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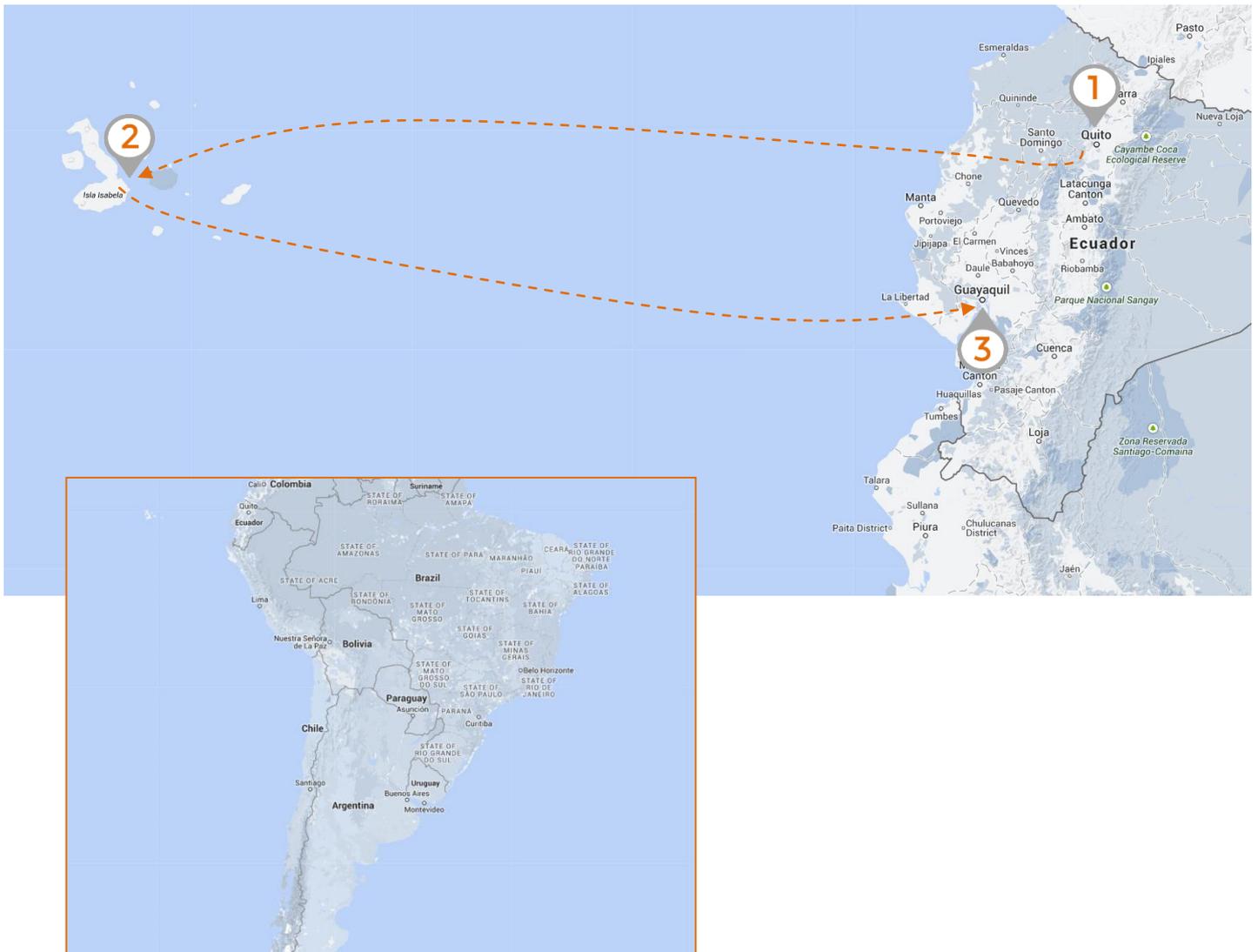
Explore Ecuador & the Galápagos

12-days / 11-nights



Itinerary Summary

No.	Date	Location	Details	Meals	Hotel	Nts
1	Day 01	QUITO	Arrive in Quito	-	Hotel Quito	2
	Day 02		half day city tour including the Equatorial Monument	B		
2	Day 03	GALÁPAGOS	Air transfer to your cruise vessel & afternoon excursion	BLD	M/V Legend or	7
	Day 04		Excursions around the Galápagos Islands	BLD	M/Y Coral I or II	
	Day 05		Excursions around the Galápagos Islands	BLD		
	Day 06		Excursions around the Galápagos Islands	BLD		
	Day 07		Excursions around the Galápagos Islands	BLD		
	Day 08		Excursions around the Galápagos Islands	BLD		
	Day 09		Excursions around the Galápagos Islands	BLD		
3	Day 10	QUAYAQUIL	Morning excursion, air transfer to Guayaquil	B	Oro Verde	1
	Day 11	DEPART	Meet the return flights to the UK	B	-	
	Day 12	HEATHROW	Arrive back in the UK	-	-	



Detailed Itinerary



Day 01 HEATHROW - MADRID - QUITO

Depart Heathrow flying with Iberia.



