



**FAMILY SCIENCE  
ADVENTURES**

## ECUADOR HIGHLANDS AND GALAPAGOS ADVENTURE ITINERARY OVERVIEW

### **Day 1:**

Flight to Quito and meet guide and driver at airport. Transfer to hotel for the evening.

### **Day 2:**

Tour historic Quito with an entertaining theater group. Visit El Panecillo, a large hill of volcanic origin, and see some amazing panoramic views. Stop at the Equator monument and museum and stand in northern and southern hemisphere at the same time.

### **Day 3:**

Early morning drive to Papallacta for a hike to a lagoon and swim in hot springs. Transfer to Otavalo.

### **Day 4:**

Short hike to Peguche waterfall in the morning. Head to the Otavalo market that's full of local artisan goods. Lunch with indigenous musicians and dancers. Free time to explore Otavalo.

### **Day 5:**

Visit to an ancestral medicine project and then a wildlife rescue center that specializes in birds of prey. Take a boat ride on a crater lake at the edge of a volcano. Stop in an artisan town that is famous for its leather goods.

### **Day 6:**

Early morning flight to Santa Cruz Island in the Galapagos. Visits to Twin Craters, lava tunnels and the Charles Darwin Foundation. Learn about giant tortoise conservation efforts.



### **Day 7:**

Hike by Tortuga Bay to look for wildlife. Swimming and snorkeling. Look for reef sharks and other sea creatures.

### **Day 8, 9:**

Boat transfer to San Cristobal Island. Visit a tortoise reserve and education center. Hike to a volcanic crater lake. Beach hikes, swimming and snorkeling to find amazing Galapagos wildlife.

### **Day 10:**

Day boat trip to Kicker Rock (León Dormido) for snorkeling and exploring.

### **Day 11:**

Stop in a tree house cafe before depart on a flight back to Quito and then back home.