

TOUR OVERVIEW

Welcome to South America. Discover the elegance of Lima, the timeless wonder of Machu Picchu, and the extraordinary beauty of Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands a seamless journey through iconic destinations where ancient cultures, breathtaking landscapes, and once-in-a-lifetime wildlife experiences come together.

Discover South America's Icons. From the streets of Lima to Machu Picchu and an unforgettable Galápagos Islands cruise a journey of culture, nature, and timeless experiences.

ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrive in Lima and transfer your hotel

Upon arrival, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel.Overnight stay at Hotel Ininside Melia Miraflores or similar. 2 nights.

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HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Arrival to internation airport

✓ Lima

DAY 2

Experience Lima, Peru's vibrant capital, on an exciting city tour.

Lima City Tour. Explore the highlights of Lima, the City of Kings. Discover the modern districts of Miraflores and San Isidro, stroll through the historic Plaza de Armas, and admire the stunning colonial architecture. The tour ends with a visit to the Larco Museum, showcasing the extraordinary treasures of ancient Peru.Overnight stay at Hotel Inside Melia Miraflores 1 Double or similar.<https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/peru/lima/ininside-lima-miraflores>

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Lima

✓ City Tour

DAY 3

Pick-up from the hotel and transfer to the airport.

Upon arrival, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight stay at Hotel Hotel San Augustin Dorado or similar for 4night/sWelcome to Cusco - The Heart of the Inca EmpireArrive in Cusco, where ancient Inca heritage meets colonial elegance. Explore the historic Plaza de Armas, admire impressive cathedrals and ancient temples, and wander through charming cobblestone streets. Enjoy time at leisure, vibrant local culture, and unforgettable Andean atmosphere during your stay in this magical city.Overnight stay at Hotel San Augustin Dorado 1 Double or similar. 4 nights.<https://www.hotelesanagustin.com.pe/es/hoteles/el-dorado-cusco/>

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Cusco

DAY 4

Cusco City Tour.

Discover the magic of Cusco, the Imperial City and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the legendary Qorikancha Temple and explore the iconic Plaza de Armas, home to the impressive Cusco Cathedral a perfect introduction to the city's rich Inca and colonial heritage.

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Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Cusco

✓ City Tour

DAY 5

The Sacred Valley – Heart of the Inca Empire.

The Sacred Valley, located between Cusco and Machu Picchu, offers breathtaking landscapes, colorful villages, and a deep connection to Inca history. Visit Pisac with its traditional market, explore the impressive ruins of Ollantaytambo, and enjoy a scenic lunch by the Urubamba River. After lunch, continue by train to Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. Overnight at Hatun Inti Boutique Hotel. <https://hatuninti.com/hatun-inti-boutique/>

Breakfast

Lunch

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Cusco

✓ The Sacred Valley

DAY 6

A visit to one of the most important tourist destinations in the world Machu Picchu.

A visit to one of the most important tourist destinations in the world: Machu Picchu. At Machu Picchu you can see one of the Seven Modern Wonders of the World and take some impressive photos. Then it is back down to Aguas Calientes for lunch in a local restaurant. Finally, you board the train for the return journey and transfer to your hotel in Cusco. Overnight at Hotel San Agustin Dorado. OPTION: Huayna Picchu Huayna Picchu offers a unique and thrilling experience with breathtaking views over the majestic ruins of Machu Picchu and the surrounding landscapes. The steep ascent and winding trails are rewarded with unforgettable panoramic vistas, making this hike a perfect complement to your Machu Picchu experience.

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Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Machu Picchu

DAY 7

Day at leisure.

Day at Leisure in Cusco. A free day to soak in the magic of Cusco; explore its historic streets, enjoy local flavors, or simply relax and embrace the unique Andean atmosphere at your own pace.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Cusco

DAY 8

Pick-up from the hotel and transfer to the airport.

Upon arrival, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight stay at Hotel Casona de la Ronda for 1 night. Standard Room; <https://www.lacsonadelaronda.com/Quito, Ecuador> Set high in the Andes, Quito captivates with its elegant colonial architecture, refined culture, and breathtaking mountain views. A UNESCO World Heritage city where history, sophistication, and authenticity meet the perfect introduction to Ecuador and the Galápagos.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Arrival to international airport
- ✓ Quito

DAY 9

Pick-up from the hotel and transfer to the airport.

