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> Galapagos Island & Machupicchu 15 Days Santa Cruz Island - Isabela Island & Machupicchu

#### Day 01: Guayaquil

Assistance on your arrival in Guayaquil and transfer to your selected hotel. Free time to rest and prepare for starting your trip around this unusual city and magical country.

Meals: None



#### Day 02: Guayaquil / Baltra Rancho Primicias & Twin Craters

Upon arrivel in Baltra Airport transfer to Santa Cruz, a guide will be waiting us to take us to the hotel where we can leave our luggage. We will seize the morning to visit the Rancho Primicias in the island's highlands where we will be able to see Giant Turtles in their natural habitat.



Then we go on to Lava Tunnels "There are eight lava tubes on Isla Santa Cruz," "The largest lava tubes in the Galapagos are on Santa Cruz Island." It is estimated that the last eruptions occurred around a million and a half years ago. There is a gigantic lava tunnel that is over 2000 meters long on the island that many tourists visit and walk through



Los Gemelos (**Twin Craters**) are located in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island. They are not actual craters caused by impact, but are sink holes that were created when the volcanic roof of empty magma chambers collapsed from tectonic shifts and erosion over time.

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This area has very different climate from other parts of the island and are surrounded by scalesia (scalesia pedunculata) forests, which our tour guide kept calling "broccoli trees." It is the habitat for bromeliads, orchids, mosses, lichens and many birds. Here, you are able to find the famous vermillion flycatcher, 8 species of Charles Darwin finches, and every so often short-eared owls.

### Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



#### Day 03: Grietas & Tortuga Bay

After breakfast we will Hike through a forest of enormous cacti and over rugged lava rock formations to one of the most unique swimming holes in the Galapagos Islands. Las Grietas, which translates literally to mean "the cracks," is a series of volcanic crevices that were formed during the cooling of molten lava. The porous lava stone of the island allows water to filter down from the highlands into Las Grietas where it mixes with sea water filtering in from the ocean. The resulting azure waters are crystalline and refreshing. Las Grietas is a popular swimming destination for locals and visitors alike. Float blissfully in the cool water -- or get your adrenaline pumping by jumping from the new wooden platform. A Naturalist Guide is not required to visit as the trail has been improved, but it is not recommended to travel alone as the jagged lava rocks en route can be tricky.



After lunch we walk to Tortuga Bay It's located on the Santa Cruz Island, about a 20minute walk from the main water taxi dock in Puerto Ayora. The walking path is 1.55 miles (2,490 m) and is open from six in the morning to six in the evening. We must sign in and out at the start of the path with the Galapagos Park Service office. Tortuga Bay has a gigantic, perfectly preserved beach that is forbidden to swimmers and is preserved for the wildlife where many Marine Iguanas, Galapagos Crabs and Birds are seen dotted along the Volcanic Rocks. There is a separate cove where you can swim where it is common to view White Tip Reef Sharks swimming in groups & on Jr. E. Guzman Barron # 3816 Urb. Condevilla Señor SMP Phono: 0051 – 01

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occasion Tiger Shark The genus, *Galeocerdo*, is derived from the Greek *galeos*, which means shark, and the Latin *cerdus*, the word for the hard hairs of pigs. It is often colloquially called the man-eater shark

Thew Galapagos Shark a top other species of sharks that are found in the Galapagos Islands. There are always a large variety of small fish, birds,

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



### **Day 04:** Santa Cruz Island to Isabela Island (Flamengos Laggon & Sea Kayaking with Penguins)

a.m. Transfer to catch the Speed Boat to Isabela Island, It's the largest island of the Galapagos with an area of 4,640 square kilometres (1,790 sq mi), and length of 100 kilometres (62 mi) almost four times larger than Santa Cruz, the second largest of the archipelago. It was named after Queen Isabela of Spain. It was originally named Albemarle after the Duke of Albemarle. The island strides the Equator Isabela is also interesting for its flora and fauna. The young island does not follow the vegetation zones of the other islands. The relatively new lava fields and surrounding soils have not developed the sufficient nutrients required to support the varied life zones found on other islands. Another obvious difference occurs on Volcan Wolf and Cerro Azul: these volcanoes loft above the cloud cover and are arid on top. Isabela's rich animal, bird, and marine life is beyond compare. Isabela is home to more wild tortoises than all the other islands. Isabela's large size and notable topography created barriers for the slow-moving tortoises; apparently the creatures were unable to cross lava flows and other obstacles, causing several different sub-species of tortoise to develop. Today, tortoises roam free in the calderas of Alcedo, Wolf, Cerro Azul, Darwin and Sierra Negra.



