Ecuador: Amazon and Galápagos Islands

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA | Quito, Napo River, Galápagos Islands, Guayaquil

Season: 2021 North

🧬 11 DAYS  ⛱️ 28 MEALS  ⛳️ 24 SITES

Journey to Ecuador, the “Republic of the Equator,” a country that sits on the equator and boasts an extraordinary geography. Explore the Amazon rainforests from the ground and the tree tops and visit the astonishing Galápagos Islands where you can encounter animal and plant species found nowhere else on earth. Be awestruck as you discover this phenomenal region on any of the 3 amazing itineraries.
Trip Overview

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 ACCOMMODATIONS

 JW Marriott Hotel Quito
 The Anakonda Riverboat
 Wyndham Quito Airport
 The Galápagos Legend Ship
 Hotel del Parque

 4 LOCATIONS
 Quito, Napo River, Galápagos Islands, Guayaquil

 AGES
 Minimum Age: 7
 Suggested Age: 8+

 FLIGHT INFORMATION

 Arrive: Mariscal Sucre International Airport (UIO)
 Return: Guayaquil International Airport (GYE)

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 10 Breakfa...
QUITO, ECUADOR

Activities Highlights:
Arrive in Quito

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¡Buenos días! An Adventures by Disney representative greets you, assists with your luggage and leads you to your transfer vehicle. Relax as your driver takes you to your hotel in the heart of Quito.

Check-In at JW Marriott Hotel Quito

Welcome to Quito, the city near "The Middle of the World"—the monument that marks Ecuador’s position on the equator. This grand hotel in Ecuador’s capital is surrounded by mesmerizing views of the distant snow-capped mountains and volcanoes. Sit back and stretch your legs while your Adventure Guides check you in. If your flight arrives earlier in the day, you may opt to have a family dinner on your own at the hotel.
NAPO RIVER, ECUADOR

Activities Highlights:
Travel into the Amazon Basin, Welcome Dinner on the Anakonda Riverboat, Nocturnal Rainforest Walk

⚠️ Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Welcome Breakfast
Enjoy an early morning welcome breakfast with your fellow Adventurers as you prepare for the adventure of a lifetime.

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Travel into the Amazon Basin
Hop aboard a private motor coach and be driven to the airport for a short flight to the city of Coca. There, be introduced to local-style water travel—a motorized canoe! Head across the water to a refined riverboat called the Anakonda, which will be your home for the next 4 nights.

🔗 Settle into the Anakonda
Explore this finely appointed vessel with 3 levels, an observation deck, multiple sitting areas, outdoor whirlpool spa and an al fresco lounge.

🌟 Nature Observation
Stroll the decks or find a nook to view the surroundings and relax with fellow Adventurers. As the Anakonda navigates the river, there are plenty of rewards for those with a keen eye.
Welcome Dinner
Share your excitement and get to know your fellow Adventurers as you dine on delightful fare and toast to your first night in the Amazon region.

Nocturnal Rainforest Walk
Venture into the rainforest for a guided experience like no other. You may possibly witness animals that would go unseen during daylight including night tree frogs, kinkajous and exotic insects.
NAPO RIVER, ECUADOR

Activities Highlights:
Early Morning Rainforest Trek

Breakfast Aboard the Anakonda
Wake up to a delicious breakfast and get ready for a day of adventures.

Early Morning Rainforest Trek
At the break of dawn, head out by motorized canoe into the backwaters of the Napo River on your way to Pañacocha Lake. Take a tour into the rainforest guided by a local naturalist who has called the Amazon home for his entire life. Witness and learn about the forest and its inhabitants as this rich ecosystem shifts from night to daylight activity.

Lunch at Amazon Dolphin Lodge
Taste the flavors of the Amazon region as you and your fellow Adventurers enjoy a tasty cooked lunch at this remote lodge.

Kayak or Swim in the Pañacocha Lake
Take a leisurely kayak ride or go for a relaxing swim in the waters that make up Yasuni National Park.

Dinner Aboard the Anakonda
Relax with the other Adventurers while you share a meal as well as stories from the day.
Disney Movie Night

Adults can relax while Junior Adventurers enjoy a Disney movie with snacks and soft drinks. Grown-ups can always join in if they wish!
NAPO RIVER, ECUADOR

Activities Highlights:
Local Community Visit, Canopy Tower Walk

Breakfast Aboard the Anakonda
Wake up to a satisfying breakfast and begin your day of adventures.

