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Independent Galapagos cruise aboard the Galápagos Legend with Ecuador's Amazon

11-Day Package from Quito to Guayaquil

TOUR: ISK2



How deep is your love of adventure? Is it deep enough to follow the course of Charles Darwin to discover your own love affair with the wildlife of the Galápagos Islands and the Amazon Rainforest? If so, this Independence by Globus vacation in South America is pointing you in the right direction. Ignite your independent spirit on a canoe trip downriver from Coca to the comfort of your lodge in the Amazon Rainforest, where you're in good hands with a Naturalist guide to explore the jungle from its rainforest canopy to the forest floor. Be awestruck by the wealth of wildlife that thrives in this tropical wilderness. Next, explore the historic heart of Quito and depart for parts unknown where blue-footed boobies, giant tortoises, and diving iguanas of the Galápagos give new meaning to mind-blowing discoveries. Cruise in luxury on the

Galápagos Legend and explore the archipelago in the company of a Naturalist guide. Sail upon pristine waters to discover the perfectly evolved creatures who thrive on this volcanic archipelago. Stroll the sand where sea lions bask and albatross brace against the updrafts above the cliffs. Sail, snorkel, and simply stay in a state of astonishment through the sanctuaries of spectacular species on Bartolomé, Santiago, North Seymour, and San Cristobal Islands. Visit the Giant Tortoise Reserve where conservationists work to protect the gentle giants for which the islands are named. You'll also find the I-time you deserve to fall in love with adventure again!

All This. Included.

Your Globus Independent tour gives you the freedom to explore with the I-time you crave—with all the perks you'd expect from Globus. We take care of the details with included accommodations, daily breakfasts, select guided sightseeing, transportation and transfers between each city on your tour, and a Local Host in each city to assist you when needed. We'll also handle flight arrangements and airport transfers at the beginning and end of your tour, if you wish.

TOUR OVERVIEW

11

DAYS

1

COUNTRY

COUNTRIES

Ecuador

MEALS

Breakfast 10

Lunch 6

Dinner 6

SHIPS

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We Plan. You Go.

With Globus Independent, you're free to enjoy the many benefits of touring, untethered and unscheduled. So, go ahead, cure your curiosities and bring joy to your journey as you discover new destinations on your own with ease, thanks to on-the-go support from our team of travel experts.

Globus Independent invites you to explore the world and enjoy "I"-opening adventures, on your own, with expert help.

Everything You Need

We take care of the details with included accommodations, daily breakfasts, select guided sightseeing, and transportation between cities. We'll also handle flight arrangements and airport transfers, if you wish. And when life's surprises change plans, we've got you with our Yes! You're Covered Travel Plan.

Local Insiders

Explore confidently with the expert support you need, including helpful hints and recommendations from your Globus Local Hosts to help you make the most of your free time. And your GlobusGO mobile app is packed with insider tips so you can explore the world like a local.

Make It Personal

Globus Independent vacations are designed for your individuality to shine with plenty of free time to explore the world your way. Make it personal with hand-selected optional excursions that speak to you, or stay longer with seamless extensions to keep the adventure going.

DAY-BY-DAY

Itinerary

1

ARRIVE IN QUITO, ECUADOR

Welcome to Quito, where your hotel is available for mid-afternoon check-in.

2

QUITO–COCA–AMAZON LODGE

Fly to Coca where you will be met by your Naturalist.

- Travel by motorboat down the Napo River with opportunities to spot birds like herons, kingfishers, and others.
- Arrive at your Amazon lodge located on the banks of Napo River Lake surrounded by pristine rainforest.
- Tonight, enjoy a welcome briefing and dinner.



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

3

AMAZON LODGE

During your stay, enjoy nature excursions with a Naturalist who introduces you to the Amazon. Activities each day vary based on weather conditions.

- On the suspended rainforest canopy walk, your Naturalist points out many different species of vibrantly feathered birds.
- Jungle walks show off the immense biodiversity and medicinal plants that have been used by the native cultures for hundreds of years.
- Take a night walk or canoe ride with your Naturalist to discover creatures that can rarely be seen during the day!



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

4

AMAZON LODGE

Continue your Amazon exploration.

- Visit the lodge's butterfly house, one of Ecuador's largest.
- You will also cruise through the flooded forest in search of troops of squirrels, capuchin, and howler monkeys—and maybe even the incredibly well camouflaged 3-toed sloth.
- After fishing for piranhas, arrive at the Kapok Tree tower, perched 150-feet high. Get close-up views of birds as the sun sets on volcanic Mount Sumaco and the Andes.



