

## **ECUADOR & GALAPAGOS – 11 DAYS**

### **DAY 1. QUITO.**

Transfer in to the Hotel. Welcome cóctel and briefing and rest.

### **DAY 2. CITY TOUR – LAGO AGRIO**

Visit the historical center of Quito, here known as it was in colonial Quito, a grand tour of the Independence Square, scene of many dramatic battles of revolution in the history of the Republic of Ecuador. Then visit the Cathedral, the Archbishop, the Church of the Company, The Church and Convent of San Francisco, San Agustin Church, and convents, plazas and squares, and then continue with a visit to EL PANECILLO, located on a small hill where we will have a wide view that encompasses most of the city. Lunch and drive to Lago Agrio. Dinner and rest.

### **DAY 3. LAGO AGRIO – CUYABENO**

Breakfast, we will drive to “El Puente”. The journey begins at “El Puente”. We continue driving until we reach the Nicky Amazon Lodge. A welcome cocktail and rest. Later you will go on your first exploratory activity in the surrounding area. Dinner and rest.

### **DAY 4. CUYABENO RESERVE**

Early morning, we'll explore the area looking for monkeys and birds. Breakfast and we'll walk through the rainforest and our guide will share all his knowledge and experiences. After Lunch we'll take a trip by paddle canoe down the Cuyabeno River taking us through the dense jungle landscape. We'll observe the wildlife. After dinner, we'll explore the lodge's surroundings to look for nocturnal animals

### **DAY 5. CUYABENO-LAGO AGRIO-QUITO**

Early morning we'll take a short trip by canoe and birdwatching. After breakfast we provide a box lunch for the trip and back to “El Puente” and we will return to Quito by tourist bus. Arrive in Quito at 22:00. Dinner and rest.

## **ISLAND HOPPING:**

### **DAY 6. QUITO-GALAPAGOS**

Departure to the Enchanted Islands of Galapagos at 09:00 am (time to be confirmed), arrival at Baltra airport at 11:30 am, welcome by our National Park guide, transfer to Puerto Ayora. Lunch and visit a private ranch, where "giant tortoise" is found in its natural habitat, and to complete the adventure, walk through an amazing lava tunnel. Arrive to the hotel. Dinner and rest.

### **DAY 7. ISABELA I**

Departure (after breakfast) On board fast yachts we sail to Puerto Villamil, visit the Giant Tortoise Breeding Center, here we will meet Tortoises of different ages, the breeding and breeding plans in captivity to guarantee a sustainable repopulation of individuals on the island.

After lunch, we will visit the Tintoreras Islet, a colony of Galapagos Penguins welcomes us, we will walk along a path and observe marine iguanas on the way, depending on the season it is possible to see them building their nests, so it is very important not to get out of the way We walk until we reach a small ravine to observe groups of blue sharks (white-tip sharks) resting in small shallow inlets, regulating their temperature. Return to Puerto Ayora, dinner and rest.

### **DAY 8. BAY TOUR –CHARLES DARWIN (SANTA CRUZ I.)**

Breakfast and do “TOUR DE BAHIA”

The Academy Bay Tour consists of visiting 5 different sites around it. The first of them is La Lobería, a small islet located 10 minutes from Puerto Ayora and in which a colony of sea lions lives. It is a good opportunity to swim with babies and juveniles who are very playful.

Then we visit the tunnels of love and the tunnels of the sharks, which are very good places to snorkel and to observe blue-footed boobies nesting on the rocks. At the beach of the dogs you can enjoy a walk on the rocks among opuntias and you can see large groups of marine iguanas and sea turtles feeding on the shore.

The last site is Las Grietas, an inlet of brackish, fresh and crystalline water, characteristics that make it a good place for snorkeling.

LUNCH and visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station. Dinner and rest.

### **DAY 9. GALAPAGOS-QUITO**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Baltra airport. Departure time: 11:30 am (time to be confirmed) hours. Arrival in Quito at 17:00.

### **DAY 10. MITAD DEL MUNDO**

Drive to the viewpoint of the volcano crater Pululahua the only inhabited in the world. This volcanic complex consists of a main boiler, a central volcano with two craters and the remains of a third party, and several volcanic domes within the caldera located on the edge of it and outside. Then we head to the monument of the Middle of the World, geographically located at 0 degrees and 0 minutes, 0 seconds and marks the division between northern and southern hemisphere as established by French Geodesic Mission in the eighteenth century, we will know the Ethnographic Museum in which you can observe all ethnic groups in Ecuador. Return to Quito.

### **FREE AFTERNOON.**

### **DAY 11. QUITO**

Breakfast, free morning and transfer out to Quito's airport International Departure.

### **END OF OUR SERVICES**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Bilingual guide
- Hotel Tourist class

**QUITO: Hotel Rio Amazonas; or, similar**

**CUYABENO: NICKY LODGE; or , similar**

- Transport by motor canoe from El Puente de Cuyabeno to the lodge, Naturalist Bilingual guides (English and Spanish) during all excursions, Accommodation in comfortable rooms with private bathroom with hot water, All meals during the trip, purified drinking water, coffee, and tea available all the time, rubber boots, mosquito netting, raincoat.

**GALAPAGOS: Galapagos Islands; or, similar**

- Bilingual guide, Breakfast and lunch on the trip (menu of the day: soup, rice with meat, chicken or fish and glass of juice, accommodation in doble , triple rooms (according your requirements) - Snorkeling equipment
- Breakfast in Quito
- Plane tkt Quito-Galápagos-Quito
- Transfers Hotel-Airport-Hotel
- Excursions

**DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- National Park tax USD 100
- Transit card USD 20
- Isabela Island tax USD 10
- Community entry fee USD 5
- Rain Jacket in the Jungle
- Lunch & dinner in Quito
- Dinner and pure water in Galapagos
- Personal expenses
- Tips