



Ecuador Highlights with Cuenca, Devil's Nose & Baños



Cotopaxi Volcano

Yampu travelers will enjoy a 5-day cruise to the Galapagos Islands. The islands are infamous for their vast number of flora and fauna, and the studies conducted by Charles Darwin that led him to the theory of evolution. We then bring you to Cuenca, one of the most beautiful cities in Ecuador, before making our way to Alausí. Here, you will enjoy an exciting train ride down the famous Devil's Nose railroad. We will also spend some time in Quito and Guayaquil, the two most important cities in Ecuador. This exclusive and unique trip thoroughly combines Ecuador from the Andean countryside, coastal lowlands, and Galapagos Islands.

The Galapagos Cruises operates two 5-day itineraries. Depending on your dates of travel, you will enjoy either itinerary A or itinerary B. You will see the various ports of call listed on the day-by-day itinerary accordingly.

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	\$ 6239	\$ 6629	\$ 6979	\$ 7999
Single	\$ 9649	\$ 10019	\$ 11109	\$ 13299

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



The Highlands



Flamingo in Galapagos

Itinerary

Day 1

Friday

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

Day 2

Saturday

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. You 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 you will visit 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 you will drive up to the highest viewpoint of the city, El Panecillo, for 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 you 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

Sunday

Transfer to the airport for the morning flight from Quito to Baltra in the Galapagos. Upon arrival, airport reception and transfer to your Galapagos cruise.

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PM: Bachas Beach, Santa Cruz Island (A) or North Seymour Island (B).

Day 4

Monday

AM: Darwin Bay, Genovesa Island (A) or Cerro Brujo (Wizard Hill Beach), San Cristobal Island (B).

PM: Prince Philip's Steps, Genovesa Island (A) or Isla Lobos (B).

Day 5

Tuesday

AM: Bartolome Island (A) or Gardner Bay, Espanola Island (B).

PM: Sullivan Bay, Santiago Island (A) or Punta Suarez, Espanola Island (B).

Day 6

Wednesday

AM: Wetlands & Muro de las Lagrimas, Isabela Island (A) or Santa Fe Island (B).

PM: Sierra Negra, Isabela Island (A) or Plazas Island (B).

Day 7

Thursday

AM: Elizabeth Bay, Isabela Island (A) or Charles Darwin Research Center, Santa Cruz Island (B).

Transfer to the Baltra airport to take the flight back to Quito. Upon arrival, airport reception and transfer to your hotel for overnight in Quito.

Day 8

Friday

Quito - Cotopaxi NP – Baños

This morning you will be greeted at your hotel in Quito and transferred privately to the Cotopaxi National Park. Here you will admire the beautiful snow-capped volcano and will have an optional hike. Later, you will head to the Hacienda La Cienega, one of the oldest haciendas dating back to the seventeenth century, for a tasty lunch (included). After lunch, you will stop at Saquisilí Market (if Thursday), or Latacunga Market (if Tuesday or Saturday), please see information on these markets below. Transfer to Baños for an evening at your leisure. Lunch included.

Day 9

Saturday

Baños – Riobamba

After breakfast enjoy a visit to the Baños waterfalls including Manto de la Novia, Pailon del Diablo and Ines Maria. During your visit you will enjoy tastes of the local juice of sugar cane and melcochas. In the afternoon, you will transfer to Riobamba, visiting a local Indian Market en route (if open on that day).

Day 10

Sunday

Riobamba – Devils Nose Train – Ingapirca – Cuenca

Early in the morning you will drive to the village of Alausí, enjoying spectacular mountain views on the way. Here you will take a ride on the famous "Devil's Nose" train. Return and travel south to Cuenca, visiting the ruins of the Inca fortress Ingapirca en route. This evening, you will overnight in Cuenca. Box lunch included.

Please note this train does not operate on Mondays.

Day 11

Monday

Cuenca

This morning you will enjoy a city tour of Cuenca visiting the Calderon Park, the new and old Cathedral, the Park of the Flowers, the City Museum and modern art, the Canari-Incas of all saints' ruins, Canon of the Tomebamba and Turi River. In the afternoon, you will transfer to the airport to take your flight to Quito (you may also choose to spend an extra night in Cuenca, please consult with your Yampu travel consultant).

Day 12

Tuesday

Today you will transfer to the airport to take the international flight back home, or continue with the add-on of your choice.

Price includes:

International air from Miami to Quito return; domestic air from Quito to the Galapagos and Quito to Cuenca; 4 nights cabin tourist superior class boat; all meals on the cruise; hotel accommodation including breakfast; private land-based services from Cuenca to Quito; daily guided tours of the islands, led by naturalist guides; guided excursions with English-speaking guide; all transfers. Also included are the \$100 Galapagos Park fee and \$10 Transit Control Card fee.

Gratuities, fuel surcharges and local airport taxes that are payable in the country of destination are not included. Taxes and security fees that can be paid at time of ticketing are already included in the quote (if airfare has been included in the quote).

All cruise itineraries are subject to change.

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.