

**CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA** 

# **Ecuador and Galapagos Islands**

9 Days / 8 Nights

Quito & Otavalo Valley



# **Ecuador and Galapagos Islands Trip Highlights**

## **Cooking Lessons in Ecuador**

Discover delicious Ecuadorian treats—like ice cream and empanadas—made at the Hacienda Pinsaqui, the 16th-century Andean estate, your residence for two nights.

# 4-Night Cruise in the Galapagos Islands Aboard the La Pinta Yacht

Board this elegant vessel filled with stargazing and storytelling for an expedition to the islands of Baltra, Santa Cruz, Bartolome, Santiago, and Genovesa.

## **Visit Quitsato Equator Sundial**

Stand at the "middle of the world" as you visit this enormous sundial. Sitting precisely on the equator, the sundial marks not just the location but also the cultural identity of Ecuador.

# Hiking and Snorkeling in the Galapagos Islands

Hike across the Archipelago islands and submerge yourself in exotic underwater worlds with the help of a licensed naturalist. Encounter unique animal life—like blue-footed boobies, sea turtles, giant tortoises, red frigate birds, iguanas and sea lions.

## **Experience the Andean Way of Life**

Be entranced by the whirling folk dancers at a festive welcome dinner and a private performance by a local flute maker. Learn weaving techniques from local experts at a renowned cultural center.

Accommodations	Flight Information	Ages	Meals
JW Marriott Hotel Quito Hacienda Pinsaqui La Pinta Yacht	Arrive: UIO (Quito) Return: UIO (Quito) Internal Flights Included	Minimum Age: 7 Suggested Age: 8+	8 Breakfasts 7 Lunches 7 Dinners



## **Arrive in Quito**

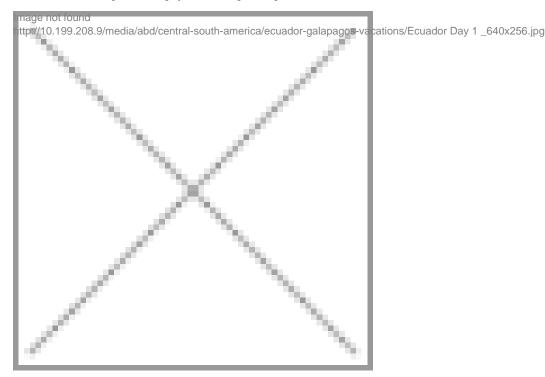
Upon arrival at the Quito Airport, an *Adventures by Disney* representative meets you and escorts you to your transfer vehicle. Relax as the driver assists with your luggage and brings you to the JW Marriott Hotel.

## **JW Marriott Hotel**

Welcome to Quito, also known as "The Middle of the World"! This luxury hotel in the capital of Ecuador is surrounded by spellbinding views of the magnificent, snow-capped mountains and volcanoes outside of the city. Sit back and stretch your legs while your Adventure Guides check you in. If your flight arrives earlier in the day, opt to have a family dinner in the hotel.

Accommodations: JW Marriott Hotel Quito

Meal(s) Included: None



#### **Welcome Breakfast**

Meet your fellow adventurers and Adventure Guides during an exclusive breakfast at the hotel. Say *Buenos días!* and fuel up for a day of excitement.

#### **Quitsato Equator Sundial**

Stand at the "middle of the world" as you visit this enormous sundial. A local expert introduces you to the monument and its history. Sitting precisely on the equator, the sundial marks not just the location but the cultural identity of Ecuador.

#### **Rose Plantation Visit**

Stop to smell the roses on this short visit to this aromatic plantation. Roses are one of the biggest exports from Ecuador after petroleum and bananas! Learn more about this important part of Ecuadorean culture.

## **Traditional Lunch and Storytelling**

Gather for a story about Ecuadorian cuisine as you savor a traditional lunch featuring a special presentation of their famous quinoa, as well as *aji* "hot" sauce that's made with peppers, cilantro, garlic, onion and lime.

#### **Private Flute Making and Musical Demonstration**

Create your own keepsake when you make a wooden Andean flute with a famous musical family. Then learn about the variety of panflutes and other instruments that make the joyful music of Ecuador during an exclusive musical demonstration.

#### **Weaving Demonstration**

Discover why the woven handcrafts of Ecuador are world-famous for their bold colors and dazzling craftsmanship during this weaving demonstration. Join in the weaving process with these expert artisans as they also teach you the secrets of how the diverse dyes are created.

## **Welcome Greeting at the Hotel and Tour**

The hacienda's staff greets you with a glass of juice before you head off to see the grounds. Learn about the history of this grand estate in the Andean Highlands as your Adventure Guides check you in. After checking in, learn about the hacienda's fascinating history with the help of a local guide. Keep an eye out for llamas, peacocks, horses and rabbits as you make your way through the scenic grounds and gardens.

## Hiking, Horses & Massage\*

Treat yourself to some relaxing "on your own" time. Explore the magnificent natural scenery either by foot or by horseback. Enjoy a soothing massage to reinvigorate your body and soul.

