TRAVELING & LIVING IN PERU

# Mystery Machu Picchu & Galapagos – Bonita Yacht (14 DAYS – 13 NIGHTS)

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

14 days/13 nights

Departure: Lima & Guayaquil

Immerse yourself in history and culture of Peru's Inca Empire and the natural wonders of Ecuador's archipelago.

Discover Lima, the City of the Kings; Cusco, the former Inca capital; and the marvelous nature of the Galapagos Islands

Enjoy private services throughout your experience.

#### ROUTE

DAY 1 | INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL - LIMA DAY 2 | LIMA - CITY TOUR (B/L) DAY 3 | LIMA - CUSCO - URUBAMBA (B/L) DAY 4 | URUBAMBA - MACHU PICCHU - URUBAMBA (B/L) DAY 5 | URUBAMBA - CUSCO (B/BL) DAY 6 | CUSCO (B) DAY 7 | CUSCO – GUAYAQUIL (B)



DAY 8 | GUAYAQUIL (B/L) DAY 9 | GUAYAQUIL - GALAPAGOS (B/L/D) DAY 10 | GALAPAGOS: FLOREANA (B/L/D) DAY 11 | GALAPAGOS: ESPAÑOLA (B/L/D) DAY 12 | GALAPAGOS: SAN CRISTOBAL (B/L/D) DAY 13 | GALAPAGOS: DAPHNE OR BACHAS – GUAYAQUIL (B) DAY 14 | GUAYAQUIL - HOME (B)



#### INCLUSIONS

Accommodation

All activity and entrance fees as mentioned in itinerary Guides (EN/SP other languages available on request) All meals as mentioned in itinerary

Transportation

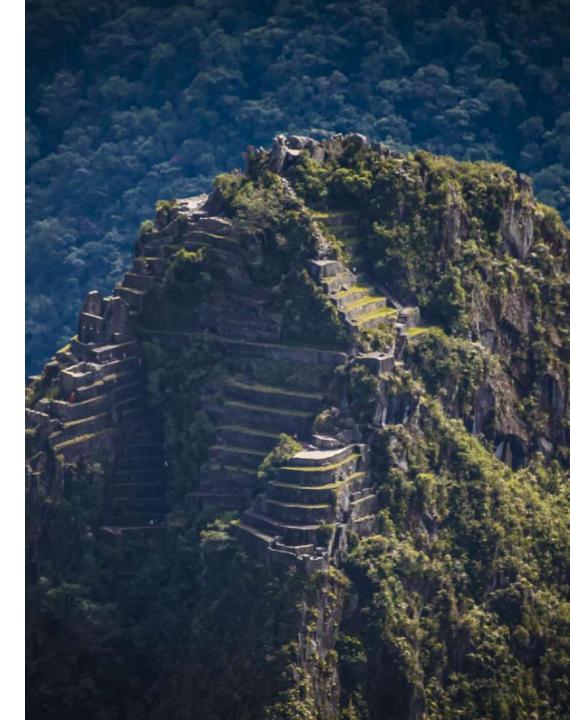


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#### **TRIP OVERVIEW**

This South American expedition tour will take you to discover Cusco, the cradle of one of the most enigmatic civilizations in history and home to 11 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the enigmatic Machu Picchu. You will then travel to Ecuador where you will explore the wildlife paradise of the Galapagos Islands. Explore the islands on a catamaran. Visit all the natural and geographical wonders that the archipelago has to offer.



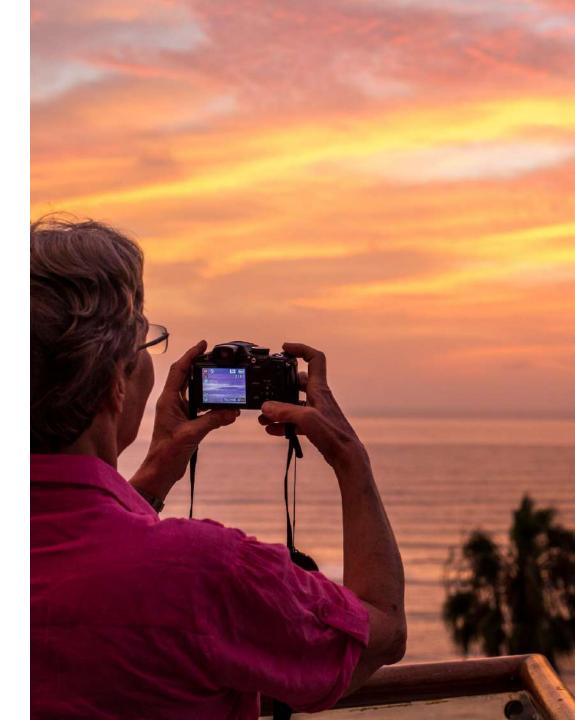
# **DAY BY DAY ITINERARY**

## DAY 1 | INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL – LIMA (-) Friday:

Arrive at Jorge Chavez International Airport in Lima. Upon arrival, a representative will be waiting to greet you at the airport and the transportation service will transfer you to your hotel at the scheduled time. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure in Lima, the capital of Peru and a city steeped in history. During Colonial times, the Historic Center of Lima, known as the 'Ciudad de los Reyes' (City of Kings), was the political, administrative, religious and economic center for the Spanish in Peru. The historical center is a UNESCO-listed World Heritage Site. Lima is now a modern metropolis and is currently undergoing an exciting process of cultural and economic change.

#### **Overnight in Lima**.

Free 8GB SIM card included.



