



## **GALAPAGOS, MACHU PICCHU, AND EASTER ISLAND** **18 Days/17 Nights from \$3,979**



Galapagos, Machu Picchu, and Easter Island are three of the most popular destinations in South America. Your tour will begin in Quito which offers spectacular views of the Andes and nearby volcanoes. You will then travel to the Galapagos Islands for a four day cruise aboard the Galapagos Legend, and to Machu Picchu, the 'Lost city of the Incas'. The last part of your tour is Easter Island, situated 2,200 miles west of Chile in the Pacific Ocean, and known for its colossal Moai statues.

The **Galapagos Legend** is a 100 passenger deluxe expedition ship that offers the comforts and amenities of a larger cruise liner. It is air conditioned throughout, and features 57 cabins with lower beds, private bathroom, safe, and mini bar. The ship's spacious social areas include a pool, Jacuzzi, Fisherman's Bar, observation decks, al fresco dining areas, a spacious passenger lounge, dining room, boutique, library, and conference room. Snorkeling equipment (\$20) and wets suits (\$25) can be rented on board.

**CUSTOMIZATION:** This tour can be customized to suit your requirements.

**ACTIVITIES:** Cultural/historical sightseeing, wildlife viewing, hiking, snorkeling, and glass bottom boating.



**DEPARTURE DATES:** Saturday departures throughout the year.

**GROUP/PRIVATE:** All services in Quito and the Galapagos are operated on a group basis. In Peru, all transfers are private, and the city tour of Lima, city tour of Cusco, and the Sacred Valley of the Incas excursion are group tours for single passengers and 3 Star accommodations, and private for 4 Star, 5 Star, and Deluxe accommodation levels. In Santiago, all airport transfers are private, and the city tour

is a group tour for single passengers and 3 Star accommodations, and private for 4 Star, 5 Star, and Deluxe accommodations. All services in Easter Island are operated on a group basis for single passengers and 3 Star accommodations, and are private for 4 Star, 5 Star, and Deluxe accommodations. (Hotel Altiplanico provides its own shared transfers).

**ELEVATIONS:** Quito is 9,350 feet above sea level, Cusco is 10,912 feet, the Sacred Valley of the Incas is 8,944 feet, and Machu Picchu is 7,900 feet.

## **DETAILED ITINERARY**

**Note:** The route and program may vary according to National Park policies and regulations, weather conditions, seasonal changes, safety reasons and wildlife encounters.

**Dry Landing:** Guests step from the dinghy directly onto rocks or a dock.

**Wet Landing:** As the dinghy edges onto a sandy beach, guests step into knee-deep water and wade ashore.

### **DAY 1 (Sat): Quito.**

Depart to Quito. After passing through immigration and customs, proceed to the reception area, where our representative will be holding a sign with your name on it. You will be greeted and then transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Quito.

### **DAY 2 (Sun): City Tour of Quito.**

In the morning, you will have a city tour of Quito. You will explore the bustling streets and squares of the largest historical centre in the Americas, and visit some of its most important churches such as the majestic La Compania and iconic San Francisco, guardians of a stunning multi-ethnic artistic and cultural heritage. You will drive through the traditional neighborhood of San Juan and finish the morning at the Panecillo hillside, with its breathtaking views of the old and modern parts of the city. Overnight in Quito. (B)

### **DAY 3 (Mon): Quito/Baltra Airport/North Seymour.**

Morning transfer to the airport in Quito for the flight to Galapagos. Passengers are picked up at the airport by our guides and taken to the pier to board the M/V Galapagos Legend.

**North Seymour** (dry landing). Guests will encounter swallow tail gulls and sea lions. This site is a major nesting colony of blue footed boobies, and has the largest colony of the magnificent frigate bird. Travelers will also spot both the marine iguanas and land iguanas and will have snorkeling opportunities. Overnight aboard the Galapagos Legend. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 4 (Tue): Dragon Hill (Santa Cruz)/Cormorant Point (Floreana).**

**Dragon Hill** (wet landing). Passengers walk to a saltwater lagoon behind the beach, where on occasion many pink flamingos can be observed. This trail leads up to

Dragon Hill, which offers a lovely view of the bay. This is a nesting site for reintroduced land iguanas, and there is also a Scalesia tree forest. Passengers may opt to take a dinghy to Venice islet and observe the vegetation and marine animals like spotted eagle rays, golden rays, mullets, sharks and sea turtles. Land iguanas have often been observed as well.