## **Folkloric Dance Show**

Join the jubilant show as traditional dancers welcome you in their brilliantly hued costumes and draw you into the joyous swirl.

## **Welcome Dinner at the Hacienda**

Welcome to the warm and inviting restaurant of Hacienda Pinsagui with its white stone walls and wide windows that reveal the charming

grounds. Meet in the private dining room for an exclusive three-course meal of Ecuador's robust and piquant cuisine!

# **Evening Activities at the Hacienda**

Head to the game room or relax and read by the fire in this one-of-a-kind retreat.

\*Massages included for an additional charge.

Accommodations: Hacienda Pinsaqui **Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



#### **Depart Pinsaqui**

Have a leisurely breakfast at the hacienda before you board the motor coach for an excursion to the Otavalo Valley weaving center.

#### **Parque Condor and Kite Flying**

Hear all about the history and important work in progress at the Parque Condor, a refuge saving this regal bird from the threat of extinction. Next, join your Adventure Guides as you take a kite and fly it above the lush grasses that blanket the hillsides of Otavalo.

## **Private Lunch at Puerto Lago**

Recall the captivating beauty of your morning's travels as you delight in a private lunch at the restaurant of Puerto Lago, a stunning resort resting on the shore of a tranquil lake.

#### **Otavalo Market**

Lose yourself in this magnificent market of vivid artistry and master craftsmanship! Practice your bartering skills as you interact with the sellers and unearth great finds at this renowned marketplace.

#### **Wood Painting**

Brush up on this local craft using traditional, vibrant colors of the area.

#### Cooking Lesson at the Hacienda

Return to the hotel for an exclusive culinary demonstration to create a rich, homemade ice cream and crunchy empanadas!

## **BBQ Dinner in the Courtyard**

Join this private outdoor cookout in the winsome, old-world courtyard as the hacienda kitchen cooks up a variety of BBQ meats, especially succulent pork and veal sausages. Vegetarian options are also available.

## **Disney Movie Night**

Time for adults to take a break at the hacienda from the day's activities while Junior Adventurers enjoy a Disney movie with snacks and soft drinks! If grownups prefer, they can join in on the fun.

Accommodations: Hacienda Pinsaqui



#### Fly to The Galapagos Islands

Eat an early breakfast at the hacienda before your Adventure Guides bring you to Quito for your flight to Baltra. Upon landing you and your fellow adventurers will unwind in the lounge before boarding your ship.

## **Arrive at Baltra Airport**

Welcome to the Galapagos Islands! Upon your arrival at Baltra Airport, you will transfer to the Itabaca Channel where a small ferry will take you across the Channel to the north shore of Santa Cruz Island. Then, you will board a bus to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island, where you will learn about the unique montane ecosystems and biodiversity.

#### **Lunch at a Local Restaurant**

Taste the flavors of Santa Cruz as you and your fellow Adventurers enjoy a savory lunch at a local restaurant.

#### **El Chato Tortoise Reserve**

Discover the pride of the Galapagos Islands at one of the best places in the archipelago to see the giant tortoises in their natural habitat. Also common in the reserve are some highland birds, like mockingbirds, cattle egrets and finches. There are also several lava tunnels which provide a great opportunity to spot a barn owl.

## Welcome Cocktail & Dinner Aboard La Pinta Yacht

Take a bus ride to Puerto Ayora where you'll board La Pinta Yacht. After an introductory briefing, you and your fellow Adventurers will enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner.

## **Dinner Aboard the Yacht**

Unwind in the dining room where you can swap stories with other Adventurers while you enjoy a satisfying meal.

Accommodations: La Pinta Yacht



#### **Breakfast on the Ship**

Energize yourself with a hearty breakfast to prepare for a day of fun in the sun.

#### **Privately Guided Tour of Santa Cruz Island – Ballena Bay**

Roam this island with a naturalist and explore the beautiful green sand cove. The beach is green-colored due to the olivine crystals of volcanic origin. The area also has historical relevance since a small community lived in this area in the late 1900s, collecting lichen, used in the textile industry.

## **Lunch on the Yacht**

Gather in the dining room to fuel up on a delicious buffet lunch.

#### **Privately Guided Tour of Sombrero Chino Islet**

Soak up the sun and hit the surf at this magnificent beach — home to a volcanic cone that bears a striking resemblance to a Chinese hat which gives the island its name. This recently formed islet provides a beautiful trail to explore, as it leads you from a white sand beach to a cove which offers excellent swimming and snorkeling among the white-tipped reef sharks and tropical fish. Be sure to keep a look out for local marine life which includes Galapagos penguins, iguanas and sea lions.

## **Dinner Aboard the Yacht**

Be seated together with your fellow Adventurers for a fantastic family meal in the dining room.

Accommodations: La Pinta Yacht



#### **Breakfast on the Yacht**

Fuel up with a good breakfast before heading out for a day filled with adventure.

#### **Privately Guided Tour of Bartolomé Island**

Start your day with an invigorating hike up the summit of Pinnacle Rock. It's a steep climb, but the stunning view from the top is worth the effort. Then, take to the water for a dinghy ride around the island. There's also a glass-bottom boat ride that offers a great view of the underwater world. You can also get a private tour of the island inhabitants like Galapagos penguins, white-tip reef sharks and green sea turtles. Or, just hit the beach and bask in the sun.

