

Galapagos Southern Loop & Machu Picchu



A One of a Kind Experience-and then some!

Journey to Quito Ecuador to begin this 16-night Galapagos adventure along the coveted "Southern Loop". The Celebrity Xpedition holds just 100 guests and is a fully inclusive onboard experience. After you've seen these unique islands, venture on to Peru where you'll take in the capital of Lima and the truly epic Machu Picchu.

17 days • March 26 - April 11, 2020



Day 1 & 2– Quito, Ecuador

Your time in Quito begins with VIP hotel check-in and features a full-day guided tour of historic Quito including a visit to the Equator line at the Middle of the World Park Museum. Additionally, meals and beverages are provided while at the hotel and while on tour, including a welcome dinner at a local gourmet restaurant. Quito, Ecuador's capital, sits high in the Andean foothills at an altitude of 2,850m. Constructed on the foundations of an ancient Incan city, it's known for its well-preserved colonial center, rich with 16th- and 17th-century churches and other structures blending European, Moorish and indigenous styles.



Day 3 - Baltra Island (Galapagos) - North Seymour Island

During World War II, Baltra served as a U.S. military base protecting the Panama Canal from enemy attack. Now the cactus-strewn landscapes of Baltra are home to the region's main airport. You will fly into this airport and be transported to your ship and depart at 3:00 PM. North Seymour is a small island just north of Baltra. It is home to the largest colony of frigate birds in the Galapagos. While keeping an eye out for male frigates trying to impress potential mates with an inflated red neck pouch, you may also see blue-footed boobies dancing in a timeless courtship ritual. Sea lions and large land iguanas also roam about this rocky terrain. Excursion options include a guided long, rocky walk, zodiac ride and short easy walk, or simply just a scenic zodiac tour along the coast to view wildlife and the geology of the area.

Day 4 - South Plaza (Santa Cruz Island) - Santa Fe Island

A small uplifted island just off the northeast coast of Santa Cruz. The island's low-lying landscape is covered with colorful saltbush, scrub, and giant prickly pear cactus. A subspecies of land iguana is found on the island in plentiful abundance and sometimes can be seen munching on the cactus. The southern cliffs are steep and rocky, and home to numerous seabirds as well as a bachelor colony of sea lions. Looking down into the clear blue waters, schools of surgeonfish swim by as birds shoot in and out of the holes in the cliff. A short hike and Zodiac ride provide ample opportunity to observe the beauty and wildlife of the island. The visit at Santa Fe begins with a wet landing on the small beach in Barrington Bay on the northeast side of the island. Large numbers of sea lions are found on the beaches and can often be seen surfing in the waves. Some of the island's endemic species include massive Santa Fe Opuntia cactus, the Galapagos hawk, Galapagos snake, rice rats, different types of finches, and the Galapagos mockingbird. The visit includes a hike past saltbush where Galapagos hawks as well as the Santa Fe land iguanas tend to roam.

Day 5 - Punta Pitt, San Cristobal Island - Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, San Cristobal Island

Pitt Point is located on the northeastern tip of San Cristobal Island. After disembarking onto the small greensand beach, you'll hike up to a plateau, where the view and landscape are so spectacular it is well worth the effort. A steep gully leads up the cliff to a breeding ground for all three varieties of boobies: red-footed, blue-footed, and Nazca. It's one of the few places in the Galapagos where you can see all three species nesting together. Puerto Baquerizo Moreno offers the opportunity to visit the small waterfront town of Puerto Baquerizo, the administrative capital of the islands. Excursion options include a tour of a local interpretation center and time for shopping or a fast-paced long walk to view scenic vistas, followed by a visit to the interpretation center.

Day 6 - Post Office Bay, Floreana Island - Cormorant Point, Floreana Island

Rich in history, this site is home to the post office barrel established in about 1793, where pirates, buccaneers, whalers, and others could leave their mail to be picked up by outbound ships. The tradition continues today, as visitors leave addressed postcards in the barrel and sort through left mail to deliver at home. Floreana was the first capital of the Galapagos, and where Charles Darwin met the islands' Governor. It's small brackish lagoon is often home to flamingos, stilts, and white-cheeked pintail ducks, and one of its beaches is a highly used nesting site for sea turtles. Check out the green-hued sand where you land.

Day 7 - Elizabeth Bay - Moreno Point, Isabela Island

Elizabeth Bay is one of the westernmost points in the Galapagos. A scenic zodiac ride within this sheltered inlet offers viewing of a wide variety of wildlife and a wonderful mangrove ecosystem. Along Isabela Island's beautiful rocky shore, a field of hardened black lava flows is pockmarked by shallow pools, which are home to shorebirds and flamingos. The mangrove-lined shore also provides a chance to see marine iguanas, sea turtles, stingrays, sharks, penguins, and the flightless cormorant.

Day 8 - Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island

This is the main population center of the islands, and home to the National Park Service tortoise-breeding center and the Charles Darwin Research Station. You will be able to visit the tortoise-breeding center and walk through the Charles Darwin Research Station.