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

5

AMAZON LODGE–COCA–QUITO

Depart your Amazon lodge and fly from Coca to Quito today.

- The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure.



Breakfast

6

QUITO

Your included private city tour showcases the rich legacy left by the Incas and the Spaniards. See Independence Square, dominated by its formidable cathedral, San Francisco Plaza Church, and the Basilica with its marvelous stained-glass windows.



Breakfast

While we include select excursions and must-see sights on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your tour.

Teleferico

Take a ride in the highest cable way in South America and get to know this amazing city, Quito, in a totally different way.

3h 0m

Price Range: \$\$

Middle of the World

Travel to the Equatorial Monument which marks the exact Middle of the World, latitude 0, where you can stand with a foot on each hemisphere.

3h 0m

Price Range: \$\$

Panoramic Quito by Night with Dinner

Drive into the old Colonial city during the evening for views of the romantic plazas and the impressive public and religious buildings followed by dinner.

3h 0m

Price Range: \$\$\$

7**QUITO–BALTRA (EMBARKATION)–GALÁPAGOS CRUISING: NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND**

Fly to Baltra and transfer with your expert Naturalist to the Galápagos Legend for your 3-night cruise.

- Sail to North Seymour, a landmass formed by a series of underwater volcanic eruptions, which deposited layers of lava on the ocean floor. Take a walk amidst large nesting colonies of blue-footed boobies, magnificent and great frigate birds, and swallow-tailed gulls for an in-depth encounter with sea bird breeding cycles. You will also encounter sea lions, land iguanas and, on a lucky day, you might even come across the endemic Galápagos snake.



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

8**CRUISING: BARTOLOMÉ ISLAND & SANTIAGO ISLAND**

Wake up at Bartolomé Island to discover a fascinating moonscape formed by volcanic parasitic cones. Hike to the summit for impressive views of the surrounding islands and Pinnacle Rock. You will also encounter marine iguanas, lava lizards, and blue-footed boobies. Bartolomé offers some of the best spots to snorkel, thanks to clear waters and abundant sea life, including sea turtles, white-tipped reef sharks, and maybe even Galápagos penguins.

- This afternoon, sail to Sullivan Bay on Santiago Island and take a walk on young Pahoehoe lava flows formed during the last quarter of the 19th Century. See the reddish-yellow tuff-cones with various flora growing from the fissures. Walking on the solidified lava gives the impression of walking on another planet. After your guided walk, spend time snorkeling from the white sand beach where you may see penguins, sea lions, sharks, and rays.



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

9**CRUISING: SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND**

Arrive at Pitt Islet on San Cristobal and walk to the top of a volcanic tuff to be rewarded with several magnificent viewpoints. This is one of the few sites where the Galápagos' three booby species (blue-footed, red-footed, and Nazca) can be seen together. You will also find the two species of frigate birds and a sea lion colony. The island waters are excellent for dinghy rides to see a range of seabirds—and a great spot to snorkel!

- At Cerro Brujo, visit a lagoon where migratory bird species can be seen: black-necked stilts, ruddy turnstones, whimbrels, other sandpiper species, and white-cheeked pintails. Cerro Brujo offers beautiful views of Kicker Rock, the southern part of San Cristobal, and the adjacent coast. Your visit includes time to swim with the sea lions and other marine life.



Breakfast



Lunch




Dinner

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CRUISING: SAN CRISTOBAL (DISEMBARKATION)–GUAYAQUIL

After breakfast, disembark in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno and visit the Giant Tortoise Reserve on San Cristobal. Learn about the national park's conservation and breeding programs to protect the endangered tortoise species.

- Also, visit the port village for a last chance at souvenirs before bidding farewell to the enchanted Galápagos Islands.
- Transfer to San Cristobal Airport and fly to Guayaquil, where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

 Breakfast

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GUAYAQUIL

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

Notes

Transportation is as outlined in the day-by-day itinerary and include private airport transfers to/from intra-vacation flights. Internal flights to/from the Galápagos and the Ecuadorian Amazon are included. Local guide service is provided in Quito. A Naturalist in the Galápagos & Amazon are also provided.

