Witness the magic of the four worlds, starting from the Coast, passing by the Andes and entering the beautiful Amazon Rainforest.

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About Us

We are an exclusive tour operator in Ecuador focused in sustainable tourism. We have a vast experience on the field, working in sensitive and unique ecosystems such as the Galapagos Islands, the Amazon region, the exuberant city of Quito and many others. Our proposal is to let our travelers visit exclusive places and outstanding destinations, making their stay with us into an unforgettable and a positive once-in-a-lifetime experience, managing to satisfy some of the most refined tastes.

By becoming part of our tourism concept and great practices, you’ll be also contributing to preserve the environment, the culture and nature of each destination.

We are convinced we can create opportunities for the communities that are connected to the tourism activities, allowing them to maintain and care for their culture and ancient knowledge, which are crucial for their prosperity and sustainability.

Join us today on our mission to work for the future of the planet and its inhabitants.

CREATING AWARENESS

Wonderful landscapes, exotic species, delicious local cuisine and personalized service are some of the features of traveling with us.

Our goal is to improve traveler’s experiences by promoting values and sharing an alternative perspective of life at reasonable prices.
The Galapagos Islands are famous for the incredibly diverse forms of life that are found there. Their place within the history of scientific research and theorization is also enormously significant, having contributed to some of the most compelling and far-reaching explanations for the development of life on earth, including the evolutionary theory in particular.

The Galapagos Islands are noted for the consistent widespread endemism of many of their resident life forms, a phenomenon that results in the presence of entirely amazing animals and plant that exist there and nowhere else on the planet.

A week of touring the less-explored parts of the Galápagos Islands is the right way to truly explore this fascinating destination. Well start in Santa Cruz and then head to Floreana and Isabela for a few days of hiking, snorkeling, and visiting the islands main highlights. Top that off with a hike up Sierra Negra Volcano - the second-largest volcanic crater in the world - along with the Galapagos’ exotic wildlife and prepare to be amazed. Just book your journey with us today and be part of this amazing ecosystem.

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Included
- Accommodation at Waterfall Hotel
- All meals
- Marine & land transportation
- Tours and excursions
- Naturalist guide of National Park and personalized attention.

Additional Services
- Air ticket
- Payment of income tax to the PNG
- Immigration entry card 20 USD
- Alcoholic drinks and extra expenses

WATERFALL GALAPAGOS HOTEL
Located in Puerto Ayora. Our 8 rooms are equipped with air conditioning, free Wi-Fi connection, 24 hours guest service, balcony and private bathroom. We also offer daily programs and assistance organizing cycling, hiking and fishing excursions. We have much experience with receiving foreign friends. We offer the comfort and same furnishing that you can find in hotels with double or triple the price.

Awesome Galapagos 8 Days / 7 Nights

DAY1. Transfer in visiting the twin craters, lava tunnel and turtles in the wild (el Chato Ranch) lunch at the place. Return and rest at Waterfall Hotel.

DAY2. Tour to Floreana, camping lodge or hostel, visit to el Asilo de La Paz, pirates cave, water spring and the giant tortoises’ coral reef. In the afternoon: Lobertia, snorkeling or relaxing at Playa Negra. 1: (Only in bigger groups than 12 pax) 2: (For smaller groups only a day tour to Floreana.

DAY3. Departure to Isabela Island, bay, reef sharks (blue sharks), Galapagos penguins observation tour, snorkeling, hiking on the islet Tintoreras, late breeding of turtles in captivity and Flamingos Lake.

DAY4. Tour to the Sierra Negra volcano and Volcano Chico, great volcanic observation. (6 hour hike between departure and return) Free afternoon

DAY5. Kayak tour in the canal of Itabaca and snorkeling in Punta Carrion North of Santa Cruz, duration approximately 3 to 4 hours. (Includes lunch box)

DAY6. Mountain bike ride of the higher part of the island and visit with camping at the agro farm with tourist highland view, a place to do activities such as: bird watching, tunnel of lava, the crater path tunnel, magic swing, sugar cane, countryside picnic and campfire. Option two: camping in the Garrapatero beach. Place to picnic and beach, only if necessary and with the authorization of the National Park.

DAY7. Departure to Isabela Island. Bay, reef sharks (blue sharks), Galapagos penguins observation tour, snorkeling, hiking on the islet Tintoreras, late breeding of turtles in captivity and Flamingos Lake.

