



Cotopaxi National Park



Devil's Nose Train, Ecuador

DAY 4 PEREIRA: SALENTO & COCORA VALLEY

- Experience a short ride in a Jeep Willys, normally used to carry fruits and coffee from the plantation on the way to **Cocora Valley** where we can find the world's tallest palm trees. Follow the guide for a walk in the cloud forest to appreciate the biodiversity of fauna and flora.
- Continue to **Salento**, the region's oldest village. Walk through narrow streets to admire the colourful balconies and small shops.

 Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

DAY 5 PEREIRA ✕ CARTAGENA

- Drive through the hilly landscapes of coffee plantations. Visit a small coffee plantation where we learn about the process of coffee from beans to drink.
- Transfer to the airport for our flight to **Cartagena**, a port located on the northern coast of Colombia in the Caribbean Coast.

 Breakfast / Dinner

DAY 6 CARTAGENA

- Drive to the La Popa Monastery located on Cartagenas Hills. Enjoy a wonderful panorama over the city and the bay. Make a photo stop at the massive San Felipe Fortress (*UNESCO Heritage Site*) and walk along the colourful streets, winding alleys and main squares of old Cartagena.
- Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

 Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

DAY 7 CARTAGENA ✕ QUITO, ECUADOR

- Travel to the **Quito**, the capital of Ecuador located at an elevation of 2850 above sea level. The historic center of Quito is one of the best preserved in the Americas and one of the first declared by UNESCO as World Cultural heritage Sites.

 Breakfast / Dinner

DAY 8 QUITO

- **Quito city tour:** Enjoy the colonial history of Ecuador as we walk through the culturally diverse old city. See Independence Square with the Government and Bishop Palaces as well as the Cathedral. Visit the most ornate and richly sculptured façade and interior of the La Compania. Continue to the Equatorial Line Monument called 'Middle of the World'. Here, we can experience standing in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres simultaneously. The monument marks the spot where the 18th century French expedition established the exact position of the Equator.

 Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

DAY 9 QUITO ✕ RIOBAMBA

- Drive along the 'Avenue of the Volcanoes', named by Alexander von Humboldt. The highway winds its way through the Andean Mountain chain. One a clear day, be treated to a spectacular view of the perfectly formed Cotopaxi Volcano, one the world's tallest.
- Visit the Cotopaxi National Park, Ecuador's most attractive ecological reserves (4000m asl). The park is home to deer, pumas, condors, wild horses and llamas.
- Continue to **Riobamba** (2700m asl), a small Andean city with colonial architecture.

 Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

DAY 10 RIOBAMBA ✕ CUENCA

- Transfer to the train station in **Alausi** to board the Devil's Nose Train. This engineering achievement allowed the connection of the coast with the Andes.
- After the train ride, visit the Inca ruins of Ingapirca, the most important pre-Spanish monument in Ecuador. Learn about the Incas during our walk through the site.
- Continue to **Cuenca** (2560m asl), reputed to be Ecuador's most beautiful city.

 Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

DAY 11 CUENCA ✕ GUAYAQUIL

- **Cuenca city tour:** Admire historical buildings the local flower and craft markets during our walking tour. The main square with the old and new cathedrals is lined with elegant architecture. Enjoy an interesting visit to a Panama hat factory after the walking tour to learn the story and making of this world famous headwear.
- Travel to **Guayaquil**, a port city in Ecuador and a gateway to the Galapagos Island.

 Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

DAY 12 GUAYAQUIL ✕ SANTA CRUZ (GALAPAGOS)

- Board our flight to the Galapagos Islands, an archipelago of thirteen main islands and six smaller isles about one thousand kilometers from mainland Ecuador. The Galapagos archipelago is renowned for its unique and fearless wildlife, such as giant tortoises, sea lions, penguins, marine iguanas and different bird species. Strict controls on tourist access are maintained in an effort to protect the natural habitats. (*Remarks: itinerary in Galapagos is subject to weather conditions and national park regulations*)
- Visit the Giant Tortoise Breeding Center of the Charles Darwin Research Station which is surrounded by an enormous prickly pear cactus forest and hundreds of land birds. This station is home to the park's scientific investigation, conservation and administration. Travel towards the cooler highlands of Santa Cruz where the ecosystem is entirely distinct.

 Breakfast / Dinner



Galapagos Sea Lion



Great Frigate



Land Iguana



Cartagena, Colombia



Blue-footed Boobies

DAY 14
SANTE FE ISLAND OR SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND

- Depending on the approval from the Galapagos National Park regulations, visit either Sante Fe or Plaza Island.
- Travel to **Sante Fe** with its tranquil white sand beach, home to a large colony of sea lions. On our morning walk, observe the endemic land iguana (*only found on this island*) lounging around giant prickly pear cacti. The bay is an excellent swimming and snorkeling place to see turtles, rays and fish.
- Visit the **South Plaza Island** known for its incredible turquoise waters that contrast against the white sand and black lava shoreline. Scarlet sesuvium succulents blanket the ground of a grove of bright green prickly part cacti, around which yellow-grey land iguana lounge. Patiently waiting for the fruit to fall. See also sea lion colonies, frigates, swallow-tailed gulls and shearwaters.

Breakfast / Lunch

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Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

DAY 16
SANTA CRUZ ✕ PANAMA CITY (PANAMA)

- Leave Galapagos Islands for our flight to **Panama City**, the capital framed by the Pacific Ocean.

Breakfast / Dinner

DAY 17
PANAMA CITY

- **Panama City sightseeing:** Visit the ruins of Panama la Vieja, remains of the Pacific's first Spanish city which flourished from the gold and silver from America converging there. Explore the colonial Casco Viejo (*UNESCO World Heritage Site*) with its charming streets before going to the modern part of the city.
- The world famous Panama Canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans is a must-see for visitors to Panama City. Visit the Miraflores Locks to see the engineering marvel in action. Witness cargo laden ships squeezing through with inches to spare.

Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

DAY 18
PANAMA CITY

- Enjoy the day at leisure to further explore Panama City.

Breakfast

DAY 19
PANAMA CITY ✕ SINGAPORE

- Bid farewell to Latin America as we drive to the airport for our flight home.

Breakfast



Galapagos South Plaza Island

DAY 20
ENROUTE

DAY 21
ARRIVE SINGAPORE

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Note: The sequence of the itinerary is subject to change without prior notice. During major conferences, fairs and festivals accommodation may be located outside the city or in an alternate city without prior notice. Please refer to The Americas brochure for booking terms and conditions.



Giant Tortoise

DAY 13
BARTOLOME OR NORTH SEYMOUR

- Depending on the approval from the Galapagos National Park regulations, visit either Bartolome or Seymour.
- Board the yacht for a trip to **Bartolome** Island which has the most beautiful and photographed landscapes of the islands. On arrival, climb 114 meters to the top of the extinct volcano to take in the spectacular landscape. See the pinnacle rock, a big lava formation that has eroded over time. Spend some time at the beach. With luck, we may see Galapagos Penguins and sea turtles swimming in shallow waters.
(Wet landing on the beach)
- Board the yacht for a trip to **North Seymour** located at the center of the archipelago. Here, we can see the Palo Santo (*incense stick*) trees, blue footed boobies, swallowed tail gull sitting on cliffs and a large number of frigate birds with their enormous red pouches hanging from their necks. Continue to Bachas Beach to snorkel and enjoy the sea.

Breakfast / Lunch