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Arrive in Isabela transfer to the selected hostal or hotel after checking we will walk around to Flamingos Lagoon an expansive coastal lagoon that serves as one of the primary breeding grounds for Flamingos



In the afternoon we take our ocean kayaks and paddle out to Tintoreras, a set of small islets within Isabela Bay. The islets are filled with wildlife and are home to the Galapagos penguin, the only penguin that lives in equatorial region. We will also see sharks, marine turtles, sea lions, Blue Footed Bobies and much more wildlife as we explore its many small coves and beaches.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



### Day 05: Tunnels & Wall of Tears

After breakfast we will go to the pier for a 45 minute fibra (**a small boat**) ride to a place where lava flow impacted with the oceans waves to form the stunning tubes and bridges of Los Tunneles. Los Tunneles is a marine paradise for the white tipped reef shark, manta rays, parrot fish, yellowtail surgeon fish, Galápagos green sea turtle and the Galápagos sea lion. This site is one of the most spectacular places for snorkelling in Isabela as the water is shallow, clear and calm. This marine sanctuary is characterized by its unique geologic formations. A series of lava flows have produced a number of arches and tunnels both under and above water, where you find a number of animal species that have taken up residence in these magnificent formations. As soon as you get to the intertidal starting point you will be released to snorkel through astoundingly beautiful site.

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The Wall of Tears (Spanish: El Muro de las Lágrimas) is a historical site 5 km west of

Puerto Villamil on Isabela Island in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. It was constructed between the years of 1945 and 1959 by prisoners in the Penal Colony on the island, which had been established by President Jose Maria Velasco Ibarra in 1944, using infrastructure left by the US military after World War II.

The wall is about 25 m (65 ft) tall and is said to have been the cause of thousands of deaths during its construction. Locals call it the wall of tears because it is said to emanate eerie cries and have a heavy energy surrounding it.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



### Day 06: Sierra Negra Volcano / Free day

Early morning around 07.00 a.m. we will have a tours to Sierra Negra Volcano it's one of the five volcanos on the island of Isabela, and boasts the second largest volcanic caldera in the world (**Yellowstone National Park in the United States is the largest in case You were wondering**). On the sierra Negra Volcano You hike to the rim of the six miles wide crater and then trek across an alien landscape of lava fields and fumaroles. The Sierra Negra is one of the most active volcanoes in the Galapagos, with the last eruption in 2005 Though You probably won't' see any lava flowing, You will have the opportunity to explore thermal vents and other fascinating geologic features before stopping for a snak near volcán Chico. The vistas from this spot are among the most breathtaking in Isabela and on clear afternoons afford views of the northern volcanoes on Isabela and Fernandina. A savory hot lunch at Campo Duro rounds out this challenging but rewarding day.

### Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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**Day 07:** Isabela Island / Baltra Airport / Guayaquil / Tumbes (Peru) a.m. After breakfast transfer to Isabela Airport for your fly to Baltra and go on to Guayaquil upon arrivel we will drive in private car to Tumbes Peru upon arrivel transfer to the Selected hotel

Meals: Breakfast



#### Day 08: Tumbes / Lima

After breakfast, guided sightseeing tour to the most attractive and important sites in Lima, the " **City of Kings** ". The tour includes Lima's Historical Centre, passing by Plaza San Martin, The Main Plaza, the Government Palace, the City Hall, the Cathedral and its Religious Art Museum, the Church of Santo Domingo, with the tombs of Santa Rosa and San Martin de Porras, and Lima's Colonial Balconies. We will visit the Convent and Church of San Francisco, the greatest monumental complex of Colonial Art in America and Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The tour includes a visit to the Basilica of 21 altars, Convent of Cloisters, Capitulary and Clementine Rooms, Chorus and Library of the Monks, a Museum showing 11 paintings of the Rubens School, the Sacristy with paintings of Surbaran and Ribera, its great patio decorated with Seville tiles of XVIth Century, Moorish arches and underground Catacombs. We will also visit El Olivar Park with olive trees brought from Spain in the XVth Century, the Central Park of Miraflores and Larcomar, a symbol of modern Lima and a tourist and entertainment centre as well as a privileged site to enjoy an amazing view of the Pacific Ocean.

