted in this itinerary not be available, we will work with you to find a suitable alternative. If the suitable alternative is more expensive than the originally planned item, we may request the difference in price. Equally, if the alternative is less expensive, we will deduct the amount from the final balance. Flight times may change to those quoted in the itinerary, depending on airlines schedules.

Giving Back to Local Communities: Our Commitment

As part of our social responsibility, TLA Travel engages in various community activities every year to help the most vulnerable and impoverished Peruvians. It is only possible to do this with profits earned from the touristic packages that we sell. For this reason, we thank every one of the clients that have travelled with us, that inturn have allowed us to fund such events. If you purchase a trip with us, be confident that part of the profits made from your trip will go to fund more community events in the future. As per our on-going commitment to giving back to local communities, Totally Latin America partnered with [Medlife](#) and [Picaflor House](#). Sample article [click here](#). Our work is simply focused on offering hope, and delivering real change, to our less fortunate fellow citizens here in Latin America.