IB7443 Economy Dep: Heathrow T5 07:25
IB6463 Economy Dep: Madrid T4S 12:45

Arr: Madrid T4S 10:50
Arr: Quito 16:55

Shared transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Hotel Quito



1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights

Situated in central Quito, this Art Deco hotel offers rooms with views of Quito city or the wooded valley. Guests can enjoy fantastic views of the Andean Valley from the hotel's outdoor swimming pool. Hotel Quito's Thecho del Mundo restaurant serves Ecuadorian and international cuisine, including a daily buffet breakfast. Guests can enjoy a massage or aerobics class at Garden Spa & Fitness. Hiking and mountain biking at Parque Metropolitano Bellavista are less than 2km from the hotel.



Day 02 QUITO



Shared half day city tour including the Equatorial Monument

A UNESCO World Heritage site, Quito, the capital of Ecuador has retained much of its colonial past. Steep cobbled stone streets, ornate churches and fine plazas are all to be found in the old district of town. The modern new town is the business district and this is where you will find the best shopping and restaurants. The city was founded in 1534 and has a wonderful setting at the base of the Pichincha Volcano. In the distance the snow-capped peak of Cotopaxi and its surrounding national park dominates the horizon. The Equatorial Monument 25 km North of Quito, marks the exact Middle of the World, latitude 0°, where you can stand with a foot on each hemisphere. Visit the Ethnographic Museum inside the monument, which shows the great diversity of Ecuador's native groups.



Day 03 QUITO - GALÁPAGOS

Shared transfer to Quito airport to meet your onward flights to Galápagos. Shared transfer on arrival to your Galápagos vessel the M/V Legend or M/Y Coral I or II to begin your 7-night cruise.

M/V Legend



1 x Standard Plus Cabin with Full Board & Shared Guided Activities for 7-nights

This cruise departs on Mondays and Thursdays. 3 & 4-night cruise options available.

This first class vessel offers all the amenities of a large cruise liner without sacrificing the intimacy you would expect on a small sailing craft. It can accommodate 100 passengers in 57 cabins which all have twin beds, convertible double beds and private facilities, among other amenities. This luxurious vessel is equipped with five decks, a swimming pool, exercise equipment, a library, 24-hour/pay medical service, international phone/fax/internet service, a glass-bottom boat, the most technologically advanced safety system in the archipelago and much more. The Legend has one of the Islands' largest and most qualified staff. Among its courteous, professional team of 55 employees are 6 multilingual naturalist guides (each speaking an average of four languages), a concierge, a chef who constantly produces inventive combinations of Ecuadorian and international cuisines and an M.D. who is always on call.

M/Y Coral I or II



1 x Standard Plus Cabin with Full Board & Shared Guided Activities for 7-nights

This cruise departs on Sundays and Wednesday. 3 & 4-night cruise options available.

The Coral I and II have 12 and 18 spacious cabins respectively decorated with plenty of room for storage. Beds are all on ground level and can be arranged as singles, twins or doubles. All cabins are en-suite with hot shower and the cabins are provided with smoke detectors and sprinkler system. The Coral provides a carefully planned itinerary which includes all the Galápagos' main highlights plus a flexible program which allows guests to enjoy several alternatives to their daily activities.



Days 04-09 GALÁPAGOS



Cruising the Galapagos Islands onboard the M/Y Legend or M/Y Coral I or II. The Legend and Corals offer fascinating 4, 5 or 8-day itineraries that visit selected sites which are approved by the National Park; each of these is unique, rich and varied and offers the opportunity to experience the Galapagos up close and personal with a small group led by a highly experienced naturalist guide. On a typical day there will be a morning and afternoon excursion and throughout the week there will be opportunities to snorkel and discover the rich marine life of these islands. Wildlife highlights may include land iguanas, marine iguanas, fur seals, lava lizard, Galapagos snake, frigate birds, blue-footed boobies, short-eared owls, lava herons, cactus finch, sea lions, giant tortoise, Nasca boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, sea lions, Galapagos hawk, Hood mockingbirds, flamingos, penguins and the flightless cormorant.



Day 10 GALÁPAGOS - GUAYAQUIL

Optional morning excursion.

Disembark your cruise vessel and take a shared transfer to the airport to meet a flight to Guayaquil. Shared transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Oro Verde Hotel



1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 1-night

A member of The Leading Hotels of the World, the 5-star Oro Verde is conveniently located in the downtown heart of the city. The hotel has 230 luxury rooms, three restaurants, a bar, delicatessen, room service, a Club Floor, swimming pool, fitness centre and shops.



Day 11 GUAYAQUIL - OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Morning at leisure. Shared transfer to the airport to meet your return flights with Iberia.



IB6464 Economy Dep: Guayaquil 20:40

Arr: Madrid T4S 14:40 (Day 12)



Day 12 HEATHROW



IB3166 Economy Dep: Madrid T4S 15:55

Arr: Heathrow T5 17:20

Arrive back in the UK.



Holiday Cost

from £4,395.00 per person

20% deposit is required to secure this booking

Suggested Itinerary

- This is just a suggested itinerary which we can amend to fit your exact requirements.

Includes

- International flights as listed.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Hotel & vessel accommodation as listed.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- \$20.00pp Galapagos Transit Control Card fee.

Excludes

- Local departure taxes where applicable.
- \$100.00pp USD Galapagos National Park entrance fee.
- Hire of snorkelling equipment and/or wetsuits.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.*

**In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

Please Note

- The cost of this itinerary is based on 2 passengers sharing one room.
- All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Air fares, taxes, schedules and routings are subject to change until ticket issue.

Booking Conditions

- Usually a deposit of 25% is required to secure a booking.
- The final balance would be due 10 weeks prior to departure.
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