



Ecuador Highlights with Napo Wildlife Center Lodge



Napo Wildlife Center

NWC is made up of 82 square miles of the most pristine tropical rain forest. This area boasts great bio-diversity and privacy. Seclusion and comfort are the norm at this lodge, which offers lake and forest views from private porches. Napo Wildlife Center is the ancestral territory of the Añangu Quichua community, who took the initiative to build it themselves. Yampu travelers will also visit Quito and take a cruise to the Galapagos Islands.

There are no set dates for our trips; you choose your own. Just bare in mind that cruise itinerary starts on Sundays so ideal start date for this program is Friday with this boat. You may travel to and from the Napo Wildlife Center on any day of the week except Sundays. You also choose the type of accommodation (three-star to five-star hotels).

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	\$ 6299	\$ 6519	\$ 6689	\$ 7619
Single	\$ 9299	\$ 9629	\$ 10099	\$ 11829

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



Sea Lions



Room at Napo Wildlife Center

Itinerary

Day 1

Friday

Flight to Quito. Upon arrival in Quito, transfer 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. 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

Sunday

Transfer to the airport to take the flight to the Galapagos. Upon arrival, transfer to the Canal of Itabaca to board the yacht.

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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

This morning, you will transfer to the Quito airport for a 30 minute flight to Coca over the eastern Andes at almost 10,000 feet to the Amazon Basin at only 820 feet. Upon arrival in Coca, you will be greeted and transferred via the Napo River to the Napo Wildlife Center. Your transfer will last approximately two hours during which you will enjoy a boxed lunch and view the exotic wildlife of the Amazon.

This afternoon you arrive at the Yasuni Biosphere Reserve where you will transfer to a smaller dugout canoe and enjoy a peaceful paddle up a small stream that connects to the lake on which the lodge is located (no motorized transport is allowed on the creek so wildlife isn't disturbed). After one hour you will reach the Añangu Lake and get your first view of the striking lodge. Upon arrival, enjoy a welcome drink before settling into your accommodations. After dinner, you will have the opportunity to join a night excursion, taking in the nocturnal sounds and sights.

Day 9

Saturday

This morning you will wake early and transfer by canoe to one of the two best clay licks in Ecuador to witness the colorful whirlwind of activity beginning at 7:30am. Here you will be able to see 11 species of macaws, parrots and parakeets. The colorful birds arrive by the hundreds to eat the clay that is thought to detoxify certain nuts and seeds they eat. A specially designed viewing blind allows for close proximity and complete concealment so while the birds are performing their morning ritual, you can peacefully enjoy your coffee. As the activity at this lick begins to slow, you make your way to the second clay lick where you will be able to see different species of macaws, parrots & parakeets, weather permitting. Here you will enjoy a boxed lunch as you watch the avian activity. Late this afternoon you will return to the lodge and enjoy a siesta before dinner.

Day 10

Sunday

After an early breakfast, you will depart from the lodge for the finest experience at a canopy tower on the Napo. The 36 meter high canopy tour is the perfect way to view the wildlife above the forest floor. As you ascend the 12-story tower you will pass through different levels of the forest and emerge on top of a huge Ceiba tree. Here, you cross onto a wooden platform that is actually built into the tree and experience the view formerly reserved only for the birds. The metal tower itself was constructed to the highest standards, galvanized, and carefully inspected by engineers; safety is the priority.

Day 11

Monday

This morning you will depart from the Napo Wildlife Center early in the morning for the return flight to Quito, and then connecting with the international flight home.

Price includes:

- International air from Miami to Quito return; Domestic air from Quito to the Galapagos and Quito to Coca; 4 nights cabin tourist superior class boat; All meals on the cruise; Hotel accommodation including breakfast; Napo Wildlife Center Amazon Lodge program, including all meals; 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.