

Treasures of Ecuador From the Andes to the Galapagos

October 17 - October 24, 2025

**Air & Land 8 Days, 7 Nights Including Hotels, Cruise,
Most Meals, Day Trips, & Airfare From Miami
Featuring an Optional 3 Nights Amazon Extension**

Early bird special
pricing if booked
by Mar 30, 2025.
Reserve now. This
trip will sell out
quickly.

The Galapagos



Embark on an unforgettable adventure combining Ecuador's vibrant culture with the unparalleled beauty of the Galapagos Islands. Begin in Quito, where colonial charm meets breathtaking landscapes. Explore the iconic "Middle of the World," visit the famous Otavalo Market, & immerse yourself in Ecuador's rich indigenous traditions. Then, set sail aboard the Galapagos Coral for a cruise through the Galapagos Islands. Discover pristine beaches, volcanic landscapes, & unique wildlife. Enjoy snorkeling, guided nature walks, & expertly led excursions that showcase this global treasure in all its wonder. For even more adventure, extend your journey into the Amazon rainforest. Canoe through lush jungles, encounter incredible biodiversity & connect with the Kichwa community. This optional extension adds a thrilling dimension to your Ecuadorian experience. Prepare for a journey that promises discovery, wonder, & memories to last a lifetime!

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Included Features:

- **ROUND TRIP AIR** - Air transportation from Miami
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - 7 nights first-class hotels (4 nights Quito – 3 nights Cruise)
- **MEALS** - 14 included meals - 7 buffet breakfasts 4 lunches & 3 dinners
- **THE PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide & all entrance fees as follows: Quito city Tour & Middle Earth guided walk & all tours on the Islands of North Seymour, Bartolome Island, Santiago Island & San Cristobal Island. Optional tours available
- **JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy & social systems, & interaction with locals such as Otavalo Market & Peguche, workshop where traditional Ñanda Mañachi instruments are made, Cotacachi leather crafts, lectures onboard the cruise, interactions with Galapagos wildlife
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR HOSTS** - Assistance of a Tour Host during tours & transfers. Cruise director on the boat
- **FIRST-CLASS MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private first-class air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING & TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

Optional Extension to the Amazon:

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - 3 nights in a first-class hotels or lodges
- **MEALS** - 8 included meals - 4 full breakfasts, 3 lunches & 2 dinners.
- **THE PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide & all entrance fees as follows: Scenic transfer from Quito to the Arajuno River, canoe & boat rides, nature walks & much, much.
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR HOST** - Assistance of a Tour Guide from Quito to Arajuno & a lodge host/guide within the Amazon.
- **FIRST-CLASS MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private first-class air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING & TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport.



The Coral



Destination Highlights: Visit South America • Quito • Equator "Middle of the World" • Otavalo Market visit • Cotacachi leather shopping • San Pablo Lagoon views • Cuicocha Lagoon • The Galapagos Islands • Galapagos cruise • Charles Darwin history • Snorkeling with sea lions • Nature at its best • Bartolome Island • Sullivan Bay lava fields • North Seymour wildlife • Punta Pitt exploration • Cerro Brujo beach • Cerro Colorado Giant Tortoise Reserve • Upper deck stargazing • The Amazon • Canoe ride in Amazon • Amazon nature walks • Kichwa cultural experience • & much, much.

The Tour Price (land/Cruise) is Standard Category \$5199, Standard Plus Category \$5499, Junior Cabin Category \$5999.

All prices are per person, double occupancy. For single occupancy, add **\$1199** (limited availability). Fuel surcharges of **\$350 & land taxes &** other fees are currently \$150 per person & are included. Fuel surcharges & taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change. The prices are an early bird special if the program is reserved with a deposit by **March 30, 2025**. After this date, the price increases by \$100.

The Optional Amazon Extension: \$799 double occupancy, add **\$299** for the single supplement (limited availability).

