

**A PRIVATE TOUR OF
GALAPAGOS ISLANDS
DISTINCTIVE JOURNEYS**

**Galapagos with Quito
WHAT WE LIKE ABOUT THIS ITINERARY
OCEAN SPRAY
TRAVEL WITH A FEW NOT THE MASSES**

- Accommodates 16 passengers
 - Modern (2011) mega catamaran with oodles of space
 - All cabins have private bathrooms and balconies
 - Indoor and outdoor bars and dining areas
 - Large, bright lounge
 - Balconies Bilingual Naturalist Guide Quality Control Manager Kayaks on board
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ECUADOR DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Quito - Thursday, August 8, 2019

(-/-/-)

Quito Transfers in - airport/hotel

Overnight Hotel Casa Gangotena
04 Plaza View King Rooms

Day 2 - QUITO - Friday, August 9, 2019

(B/L/-)

QUITO OLD TOWN

Pick up from hotel to travel to the Old Town. Tour begins at Casa Gangotena. Walking tour of the Old Town's streets.

Overnight Hotel Casa Gangotena
04 Plaza View King Rooms

Day 3 - Quito - Saturday, August 10, 2019

(B/L/D)

Quito Transfers out – hotel/airport
Ticket Quito-Baltra

Day 3-10 - Ocean Spray – 8 days / 7 nights – Itinerary “B”

04 main deck double cabins

Day 10 - Galapagos - Saturday, August 17, 2019

(B/-/-)

Ticket Baltra-Quito

Special Remarks:

B = Breakfast

L = Lunch

D = Dinner

BL = Box Lunch

ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

Ecuador

A natural selection, only a Continent could give you more!

Day 1 - Quito - Thursday, August 8

(-/-/-)

Quito Transfers in - airport/hotel

Welcome to Quito and Ecuador! At the airport, you will be greeted by a representative, who will escort you all the way to your hotel, giving you a short briefing about Quito and the country in general with valuable information you need to know. Enjoy scenic colonial and artistic Quito, visit museums, monasteries and the golden altars of its many churches. Stand with a foot on each hemisphere on the Middle of the World memorial. The capital of Ecuador has a setting that few cities in the world can match. During the 13th century it was the prosperous center of the Kingdom of Quitus. It later became the northern capital of the Inca Empire. In the 16th and 17th centuries, Colonial architects built formidable temples, monasteries and mansions, creating an urban jewel designated by UNESCO/UN as a World Cultural Heritage Site. Quito’s artistic creativity awaits the visitor in cosmopolitan

galleries and boutiques filled with contemporary paintings, sculptures and exquisite traditional crafts.

Casa Gangotena Luxury Hotel

Plaza View King Room



The capital of Ecuador’s historic heart is a living treasure – the largest, best-restored in the Americas – benefitting from over \$250 million in cultural heritage investment over the last decade. It has become one of the ‘discovery’ destinations in Latin America, earning the praise of visitors and press alike for its stunning churches and sights, compelling museums and cultural centers and its approachable, friendly feel.

Day 2 - QUITO - Friday, August 9

(B/L/-)

QUITO OLD TOWN



We head out for a walking tour of the Old Town, intent on understanding more about the people who live in the largest and best-restored historical center in the Americas. We begin by meeting our local resident guide, part of a grassroots NGO organization that has created a walking tour of its Quito neighborhood, called San Roque. The guide takes us through the nearby streets, stopping to meet artisans, shopkeepers, hat makers and sweet confectioners. Up the hill on Calle Rocafuerte, we explore the San Francisco Market, one of the oldest in the capital. Here, we learn all about the fruit and vegetables produced in Ecuador and some culinary traditions.

We also have the chance to meet and learn from one of the local herbal healers who have locales in the market.

From the market, we walk downhill to the emblematic street of La Ronda, considered one of the flagship regeneration projects in the city. It's a quiet, cobbled street with typical balconies overflowing with geraniums. Here we visit the Manos en La Ronda project and meet artisans in the workshops. We then visit the chocolatier on the ground floor, where we enjoy a snack and have a chance to discover and taste the finest chocolate in the world – which, of course, comes from Ecuador..!

From La Ronda, we walk northwards through the handsome streets of the Old Town to the Plaza Grande, the political heart of the city. Following a brief explanation, we stroll to the Jesuit church of La Compañía with its stunning gold-leaf interior. Returning back to Plaza San Francisco, we visit the church, choir and pretty patios of the Franciscan order before arriving at Casa Gangotena, on the same square, for a lunch of Ecuadorian specialties prepared by the hotel's talented chefs.

In the afternoon, we cross the street to the excellent Casa del Alabado Archaeological Museum. It houses a fantastic collection of pieces dating back some 5,000 years, arrayed beautifully within a restored 17th-century colonial mansion.

This tour also includes a visit to a panoramic viewpoint to appreciate Quito in all its Andean splendour.



Overnight Hotel Casa Gangotena

Day 3 - Quito - Saturday, August 10

(B/L/D)

Transfer between Hotel in Quito & Airport Tababela (Private).

Upon arrival at the airport, you will board your flight to Baltra. From there you will enjoy a private transfer to the boat where you will embark on an 8 day journey!

