

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

Ecuador: Amazon and Galapagos Islands

12 Days / 11 Nights

Quito, Yasuni National Park, Santa Cruz Island



Get ready for an adventure to the Middle of the Earth—the equator! From the rainforests of the Amazon and the Yasuni National Park to the more arid Galapagos Islands, this region offers experiences in culture, animal encounters and with plant species accessible nowhere else in the world. With your natural historian at your side, you will see why many of the sites in Ecuador are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

ECUADOR: AMAZON AND GALAPAGOS ISLANDS TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Galapagos Islands

Catch a glimpse of marine iguanas, fabulous Frigate birds and some of the Galapagos Islands' wildest natives. Swim, snorkel or kayak in the pristine waters alongside sea lions, reef fish and the occasional sea turtle.

Explore Life in the Amazon

As you journey down the Napo by riverboat and motorized canoe, you'll make stops to visit a remote community, chat with the locals and learn to make jewelry and other handicrafts.

Cooking Class in Quito

Engage in preparing Andean specialties like *ceviche* with fresh ingredients while Junior Adventurers prepare dessert at Zazu, a favorite local restaurant.

Visit to Limoncocha Biological Reserve

As one of the most biodiverse places in the world, Limoncocha has an abundance of natural beauty and wonder. This tropical paradise is home to night monkeys, howler monkeys, giant otters, over 350 species of birds and—the king of the Amazon—the black caiman.

The Historic Center of Quito

Stroll through the colonial core of one of the best-preserved historic centers in the Americas. Visit local markets, artist studios, a chocolatier and one of South America's most beautiful Spanish cathedrals, La Compañía de Jesús.

Canoe into the Heart of the Rainforest

Venture forth by motorized canoe from the stately Anakonda riverboat to a lush world where you might see a 3-toed sloth or one of the Amazon's famed pink river dolphins.

*Animal sightings are not guaranteed.

Flight Information

Arrive: Arrive: UIO (Quito)
Return: Return: UIO (Quito)

Ages

Minimum Age: 7
Suggested Age: 8+

Meals

11 Breakfasts
10 Lunches
9 Dinners

Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 1



Quito, Ecuador

Meal(s) Included: None

Arrive in Quito

¡Bienvenidos! An *Adventures by Disney* representative will greet you, assist with your luggage and ensure smooth transport to the JW Marriott Hotel.

JW Marriott Hotel Quito

Welcome to Quito, also known as "The Middle of the Earth"! This grand hotel in Ecuador's capital is surrounded by mesmerizing views of the distant snow-capped mountains and volcanoes. Sit back and stretch your legs while your Adventure Guides check you in. If your flight arrives earlier in the day, you may opt to have a family dinner on your own at the hotel.

Accommodations: JW Marriott Hotel Quito

Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 2



Napo River, Ecuador

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Welcome Breakfast

¡Buenos Das! Enjoy an early morning welcome breakfast with your fellow Adventurers as you prepare for the adventure of a lifetime.

Travel into the Amazon Basin

Hop aboard a private motor coach to the airport for a short flight to the city of Coca. Here you will be introduced to water travel local-style a motorized canoe. Now you're closing in on your destination and your home for the next four nights the Anakonda, a refined riverboat.

Settle into the Anakonda

Explore this finely appointed vessel reserved privately for *Adventures by Disney* with three levels, observation deck, multiple sitting areas, outdoor whirlpool spa and an al fresco lounge.

Nature Observation

Stroll the decks or find a nook to view the surroundings and relax with fellow Adventurers. As the Anakonda navigates the river, there are plenty of rewards for those with a keen eye.

Welcome Dinner

Share your excitement and get to know your fellow Adventurers as you dine on delightful fare and toast to your first night in the Amazon region.

Nocturnal Rainforest Walk

Venture into the rainforest for a guided experience like no other. You may possibly witness animals that would go unseen during daylight including night tree frogs, kinkajous and exotic insects. Go for it! You only live once.

