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WITH OVER 40 YEARS EXPERIENCE, NO-ONE KNOWS LATIN AMERICA LIKE WE DO

EXPERIENCE SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY

WHY US

We are the UK's No.1 specialist in travel to Latin America and have been creating award-winning holidays to every corner of the region for over four decades; we pride ourselves on being the most knowledgeable people there are when it comes to travel to Central and South America and passionate about it too.

OUR JOURNEY

As our name suggests, we are single-minded about Latin America. This is what sets us apart from other travel companies – and what allows us to offer you not just a holiday but the opportunity to experience something extraordinary on inspiring journeys throughout Mexico, Central and South America.

WE LOVE LATIN AMERICA

- A passion for the region runs through all we do
- All our Consultants have lived or travelled extensively in Latin America
- Up-to-the-minute knowledge underpinned by 40 years' experience

TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

- Fully bonded and licensed
- ATOL-protected
- On your side when it matters
- Book with confidence, knowing every penny is secure

THE REAL LATIN AMERICA

- Our insider knowledge helps you go beyond the guidebooks
- We hand-pick hotels with character and the most rewarding excursions
- Let us show you the Latin America we know and love

OVERVIEW & OUTLINE ITINERARY

From colonial Quito, fly onwards to enjoy a cruise around some of Ecuador's majestic Galápagos Islands. You'll explore from a small, eco-conscious motor cruiser, which offers great value and excellent service in the upper-mid range category.

DAY 1	**Arrive in Quito and transfer to hotel.**
DAY 2	**Guided walking tour of Quito.**
DAY 3	**Fly to the Galápagos Islands and board your Cruise.**
DAYS 4-6	**Land excursions on the Galápagos Islands.**
DAY 7	**Fly to the mainland and connect with your international flight home, or extend your stay.**

ITINERARY

Arrive in Quito and spend a couple of days exploring Ecuador's fascinating highland capital, before continuing on to the wildlife wonders of the Galápagos Islands. The archipelago is serviced by a fantastic range of vessels, all catering for slightly different price points, durations and requirements, so our expert team will help you decide which one is right for you.

The prices and departures shown here are for the 'Galápagos Treasure', which is one of our most popular vessels and offers fresh, modern and spacious accommodation at a great price. The Treasure operates three different itineraries of varying length, all visiting different regions, on different dates. Each of the island's has its own unique sense of wonder, but over the course of most voyages, passengers should get to see the majority, if not all, of the most iconic species. The journey included here is a 5-day, 4-night cruise.

DAY 1

Arrive in Quito and transfer to hotel.

Transfer to your hotel in Quito, the intriguing Andean capital of Ecuador. Guagua Pichincha, an active volcano to the east, looks down imperiously over the dynamic metropolis which, at 2,850m, is one of highest capital cities in the world. Quito is divided into two contrasting districts. The modern zone is characterised by towering glass buildings housing banks, international companies, hotels, shops and restaurants, while the central colonial area has more traditional architecture, open air markets and graceful Spanish-style mansions and churches.



DAY 2

Guided walking tour of Quito.

Visit the colonial centre of the capital, the first city ever to be named a world heritage site. High on the agenda is a walk through the main square, known as the Plaza de Independencia, where you will see the government palace, the cathedral, and some of the most important churches built around the 16th and 17th centuries, including the monastery of San Francisco.



DAY 3

Fly to the Galápagos Islands and board your Cruise.

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the Galápagos Islands (2 hrs), where you will embark on your cruiser for your 5-day cruise around the archipelago. Your naturalist guide will be waiting to take you to the quayside.

DAYS 4-6

Land excursions on the Galápagos Islands.



The Galápagos Islands emerged in the Pacific Ocean six million years ago following a spate of volcanic activity and, isolated from the continental mainland, have become home to unique plant and animal species. Without fear of humans, they are sufficiently trusting to allow you to approach them and observe them up close.

The islands were the inspiration for Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, which formed the basis for his revolutionary book 'On The Origin of Species', published in 1859.

Although geologically constantly on the move, these islands remain suspended in time, with giant tortoises, iguanas, penguins, frigate birds, waved albatross and blue-footed boobies and a wealth of rare flora all thriving there. For many, the fascinating and unique wildlife and natural beauty of the islands are matched by the thrill of being at sea. Find a spot on deck as your ship makes its way through the ocean, often trailed by flocks of birds and playful dolphins.

The itinerary for your days in the Galápagos will depend on your date of departure and is subject to change. There are normally two landings each day to seek out the different wildlife that inhabits the islands.

DAY 7

Fly to the mainland and connect with your international flight home, or extend your stay.

INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

- Guided walking tour of Quito
- 5-day cruise around the Galápagos Islands with guided land excursions

ESSENTIALS

SUMMARY OF NIGHTS
7 days, 6 nights: Quito 2; Galápagos 4.

ACCOMMODATION
We use a mix of hotel standards from mid-range upwards, choosing accommodation we think is great value, comfortable, well-located and which showcases a touch of local character. Properties will vary in heritage from modern to traditional-style countryside properties (haciendas). but will all be well-equipped with rooms that have private bathrooms. All mainland accommodation is flexible and can be tailored to meet your specific preferences and requirements.
In the Galápagos the 'Treasure of Galápagos' offers comfortable cruising at the upper mid-range level.

TRANSPORT
2 flights (longest 2hrs); 5-day cruise.

MEALS
Breakfast daily, full board days 3-6.

GUIDES
Our local, trusted and carefully selected partners understand the expectations of our customers very well, and their staff and guides are consistently singled out for praise by clients on their return. On this holiday, you will be joined by different guides for each activity and or region, ensuring you benefit from specialised expertise and knowledge, often from someone local to the area.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS
As well as any included activities, this Private Journey includes some free time for optional excursions. As optional excursions are often subject to availability, we recommend you discuss and arrange them with your Travel Expert as early as possible before you depart.

ALTITUDE
Your stay in Quito is at high altitude (2,800m). Please refer to the Country Information page or your briefing dossier, for further information on altitude, including how to avoid and treat altitude sickness.

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