In the Galápagos, there will be “wet landings” meaning guests will need to be able to jump in the water, out of the boats/zodiacs and walk a couple of meters to the beaches. Terrain is rocky and uneven. Itinerary in the Galápagos are subject to change. For the Amazon adventure, guests should be prepared for eco-lodging due to their remote nature in the rainforest. Further, guests should be prepared for sustained walking, possibly muddy conditions, and have the ability to jump in/out of small water crafts such as canoes and small fishing boats. Itinerary is subject to change in low or high water situations. Maximum elevation is 9,350 ft.

A FRIEND IN THE CITY

Local Hosts

Locally Hosted. Uniquely You. Get to know your destination like a local with the support of Globus Local Hosts. Go off-the-beaten-path or visit the iconic places you've dreamed of with expert recommendations. Globus Local Hosts make sure your vacation gets off on the right foot and you have the information you need to follow your own path. Local Hosts are your guide to great discoveries.



MEET A GLOBUS LOCAL HOST

LOCAL HOST ANA CECILIA CARDENAS

I always liked to travel and that is why after finishing high school, I decided to study tourism administration. While I was studying at the University, I started to work as a tour guide and found it very interesting. Being a tour guide allows me to meet people from many different places and it took me to incredible places. For a period of time I moved to Argentina where I taught Spanish and English but I missed my family and country, so I decided to come back to Ecuador. When I came back to Quito, I worked as a Key Account Executive for a tour operator, which was a great experience for my career, but after a time, I decided to be a tour guide again. I realized I enjoy being with people outside in the nature more than working in an office, and I am able to have more time for other activities I like, such as painting and working with the children of my church.

HAND-PICKED

Hotels

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

QUITO

Hilton Colon Quito (SAT)

Ave Amazonas N 1914 Y Patria Avenida 1 Quito Ecuador

 SuperiorFirst-Class

 WiFi

The Hilton Colon Quito hotel is 10 minute walk from the colonial Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This modern hotel enjoys spectacular views of the city. Amenities include a fitness center, spa, outdoor heated pool, 5 restaurants/lounges, laundry service, concierge, florist, barber shop, and gift shop.

Hotel Amenities

- Parking/Valet
- Laundry Available
- Business Center
- Pool
- Fitness Room
- ATM
- Elevator
- Spa Services
- Currency Exchange
- Bar/Lounge
- Gift Shop
- Beauty Salon
- Luggage Storage
- Concierge Desk
- Restaurant On-Site

Room Features

- Mini-Bar
- Air Conditioning
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Hair Dryer
- Cable/Satellite
- Internet Access
- Pay Movies
- Voicemail
- In-Room Safe
- Wake-Up Calls
- Alarm Clock
- Climate Control
- Coffee Maker
- Television
- Daily Housekeeping
- Phone
- Desk
- Room Service
- Smoking Rooms
- Complimentary Toiletries

COCA

Napo Wildlife Center (SAT)

Río Yaupi N 31-90 y AV. Mariana de Jesus Coca Ecuador

 NationalPark

 WiFi

The Napo Wildlife Center Amazon Lodge is the ultimate alternative luxury eco-hotel in Amazonian Ecuador. Amenities include a restaurant, bar, two parrot clay licks, two canopy towers, boutique, library, Internet, and laundry service.

Hotel Amenities

- Laundry Available
- Gift Shop
- Restaurant On-Site

- Bar/Lounge
- Luggage Storage

Room Features

- Mini-Bar
- Daily Housekeeping
- In-Room Safe
- Wake-Up Calls
- Alarm Clock
- Internet Access
- Smoking Rooms
- Window Opens

GUAYAQUIL

Hilton Colon Guayaquil - SAT

Av Francisco de Orellana Mz 111 Guayaquil Ecuador

 ModerateDeluxe

 WiFi

Combining excellent service and a laid-back resort feel, Hilton Colon Guayaquil is conveniently located only a few minutes from Jose Joaquin de Olmedo International Airport. The hotel is the perfect retreat for those traveling to and from the Galapagos Islands.

Hotel Amenities

- Parking/Valet
- Laundry Available
- Business Center
- Pool
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage
- Concierge Desk
- Restaurant On-Site
- Currency Exchange
- Bar/Lounge
- Gift Shop
- Beauty Salon
- Fitness Room
- ATM
- Elevator
- Spa Services

Room Features

- Mini-Bar
- Air Conditioning
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Hair Dryer
- Cable/Satellite
- Phone
- Pay Movies
- Voicemail
- In-Room Safe
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Alarm Clock
- Climate Control
- Coffee Maker
- Television
- Internet Access
- Complimentary Newspaper
- Desk
- Room Service
- Wake-Up Calls
- Disabled Access / Rooms