For complete pricing details & to reserve, click the **red link** on the front page of this brochure.

Your Cruise Ship: The Coral, a first-class expedition vessel, offers an intimate & luxurious journey through the breathtaking Galapagos Islands. The ship is designed for relaxation & adventure with modern amenities & stylish spaces. Comfortable cabins, a sun deck, & an outdoor lounge create the perfect setting to unwind while the onboard restaurant serves delicious

meals inspired by local & international cuisine. Daily guided excursions, led by expert naturalists, immerse you in the islands' wonders—snorkeling with vibrant marine life, exploring diverse ecosystems, & observing the iconic wildlife. For a slower pace, enjoy educational talks, stargazing, or a soak in the jacuzzi as the Coral sails between stunning destinations. Combining adventure & comfort, the Coral ensures every moment is unforgettable.



Otavallo Market



Cuicoocha Lagoon

Day 1 Depart USA: Depart from the USA for an exciting journey to Quito, Ecuador! Enjoy meals & refreshments served onboard during your flight to keep you comfortable. Upon arrival at Quito's airport, no matter the time, your Tour Guide will be there to greet you & escort you to your hotel. **Welcome to Quito, founded on December 6, 1534, by Spanish Conquistador Sebastián de Belalcázar.** Known as the "Light of America," Quito is a city where colonial charm meets modern vibrance. With its well-preserved historic center, **Quito is a UNESCO World Heritage Site** & a cultural treasure, boasting magnificent churches, plazas, & monasteries.

Day 2: Colonial Quito & the Middle of the World Tour: Step back in time as you explore the **historic center of Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage site & the best-preserved colonial city in the Americas.** Stroll through its cobblestone streets, lined with vibrant plazas & stunning architectural gems like the breathtaking **La Compañía de Jesús Church**, known for its ornate Baroque interior, & the towering **Basílica del Voto Nacional**. As you wander, every corner tells a story of the **city's rich colonial past**, offering a true immersion into Ecuador's cultural legacy. Next, embark on a short drive north to the iconic **Mitad del Mundo (Middle of the World)**, where you can stand with one foot in each **hemisphere at 0°0'0" latitude**—a must-see photo opportunity! Explore the nearby **Intiñan Museum**, where interactive exhibits offer fascinating insights into Ecuador's indigenous cultures & the scientific marvels of the Equator. For lunch, savor **traditional Ecuadorian cuisine** while overlooking the majestic **Pululahua Geobotanical Reserve**, one of the world's **only inhabited volcanic craters**, completing your day with a breathtaking view of this natural wonder. (B, L)

Day 3: Quito – Balto - North Seymour Island: Today you depart Quito on a **flight to Baltra Airport**. Upon arrival you will be transferred to the **Galapagos Coral** & settle in as you set sail towards **North Seymour Island**, a true paradise for wildlife lovers. The afternoon brings a guided excursion to this arid island known for its **bustling colonies of blue-footed boobies, playful sea lions, & magnificent frigatebirds**. Watch in awe as the frigates inflate their vivid red pouches during mating displays & enjoy the surreal beauty of this unique ecosystem. Your day ends with a return to the ship for a relaxing evening, where you can **reflect on the day's encounters as you dine under the stars**. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Bartolome Island & Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island): Start your day with a visit to **Bartolome Island**, famed for its iconic **Pinnacle Rock**. The morning hike offers panoramic views of this **volcanic landscape**, where you can spot lava formations & perhaps even encounter **Galapagos penguins along the shore**. In the afternoon, sail to **Sullivan Bay** on Santiago Island, where a walk across the impressive lava flows feels like stepping onto another planet. The contrast of the stark, **black lava fields with the sparkling ocean** is unforgettable. Enjoy a refreshing swim or snorkel here, where marine life thrives in these crystal-clear waters. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Punta Pitt & Cerro Brujo (San Cristobal Island): Your morning begins at **Punta Pitt**, located on the eastern tip of **San Cristobal Island**, where you'll explore **dramatic cliffs** & enjoy one of the few spots where all three species of **Galapagos Boobies nest**. Take a guided hike through the varied terrain or snorkel **in the waters teeming with tropical fish**. In the afternoon, the scenic beauty of **Cerro Brujo** awaits, with its powdery white-sand beaches & stunning views of the coast. Take time to relax or walk along the shore, observing sea lions, shorebirds, & the surrounding volcanic formations. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve & Departure to Quito: On your final cruise morning, visit San Cristobal Island's **Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve**. This protected area is critical in conserving the endangered **Galapagos giant tortoises**. Learn about their breeding programs & see these gentle giants up close as they roam in their natural habitat. Afterward, head to **San Cristobal Airport** for your flight back to Quito, concluding your incredible Galapagos adventure. Upon arrival, you'll be transferred back to your hotel, allowing you time to unwind & reflect on the life-changing experiences of your adventure. (B)



