



Ecuador & Galapagos Family Adventure



ECUADOR & GALAPAGOS FAMILY ADVENTURE: DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day	Description	Meals	Spanish Speaking Driver or English Speaking Guide
1	<p>Arrival Quito - our driver will meet you at airport arrivals and transfer you to the hotel. Free time to relax and acclimatise to your new surroundings.</p>	-	SSD
2	<p>Teleferico & Water Museum: The visit to the Teleferico is a breath taking experience in more ways than one. The views on top of the tram are fabulous and the altitude of 4100 meters will leave anyone breathless! You can walk around and almost see every part of Quito and on a clear day you might even see the magnificent Cotopaxi in the distance. In the afternoon you head to the Yaku water museum where you can play, discover and investigate about the importance of water to our planet. There are a range of fun and educational activities of which the most popular one is blowing giant water bubbles!</p>	B	ESG
3	<p>Mitad del Mundo and Transfer to Mindo, chocolate making: Early start with a visit to the Equator line - stand with your family literally in the Middle of the World! We will also take you to the Inti Ñan museum where you can prove (or disprove) various scientific phenomenon that only hold true at the equator. After the equator visit you will be transfered to Mindo where you will visit an artisan chocolate factory and get to know all of the steps of the chocolate making process, from the harvesting, fermenting, drying, roasting and grinding and of course the crucial moment of tasting is not forgotten!</p>	B	ESG



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4	<p>Butterfly and orchid farm, Hummingbird Café: Early start with a beautiful walk to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the cloudforest. If you are lucky, you will have the chance to see hummingbirds, but your guide will also point out orchids and other fauna typical to the cloudforest. You can enjoy lunch and a bathe when arriving at the picturesque waterfall. In the afternoon you visit the Butterfly farm and admire some of the rarest and most colourful Orchids. We can end the day at the hummingbird café where you can observe spectacular hummingbirds while sipping from your coffee or fruit juice.</p>	B	ESG
5	<p>Zip lining and transfer back to Quito: After breakfast you will experience and exhilarating canopy tour for approximately 2 hours (suitable for ages 7 and up with guided assistance, or without guide for over 10s). You will fly safely through the upper reaches of the cloudforest and enjoy excellent views! After the canopy adventure our driver will transfer you back to Quito.</p>	B	ESG
6	<p>Galapagos: Santa Cruz - An early flight to the Galapagos Islands where your English-speaking guide will be waiting for you at the airport in Baltra. He/she will take you to the port of Puerto Ayora (Santa Cruz Island). In the afternoon your guide will take you the Giant Turtle Reserve Rancho El Manzanillo located in the upper part of Santa Cruz. Here giant tortoises can be found wandering freely. Lunch at Rancho El Manzanillo. Afterwards you visit the Charles Darwin Station to learn about the ongoing conservation efforts on these Enchanted Islands.</p>	BL	ESG



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7	<p>Galapagos- Day Tour: By yacht to one of the following destinations: Bartolome Island, Plazas Islands, Floreana Islanda or Santa Fe Island. After breakfast, you will take a boat ride to one of the islands listed above. All of them offer fascinating insights into the plant and animal life of the Galapagos Islands where your naturalist guide will explain all about the flora and fauna that you encounter. Note: Destination depends on availability</p>	BL	ESG
8	<p>Galapagos-Isabela:After breakfast you will take the public speedboat to Isabela Island, which lasts two and a half hours. Once you arrive, you will take a brief rest at the hotel, and then head to the Concha de Perla lagoon where you can swim with sea lions, and sea turtles. After lunch, head to Tintoreras Islet, to see the white tipped sharks, that give name to this place. In this place you can also see sea lions, marine iguanas, Galapagos Penguins and blue footed boobies. After this visit, head back to the boat and cool off by snorkeling in the nearby waters. After this experience return to the hotel for dinner.</p>	BLD	ESG
9	<p>Galapagos: Isabela- Today you have 2 options. You can go to Cape Rose Tunnels, located 40 minutes from Puerto Villamil, where you can snorkel along fish, rays, sea turtles and sea lions, or the second option is to take a hike to Sierra Negra Volcano, that lasts approximately 3 hours, from this point you can take pictures and admire the amazig landscape, and then, you will continue to Volcan Chico. During the rest of the day use the bycycles of the hotel or visit the Tortoise Breeding Center on your own</p>	BLD	ESG



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10	<p>Return to Santa Cruz and Flight back to Quito: At 5:00 a.m, head to the dock to take the public speedboat back to Santa Cruz Island (timing subject to change). From Puerto Ayora we will transport you across the highlands and to Baltra Airport. Depending on the timing of your flights we may have time for a quick visit to the twin crater sunken "holes" . These craters were formed by the collapse of the earth beneath which lava had passed and created giant tunnels. Once you arrive to Quito our driver will transport you to your hotel.</p>	B	SSD
11	<p>Otavalo Market & Condor park: In the morning you will have a transfer to the colourful Indian handicraft market held in Otavalo. Here you can admire a whole range of handmade crafts and textiles and also buy some great souvenirs. On the way back to Quito we pay a short visit to the Condor Park where you will see a "falconry" demonstration where a few eagles do what they do best... fly over the beautiful mountains of Otavalo!</p>	B	ESG
12	<p>Transfer out: Your driver will transfer you back to the airport in time for your international flight out</p>	B	SSD



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Inclusions:

- ✓ Accommodation in double/twin rooms (or triple for odd-numbered groups who do not wish to pay any single supplement)
- ✓ Private transport with local Spanish-speaking driver throughout tour
- ✓ Meals as listed in itinerary
- ✓ English speaking guide at Quito day 2, Mindo, Otavalo & Galapagos
- ✓ Quito/Galapagos/Quito return flight

Exclusions:

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Local entry fees
- ✗ Galapagos National Park entry (\$100 per person, subject to change)
- ✗ Galapagos transit control card (\$20, subject to change)
- ✗ Single supplement (applies for a single room for somebody travelling alone then please ask our staff for a solo traveler price quote)
- ✗ Personal expenses
- ✗ Tips

This program can be adapted to your personal needs - just let us if you would like to make any changes, we'll be happy to help!

NOTE: Licensed English-speaking guides are more expensive per day than Spanish-speaking drivers. For that reason this tour has a mix of both included, in order to balance trip cost with service level for you. Of course the mix is flexible, so if you would like to make changes then just let us know.



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