**Cormorant Point** (wet landing). Visitors will hike from the black mangrove beds to a large, brackish lagoon, which holds one of the biggest flamingo populations in the Galapagos. The island is best known for its endemic plants like the Galapagos millwork, passion flower and button mangrove. Novice snorkelers can practice on the main beach with the playful sea lions; experienced snorkelers can roam around Devils Crown. Please keep in mind this is an open-water activity; there is nothing to step on. Overnight aboard the Galapagos Legend. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 5 (Wed): Suarez Point (Espanola)/La Galapaguera (San Cristobal).**

**Suarez Point** (dry landing). Visitors will learn more about the lava terrain and cross the inactive lava fields. Besides the sea lion colonies, this is a very important site for bird watching. Many species, such as the hooded mocking bird and red billed tropic bird can be spotted and observed closely. You will also see a large colony of marine iguanas, lava lizards, and sally light foot crabs. After a short trek visitors encounter colonies of masked and blue-footed boobies. The nesting grounds sometimes overlap the trail. Visitors will also find Galapagos doves, hawks and swallow-tailed gulls and then reach the world's largest colony of waved albatross. A major highlight is their mating season, from May through December. You'll visit the famous blowhole, where water shoots into the air about 23 m (75 ft).

**Puerto Baquerizo Moreno** (dry landing). Passengers will visit San Cristobal breeding center and learn about the National Park's breeding program with the giant tortoises. Passengers will observe some animals in their natural environment. Overnight aboard the Galapagos Legend. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 6 (Thu): Punta Carrion/Bartolome/Baltra Airport/Quito/Lima.**

**Punta Carrion.** During this visit you can snorkel and see a variety of fish, rays and perhaps the harmless white tip reef sharks. From Punta Carrion the short navigation is through the beautiful Itabaca Channel with its turquoise waters.

Return to the Galapagos Legend, check out and transfer to Baltra airport for the flight to Quito and then Lima, Peru. After passing through immigration and customs, proceed to the reception area, where our inbound services representative will be holding a sign with your name on it. You will be greeted and then transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Lima. (B)

#### **DAY 7 (Fri): Lima/City Tour.**

In the afternoon, you will have a city tour of Lima. You will visit downtown Lima and see several examples of the Spanish architecture of the colonial period including the Plaza de Armas, the Presidential Palace, the Cathedral, and the Church of San

Francisco and Catacombs. After that, you will see Huaca Huallamarca, a restored adobe pyramid dating from the pre-Inca period located in San Isidro. You will tour the upscale residential and commercial district of Miraflores and see the Parque del Amor, a seaside park with a huge statue of a kissing couple, before returning to your hotel. Overnight in Lima. (B)

**DAY 8 (Sat): Lima/Cusco/City Tour.**

Early morning transfer to the airport for the flight to Cusco. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. Because of the high altitude (10,912 feet above sea level), we recommend that you rest for a short period. In the afternoon, you will have a city tour that includes a walk through of the Cathedral, the Koricancha ('site of gold'), typical streets, and the four ruins that surround the city: the Sacsayhuaman Fortress, Kenko, Puca Pucara, and Tampumachay. Overnight in Cusco. (B)

**DAY 9 (Sun): Cusco/Sacred Valley of the Incas.**

Full-day excursion to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, including the Indian artisan market in Pisac and the fortress of Ollantaytambo. Overnight in Cusco. (B,L)

**Note:** The Indian market opens only Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from October to March, and daily from April to September.

**DAY 10 (Mon): Cusco/Machu Picchu.**

Morning transfer to the train station for the ride to Machu Picchu, 'the Lost City of the Incas' (7,900 ft.). This mountaintop citadel, which served as both a center of worship and an astronomic observatory, is located in the middle of the cloud forest overlooking the Urubamba River. There are both agricultural and urban areas constructed with the precision stonework that the Incas are known for. The agricultural area consists of terraces and food storehouses, and the urban area contains temples, squares, and royal tombs. Guided tour followed by lunch at the Sanctuary Lodge. Free afternoon. Overnight in Aguas Calientes. (B,L)

**DAY 11 (Tue): Machu Picchu/Cusco.**

This is a free day to explore Machu Picchu on your own. You may want to hike Huayna Picchu, visit the nearby hot springs of Aguas Calientes, or enjoy another activity. Mid-afternoon, you will depart from Machu Picchu by train to Poroy Station in the Sacred Valley, and then be transported to your hotel in Cusco. Overnight in Cusco. (B)

