



Quito and Galapagos Islands with Red Mangrove Island Hopping



Red Mangrove Adventure Lodge

After a couple of nights in Quito, you will fly to the islands and begin your adventure with a night on Santa Cruz Island in the beautiful Red Mangrove Adventure Inn, the following day you travel to Floreana Island where you will overnight in the new Red Mangrove Lava Lodge. After touring the island with some of the most interesting human history, you will travel to Isabela Island and overnight in the Red Mangrove Sierra Lodge on Isabela Island before you return to one last night in the islands on Santa Cruz Island. You will enjoy touring the islands to discover their unique personalities in this exciting new way.

This tour includes airfare allowance from Miami (US), on non-holiday dates. You do not need to fly via Miami; Yampu will fly you the most direct way to your city of destination. Depending on your travel dates and proximity of travel, we will quote you the most economical surcharge from your city or country of origin.

Pricing

Occupancy Type	3-Star	4-Star	5-Star	Deluxe
Double	\$ 4009	\$ 4239	\$ 4699	\$ 5629
Single	\$ 4829	\$ 5159	\$ 6209	\$ 7929

Prices shown above are per person, in US Dollars (\$).



Red Mangrove Lava Lodge



Marine Iguana

Itinerary

Day 1

Flight to Quito. Upon arrival in Quito you will be greeted for airport reception and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2

Full Day Colonial Quito Tour & The Equator

The tour begins with a visit to Independence Square, where the Presidential Palace, the Cathedral and El Sagrario Church are located. We will also visit the Church of La Compañía (1605), with its amazing gilt altars. This is considered the finest example of baroque art in America and the Moorish influence can also be noted in the intricate designs carved on the magnificent red-and-gold columns and ceilings. Afterward we will take you to the church and monastery of San Francisco (1535). This is the oldest Ecuadorian church, and the main altar inside is a spectacular example of baroque carving. There is also a fine collection of artwork, including paintings, sculpture and furniture dating back to the 16th century. Finally we will drive up to the highest viewpoint of the city, El Panecillo, where we will have a spectacular view of Quito and the opportunity to see an old church with the famous "winged virgin" of Quito. After visiting the colonial and modern areas of the city, a 30-minute drive will take us to La Mitad del Mundo (the Middle of the World) with its 30-meter-high monument marking the equatorial line and excellent ethnographical museum.

Day 3

Quito - Baltra

This morning you will take the flight from Quito to Baltra. Upon arrival, you will be greeted for airport reception and transferred to Santa Cruz Island and transferred to Puerto Ayora and the Aventura Lodge. After lunch at the lodge, you will depart for Garrapatero Beach, a 25 minute ride away. Walking only 15 minutes along an easy trail you will come to the beautiful white sand beach known for its flamingos and finches. Spend the afternoon on the beach before returning to the Red Mangrove Aventura Lodge for dinner.

Day 4

Santa Cruz – Floreana

After breakfast, travel to 'Los Gemelos', also known as The Twins. These are two enormous collapsed lava chambers located in the Santa Cruz Highlands.

Leaving the Twin Craters, you will take a short ride to the Galapagos tortoise farm, a 600-acre private reserve where you will walk with the tortoises in the wild. Returning to the Aventura Lodge, enjoy lunch and then depart to Floreana, a two hour trip via boat. Upon arrival, visit La Loberia, a great place to swim and snorkel before checking into the Red Mangrove Floreana Lodge for dinner and an evening at leisure.

Day 5

Floreana – Isabela

This morning enjoy breakfast at a local family's house before departing to the highlands of Floreana. During the bus ride, of about 40 minutes, your Naturalist Guide will be pointing out the wildlife and filling you in with the colorful history of Floreana's first inhabitants, like Patrick Watkins, the Wittmers, the Baroness, and the Ritters, re-telling the legend of the "Floreana Mystery", which involves the mysterious deaths of several inhabitants, mystery that has never been solved.