Visit a Local Community
Visit a small village to meet local artisans and learn about local farming and delicacies. Here you’ll have the opportunity to meet the locals and acquire genuine craft work to commemorate your Amazon adventure.

Lunch Aboard the Anakonda
Gather together in the main dining room and enjoy a tasty lunch with your fellow Adventurers.

Canopy Tower Walk
Follow your naturalist as you hike and canoe into the jungle before ascending to the heights of the canopy to see nature from a whole new angle. Learn all about the unique habitat and the plant life that makes it possible.
Dinner Aboard the *Anakonda*

Join your fellow Adventurers for a fantastic family meal in the dining room.
NAPO RIVER, ECUADOR

Activities Highlights:
Parrot Clay Licks, Limoncocha Biological Reserve

Breakfast Aboard the Anakonda
Start off your day by joining fellow Adventurers for a delicious breakfast.

Parrot Clay Licks
There are several theories as to why certain parrots and other birds eat clay. But one thing is certain—once you see these colorful birds rain from the sky to eat soil, you will not forget it! See important details

Lunch Aboard the Anakonda
Gather with your fellow Adventurers to partake in a savory lunch in the dining room.

Limoncocha Biological Reserve
With over 450 species of birds, this reserve is a birdwatcher’s paradise and one of the most biodiverse places on the planet. The dense marshland contains many medicinal plants that have been used for generations and new ones being discovered regularly. If you’re lucky, you might also get to see a black caiman or fireflies! See important details
Dinner Aboard the Anakonda

Enjoy your last sumptuous dinner aboard the Anakonda as the sun sets.
QUITO, ECUADOR

Activities Highlights:

Flight to Quito, Intiñan Museum

Breakfast Aboard the Anakonda
Enjoy a satisfying breakfast to give you energy for your day.

Say “Adiós” to the Amazon
Disembark the Anakonda and head via motorized canoe back to the city of Coca and to your flight back to Quito.

Flight to Quito
Return to Quito, where you will transfer from Mariscal Sucre International Airport (UIO) to the Intiñan Museum. Lunch will be provided prior to the flight.

Intiñan Museum
Take the rare opportunity to stand with one foot in each hemisphere on this visit to a museum that celebrates being at the middle of the world. Using life-size dioramas, a local expert will illustrate the daily lives of the Ecuadorian people from many different regions. Discover the physics of this special area with interactive exhibits highlighting natural activities that happen only on the equator. Afterwards, pay a visit to the resident guinea pigs who call the museum home.
Check-In at the Wyndham Quito Airport

Explore this conveniently located luxury hotel with its breathtaking views, comfortable rooms and superb amenities.

At Leisure Dinner at the Hotel

Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner at the Wyndham, then get a good night’s rest for more adventure.
DAY 7

GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

Activities Highlights:
Embarkation on the Legend Ship, Highlands Tortoise Reserve Visit

Breakfast at the Hotel
Enjoy a hearty breakfast before departing to the airport for your flight to the beautiful Galápagos Islands.

Fly to the Galápagos Islands
Head to the airport for your flight to Baltra Island and the next leg of your adventure.

Embarkation on the Legend Ship
Board the Legend, a luxury, boutique cruise ship with an array of amenities, exceptional cuisine and 6 multilingual naturalist guides—and your home for the next 3 days!

Lunch on the Ship
Gather in the ship’s Lonesome George Restaurant for a buffet-style meal featuring a wide range of local and international dishes.

Highlands Tortoise Reserve on Santa Cruz Island
Discover the pride of the Galápagos Islands! See famed giant tortoises in their natural habitat, moving at their usual unhurried pace. Take a privately guided tour at a Galápagos
tortoise reserve and learn about these elegant behemoths as you walk among them. You can also see many of the islands’ bird species including Darwin’s finches, cattle egrets and short-eared owls.

Dinner on the Ship

Enjoy a delicious dinner with your fellow Adventurers while you swap stories from your adventure-filled day.
GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

Activities Highlights:
Genovesa Island: El Barranco & Darwin Bay

Breakfast on the Ship
Enjoy a hearty breakfast on board the ship before your day of adventure.

Genovesa Island: El Barranco
Ride a panga to the far side of the caldera where red-billed tropic birds and Galápagos fur seals can be seen on the shoreline. Then, take El Barranco’s steep rocky path—also known as Prince Phillip’s Steps—up to a high cliff face where you’ll be treated to a spectacular view of the island. The area is home to a variety of species, including Nazca boobies, red-footed boobies, mockingbirds and finches, who you may spot on your way to an expansive lava field. Once at the lava field, keep a lookout for wedge-rumped storm petrels and short-eared owls.