DAY8. Transfer out visiting the Twin Craters.
Packages

Galapagos Center Waterfall Hotel

Unforgettable Packages Galapagos 4 days / 3 nights

Unforgettable Packages Galapagos 5 days / 4 nights

Island Hopping Packages 6 Days / 5 Nights

Island Hopping Packages 7 Days / 6 Nights

Notes:
- All prices based on standart rooms at hotels, unless otherwise noted.
- Child Rate based on children under the age of 12 traveling with 2 sharing adults.
- 1 Free Passenger sharing in double room for every 15 paid.
- Optional Baltra - Isabela - Baltra flight for $350 USD.
- Special conditions apply.

Additional Service:
Air tickets to the Galapagos Islands, Galapagos National Park fee, Isabela Island fee (when visiting island), Transit Control Card, meals not specified on the itinerary, extra tips.

Diving Tours Programs

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

Hotels | SGL | DBL | TPL
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Deja Vu | 2128 | 1599 | 1978
Waterfall Hotel | 3262 | 2363 | 2110
Angermeyer Waterfront | 4281 | 2693 | 2307
Finch Bay | 4564 | 3210 | 3210

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

Hotels | SGL | DBL | TPL
---|---|---|---
Deja Vu | 2701 | 2148 | 2148
Waterfall Hotel | 3187 | 2420 | 2420
Angermeyer Waterfront | 4942 | 3210 | 3210
Finch Bay | 6355 | 4565* | 4565*

Includes

Private transfers, naturalist guide, 4 night accommodation in Santa Cruz Island at selected hotel with breakfast included, 2 sailing day tours to either Seymour, Santa Fe or Plazas Island with lunch included Santa Cruz Bay Tour. Visits to Santa Cruz Highlands and Charles Darwin Station. Lunch on DAY 1, DAY 2 and DAY 3.

Private transfers, naturalist guide, 3 night accommodation in Santa Cruz Island at selected hotel with breakfast included 1 sailing day tour to Seymour, Santa Fe or Plazas with lunch box included. Santa Cruz Bay Tour. Visits to Santa Cruz Highlands and Charles Darwin Station. Lunch on DAY 1 and DAY 2

Private transfers, 3 nights accommodation in Santa Cruz Island + 2 nights accommodation in Isabela Island at selected hotel with breakfast included, marine transportation (public speed boat service). Visits to Santa Cruz Highlands and Charles Darwin Station, Bay Tour of Santa Cruz (Half Day), Tuneles Full Day tour, Tintoreras Excursion (Half Day), and a full day tour to either North Seymour, Plaza or Santa Fe Islands. Lunch on DAY 1, DAY 3 and DAY 5.

Private transfers, 4 nights accommodation in Santa Cruz Island + 2 nights accommodation in Isabela Island at selected hotel with breakfast included, marine transportation (public speed boat service). Visits to Santa Cruz Highlands and Charles Darwin Station, Bay Tour of Santa Cruz (Half Day), Tuneles Full Day tour, Tintoreras Excursion (Half Day), and 2 full days tour to either North Seymour, Plaza or Santa Fe Islands. Lunch on DAY 1, DAY 3, DAY 5 and DAY 6.

Additional Service:
Air tickets to the Galapagos Islands, Galapagos National Park fee, Isabela Island fee (when visiting island), Transit Control Card, meals not specified on the itinerary, extra tips.
Welcome to Achuar Lodge

Achuar Nationality, which in its dialect means, the people of the morete palm, are an ancestral culture that has inhabited the Amazon for more than two thousand years, so they have an invaluable knowledge of nature and the employ of resources to live in a harmony with the environment. Until the 1960s, they had barely made contact with the society, in ancient times they were nomads, and living with internal conflicts were common, however, today they live peacefully. Considered as warrior people, actually are mainly dedicated to fishing, hunting and agriculture. The Achuar practiced polygamy; one man can have several wives, as long as he can give the necessary livelihood for their families. However, it is a tradition every time less common.

Nowadays, they are organized under the entity of the NAE (Achuar Nationality of Ecuador). They have binational presence, in Peru they are placed in Loreto and the high Amazon; in Ecuador, its territory is distributed in the provinces of Morona Santiago and Pastaza, within the latter, near the border with Peru, Kapawi Reserve is located, co-inhabited by 88 communities. In Sharamentsa community, into the deepest of the rainforest, we found Achuar Lodge. The territory of Sharam, which in the Achuar dialect means Golden parrot, embrace 12,000 hectares, where more than 80% is primary forest, considered a private reserve of the Achuar millennial town. The community is formed by 150 people, approximately 60 are women, 40 are men and 50 are boys and girls. It is located on the shore of the majestic Pastaza River at 240 meters above sea level.
Dolphin River Expedition
5 Days / 4 Nights

Itinerary

**DAY 1.** Once at Shell, guests will be received by our Achuar representatives and will be assisted for the flight. The plane will rise over the immaculate pristine jungle, on a 50-minute flight, arriving at the landing strip of the local Sharam community, where they will be welcomed by the Achuar guides.