Day 9 - Gardner Bay (Espanola) - Punta Suarez

The beach at Gardner Bay, with its sparkling white sand, offers one of the best places to relax and swim in the Galapagos. It's home to one of the most important colonies of sea lions in the archipelago, and is also a nesting site for sea turtles. Three species of Darwin's finches and Española mockingbirds may also be seen here. Española is the oldest island in the Galapagos and home to an abundance of wildlife. At Suarez Point, be greeted by a colony of sea lions upon arrival. This area is also home to nearly the entire world population of Waved Albatross—though they're graceful in the air, their clumsy behavior on land is a sight to see. A cliffside hike leads to a natural lava fissure that spews water like a towering geyser.

Day 10 - Baltra Island (Galapagos) - Lima, Peru

Upon debarking from your Galapagos cruise, you'll fly to Quito Airport and then to Lima, Peru. A Celebrity Representative will assist with your transfer to the International Departure area in Quito. Upon arrival in Lima, Peru, you will be greeted by a Celebrity Cruises representative at the airport, your guide and personal concierge for the Peru portion of the trip. Overnight at the Westin Lima hotel. A detail schedule of events, and departure times will be provided upon arrival in Lima.

Day 11 - Lima, Peru

This morning you will have the opportunity to sleep in or go for a swim in the indoor pool, the choice is yours. At noon, your guide will pick you up to start the afternoon tour with a culinary twist... you will visit Surquillo, the local food market, enjoy lunch at one of Lima's gourmet restaurants, and visit the bohemian district of Barranco. You will be back at the hotel late afternoon with ample time to get ready for next day's early departure to Cusco. Breakfast and dinner, as well as overnight at the Westin Lima Hotel.

Day 12 - Lima - Cuzco

After breakfast at the hotel, your guide will pick you up and transfer you to the airport for your Lima/Cuzco flight. Upon arrival in Cuzco your visit will start en route to The Sacred Valley. Lunch is served at Casa Hacienda Orihuela in The Sacred Valley, where the Orihueles, a family of great art collectors, will be your hosts. Dinner and overnight at the Tambo del Inca Luxury Collection hotel in The Sacred Valley.

Day 13 - The Sacred Valley, Peru

Tour the impressive ruins, featuring terraces carved into the hillside and a crowning temple designed for workshop and astronomical observation. You'll tour Ollantaytambo and the Pablo Seminario workshop, showcasing utilitarian, decorative, and artistic objects. Lunch at Wayra Ranch-gastronomic feast led by prominent chefs, as you delight in stunning equestrian Peruvian Paso horse entertainment and marinera music. Dinner and overnight at Tambo del Inca Luxury Collection

Day 14 - Machu Picchu & Cuzco

After a morning breakfast at the hotel, you'll depart for Machu Picchu on the Vistadome from the Tambo del Inca hotel train station. Lunch will be served at the Sanctuary Lodge in Machu Picchu. Tour the almost perfectly preserved buildings and the mysterious passageways underlying the city. Then enjoy welcoming aperitifs, dinner, and an excellent selection of wines, while relaxing on the Belmond Hiram Bingham Train back to Cuzco for an evening of local music, dancing, and Pisco sours. Overnight at hotel Monasterio.

Day 15 - Cusco, Peru

After a morning breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a scenic tour at the Coricancha, also known as the "Temple of the Sun" before touring the Sacsayhuaman fortress and the Cathedral, one of the most splendid Spanish colonial churches in America, housing about 400 colonial paintings from the Cuzco art school, impressive goldsmith, silversmith, and precious stone works. Overnight at hotel Monasterio.

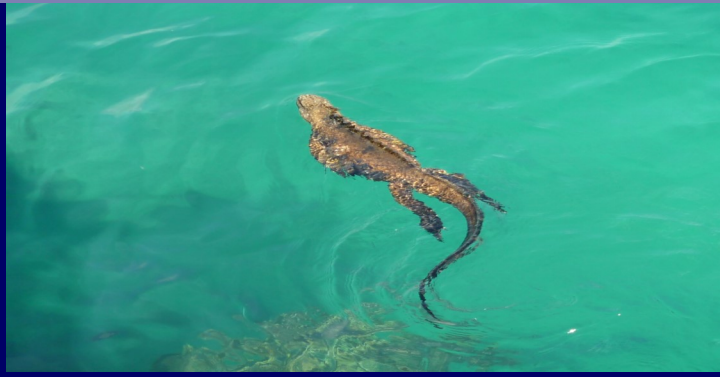
Day 16 - Cuzco to Lima, Peru

Upon your return flight to Lima, enjoy a scenic tour of the city, visiting the Larco Herrera Museum, a colonial mansion built in the eighteenth century. Lunch at Café del Museo restaurant before proceeding on to the Historic Center of Lima and the convent of San Francisco, a masterpiece of colonial architecture. Dinner is included. A day room (or overnight) in a deluxe room at Westin Lima Hotel is included and based on return flight schedule.

Day 17 - Lima, Peru

Head home today with more knowledge, great photos, and irreplaceable memories!





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Price includes: Airfare, all transfers including meet & greet service at Quito airport, 2 nights pre cruise hotel, meals and beverages in Quito, luggage service, 7-night inclusive cruise, Wi-Fi onboard, gratuities, included tours, onboard lectures, port taxes & fees, luxury hotel accommodations throughout Peru, Celebrity concierge service/tour escort, all tours and meals mentioned in itinerary, travel protection insurance

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