**DAY 12 (Wed): Cusco/Lima.**

Morning transfer to the airport for your flight back to Lima. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. You will have the afternoon free. Overnight in Lima. (B)

**DAY 13 (Thu): Lima/Santiago.**

Early morning transfer for the airport for your flight to Santiago. After passing through immigration and customs, proceed to the reception area, where our inbound services representative will be holding a sign with your name on it. You will be greeted and then transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Santiago. (B)

**DAY 14 (Fri): Santiago/City Tour/Folkloric Dinner Show.**

In the morning, you will have a panoramic city tour of Santiago, which will include Parque O'Higgins, Plaza de Armas (the city's historic center), Palacio de la Moneda, ex-National Congress, Mapocho Station Cultural Center, Santa Lucia Hill, the place of Santiago's founding in 1541, and the Bohemian district of Bellavista. In the evening, you will have a folkloric dinner show with typical Chilean dishes, dances, music, and costumes. Overnight in Santiago. (B,D)

**DAY 15 (Sat): Santiago/Easter Island.**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Easter Island. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Easter Island. (B)

**Note:** There are no flights from Santiago to Easter Island on Mondays and Thursdays.

**DAY 16 (Sun): Easter Island/Rano Raraku/Anakena Beach.**

Full day excursion visiting the archaeological center of Akahanga and the quarry at Rano Raraku volcano, where all of the moai on the island were carved. You will see over 300 statues in various stages of completion, and one giant moai, 21 meters (69 ft.) tall. You will also visit Ahu Tongariki, the largest ahu (burial site), whose moai were re-erected after a tsunami flattened the statues, Ahu Te Pito Kura, site of the largest moai moved from the quarry, and the ahu Nau Nau at Anakena Beach. Picnic lunch at Anakena Beach. Overnight in Easter Island. (B,L)

**DAY 17 (Mon): Easter Island/Orongo/Ahu Akivi.**

Half day tour to the Rano Kau crater, the Orongo ceremonial village, with its birdman petroglyphs, and Vinapu with its two ahu. Half day tour to Ahu Akivi with its seven moai facing the sea, the caves of Ana Te Pahu, and Puna Pau, the volcanic crater where the pukao (reddish stone hats/headaddresses) that some moai wear were carved. Overnight in Easter Island. (B)

**DAY 18 (Tue): Easter Island/Santiago.**

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Santiago and your final destination. (B)

**B** = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner

**A Note About Your Free Day in Machu Picchu**

On your free day, you will be on your own. If you choose to revisit Machu Picchu, you will need to purchase a one-day pass to enter the site, which currently costs 127 soles per person (+/- \$44 per person, which you must pay for in soles, the local Peruvian currency). If you are staying in Aguas Calientes, you will also need to purchase a round-trip bus ticket (\$15 per person, which you must pay for in dollars) for transportation to the site. As an alternative to visiting Machu Picchu again, you can visit the hot springs nearby, or partake in another activity. At the end of the day (mid-late afternoon), you will walk to the train station for the return ride to Cusco. Our local representative will be waiting for you at the train station in Poroy to take you to your hotel.

**PRICE PER PERSON** (in U.S. Dollars)

	<b>Single</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Triple</b>
3 Star	\$5,859	\$3,979	n/a
4 Star	\$6,819	\$4,599	n/a
5 Star	\$8,529	\$5,479	n/a
Deluxe	\$9,919	\$6,199	n/a

**NOTES:**

1. The above prices are valid until December 10, 2011.
2. The above prices are based on a Moon Cabin during the cruise.
3. Singles willing to share a cabin during the cruise receive a substantial discount on the Single price shown above.
4. Room/cabin upgrades and additional nights in each destination are available upon request.
5. Triples are available in the Junior Suite, Legend Suite, and Balcony Suite cabins.
6. Machu Picchu Pueblo, Hatuchay Tower, and Sanctuary Lodge accommodations include breakfast and dinner.
7. Upgrade to the Hiram Bingham train, which operates every day except Sunday, is available for \$450 per person.
8. Oxygenated rooms are available at the Monasterio in Cusco for an additional \$50 per room per day.
9. Christmas Season and High Season (from June to August) surcharges may apply.

**HOTELS**

**3 Star:** Quito, Hotel Quito; Lima, Casa Andina Classic Miraflores; Cusco, Casa Andina Classic Cusco; Machu Picchu, Machu Picchu Inn; Santiago, Rugendas; Easter Island, Hotel Tahatai.