Lunch at Achuar Lodge.

Afterwards, guests will have the opportunity to relax, unpack and get a feel for the surroundings. 

Afternoon: we will have a quiet activity where guests can walk along one of the River beaches. Here, our guides will give guests an introductory orientation session with information about the rainforest and the Achuar culture, while enjoying a beautiful sunset.

At night after dinner, we will explore the River in search of nocturnal animals such as monkeys, alligators and birds. All this coupled with a fantastic starry sky.

**DAY2.** Our guides will escort guests on a 30 minute boat ride to reach one of the best natural attractions, the Claylick, where guests will see different species of parrots, macaws, and parrots such as the Cobalt-Winged Parakeet, Chestnut-Fronted Macaw, Yellow Crowned Amazon.

**DAY3.** After breakfast guests can take a walk, approximately 2 hours with stops, where they will learn about medicinal plants of the area and tropical forest ecology.

Lunch at the Sharam Community. Time to rest.

Afternoon: guests will be able to explore, via balsa wood, the River and its connecting lagoons, while looking at the local wildlife such as the pink river dolphin. As the river is quite calm, swimming is completely safe.

After dinner: guests can partake in a spectacular night walk, observing the many different kinds of insects and amphibians that are found around the Sharam Community.

**Day 3:**
Early in the morning we are going to participate in “Guayusada” ceremony and dreams interpretation. Later, guests will have the opportunity to finding and spotting the great variety of birds that the southeast Rainforest of Ecuador offers like Hoatzin, Aninga, Speckled Chauchalaca, White Eared Jacamar, Cocoi Heron, Neotropical Cormorant, and the Great Egret.

Breakfast and departure for a full day activities: our guides will escort guests along the Tsenkush o Kauau trail and visit Sharam Guanchanza waterfall, which in English means “golden parrot”. Where the guests can learn about the benefits and uses of the palms to the Achuar and the important ecological role played by insects and animals in the forest.

In the afternoon, some activities will be offered: including fishing where you can fish for piranha or catfish and traditional food (“maito”) cooking classes.

**DAY4.** This day the guests could go to Birdwatching upstairs river or to go to the Claylick. Breakfast and departure for a full day activities: our guides will escort guests along the Waterfall trail.

During this time guests can learn about the forest and its benefits for the Achuar native people. Our guides will also teach guests about Achuar hunting techniques and ARUTAM the spirit of the forest.

After lunch: guests will visit an Achuar community. This is one of our most popular activities offered, because of the significant cultural contribution to the Achuar people.

Guests will have a chance to see a community and its members and purchase some traditional handicrafts. Return to the lodge followed by dinner. After a traditional typical dinner: cultural activities (legends in hammock house; traditional greetings) Guests will also be able to learn and practice the art of Achuar face painting and how it relates to their different activities.

**DAY5.** Early morning: our guides will bring guests to specific points near the hotel, in order to locate various species of birds. Breakfast and preparation for departure.

In the last few hours before departure from the Achuar territory, guests can participate in a blowgun contest to demonstrate who is the best hunter among the guides and guests.

- Fly back to Shell (included).
- Return to Quito along the same route as the arrival.
DISCOVER THE AMAZON IN SACHA WAYSA
3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS

Includes:
- Lodging in a private cabin
- All meals (starting the lunch on first day and finally with the breakfast the last day)
- Snacks for all excursions
- Native Guide
- Rubber Boots
- Waterproof ponchos
- Wi-Fi in the Bar area
- Activities & Excursions detailed in the itinerary

Additional Services
- Personal Expenses
- Extras
- Other activities or service not specified.

DAY1. Sacha Waya is located to 3 km between Contundo and Archidona near Misahualli River. Our amazing experience starts from Quito to Napo Province in land transportation for 3 hours. During the route you will look at a variety of landscapes and feel the change in the weather.

Arrival to Lodge, you will get warmly welcomed with a traditional drink and will feel free to enjoy the place with our comfortable facilities like natural gardens, walking trails, pool, whirlpool, balcony and hammocks.