Meals: Breakfast



Day 09: Lima / Cusco + 04 Ruins around Cusco Breakfast. Transfer to Lima Airport for your fly to Cusco, Morning at leisure. Lunch on your own. Jr. E. Guzman Barron # 3816 Urb. Condevilla Señor SMP Phono: 0051 – 01 – 5693311 Whatssap: 0051 – 982290111 Skype. Machupicchu10 Reservas #1: info@perutouristinformation.com reservas 02: axel\_tippe@yahoo.es e mail: engreidos2@hotmail.com

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In the afternoon, we will have a guided sightseeing tour of Cusco visiting the Main Square, the Cathedral and the Temple of the Sun or Korikancha Then, we drive out of the City to visit the Inca sites of Kenko, Tambomachay, Puca Pucara and the impressive Fortress of Sacsayhuaman, strategically built on a hill overlooking Cusco and famous for its enormous carved stones, some of them standing over 9m / 30ft high and weighing over 350 tons.



at 20.00 p.m evening get ready to enjoy a dinner with a folklore show in a typical restaurant where the musicians play their melodies with Andean instruments of beautiful sounds, while typically dressed dancers will show you different ancient Peruvian dances. Meals: Breakfast & Dinner Show



### Day 10: Cusco: Sacred Valley of The Incas / Aguas Calientes (Machupicchu Pueblo)

Early morning excursion to the Urubamba Valley, the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Visit to the picturesque indian Pisac Market held on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays**, the shopping paradise of the Andes where barter is still practiced. Enjoy the unique atmosphere during a typical lunch. In the afternoon, passing through the Towns of Calca and Urubamba, we visit the Inca Fortress and Citadel of Ollantaytambo, built to guard the entrance to this part of the Valley, and protect it from possible invasion from the tribes in the Lower jungle. You can walk through the quaint streets of the nearby Town, and get a good idea of what this strategic Mlitary, Religious, and Agricultural Centre was like during the era of the Inca Empire. Late **afternoon ride by train to Aguas Calientes 2 hrs (Hot Spring Machupicchu)** 

Evening free. We suggest strolling around the Main Square and enjoy the night atmosphere trying a delicious Pisco Sour in some of the many pubs around the Square of Hot Sprin Aguas Calientes

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch



### Day 11: Aguas Calientes / Waynapicchu / Machupicchu Ruins / Sun Gate / Machupicchu Pueblo / Ollantaytambo

The day starts with an early morning rise to Bus Station for a 20' journey to the famous Inca

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Citadel of Machu Picchu, also known as "**The Lost City of the Incas** ". bus drive, climbing 6km of winding road, to the incredible site of **Huayna Picchu** also known as **Wayna Picchu** ( Quechua "Young Peak ") The number of daily visitors allowed to enter Huayna Picchu is restricted to 200 is a mountain in Peru around which the Urubamba River bends. It rises over Machupicchu, the so - called lost city of the Incas, and divides it into sections. The Incas built a trail up the side of the Huayna Picchu and built temples and terraces on its top. The peak of Huayna Picchu is about 2,720 metres (8,920 ft) above sea level, or about 360 metres (1,180 ft) higher than Machu Picchu. According to local guides, the top of the mountain was the residence for the high priest and the local virgins.



Machupicchu Every morning before sunrise, the high priest with a small group would walk to Machu Picchu to signal the coming of the new day. The **Temple of the Moon**, one of the three major temples in the Machu Picchu area, is nestled on the side of the mountain and is situated at an elevation lower than Machu Picchu. Adjacent to the Temple of the Moon is the Great Cavern, another sacred temple with fine masonry. The other major local temples in Machu Picchu are the Temple of the Condor, Temple of Three Windows, Principal Temple, "Unfinished Temple ", and the Temple of the Sun, also called the Torreon.