Accommodations: The Anakonda Riverboat

Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 3



Napo River, Ecuador

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Early Morning Rainforest Trek

At the break of dawn, take a tour into the rainforest guided by a local naturalist who has called the Amazon home for his entire life. Witness and learn about the forest and its inhabitants as this rich ecosystem shifts from night to daylight activity.

Afterwards enjoy lunch aboard the Anakonda.

Canoe Excursion Along the Napo River

Take an afternoon canoe trip to let your senses take in the sights, sounds and scents of this lush environment. You will paddle through a habitat of the pink river dolphin. In and around the area you may also see black caimans, toucans, monkeys, bats, river turtles, and rare sloth sightings.

Disney Movie Night

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

Accommodations: The Anakonda Riverboat

Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 4



Napo River, Ecuador

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Visit a Local Community

Visit a small village to meet local artisans and watch them at work. Here you'll have the opportunity to meet the locals, make crafts and acquire genuine craft work to commemorate your Amazon adventure.

Canopy Tower Walk

Ascend into the jungle canopy and see nature from a whole new angle, learning all about this unique habitat and the plant life that makes it possible.

Stargazing in the Amazon

During one of your nights in the Amazon (weather permitting), you'll turn your attention to the heavens as hundreds of far-off stars put on a dazzling light show.

Accommodations: The Anakonda Riverboat

Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 5



Napo River, Ecuador

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Parrot Clay Licks

There are several theories as to why certain parrots and other birds eat clay. But one thing is certain once you see hundreds of birds rain from the sky to eat soil, you will not forget it.

Lunch at Remote River Lodge

Visit a river lodge to interact with the locals and partake in a tasty cooked lunch.

Limoncocha Biological Reserve

With over 450 species, this reserve is a birdwatcher's paradise and one of the most biodiverse places on the planet. The dense marshland contains many medicinal plants that have been used for generations and some yet to be realized. At dusk, you can watch the fireflies come out in a natural light show, and you might also get to see a black caiman.

Dinner

Enjoy a sumptuous dinner as the sun sets aboard the Anakonda.

*Note: Animal sightings are not guaranteed.

Accommodations: The Anakonda Riverboat

Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 6



Quito, Ecuador

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Morning Excursion

Take one last stroll through the Amazon for another chance at a rare wildlife sighting before returning to the Anakonda for lunch.

Say "Adis" to the Amazon

Disembark the Anakonda via motorized canoe back to the city of Coca and to your flight back to Quito. Transfer from the Quito airport to the JW Marriott Hotel.

Cooking Class at Zazu

Zazu is one of Quito's top restaurants and you're in for a treat! Before your dinner at this trendy eatery, you'll learn how to create local favorites like ceviche using fresh, local ingredients while the Junior Adventurers prepare dessert!

Accommodations: JW Marriott Hotel Quito

Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 7



Quito, Ecuador

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Walking Tour of City Center

Named one of the best preserved city centers in the Americas by UNESCO, Quito is a wonderful place to walk and take in the regional flavor. Guided through the colonial core by a resident expert, you will stroll down the famous thoroughfare La Ronda, enjoy its architecture and meet a local craftsman.

The Sweetest Parts of Quito

Visit a chocolate shop on La Ronda, learn about how some of the greatest chocolate in the world is made here and of course taste some! After you sample a selection of Quito's delicious sweets, you'll have a delicious lunch.

Mercados Central and Artesanal

Mingle with the locals as they shop amongst the bustle, sounds, scents and many hues of the Mercados Artesanal and Central.

Evening on Your Own

Take the motor coach back to the hotel and the evening is yours to do as you wish. Explore Quito's wide variety of dining options from refined cuisine to family fare for a delicious evening of your own making.

Accommodations: JW Marriott Hotel Quito

Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 8



Galapagos Islands

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Fly to the Galapagos Islands

After an early breakfast, you will head to the Quito airport for your flight to Baltra and the next leg of your adventure.

Afternoon at The Finch Bay Hotel and Lunch

Enjoy an introduction to the hotel and surrounding environs, along with a well-deserved beverage! Take in ocean vistas from the pool deck as the sun dips into the horizon.