Lunch on the Ship
Enjoy a delicious lunch aboard the ship before heading out to Darwin Bay.

Genovesa Island: Darwin Bay
Take in the magnificent scenery that surrounds you as you enjoy a wilderness hike to Darwin Bay. Known as a “bird of paradise,” be sure to watch for swallow-tailed gulls,
mockingbirds, Galápagos doves and many others. If you’re lucky, you may even spot the rarest gull in the world, the endemic lava gull.

### Dinner on the Ship

Enjoy a delicious dinner with your fellow Adventurers while you swap stories from your adventure-filled day.
GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

Activities Highlights:
Santa Cruz Island & Dragon Hill, Santa Fé Island

Breakfast on the Ship
Enjoy a hearty breakfast on board the ship before your day of adventure.

Santa Cruz Island & Dragon Hill
Upon arrival on a small lava dock, keep your eyes open for an encounter with the marine iguanas that blend in with the dark rock. Enjoy the scenery as we begin our walk along the sickle-shaped beach towards Dragon Hill. As you walk the circular path along the shallow lake, watch for the flamingoes that frequently come to feed in the area. You may also spot other waders, such as stilts, turnstones and sandpipers as they forage for food on the muddy lake edges. The walk continues inland to a dry, forested habitat where land iguanas nest and burrow.

Lunch on the Ship
Enjoy a delicious lunch aboard the ship before heading out to Santa Fe Island.

Santa Fe Island Snorkel & Exploration Walk
Snorkel the turquoise waters of Santa Fe Island’s protected bay, where you may encounter turtles, sea lions, reef sharks and spotted eagle rays. Following your fabulous snorkel, head
to the beach where you’ll share the sand with an abundance of sea lions. Begin a leisurely walk and take in the surrounding endemic flora, including the giant Opuntia cacti, and be on the lookout for the native Santa Fe land iguanas and Galápagos hawks.

### Adult Dinner on the Ship
Adult Adventurers can relax and trade tales of their island adventures as they dine on a delicious dinner aboard the ship.

### Junior Adventurer Pizza Party on the Ship
Junior Adventurers can grab a slice of pizza and hang out on the ship with their fellow Junior Adventurers.

### Disney Movie Night
Wind down the evening—and an amazing day of adventure—with a classic Disney movie.
GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS AND GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Activities Highlights:
Santa Cruz Island: Bachus Beach, Flight to Guayaquil, Farewell Dinner

Breakfast on the Ship
Enjoy a hearty breakfast on board the ship before your day of adventure.

Santa Cruz Island: Bachus Beach
Go for relaxing swim in the beautiful waters off Bachus Beach, named for some wrecked World War II barges that are still partially visible in the sand. Then, take a lovely walk along the shore to a lagoon behind the high tide line. Look for the wading birds, marine iguanas and possibly some flamingoes. The beach is also a favorite nesting site for the native green turtles which often leave tractor-like tracks in the sand.

Lunch & Flight to Guayaquil
Following your disembarkation from the ship, you will be transferred to Baltra Airport for your flight to Guayaquil. You will enjoy a boxed lunch prior to the flight.

Check-In at Hotel del Parque
As your Adventure Guides check you into your hotel for the evening, make yourself at home in this sophisticated and secluded hotel that is steeped in Guayaquil’s rich history.

Farewell Dinner at Hotel with Traditional Ecuadorian Entertainment
Dine with your fellow Adventurers at this final feast in Ecuador and relive the highlights of your fascinating trip together. Following your festive dinner, enjoy a traditional music and a folk dance performance as you celebrate the amazing adventures you shared with your newfound friends.
GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Activities Highlights:
Transfer to Guayaquil International Airport

Breakfast at the Hotel
Enjoy one last meal in Ecuador before your departure.

Transfer to Guayaquil International Airport
Board your pre-arranged transportation to Guayaquil International Airport (GYE) and say adiós to Ecuador—until you return again!
IMPORTANT DETAILS

Day 5

Please note: Animal sightings are not guaranteed.

Please note: Due to party size limitations on the yacht, your groups' Day 9 & 10 experiences may be swapped, but all Adventurers will get a chance to enjoy all the activities in the described itinerary. A Panga will take Adventurers from the yacht to the beach, where they will experience a wet landing upon disembarkation.
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