Later this morning, transfer to Isabela via boat. Upon arrival, check into the Red Mangrove Isabela lodge for lunch before departing to Las Tintoreras and enjoying a tour of the bay. At the main dock, board a smaller craft to head out across the port, slowing down to view blue-footed boobies and Galapagos penguins sharing the same rocky sunbathing space, before turning a bend and docking. From there, take an intriguing walk through a jagged lava field, passing abundant colonies of marine iguanas and sea lions, to see a small canal of shallow waters, full of resting white-tipped reef sharks.

The views from here are something you will take with you for the rest of your life! The black, treacherous lava field, the emerald green sea, the green mangroves, and the cloud-capped volcanoes of Isla Isabela create an afternoon backdrop you are not likely to ever forget. Once you finish the walk, you can snorkel in this warm, shallow bay surrounded by mangroves, for an opportunity to see white-tipped reef sharks, sea lions, sea turtles, and, of course, the mystery of the mangrove below the surface. Don't worry; white-tipped reef sharks are not aggressive, but merely fascinating. This evening return to the Red Mangrove lodge on Isabela for dinner.

Day 6

Santa Cruz

After breakfast at the lodge, depart for the "Humedales" (Wetlands) Tour driving out of town along the beautiful white sand palm lined beach of Vilamill, one of the most beautiful beaches in the entire Galapagos. This beach, straight from the cover of a travel magazine, stretches on for 3 kilometers before the National Park boundaries, where we will walk up the trail to the summit of Cerro Orchilla, for an astounding view from the top. You will visit the "Muro de las Lagrimas" (Wall of Tears), a unique construction built by the backbreaking labor of prisoners of a penal colony centuries earlier. On the path to the Wall of Tears you will see many lava lizards, endemic an native flora, Darwin finches and perhaps, if you are lucky, some young Galapagos tortoises, released after been born at the breeding center Arnaldo Tupiza in Isabela, as part of the rearing program of giant tortoises held by the National Park. This afternoon we will have lunch at Isabela Lodge before departing to Santa Cruz. Upon arrival in Santa Cruz, enjoy a tour of the Charles Darwin Research station to learn more about the reptile breeding programs that take

place here and meet Lonesome George. This evening enjoy dinner and overnight at the Red Mangrove Aventura Lodge.

Day 7

Santa Cruz - Quito

After breakfast, depart for your transfer to the airport of Baltra, on time for your flight back to the mainland. Upon arrival you will be greeted for airport reception and transferred to your hotel in Quito for an evening at leisure.

Day 8

Transfer to the airport to take the flight back home or continue with the add-on of your choice.

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International air from Miami to Quito; Domestic air from Quito to the Galapagos; 2 nights accommodation in Quito hotel (including breakfasts), 2 night accommodation at the Red Mangrove Aventura Lodge, 1 night accommodation at the Red Mangrove Floreana and 1 night accommodation at the Red Mangrove on Isabela, all meals while in Galapagos, daily guided tours of the islands led by naturalist guide; day excursion in Quito and all transfers.

Not included is a \$100 Galapagos Park fee paid to the park as a contribution to its conservation, nor is a \$10 Transit Control Card fee, both of these must be paid in cash upon arrival in Galapagos. Airport taxes, gratuities and alcoholic beverages are not included. Local airport departure taxes that are payable in the country of destination are not included. Airfare taxes and security fees that can be paid at time of ticketing are included in the cost.

By traveling to the Galapagos with Yampu Tours, you will be making the choice to travel responsibly. As members of IGTOA (International Galapagos Tour Operators Association), Yampu donates \$7 for every traveler that travels to the Galapagos with us. We are dedicated to helping preserve the islands while supporting sustainable ecotourism. As an IGTOA member, we are informed, involved, and concerned.

There will also be an **optional** Galapagos Conservation contribution of \$50 per passenger added to your final proposal.

The contribution will go towards:

Creating benefits and educational opportunities for local people.

Strengthening responsible tourism management.

Building strong financial support for conservation among the travel industry and travelers.

Promoting high professional standards for the tourist industry.