Then we'll participate in a guided tour of the Citadel, visiting the Main Plaza, the Circular Tower, **The Sacred Sun Dial** the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows and various burial grounds.



The Sun Gates of Machu Picchu boast a picture-perfect vantage point overlooking Peru's most famous ruins. Tourists flock to this outcrop high in the Andes Mountains to enjoy the same view featured on virtually every postcard depicting the Machu Picchu citadel. Also known as Intipunku, the Sun Gates consist of two stones perched at a narrow passage in the crevice of the mountain just above Machu Picchu. The sun shines brilliantly through this portal each day when it rises -- hence the name.

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Afternoon Excellent opportunity to wake up early and enjoy a beautiful sunrise as well as a stroll through the Town of Aguas Calientes and visit its Hot Springs Thermal Waters. Then, you will have time to perform some of the following activities:

MANDOR WATERFALLS. Visiting Mandor Waterfall is an unforgettable adventure. It is an area of lush forest surrounding the town of Machu Picchu. You just have to follow the railway line from Machu Picchu Pueblo for a 45 minute-hike. You will reach a railway crossing, from which you will see a small group of houses whose dwellers will tell you how to reach Mandor Waterfall



#### Hot Spring

Is a distance of 800 m. east of the town of Machupicchu, there are under ground hot sulfur springs wich bubble up from the rocky under ground at varying temperatures. The especially – Built pools at this resort are the basis of its use as hot mineral baths. The hot spring offer natural resources for medical therapy, and also is a great treatment for Rheumatism. It help to rid of stress and toxins, anhance your metabolism and avoid high blood pressure. The average temperature of the water runs from 38° to 46°C. There are also changing rooms, bathrooms sand and a small snack bar.

at 19.00 p.m train back to Ollantaytambo upon arrivel transfer to your selected hotel for overnight.

Meals: Breakfast



### Day 12: Ollantaytambo / Maras Moray / Cusco

After breakfast we will drive by private car to discover with us this beautiful, charming and historic place, where we will visit the enigmatic archaeological site of Moray where new crops were developed by the Inca using varying altitudes on a terraced system. And near the town of Maras is the complex of Salineras, where a salt water spring gushes forth from these high altitude mountains and tumbles down the mountainside

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into individual evaporation chambers which have been fully operational in bringing the people of the highlands salt, ever since Inca times. Meals: Breakfast



### Day 13: Cusco Free Day

This day after breakfast You will take a visit by your own, Street San Blas The artistic barrio ( **Neighborhood**) of narrow and high streets beautiful little plaza and a beautiful paqcha exists; in this barrio numerous artists and artisans reside, there are located the workshops of famous artisans such as the family Mendevil Olave and merida, Panoramic views of Cusco City, Hatunrumivoc is located close to Plaza Nazarenas, not far from Plaza de Armas, It s a narrow pedestrian street. Famous for it's Inca walls where huge stones are precisely carved to fit togother without mud or concrete. You'll find the masterpiece, **a 12 Angled Stone**, about halfway down the street The Inca stonework was incredible, actually so good that Spanish conquerors often used the old Inca structure as foundations for their own buildings. Hatunrumiyoc is a great place too have a closer look at their skills.

Meals: Breakfast



#### Day 14: Cusco / Lima Free Day

On time required transfer to Cusco Airport and fly to the city of Lima arrivel and transfer to the selected hotel Meals: Breakfast





Day 15: Lima / Home On time required transfer to Lima Airport and fly back home Meals: Breakfast

