



EXPLORATIONS CRUISING

Machu Picchu & Galapagos Wonders

featuring a 4-Night Cruise

October 2024- Call for Date & Pricing



Journey from the Land of the Incas to the Galápagos archipelago, enjoying a 4-night cruise aboard a personal yacht. Delve deep into ancient cultures at Machu Picchu – the fabled lost city. Explore UNESCO-designated Spanish colonial cities and stand between two hemispheres at the Equatorial Line. Experience the best of the Galápagos archipelago, where an abundance of natural wildlife recalls Darwin's theories in a pristine world that's virtually unspoiled. You'll encounter hidden wonders in Peru, the "Middle of the World" in Ecuador, and see ethereal wildlife on a cruise along Eden-like islands.



Your Tour at a Glance

Stay

14 Days



13 Nights

Meals

27 Meals



13 Breakfasts

6 Lunches

8 Dinners

Activity

4

Package Includes:

- Overnight Car Parking in Ormond & Viera
- Transportation to Orlando International Airport r/t from Ormond, Viera, **Jacksonville & The Villages call for Details**
- Air Flight Roundtrip w/ 1 checked Suitcase.
- Escorted Tour Manager
- Gratuities to Motor Coach Driver & Tour Manager
- Admissions and Sightseeing – see below.

Highlights And Inclusions

Your Tour Includes

- 6 Handpicked Accommodations
- 27 Meals
- 2 Choice on Tour Options

Must-See Inclusions:

- On a private yacht, embark on a 4-night cruise of the Galápagos Islands with a naturalist guide.
- Explore the fabled ruins of Machu Picchu.
- Meet giant tortoises in their natural habitat.

Cultural Experiences:

- Discover centuries-old Andean textile methods in the Peruvian Andes.
- Wind through the Andes in a train to Machu Picchu.
- Stand tall in the "Middle of the World" at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum.

Culinary Inclusions:

- Master two of South America's classics, ceviche and pisco sours, at an interactive cooking class.

Highlights

- Lima
- Sacred Valley of the Incas
- Cooking Class
- Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio
- Home-Hosted Meal
- Machu Picchu
- Cuzco
- Choice on Tour
- Colonial Quito
- "Middle of the World"
- 4-Night Galápagos Cruise

Day: 1

Lima, Peru - Tour Begins-Casa Andina Premium Miraflores

Touch down in Lima, the “City of Kings.” Across ancient lands and earthly legends, experience the mysticism of the Peruvian Andes.

Day: 2

Lima-Breakfast & Dinner Casa Andina Premium Miraflores

Become fascinated by Lima’s history on a tour through the historic center, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site, where the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas stands out among the colonial architecture. Visit the former home of a conquistador and feel the surge of colonial and republican life. Get to know new friends over a menu of artful Peruvian dishes at a welcome dinner.

Day: 3

Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley-

Breakfast & Dinner Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley

Fly over the Andes on your way to Cuzco – the heart of the Inca civilization. Follow the trails of this Andean paradise with a local guide to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Learn about centuries-old methods of traditional textiles at Awana Kancha – known as the “palace of weaving.” Stop in Pisac village and browse a handicraft market full of vibrant colors. Discover why Peru has consistently been named the world’s top food travel destination during a fun-filled interactive cooking class where you will learn how to master ceviche and pisco sours. Settle into your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley and relax in the calming surround of the Andes.

Day: 4

Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley-Breakfast & Lunch Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley

Visit the terraced ruins of Ollantaytambo, the only Incan settlement that has remained continually inhabited since its inception. At the ceramic studio of artist Pablo Seminario, see how he utilizes the intricate techniques inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Mix with a nearby community and delve deep into the cultures of modern Andean people. Learn traditional methods of growing, harvesting, and weaving, listen to their music and learn their dances before enjoying a farm-to-table meal of local specialties.

Day: 5

Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu-Breakfast Casa Andina Standard Machu Picchu

Hop aboard your train to Machu Picchu, where views of the Andes astound through panoramic windows as you climb toward the “Lost City of the Incas.” Uncover the mysteries of this “Lost City” at the meeting point between the Peruvian Andes and the Amazon Basin. Wrapped inside a semi-tropical jungle and hidden by mountains, Machu Picchu or *La Ciudadela*, (the Citadel), is one of the world’s most spectacular archaeological sites.

Day: 6

Machu Picchu – Cuzco-Breakfast & Dinner Casa Andina Premium Cusco

Enjoy some leisure time this morning. You may choose an optional excursion to Machu Picchu at sunrise, or maybe you’ll explore the local markets before boarding your train back to the Sacred Valley. Continue to Cuzco and experience the local culture at a special community dining experience.

