

# Experience the GALAPAGOS AND MACHU PICCHU

August 2 – 15, 2017

Personally hosted and escorted by Carlos Fida

Ecuador has it all; an amazing cloud forest, quaint Andean villages, the remarkable and very colonial city of Quito and the number one attraction: The Galapagos Islands, a Mecca for divers, explorers, nature enthusiasts and for those who enjoy voyages of discovery. Some of our past travelers have said that only a continent can give more. Ecuador is a wondrous land.

Our tour will experience a typical Indian market, the cloud forests with myriads of birds, and of course, the famous Galapagos Islands, once called by the early explorers "The Enchanted Islands." Snorkel with manta rays and seals; discover rare marine iguanas, giant tortoises, pelicans and blue footed boobies. The Galapagos are a true nature laboratory.

From Ecuador we continue to Lima, the so called City of Kings. We have added an amazing experience in the Land of the Incas. In Cuzco, the former Capital of the Inca Empire, we will visit the Temple of the Sun, the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, and the Cathedral with its trove of silver altar pieces and works of the famous Cuzco School of Painting. We will ride a train and journey through the Sacred Valley of the Incas to Machu Picchu, the Los Citadel of the Incas. We have included a tour of Colonial Lima before returning home.

## Itinerary Summary:

**August 2:** Depart Los Angeles.

**August 3:** Arrive in Quito, Ecuador. Upon arrival we are escorted to the Hotel Patio Andaluz, a beautiful property located in the colonial area of the city. In the afternoon our host, Mr. Carlos Fida, will guide you through the 16th century areas of the city and introduce you to the history of the birth place of the last Emperor of the Incas.

**August 4:** Tour of Quito, Middle of the World monument, and the line that divides the northern and southern hemisphere. After the tour we will continue to the Cloud Forest. This is the nesting and inhabiting place of thousands of hummingbirds and other species found nowhere else in South America. Our stay will be at the Bellavista Lodge, which is perched on the side of the cloud forest.

**August 5:** The day will be spent identifying flora and fauna of this spectacular region. We will hike trails of the pristine forest surrounding the lodge.

**August 6:** Today we will tour the Mindo forest and make a stop at the Chocolate Factory. Return to Quito for a stay at the Patio Andaluz.

**August 7:** This morning we journey to the Otavalo Indian market, one of the most famous native markets in Latin America. We will mingle with the locals and barter for beautiful textiles and handicrafts. Return to our hotel in Quito.

**August 8 - 11:** We fly from Quito to Baltra, the capital of the Galapagos. Then we will board the Galaven and cruise around the Galapagos Islands (four days/three nights). We make stops in different islands, most of them wet landings. On board we have available snorkeling equipment. August is the best month as the colorful frigate birds are nesting, while cormorants, blue and red footed boobies hatch their eggs. We will see penguins and giant tortoises, one of the main attractions of the island. We will visit the pens where several giant tortoises weighing 600 pounds could be found.



**August 11:** After finishing our cruise to the Galapagos Islands, we fly from Balta to Quito and on to Lima for an overnight at the Sonesta El Olivar Hotel. Breakfast and transfers are included.

**August 12:** Morning transfer to the airport for a short flight to Cuzco, the former capital of the Inca Empire. Cuzco and the Galapagos constitute the highlights of South America. Our sightseeing will take us to the ancient fortress of Sacsayhuaman, Kenko, Tambomachay and Puca-Pucara. Also included is a visit to the Temple of the Sun and the cathedral with an amazing collection of altars made of solid silver and art of the famous Cuzco School of Painting. Overnight at the Sonesta Posada del Inca hotel. Daily breakfast is included.

**August 13:** Morning transfer to the train station for our journey to Machu Picchu, the Lost Citadel of the Incas. The archaeological remains are perched on top of the Andean range. No other trip in the world can compare to the glorious view of the citadel of Machu Picchu, one of the wonders of the world. Evening return to Cuzco and to our hotel. Breakfast and lunch included.

**August 14:** Morning at leisure. There will be an organized tour to sightsee the city and reach some of the best boutiques where you can purchase unique items made by the locals. Afternoon transfer to the airport for a 75-minute flight to Lima. Upon arrival in Lima we have included a city tour of the so-called City of Kings, founded by Conquistador Pizarro. We will explore old colonial Lima which includes the Metropolitan Cathedral and the San Francisco convent, passing by the government and municipal palaces. Late evening transfer to the airport for our flight home.

**August 15:** Morning arrival in Los Angeles.

## Your Tour Host



**Carlos Fida**  
Argentine University  
History Professor (Retired)  
Award Winning  
South America Travel Expert

### What is Included?

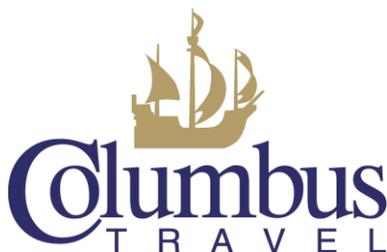
- Hotel and airport transfers
- Three nights at the deluxe Hotel Patio Andaluz
- Colonial & Historical City Tour in Quito and Middle of the World visit
- Transfer to Cloud Forest area
- Cloud Forest tour
- Two nights in the Cloud Forest at the Bellavista Lodge
- Mindo Tour with Chocolate Factory visit
- Otavalo Indian Market tour
- Airfare: Quito – Galapagos – Quito
- Four days/three nights cruise in the Galapagos Islands onboard the Galaven Yacht
- Private transportation
- English/Spanish speaking guide
- Meals (8 breakfasts/6 lunches/5 dinners)

### What is not included?

- International flights
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- CTC (Control Traffic Card) \$20 USD per person
- Galapagos National Park tax of \$100 USD per person
- Tips and gratuities
- Personal expenses
- Anything that is not specifically designated as “included”

**Land: \$4,819.00** per person based on double occupancy

**Airfare: Call for price**



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Rates are per person based on 2 sharing one room. Rates for 3 sharing a room or only 1 person in a room available upon request. Rates include all taxes and fuel surcharges current as of May 5, 2017. Taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change.

### DEPOSIT:

**\$400 per person for land/cruise.**

### FINAL PAYMENT:

Full payment for air is due upon booking.

Final payment for land/cruise is due May 31, 2017.

### CANCELLATION AND REFUND:

In case of cancellation the following cancellation penalties apply for the land/cruise portion:

Airfare is non-refundable.

#### Land/Cruise

Dates	Amount
May 6 to May 30, 2017	\$400 deposit
May 31, 2017	Land/Cruise non-refundable

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- Baggage Delay and more

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