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### **Tours Includes:**

- Airfare Guayaquil / Galápagos / Guayaquil
- Transfer Airport / Hostel or hotel / Airport
- Speed local boat Santa Cruz Island / Isabela Island
- Airplane Isabela Island to Baltra Airport
- All the nights hostel or hotel accommodation
- Breakfast daily provide it for the hostel or hotel
- Daily Lunch & Dinner in Local restaurant
- Bilingual Naturalist Guide
- Daily tours per itinerary
- English guide spoken
- Kajaking equipment
- Snorkel equipment
- Private car Guayaquil / Tumbes
- Airfare Tumbes / Lima / Cusco / Lima
- Train Ticket Ollantaytambo / Machupicchu Pueblo / Ollantaytambo
- Bus Ticket Machupicchu Pueblo / Machupicchu Ruins / Machupicchu Pueblo
- Entrance to Machupicchu
- Entrance to visit 4 ruins, Sacred Valley, Maras & Moray
- Meals & Dinner Mentioned

**Temperature in Galapagos (**as shown in Farenheit **)** The chart below gives temperature in averages with details for the Galapagos Islands for the entire year, so that you can best plan your Galapagos vacation.

| Temperatures               | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | ост | NOV | DEC |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Maximum Air<br>Temperature | 84  | 86  | 88  | 86  | 82  | 78  | 76  | 74  | 76  | 77  | 78  | 80  |
| Minimum Air                | 70  | 74  | 74  | 72  | 72  | 68  | 66  | 64  | 62  | 64  | 66  | 68  |

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| Temperature                        |    |    |    |     |      |      |     |      |     |      |     |     |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| Avgerage Sea<br>Temperature        | 74 | 76 | 76 | 76  | 74   | 74   | 72  | 66   | 68  | 70   | 72  | 74  |
| Avgerage<br>Rainfall ( inches<br>) | 1  | 1  | 2  | 1.5 | 0.75 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 0.5 |

### Price per person in Hotel 3\*: 3590\$USA

| Hostal              | City            | Arrive | Departure | Nights |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Hanucpacha          | Guayaquil       | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Darwin              | Santa Cruz      | 2019   | 2019      | 02     |
| Tortuga             | Isabela Island  | 2019   | 2019      | 03     |
| Grillo              | Tumbes          | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| La Casa della Nonna | Lima Miraflores | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Ayllus              | Cusco           | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Bromelias           | Aguas Calientes | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Picaflor            | Ollantaytambo   | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Ayllus              | Cusco           | 2019   | 2019      | 03     |

### Price per person in Hotel 3\*: 3795\$USA

| Hotel        | City            | Arrive | Departure | Nights |
|--------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Palace       | Guayaquil       | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Lobo de Mar  | Santa Cruz      | 2019   | 2019      | 02     |
| San Vicente  | Isabela Island  | 2019   | 2019      | 03     |
| Costa de Sol | Tumbes          | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| El Carmel    | Lima Miraflores | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Royal Inka   | Cusco           | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Gringo Bill  | Aguas Calientes | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Sol Natura   | Ollantaytambo   | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Ayllus       | Cusco           | 2019   | 2019      | 03     |

### Price per person in Hotel 4\*: 4530\$USA

| Hotel                 | City            | Arrive | Departure | Nights |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Gran Hotel Guayaquil  | Guayaquil       | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Sol y Mar             | Santa Cruz      | 2019   | 2019      | 02     |
| Casa de Marita Oc. V. | Isabela Island  | 2019   | 2019      | 03     |
| Costa de Sol          | Tumbes          | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| San Agustin E.        | Lima Miraflores | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| San Agustin Dorado    | Cusco           | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Casa de Sol           | Aguas Calientes | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Paukaritampu          | Ollantaytambo   | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| San Agustin Dorado    | Cusco           | 2019   | 2019      | 03     |

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### Price per person in Hotel 5\*: 5770\$USA

| Hotel                | City            | Arrive | Departure | Nights |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Sheraton or Marriott | Guayaquil       | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Finch Bay            | Santa Cruz      | 2019   | 2019      | 02     |
| Iguana Crossing.     | Isabela Island  | 2019   | 2019      | 03     |
| Costa de Sol         | Tumbes          | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Marriott             | Lima Miraflores | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Marriott             | Cusco           | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Sumaq                | Aguas Calientes | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Libertador           | Ollantaytambo   | 2019   | 2019      | 01     |
| Marriott             | Cusco           | 2019   | 2019      | 03     |