Giant Tortoise Reserve



Kichwa Sharman

Day 7: Quito: Enjoy a free day in Quito or take an optional tour to **Otavalo Market & Peguche Tour:** Begin your day with a picturesque drive to the **Otavalo region**, where Ecuador's vibrant indigenous culture & stunning landscapes come together. Enjoy the tranquil beauty of **San Pablo Lagoon** at Miralago before indulging in **freshly baked bizcochos**, crispy Andean biscuits that melt in your mouth. Your next stop is the famous **Otavalo Market**, one of **South America's largest indigenous markets**, where vibrant textiles, intricate artwork, & local crafts line the colorful stalls. Immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere, engaging with artisans & exploring their creations. Continue to **Peguche**, a **village renowned for its rich musical heritage**, & visit a workshop where traditional **Ñanda Mañachi instruments** are handcrafted, offering a glimpse into Ecuador's living traditions. No visit is complete without a stop in **Cotacachi**, famed for its exquisite **leather craftsmanship**—browse the shops for finely crafted bags & jackets. After savoring a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, wind down your day at the serene **Cuicocha Lagoon**, a volcanic crater lake surrounded by lush greenery, offering a perfect moment of reflection amidst nature's splendors. (B, L)

Day 8: Quito to the USA or extend your stay with an optional Amazon extension: Today, you'll be transferred to the airport for your international flight home. Safe travels! (B)

Optional Amazon Extension

Day 8: Your Amazon Adventure Begins! This morning, embark on a **captivating bus journey from Quito to the Arajuno River**, where stunning **Andean highlands give way to the lush, vibrant greenery of the Amazon rainforest**. As you wind through picturesque landscapes, watch the scenery transform from mountain peaks to rich tropical forests, offering a glimpse of Ecuador's incredible biodiversity. This scenic ride is your gateway to adventure, setting the stage for your upcoming **Amazon exploration** as you approach **the mighty Arajuno River**. Once you reach the Arajuno River, your journey into the Amazon rainforest begins with a **thrilling motorized canoe ride**, surrounded by lush jungle & the sounds of nature. As you arrive at your welcoming lodge, settle in & savor lunch before some relaxation to explore your surroundings. This evening enjoy dinner as you relax in this incredible natural paradise. Cap the day odd as you immerse yourself in the mysteries of the **Amazon with a night walk to uncover the secrets of the rainforest's nocturnal creatures**. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Amazon Exploration & Cultural Immersion: After breakfast head into the heart of the **Amazon for a walk through the vibrant primary & secondary forests**. The sheer biodiversity of this environment will leave you in awe as you encounter exotic plants, wildlife, & the **sounds of the jungle**. After lunch, deepen your experience by visiting a **native Kichwa community**, where you'll learn about their traditions, participate in the making of "**chicha**," a **fermented yucca drink**, & **enjoy a traditional dance performance**. This unique cultural immersion will enrich your understanding of the Amazon & create a lasting connection with the indigenous people. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Farewell to the Amazon: Rise with the sun for an **early birdwatching tour**, where you may catch sight of **colorful parrots & parakeets** (weather permitting). Later in the day it's time to bid a fond farewell to the Amazon as you embark on your final canoe ride back to the Arajuno River bridge. Relive the adventure during your scenic return drive to your Quito hotel, arriving with memories of an **incredible Amazon journey** that will stay with you forever. (B,L)