Nature Walk

Explore Tortuga Bay Beach with a naturalist guide.

Dinner at the Hotel & Stargazing in the Galapagos

Savor your first night in the Galapagos with a dinner at the hotel. Then, for your evening entertainment, turn your gaze skyward for a welcoming light show from the galaxies!

Accommodations: Finch Bay Hotel

Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 9



Galapagos Islands

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Breakfast

Fuel up for a particularly active day covering land and sea, with a dip in the sea, as well.

Santa F Island Yacht Excursion**

After breakfast you'll navigate the azure waters to this small, conspicuously flat island. On land can be seen Palo Santo trees, which translates as "holy trees" and are said to have traditional healing powers. The island is also home to a large colony of blue-footed boobies, magnificent frigate birds and swallow-tailed gulls. If you're lucky, you might catch a sea lion body surfing the on-shore swells.

Lunch

Return to the yacht to grab a bite, relax a bit then head off for the next adventure.

Dinner

Head back to the Finch Bay Hotel to share stories around the pool and enjoy a most well-earned and satisfying meal.

**Due to party size limitations on the yacht, your groups' Day 9 & 10 experiences may be swapped, but all Adventurers will get a chance to enjoy all the activities in the described itinerary.

Accommodations: Finch Bay Hotel

Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 10



Galapagos Islands

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Mountain Bike to Snorkeling**

Bike and explore a new snorkeling spot! Ride to a leeward point where you can explore the sea life along the bluffs and underwater rocks. You'll get a chance to see pink flamingos, marine iguanas and land iguanas.

Lunch At Your Leisure

Enjoy lunch back at Finch Bay Hotel

Las Grietas at High Tide

Hike back to this small canyon in the earth to explore the various pools at high tide. When the tide is in, the lower pools are accessible to sea life, so bring snorkel gear. You'll also be able to go birdwatching, sea kayaking, shopping in Puerto Ayora, or just enjoy the pool and beach-front access.

Dinner

Look back on this magical adventure as you watch your last sunset in the Galapagos. Junior Adventurers get to celebrate together with a pizza party and Disney movie.

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Accommodations: Finch Bay Hotel

Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 11



Quito, Ecuador

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

See the Galapagos Tortoise in the Wild

After breakfast, take a short walk with coach ride to see the famed giant tortoises cruising their natural habitat at their usual unhurried pace.

Galapagos Tortoises and Lava Tubes

Take a privately guided tour of the El Chato Tortoise Reserve to learn about these elegant behemoths as you walk among them. Continue on to explore the otherworldly realm of underground lava tubes. Along the way you can see many of the islands' bird species including Darwin's finches, cattle egrets and short-eared owls.

Return to Quito

Bid goodbye to the finches as you take wing and fly back from the Galapagos to Quito in preparation for your trip home. Enjoy lunch on the plane.

Farewell Dinner in Quito

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

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

Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 12



Quito, Ecuador

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast

Depart Quito for all Points Homeward

After breakfast, transfer to Quito Airport where your Adventure Guides will provide you and your luggage with a final assist.

Accommodations: JW Marriott Hotel Quito

Prices are based on double occupancy.

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Note on Accommodations: Subject to availability:

Parties of three booked as a triple in Quito are accommodated in one room with either two double beds or one king bed and one rollaway. In Amazon, they are accommodated in one room with one queen bed plus sofa bed or two full beds plus sofa bed. In Galapagos, they are accommodated in one king plus one rollaway or two queen beds. Parties of four booked as a quad in Quito, quads are accommodated in one room with two double beds or one king bed and one rollaway. In Amazon, quads are accommodated in two rooms with two full beds or one queen bed. In Galapagos, quads are accommodated in one room with two double beds. Parties of four booked as two doubles in Quito, quads are accommodated in two rooms, each having either two double beds or one king bed. In Amazon, quads are accommodated in two rooms with two full beds or one queen bed. In Galapagos, quads are accommodated in two rooms with one king bed or two double beds. Connecting rooms are not guaranteed and subject to availability.

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