#### **Lunch Aboard the Yacht**

Gather with the other passengers for a delicious buffet lunch in the main dining room.

#### Journey to Santiago Island - Sullivan Bay

Hop aboard a panga for short ride to Sullivan Bay and hike across the fourth largest island of the Archipelago, where you can spot a spectacular array of wildlife. The mottled Galapagos hawk, coppery lava lizards, smoky fur seals, blue heron and other creatures abundantly populate the shores and inland areas of the coral sand beach. Stroll over the lava that flowed here less than 100 years ago to truly feel the volcanic origin of the Galápagos.

#### **Dinner Aboard the Yacht**

Relax with the other Adventurers while you share a meal as well as your stories from the day.

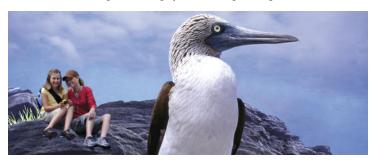
## **Junior Adventurer Private Pizza Party**

After the adventures on Santiago Island come to a close, adults will enjoy dinner in the ship's dining room while Junior Adventurers savor their own pizzas.

## **Disney Movie Night**

Adults can relax on the ship while Junior Adventurers enjoy a Disney movie with snacks and soft drinks. Grownups can always join in if they wish!

Accommodations: La Pinta Yacht



#### **Privately Guided Tour of Darwin Bay**

Disembark the yacht onto Genovesa Island — also known as Tower Island — one of the best bird watching areas in the archipelago! Watch the thousands of birds, which include the gray and white Waved Albatross, as well as red-footed and masked boobies, gulls and mockingbirds. You can take an optional walk over sharp lava and uneven terrain that rewards you with dramatic views. Or, head to the beach for a morning of swimming and snorkeling, or if you're feeling adventurous, a paddle sea kayak, in this beautiful natural harbor.

## **Lunch on the Yacht**

Enjoy a delicious lunch on board with your fellow Adventurers.

#### Privately Guided Tour of Genovesa Island — Prince Phillip Steps

Take a panga ride along the cliffs and climb a series of steep steps that takes you to gorgeous plateau for a stimulating walk to the other side of this small island where you'll find yourself in the largest bird colony on the island. Be on the lookout for Nazca boobies, swallow-tailed gulls and red-footed boobies. Or, if you prefer not to climb, you can continue your panga ride head along the rocky path carved directly into the volcanic walls of the island to the bird colony.

#### **Dinner on the Yacht**

Savor one last dinner prepared by the chefs on the ship in the dining room with your fellow Adventurers.

#### **Exclusive Farewell Drink**

Gather with your fellow Adventurers for an exclusive farewell drink. Toast the times you've shared on this unforgettable journey into Darwin's paradise.

Accommodations: La Pinta Yacht



#### **Journey Back to Quito**

Fly back to Quito and enjoy lunch on the plane. After you land, your Adventure Guides once again check you into the JW Marriott Hotel for the evening.

## **Farewell Dinner in Quito**

Meet with your fellow Adventurers for this final feast in Ecuador. A surprise awaits as you relive together the highlights of your trip.

## **Traditional Ecuadorian Musical Entertainment**

Sway with the rhythms that rock the Andean mountains at this exclusive musical show featuring Ecuadorian musicians. They even give music lessons to all who want to try playing the pipes!

Accommodations: JW Marriott Hotel Quito **Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



## **Breakfast at the JW Marriott Hotel**

Enjoy one last meal in Ecuador before your departure.

# **Transfer to Airport**

Board pre-arranged transportation to the airport and say Adiós until you return again!

Accommodations: JW Marriott Hotel Quito **Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast

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Parties of three booked as a triple: In Quito, parties of three are accommodated in one room with two double beds or one king bed and a rollaway. Rollaways are available in rooms with one bed only; rollaways are not available in rooms with two beds. In the Otavalo Valley, triples are accommodated in one room with two twin beds and one sofa bed or one double bed and one sofa bed. In the Galapagos Islands, parties of three are accommodated in one room with one sofa bed and either one queen bed or two lwin beds. Parties of four booked as a quad: In Quito, quads are accommodated in one room with two double beds. In the Otavalo Valley, quads are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds or one queen bed. Parties of four booked as two doubles: In Quito, parties of four are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds. In the Otavalo Valley, quads are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds. In the Otavalo Valley, quads are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds. In the Otavalo Valley, quads are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds or one double bed. In the Galapagos Islands, accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds or one double beds. In the Otavalo Valley, quads are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds or one double beds. In the Otavalo Valley, quads are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds or one double beds. In the Otavalo Valley, and are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds. One one double beds. In the Otavalo Valley, and are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds or one double beds. In the Otavalo Valley, and are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds or one double beds. In the Otavalo Valley, and are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds or one double beds. In the Otavalo Valley, and are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two twin beds or one double beds.

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