After de lunch we will visit the waterfalls the meeting point to understand the kichwas’ worldview and find a mix of feelings in the Middle of the Amazon. Return to the lodge and dinner.

DAY2. Breakfast and early departure to visit the rescue animals center and wildlife species like birds, mammals and felines.

After that, we have a lot of time to visit the Kichwa traditional hunting traps and the wonderful Sacha Waya territory where you will get the chance to be in contact with the nature and habitants.

At our arrival we will get a welcome drink by the community and they will invite us to interact in middle of singings and dance. In the afternoon, lunch sharing with their customs and ancestral enlightenment gotten by their Sachak (older person inside community). Comeback to the lodge to relax and refresh.

Finally cooking class with preparation of Maito and chocolate for the dinner.

DAY3. We get up very early to participate in the ancient drink with the dreams interpretation.

After the breakfast, we will visit an amazing place where the secrets of the Ecuadorian Amazon between whispers and subtle sounds of the extraordinary wildlife materialize in a black water spout of this awesome ecosystem (Optional) or comeback Quito.
Join to Quito City Tour

Declared as World Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO, this city remains as one of the largest, least-altered and best-preserved historic centers in the Americas. Surrounded by monuments and museums, Quito marks the exact locations of the equator, the middle of the world. Historical buildings, impressive churches, interesting museums and bustling plazas. Visit Panecillo Hill and enjoy a panoramic view of the city. Continue to the impressive Basilica del Voto Nacional and the “San Juan Mirador,” where you can take in the Colonial center of Quito with us.

Trip in the Avenue of the Volcanoes

Central Andes, Ecuador

Quito – El Boliche – Machachi – Quito

Pick up will be in your hotel and the adventure begins in Chimbacalle station, from where we depart southwards to the “Avenue of the Volcanoes”. Pichincha, Atacazo, Pasochoa, the Viudita, Rumiñahui volcanoes, among others flank the railway. The road descends through the “jungles of Panzaleo” whence wood for building the churches of Quito came from, through grasslands, croplands and haciendas.

In Tambillo and Machachi we’ll enjoy the cuisine and culture of the chagras, the Ecuadorian cowboys. In “El Boliche”, at the foothills of Cotopaxi, we’ll discover its singular flora and fauna in an easy trek, then return to Machachi for lunch and visit the farm “La Estacion”, with native and exotic animals. Return to Chimbacalle, and our team will be waiting for you, and return to your hotel.

Hotel Quito Center

Uniquely designed to resemble a Spanish colonial village, this hotel has a pleasing view of the city and its surroundings. Whether you are travelling alone, with your couple or family, it will deliver great value and nice memories to your visit.

Departures:

Friday - Saturday - Sunday - Holidays departures

Schedule:

08:00 to 17:30 - Passengers must arrive 30 minutes before departure time.

What is extra?

Additional expenses not detailed in the itinerary.

*Standard rate does not include visit to the farm.

What is included?

Train ticket, guidance through the journey, mountain cloud forest hiking at El Boliche area, farm visit and lunch.
AZULUNA - LA PLATA ISLANDS
Machalilla National Park, Manabí-Ecuador

AZULUNA is located just south of the Machalilla National Park, in Ecuador’s Manabi Province. Its privileged view and proximity to the ocean offer you a unique and pristine setting for a well-deserved rest away from your normal routine.

AZULUNA offers private cabins, each with a beautiful ocean view, designed to maximize privacy and tranquility. The cabins are built using local ecological materials and various types of wood such as bamboo and cade (tagua palm leaf). At Azuluna, we take care of the local eco-system by re-using and recycling.

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1.
- Group arrival in the morning.
- Lunch.
- In the afternoon: Visit the Ayampe river, where you can enjoy the spectacular natural surroundings as you hike along the river. You will have the opportunity to view some of the 300 different species of birds from the area, as well as various types of wild bamboo.
- Dinner.

DAY 2.
- Breakfast.
- In the morning: Visit the Community Project of Agua Blanca.

DAY 3.
- Early in the morning: Observe the fishermen returning with their catch to Puerto Lopez (optional).
- Breakfast (Azuluna or Puerto Lopez, depending on the activity above).
- Full day: Tour of La Plata Island.
- Boat trip, approximately 2 hours (we recommend bringing seasickness medication. Marcelo is the name used in Ecuador, and can be found at any Pharmacy).
- Hiking around the Island- approximately 2 to 3 hours (a local Naturalist guide will be in charge).
- Box lunch included (2 sandwiches, fruit and water).
- Snorkeling (included in tour).
- Dinner

DAY 4.
- Breakfast.
- Horse-back riding (not included in the budget), or relaxing at the beach (all activities optional).
- Lunch.
- Check Out.