Day 11 Quito to the USA: Today, you'll be transferred to the airport for your international flight home Check into your flight & relax. (B)

Active tour: On & off coach/boat, a traveler needs to be in good physical condition. Walking tours could be up to 2-3 hours a day, on slopes, city streets, beaches or village cobblestones. (B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner. Hotels (when listed) & Itinerary are subject to change. Quest Voyager reserves the right to correct errors.

Room Types on the Coral:

Standard

Located on the Sea Deck, these cabins have portholes and can be configured with one double bed or two twin beds.

Standard plus

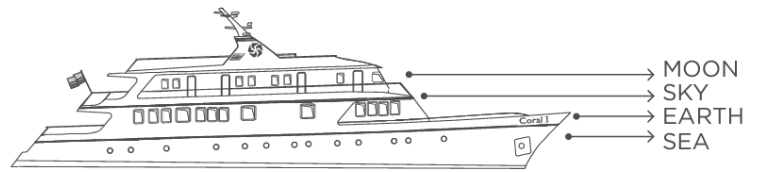
Located on the Sea Deck, these cabins have portholes and can be configured with one double bed or two lower beds.

Junior

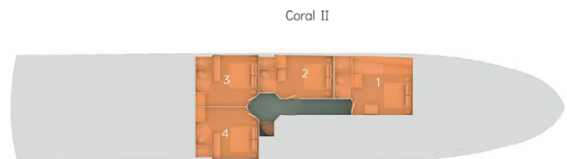
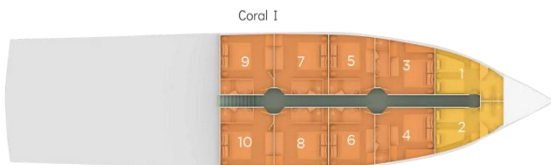
Located on the Earth and Sky Decks, these cabins have picture windows and can be configured with one double bed or two lower beds. Some junior cabins can be interconnected.

CABIN CATEGORIES

■ Junior
 ■ Standard Plus
 ■ Standard



Sea Deck



Earth Deck



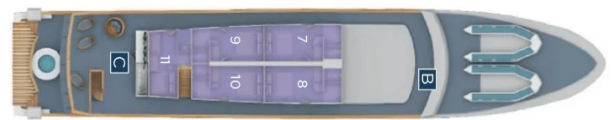
■ Standard Plus
 ■ Standard

■ Junior

Earth Deck

- D Restaurant
- E Boutique
- F Bar
- G Lounge
- H Library
- I Jacuzzi
- J Embarkation Area

Sky Deck

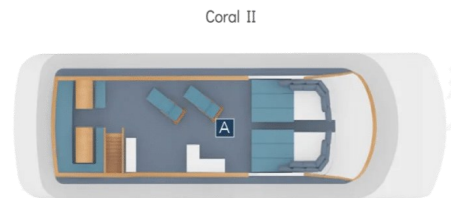
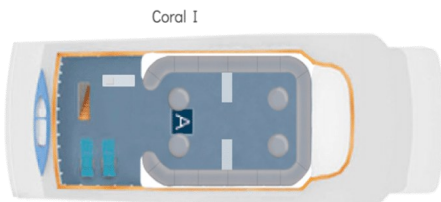


■ Junior

Sky Deck

- B Dolphin Observation Deck
- C Roofted Terrace

Moon Deck



Moon Deck

- A Sun & Shadow Terrace
- Al Fresco BBQ
- Stargazing Area