Upon arrival, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to Archipel Galápagos Cruise – 4 Days / 3 Nights; Itinerary B4 An Exclusive Galápagos Experience. Our 3 nights northern route enables you to combine a visit to the sea bird colonies of popular North Seymour and isolated and exclusive Genovesa. On the spectacular volcano islet of Bartolomé and the lava flow at Sullivan Bay, you will certainly get impressed by the creative forces and fascinating pioneer species. Meals included: Full board. DAY 1 - MONDAY AM - Arrival at Baltra airport Upon arrival at Baltra airport, you will pass through an airport inspection point to ensure that no foreign plants or animals are introduced to the islands, as well as to pay the park entrance fee of \$200 (unless it has been prepaid). A guide will meet you, help you collect your luggage, and escort you on a short bus ride to the harbour. PM – Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz) Around noon you will embark from Baltra airport on the Archipel cruise. Your cabins will be assigned, and lunch will be promptly served. Your first excursion will take place this afternoon after 14:00 PM, at Bachas beach. This is a lovely bay with soft, white coral sand that is frequently visited by sea turtles to lay their eggs, so please, watch your step! After enjoying some leisure time at the beach, you could explore a small lagoon hidden behind some bushes, where occasionally it is possible to observe flamingos, black-necked stilts, and whimbrels. You might also observe some rusty barges, which were abandoned here after WWII when the USA rented this island as a strategic point to protect the Panama Channel from Japan. After two hours on this visit, you will return onboard.

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Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Arrival to international airport
- ✓ Galapagos Island

DAY 10

Day 2 - Tuesday

 AM - Prince Philip's Steps (Genovesa) Before landing, you will take a dinghy ride along the eastern arm of the caldera. As you approach, the soaring 25 m/80 ft high walls become overwhelming. Sometimes, a Galapagos fur seal is resting or a seabird is nesting on one of the ledges at the base. You will then have to hike and overcome the steep stairs from the landing dock to a bush of palo santo shrubs on top. Red-footed boobies gratefully use these scarce nesting places; so that they don't have to nest on the rocky ground. Upon arriving at the edge of the rim, the bushes open up and you can enjoy panoramic views, a strong sea breeze and the amazing flying skills of countless seabirds. Following the exposed rim, you will first pass the Nazca boobies and finally reach the extensive storm petrel nesting places, where, if you're lucky, you can spot the well-camouflaged short-eared owl hunting for food! PM - Darwin Bay (Genovesa) Inside the submerged caldera of Genovesa lies Darwin Bay, with a diameter of more than 1.5 km/1 mi and it is almost 200 m/650 ft deep. The small area will surprise you repeatedly, walking along a coral sand beach, crossing barren lava formations and creeks, passing tidal pools, shrubs and further ahead following the top of some cliffs. With this peaceful surroundings, every single species has occupied its own ecological niche (or habitat) without disturbing others.

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Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Prince Philip's Steps (Genovesa)

✓ Darwin Bay (Genovesa)

DAY 11

Day 3 - Wednesday.

AM - Bartholomew The beautiful volcanic islet of Bartholomew is among the youngest of the islands and, on a geological scale, was just recently born out of the fire. Although it looks lifeless at first sight, Bartholomew offers some of the wildest landscapes and best panoramas of the entire archipelago. To enjoy the postcard view of the idyllic "Pinnacle Bay" you will have to climb the stairs to the viewpoint on top of the island (114 m/375 ft). Enter a dramatic world of threatening (though extinguished) nearby spatter cones, craters, and lightweight lava droplets that have been spewed out by fiery fountains. The summit trail is also ideal for witnessing how scanty pioneer vegetation, such as lava cactus, struggles to take root in the bare virgin lava fields. PM - Sullivan Bay (Santiago) The arrival in Sullivan Bay is like a moon landing. The desolate, sprawling fields seem to be mostly lifeless, but this island, which is particularly popular among photographers, still offers a lot to see. There is even some life! Green sea turtles burrow in the small white sand beach, where you can also find crabs, blue herons and oystercatchers.

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Bartholomew

✓ Sullivan Bay

DAY 12

Day 4 - Thursday.

AM - Twin Craters and El Chato Reserve (Santa Cruz) The native scalesia forest of El Chato Tortoise Reserve is the best place to search for Galapagos giant tortoises in their most authentic setting! Despite the interesting breeding centres - where you are guaranteed to find tortoises in their corrals - there is nothing better than to observe them in their wild environment. Though it can be quite moist and muddy, your visit may turn into an adventurous quest when they have left their favourite pond silently. The Twin Craters are found on either side of the road leading to Puerto Ayora. These impressive formations are not really volcanic craters and were formed by magma domes, which hardened on the outside while the lava continued flowing inside, leaving huge and empty magma chambers that eventually collapsed, leaving two large holes. The craters lie within a lush scalesia cloud forest, a high-altitude plant species that are endemic to the Galapagos. This area is also home to the carpenter finch, which uses tools to search for food. There may also be opportunities to see the vermilion flycatcher, a small red-breasted bird. After this, assisted by the naturalist guide and some crew members, you will be taken to Baltra airport. It has been a pleasure accompanying you on this unique trip and we hope to see you again very soon! Upon arrival, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight stay at Hotel Casona de la Ronda for 1 night. Standard Room <https://www.lacasonadelaronda.com/>

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Twin Craters
- ✓ El Chato Reserve

DAY 13

Transfer to the airport.

Pick-up from the hotel and transfer to the airport. Continue your journey with an optional extension to Amazon Reinformest Sacha lodge or Cotopaxi.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Quito