Ocean Spray – 8 days / 7 nights



AM San Cristóbal Island:

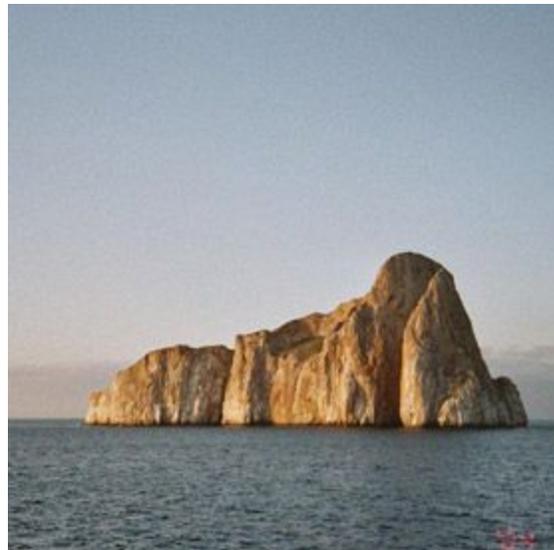
Arrival in airport and transfer to the boat. Briefing onboard about the boat and the island.

PM: San Cristobal - Isla Lobos:

This small island is named after the sea lions that rest and play on its rocky shores.

San Cristobal - Leon Dormido:

The island is comprised of two rocks which jut out of the ocean and is home to a large colony of sea birds.



Day 4 - Galapagos - Sunday, August 11

(B/L/D)

AM: San Cristobal - Pitt Point:

Here there are endemic species such as lava lizards and red-footed boobies.

PM: San Cristobal - Cerro Brujo:

A beautiful white-sand beach full of pelicans, blue-footed boobies, sea lions and marine iguanas.



Day 5 - Galapagos - Monday, August 12

(B/L/D)

AM: Floreana - Post Office Bay:

A white-sand beach where in the past sailors used to leave and receive their letters in a barrel.

PM: Floreana - Cormorant Point:

Cormorant Point offers a trail overlooking a saltwater lagoon that is a favorite of flamingos.

Floreana - Devil's Crown:

Arguably the best snorkelling site in the islands, Devil's Crown boasts an amazing variety of marine life.



Day 6 - Galapagos - Tuesday, August 13

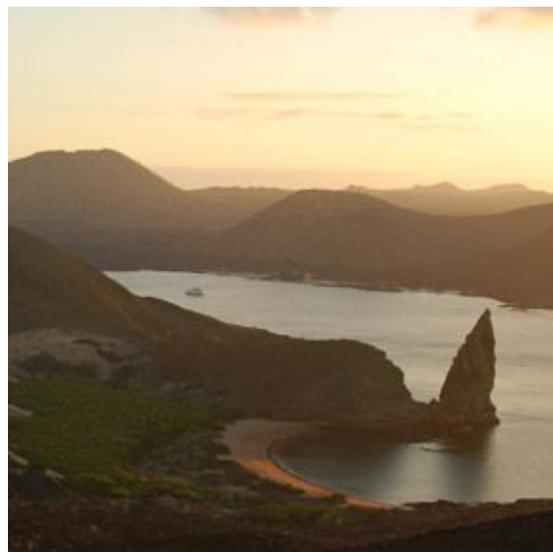
(B/L/D)

AM: Santa Cruz - Black Turtle Cove:

This shallow inlet is surrounded by mangroves and provides natural protection for a variety of marine life.

PM: Bartholomew - Pinnacle Rock:

Bartholomew is home of the Pinnacle Rock: the most famous view in the Galapagos Islands.



Day 7 - Galapagos - Wednesday, August 14

(B/L/D)

AM: Genovesa - Darwin Bay:

A coral beach where a 750 m. trail takes you through more seabird colonies.

PM: Genovesa - Prince Phillip's Steps:

An extraordinary, steep path leads through a seabird colony full of life, up to cliffs that are 25m high.



Day 8 - Galapagos - Thursday, August 15

(B/L/D)

AM: Santiago - Espumilla Beach:

Espumilla Beach is a popular place for marine iguanas and Sally Lightfoot Crabs.

Santiago - Buccaneer Cove:

Buccaneer Cove is a testament to the fact that Santiago was once a refuge for British buccaneers.

PM: Santiago - Puerto Egas:

Puerto Egas, with its black sand beaches, was the site of small salt mining industry in the 1960s



Day 9 - Galapagos - Friday, August 16

(B/L/D)

AM: North Seymour Island:

Explore the rocky coast, passing colonies of blue-footed boobies and magnificent frigate birds.

PM: Santa Cruz - Highlands:

The highlands are located in the northern part of the island and can reach elevations up to 1500 m.



Day 10 - Galapagos - Saturday, August 17

(B/-/-)

AM: Mosquera Island:

The island consists is a long narrow stretch of white sand, rocks, and tide pools.

Transfer to the Airport for your flight back to Quito and onward to your international flight.



RATES INCLUDE

- All shore excursions
- All meals throughout cruise
- Regular soft drinks and juices
- Champagne reception
- Welcome courtesy
- Kayaks
- Snorkeling gear and wetsuits
- Galapagos National Park Certified Guide
- Airport Transfers
- Pre Cruise Accommodations
- Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee
- Galapagos Transit Control Card
- Roundtrip air from Quito to Galapagos
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RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare to Quito
- Tips for crew / guide
- Alcoholic beverages
- Plastic bottled beverages
- Personal Expenses