INCLUDED
- Accommodation in double or matrimonial cabin minimum and according to availability.
- American Breakfast. Note: breakfast could take place in the market (local breakfast) if the group decides to observe the fishermen returning with their catch.
- Lunch and dinner according to itinerary; in both cases meal includes: soup, main course, dessert and juice. Note: depending on each program some of these meals could be replaced by a box lunch.
- Safe, drinkable water.
- Beach Towels.
- Tours mentioned above guided by professionals.
- Snorkeling.
- Free Wi-Fi and parking.
- Ecuadorian taxes.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE
- Transportation to and from Azuluna.
- Municipality of Puerto Lopez tax US $ 1 and entrance fee to Agua Blanca US $ 5.
- Horse-back riding mentioned above as optional.
- Full (travelling, medical, etc.)
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Tips.
- Anything extra not mentioned in the itinerary above.
MAGIC ECUADOR
Premium Tour

Live the challenge of living 4 worlds full of culture adventure
nature and biodiversity

Arrive to QUITO
Our drive picks you at airport to go to your hotel Hotel Quito.

Day 1: Quito + Churches Route + Middle of the World
- Breakfast and Visit the Churches: Plaza de la Independencia, Sagrado, Compañía, San Francisco, Panecillo and Baslica.
- We will continue to Pululahua Crater, home to small agricultural communities and lunch at Crater Restaurant.
- After lunch we will visit the monument to the Equator. We end our tour at the Intiñan Museum. Here you will be able to participate in a series of experiments that can only be done at Latitude 0°
- Dinner & Lodging

Day 2: Chocolate Route visiting Pahuma and Mindo Cloud forest
- Breakfast and Departure to Pahuma Reserve, magnificent cloud forests that are blanketed in spectacular flower and plant life, such as various species of orchids including the mosses, bromeliads and ferns complimented by three calming waterfalls found within the El Pahuma Orchid Reserve. You will be able to enjoy a variety of trails leading through the reserve, some of which differ in length and difficulty.
- Visiting Mindo’s butterfly farms and continue to Quetzal Mindo can see our process and learn how chocolate is made from “bean to bar”. Includes lunch.
- Continue our route to Bellavista Cloud Forest http://www.bellavistacloudforest.com/ for the observation of hummingbird.
- Drive back to Quito
- Dinner URKO Restaurant http://www.urko.rest/
- Lodging in Quito

Day 3: Cotopaxi National Park
- Breakfast and we will enjoy a day trip to Cotopaxi volcano, in Cotopaxi National Park. Departing from Quito, admire the beautiful Andes mountain range and enjoy a day away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Tour includes: Lunch Box, transportation and a professional guide.
- Visit the Flower-growing walk 1 hour approximately.
- Finally lodging in Puyo El Jardin

Day 4 - 5 - 6 - 7: Achuar Lodge
- Breakfast in the Hotel
- Visit Achuar Lodge http://achuarlodge.com/

Day 07: Breakfast at Sharam Community
- Lunch in Shell and departure to San Rafael Waterfalls, considered one of the largest in Ecuador and surrounded by thick vegetation which makes them a wonderful scenery.
- Continue our trip to Papallacta Hot Springs to relax and enjoy the thermal pools
- Dinner and rest at Casa de Hacienda Jimenita Quito

Day 08 - 09 - 10 - 11- 12: Galapagos Underwater
- Visit to Galápagos Islands 5 days

Day 12 – 13: Hacienda Molino San Juan & Otavalo Indian Market
- Otavalo is one of most visited indigenous markets, rich in traditions and customs that allows you to enjoy the typical, colorful handcrafts and feasts, as well as showing off the fascinating environment and spectacular Andean mountains.
- On the way you will briefly stop in Guayabamba Village and then San Pablo’s Lake viewpoint to enjoy the landscape and try “biscochos”, cookies typical of the region.
- Lunch at Sacha Ji.
- Next stop will be a weaving workshop in Peguche to look at and learn about the local handmade artisanal products, souvenirs and clothes.
- You will then take to the road once more and soon arrive at Otavalo Market.
- Lunch will be served in Cotacachi Village before heading to the beautiful Cuicocha Lagoon.
- Visit Hacienda San Juan dinner and lodging.

Out
Our driver will direct you to the airport to get your flight back to home.
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