



PERU & ECUADOR

MACHU PICCHU AND GALAPAGOS COMBO TOUR, SOUTH AMERICA HIGHLIGHTS BY BIKE, FOOT, KAYAK & SNORKEL 11-DAYS

The journey begins in the ancient Inca capital of Cuzco, the longest-continuously inhabited city in South America. Cuzco has much to offer in and of itself and we'll witness first-hand the traditional lifestyles of the locals as we pass by countless artisans and weavers. We'll then visit Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu, before visiting legendary Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas," to complete the Peru portion of your trip. Next, this trip continues onward to the Galápagos Islands, a living laboratory of evolution. On this Galapagos adventure, we'll witness everything from blue-footed boobies and lava lizards to equatorial penguins and pink flamingos. We will travel far from the crowds and cruises and view the islands from a very different perspective. We will bob through the ocean surf by sea kayak, paddling alongside giant sea turtles and seals, spend a day inland on bikes and spend time snorkelling the turquoise waters.

Day 1

LIMA - CUZCO

ARRIVAL & WALKING

Early this morning you'll arrive into Lima and immediately connect with a domestic flight into Cuzco (11,500 ft / 3,500 m). The streets of Cuzco are filled with artisans selling sweaters, pottery, and a variety of other handicrafts. In the afternoon, we'll head out for a walking tour of the historical City of Cuzco, visiting the Plaza de Armas, the Cathedral and Qoricancha (Inca Sun Temple). We'll then drive above the city of Cuzco to visit the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, Q'enqo, Pucapucara and Tambomachay. Overnight in a comfortable hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: None



Day 2

CUZCO - PISAC RUINS/MARKET - OLLANTAYTAMBO - AGUAS CALIENTES

SIGHTSEEING & TRAIN

After breakfast, we'll transfer to the "Sacred Valley of the Incas" by bus driving alongside the Vilcanota River. Our first stop will be the town of Pisac, famous for its hilltop ruins and artisan market. After exploring the ruins and market, we'll continue to Urubamba where we'll stop for a buffet lunch of typical Peruvian dishes. After lunch, we'll drive to Ollantaytambo and walk up the steps of this impressive fortress and explore the town. We'll then board the train to Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. Overnight in a comfortable hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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Day 3

AGUAS CALIENTES - MACHU PICCHU - CUZCO

HIKING & TRAIN

We have a full day dedicated to exploring Machu Picchu. There is also the option to climb Huayna Picchu, a young peak adjacent to Machu Picchu. If you are keen to climb this, only a certain number of people can climb Huayna Picchu a day as permits are required. These permits sell out well in advance and are subject to availability at time of booking. The hike is a challenging one, but the views are well worth the effort! A much less busy alternative is the Sun Gate, where the Inca Trail finishes. We highly recommend this option. Afterwards, our guide will give us a tour of Machu Picchu explaining the history and significance of the major sites. The tour takes about 2 hours after which you will have free time to explore the ruins on your own. In the afternoon, after lunch in Aguas Calientes, we'll take the train through the Urubamba valley destined for Cuzco. We'll be met at the train station and transferred back to our hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4

CUZCO - LIMA - QUITO

TRANSFER DAY

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to Lima. From here, you'll connect with your flight to Quito. Upon arrival into Quito, a BikeHike Adventures representative will meet you at the airport and transfer you to a comfortable hotel in downtown Quito. The remainder of the day is free to explore the city.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast



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Day 5

QUITO - SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

HIKING

In the morning, we'll be transferred back to the airport to connect with our flight to the Galapagos Islands, located 625 miles / 1,000 km off the coast of mainland Ecuador. After landing on Baltra Island, we'll shuttle up to the humid tropical parts of the island to visit the giant Galapagos turtles living in the wild here. We'll also stop to walk through some lava tunnels. Afterwards, we'll transfer to our hotel in the quiet, charming harbour town of Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz Island. Upon arrival to the town of Puerto Ayora we'll check in at the hotel and head out for dinner together.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6

BARTOLOME ISLAND

HIKING & SNORKELLING

We drive 35 minutes to our boat and then head north for three hours to one of the most beautiful islands in the archipelago, Bartolome. The effort to get there is worth every minute. This beautiful island offers the most well known views of the Galapagos, with its tuff cones, spatter cones, enormous lava flows on Santiago Island, the Pinnacle Rock and two golden sand beaches. After a hike to the look out point, we'll visit one of the golden sand beaches for some excellent snorkelling under the Pinnacle Rock, admiring the sea life. If we're lucky, sea lions will play around us. In the afternoon, we return to Santa Cruz Island.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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Day 7

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

BIKING & COFFEE PLANTATION

In the morning, we'll ride our bikes up to the look out point of Cerro Mesa, visit the largest pit crater on the island and then enjoy a great down hill bike ride to the beach of Garrapatero where we can refresh with a dip in the ocean. We'll then take a vehicle up to one of the first coffee and cane plantations on Santa Cruz Island. We'll learn about the process of making organic coffee and sugar. Overnight at same hotel in Santa Cruz.

Biking Distance: 32 km / 20 mi

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8

PINZÓN ISLAND

SNORKELLING

Today is a great day for snorkeling. We'll cruise to the island of Pinzón, stop by a white coral beach on the way and enjoy lots of snorkeling close to the island of Pinzón. Lunch is served on board the boat. We return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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Day 9

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

KAYAKING

In the morning, we'll go kayaking and navigate around Divine Bay and Punta Estrada, paddling through multiple lava channels of calm, turquoise waters. Within the channels, white-tipped sharks and stingrays patrol beneath the waves, while colonies of blue-footed boobies, tropic birds, herons and marine iguanas perch along the jagged cliffs. We have the afternoon free to explore the town, visit the Darwin Station or simply relax by the pool. Lunch and dinner on your own.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND - QUITO

TRANSFER & LEISURE TIME

Today we start with an early breakfast and shuttle to the airport on Baltra Island for our flight back to Quito and the mainland of Ecuador. In the afternoon, we'll tour the old town of Quito, the largest colonial centre of Latin America. After dinner in the old town we can explore the night life of Quito before returning to our hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



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Day 11

QUITO

DEPARTURE

You'll be transferred to the international airport for your flight back home.

Meals: Breakfast



TRIP INCLUSIONS

Trip Includes

All accommodation (twin shared), meals as indicated, equipment, internal transportation (excluding domestic flights in the Galapagos and Peru and the international flight from Peru - Ecuador), airport transfers and English-speaking guides.

Not Included

Galapagos Park Entrance Fee (\$100 US), Galapagos internal flights (Quito-Baltra-Quito - cost \$775 US), international flight from Lima - Quito, domestic flights Lima-Cuzco-Lima, airport departure taxes, gratuities, meals not indicated and items of a personal nature.

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