**4 Star:** Quito, Hotel Quito; Lima, Sol de Oro; Cusco, Novotel Cusco; Machu Picchu, Hatuchay Tower; Santiago, Atton el Bosque; Easter Island, Hotel Iorana.

**5 Star:** Quito, Hotel Quito; Lima, J.W. Marriott; Cusco, Libertador; Machu Picchu, Machu Picchu Pueblo; Santiago, Santiago Marriott; Easter Island, Hotel Altiplanico.

**Deluxe:** Quito, Hotel Quito; Lima, Miraflores Park Plaza Hotel; Cusco, Hotel Monasterio; Machu Picchu, Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge; Santiago, Ritz-Carlton; Easter Island, Hotel Altiplanico.

## **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- South American Vacations' expert pre-departure planning services and documentation.
- Airfare from Quito to Galapagos to Quito in economy class.
- Airport/hotel transfers including baggage handling.
- Hotel accommodations including service fees and taxes.
- Accommodations on board the M/V Galapagos Legend.
- All meals scheduled on board.
- Excursion to Machu Picchu via Vistadome train and other excursions as indicated on the itinerary including all applicable entrance fees.
- Two daily excursions to the islands conducted by bi-lingual naturalist guides.
- Evening briefings and lectures.

## **PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- International airfare.
- Domestic airfare within Peru and Chile.
- Ecuadorian international departure tax (Quito \$40.80/Guayaquil \$30.16).
- Peruvian international departure tax (\$30.25).
- Peruvian domestic departure tax (\$6.05 each way).
- Chilean reciprocity tax of (\$131).
- Galapagos National Park entrance fee (\$100).
- Transit control card (\$10).
- Meals not indicated on the itinerary.
- Gratuities to ship crew and guides.
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Gifts and personal items.
- Travel insurance.

**We will be happy to quote the cost of international airfare, domestic airfare within Peru and Chile, and travel insurance, and to make these arrangements for you.**

## **IGTOA'S TRAVELER FUNDING PROGRAM**

South American Vacations is an active member of IGTOA (International Galapagos Tour Operators Association). In support of IGTOA's Traveler Funding Program, we contribute \$50 for each passenger that we send to the Galapagos Islands. You'll travel knowing that you support the lasting protection of Galapagos Islands.

Sixty percent of the funding of this program goes directly to the Charles Darwin Foundation for science, conservation, and education. Their work, carried out through the Charles Darwin Research Station and Galapagos National Park, is vital to the preservation of the islands. You can visit their web site to learn more [www.darwinfoundation.org](http://www.darwinfoundation.org). The remainder goes toward IGTOA's mission of creating a model of responsible and sustainable tourism.

**PASSPORT/VISA:** For Ecuador, U.S., Australian, Canadian, and EU citizens only require a passport valid for at least six months from date of entry and return ticket for stays of up to 90 days. Citizens of other countries are advised to contact the Ecuadorian embassy in their country before traveling. For Peru, U.S., Australian, Canadian, and EU citizens (except Latvia and Romania) require a passport valid for at least six months from date of entry and return ticket for stays of up to 90 days. Citizens of Latvia and Romania require a visa. Citizens of other countries are advised to contact the Peruvian embassy in their country before traveling. For Chile, U.S., Australian, Canadian, and EU (except Greece and Romania, which require a visa) citizens require a passport valid for at least six months from date of entry and return ticket for stays of up to 90 days. U.S., Australian, and Canadian citizens are required to pay a reciprocity fee (considered a multiple entry visa) of \$131, \$61 and \$132 respectively in cash upon arrival (subject to change without notice due to currency fluctuations or other reasons). Citizens of other countries are advised to contact the Chilean embassy in their country before traveling.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** In order to protect your travel investment from unforeseen circumstances that may arise before or during your trip, we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance. We offer **Access America's Classic Comprehensive** and other plans. The Benefits, Coverage Limits, and rates are summarized on our website at [www.savacations.com/insurance.asp](http://www.savacations.com/insurance.asp). Call your travel counselor if you have any questions or to purchase a plan.

**TO BOOK THIS TRIP:** Call or email us to confirm the availability of the ship and airfare for your desired dates of travel. Once we have confirmed availability, you will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person plus the cost of the airfare (if we arrange it for you). The balance of the trip cost is due 60 days prior to departure.

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