Day: 7

Cuzco-Breakfast & Dinner Casa Andina Premium Cusco

Start your morning with a local guide on your tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the Koricancha Temple, the central Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. Later, **it’s your choice!** Travel above the city to discover the Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress **-OR-** embark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old quarter of Cuzco, lined with restaurants and artisan shops. The rest of the afternoon is yours. This evening, enjoy flexible dining at a popular local restaurant featuring the local flavors of Cuzco.

Day: 8

Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador

Breakfast Mercure Hotel Alameda Quito

This morning, fly to Ecuador’s stunning capital city – Quito, your home for the next two nights. * An intersection of mountains and colonial architecture, this city is a UNESCO World Heritage site full of lively culture and vibrant history.

Day: 9

Quito-Breakfast & Lunch Mercure Hotel Alameda Quito

Today, tour the Presidential Palace in Quito's colonial center. After lunch, stand at the "Middle of the World," situated between two hemispheres, at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Day: 10

Quito - Baltra - Embark Ship - Santa Cruz Highlands, Galápagos-Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner Coral II

Fly to the gateway of the Galápagos, Baltra to launch your eco-adventure aboard the *M/Y Coral II*, ** an exclusive yacht that serves as your home for the next four nights. After dry landing on Santa Cruz Island headed from the coast to the dense humid forests and the Highlands Tortoise Reserve. In addition to famed Galápagos Giant Tortoises, you may also spot many kinds of birds, such as trees and ground finches, vermilion flycatchers, paint-billed crakes, yellow warblers, and cattle egrets - usually found standing on the tortoises' shells.

Day: 11

Isabela Island - Fernandina Island-Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner Coral II

On Isabela Island soak in the wonders of one of the richest marine havens on earth during deep-water snorkeling at the Bolivar Channel. Then, take a dinghy ride along the coast to observe a great diversity of sea and coastal birds; Nazca and blue-footed boobies, noddies, brown pelicans, penguins, and flightless cormorants. Continue on to make a dry landing on Fernandina Island, where the largest, most primitive-looking marine iguanas are found mingling with sea lions and Sally Lightfoot crabs. You may even encounter flightless cormorants at their nesting sites, Galápagos penguins and the "King" of predators on the islands, the Galápagos hawk!

Day: 12

Isabela Island-Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner Coral II

Make a wet landing today on the volcanic black beaches of Urbina Bay - home to giant tortoises, land iguanas, and the unusual flightless cormorant. Here, colorful varieties of plants and flowers attract unusual insects, birds, and reptiles. Enjoy time to snorkel, possibly swimming alongside sea turtles, sea lions, and countless tropical fish. Don't miss the remarkable views of the Alcedo Volcano from the island's uplifted coral reef. Travel from Urbina to Tagus Cove for a dry landing. Take the trail that leads to Darwin's salt-water crater lake, offering excellent views of lava fields and volcanic formations. A dinghy ride along the shoreline full of marine wildlife highlights a variety of seabirds, such as Blue footed Booby, Brown Noddy, terns, and - depending on the season - a large number of Galápagos Penguins which are only 35 cm tall and the only penguin species to live in the tropics. Keep an eye out for graffiti believed to have been left by 19th-century pirates.

Day: 13

Santiago Island-Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner Coral II

Walk in Darwin's footsteps today on Santiago Island. Begin with a wet landing at Egas Port's black volcanic sand beach, visited by Darwin in 1835. Take a unique trail formed of volcanic ash that transitions halfway to uneven terrain of volcanic basaltic rock. The unique, truly striking layered terrain of Santiago is home to the bizarre, yellow-crowned night heron and marine wildlife such as lobster, starfish and marine iguanas that graze on algae alongside Sally light-foot crabs. Colonies of fur seals swim in volcanic rock pools. After landing in Sullivan's Bay on southeastern Santiago Island, walk through the otherworldly landscape of solidified pa-hoe-hoe lava flows, formed during the last quarter of the 19th century.

Day: 14

Santa Cruz - Disembark Ship - Quito - Tour Ends-Breakfast

Your last landing in the Galápagos is on the north side of Santa Cruz at Bachas Beach where ponds entice Galápagos Flamingo's to visit, iguanas to sunbathe, and coastal birds such as Darwin finches, mockingbirds, and gulls' flit among the red and black mangroves. This beach is also one of the main sea turtle nesting sites in the Galápagos and home to the remains of barges that sank during World War II. Bid the Galápagos goodbye and return to Quito, where a day room will be available close to the airport before your flight home.



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