#### DAY 2 | LIMA - CITY TOUR (B/L)

#### Saturday:

Your tour of Lima will start downtown at the Aliaga House, a beautiful viceregal house delivered by Francisco Pizarro to one of his captains, Jerónimo de Aliaga, after the foundation of the city. The construction of this house started in 1535. This genuine jewel of colonial architecture is currently inhabited by his descendants. You will then get to know the Main Square, where Lima was first founded as "The City of Kings" in 1535. The area was already known by the name of Lima when Peru proclaimed its independence from the Spanish Crown in 1821. Here you will see a panoramic view of the Presidential Palace, the Archbishops Palace and the Lima Cathedral. Next, you will go to Saint Francis Church, which has an enviable collection of old books and an authentic network Then you will go to the Pueblo Libre district to visit the magnificent Larco Museum, founded by Rafael Larco Hoyle in 1926.



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The museum exhibit will walk you through over five thousand years of development achieved by the cultures that flourished before the Inca Empire. Located inside a viceregal mansion built on a pre-Columbian pyramid of the 7th century, the museum houses the most complete pre-Hispanic collection of gold and silver artifacts as well pieces of erotic art.

**Overnight in Lima. Lunch Included.** 



# DAY 3 | LIMA - CUSCO - URUBAMBA (B/L)

#### Sunday:

Start the day with breakfast at the hotel, then a representative and the transportation service will transfer you from your hotel to Lima's airport.

# Flight to Cusco (Not included) – We recommend arriving in a flight until 09:00am

Upon arrival, you will start your tour visiting the archaeological remains of Pisac which is the largest complex of terraces in the area and a masterpiece of agriculture of the Inca Empire. After lunch at the agreed restaurant drive to the town of Ollantaytambo located 60 kilometers from the city of Cusco. This is a typical example of urban planning of the Incas, which is still inhabited as in the past. Pachacutec (1438 - 1572) captured the town, destroyed it and built a new one absorbing it as part of his empire. It bears in its slopes a great archaeological complex called "tambo" ("fortress"), which was a resting place with accommodation for long distance travelers. It is without doubt one of the most monumental works of the empire. After the visit return to your hotel in the Sacred Valley.

**Overnight in Sacred Valley. Lunch included.** 



# DAY 4 | URUBAMBA - MACHU PICCHU - URUBAMBA (B/L) Monday:

After breakfast at the hotel, a transportation service will pick you up and transfer you to the Ollanta Station to board the train to Aguas Calientes, the nearest town to Machu Picchu. Following a scenic journey through dramatic Andean landscapes, arrive at the station in Aguas Calientes. Board a bus for a 25-minute ride to Machu Picchu. The 'Lost City of the Incas' is believed to have been built in the 1450s by Inca emperor Pachacuti as a holiday retreat, yet within a century the city would be abandoned following the Spanish conquest. The Spaniards never found it, so it was spared the destruction they brought on other Inca sites. Instead, it was slowly swallowed up by the jungle and hidden from harm. A guided tour explains the origins behind this awe-inspiring citadel and its most prominent landmarks such as the monumental Main Square, the Royal Quarters, and the Temple of the Three Windows, the Circular Towers, the Sacred Sun Dial and the Burial Grounds. Return to Aguas Calientes for a tasty lunch at Sanctuary Lodge. In the afternoon, transfer to the Aguas Calientes station to take the train back to the Ollanta station, where you will be taken to your hotel in Sacred Valley.

**Overnight in Sacred Valley. Lunch included.** 



#### DAY 5 | URUBAMBA - CUSCO (B/BL)

#### Tuesday:

You will start the tour in the town of Chinchero, which was one of the most important villages during the Inca Empire. Then you will have lunch and continue your trip to the archaeological vestiges of Maras and Moray. Maras is a surreal view. It's near Moray and is an impressive salt exploitation complex. Its huge salt deposits were used to trade them for other products with other parts of the empire. The Moray archaeological vestiges are composed of mysterious concentric circular terraces which, according to some scholars, would be an agricultural research center. The higher external terraces would be at a higher temperature than the inner ones and could simulate the conditions of the different ecological strata of the Empire. Then you will be transferred back to your hotel in Cusco.

**Overnight in Cusco. Box Lunch included.** 



#### DAY 6 | CUSCO (B) Wednesday:

Enjoy a guided tour of this charming city, which was the capital of the Inca Empire. The tour starts with a visit to Santo Domingo Convent, a large Renaissance-baroque complex, which was built over the Inca Coricancha temple. It was one of the most important temples dedicated to worshipping of the sun, and its foundations are still prominent at the base of the convent. Ancient chronicles say the temple was covered in gold leaf and filled with golden representations of nature. Then, visit the Cathedral, the most imposing monument of the Main Square. Head to the hills above Cusco to visit the remains of the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, whose imposing ramparts offer a stunning panoramic view of Cusco, and the ruins of the temple and amphitheatre of Qengo, where it is believed the Incas practised agricultural rituals. Admire Qengo and then finally visit Puka Pukara ('Red fortress' in Quechua) an Inca military complex located on a prominent hill. Its dwellings squares, bathrooms, aqueducts, walls, and towers can still be appreciated. Afterwards, return to your hotel.

#### **Overnight in Cusco.**



#### DAY 7 | CUSCO – GUAYAQUIL (B)

#### Thursday:

Enjoy a pleasant transfer from the selected hotel to the airport. A representative will assist you along the way.

#### Flight from Cusco to Guayaquil (not included)

Upon your arrival to Guayaquil — you will be welcomed by our guide and driven to your hotel to rest.

Overnight in Wyndham Garden Guayaquil.



#### DAY 8 | GUAYAQUIL (B/L) Friday:

After breakfast we will visit Guayaquil City. Guayaquil has been transformed over recent years with its newly restored historic district characterized by centuries-old houses and narrow lanes. Las Peñas is the city's oldest district, and once you've navigated its colorful streets you'll be guided up 444 steps to the summit of Cerro Santa Ana for panoramic vistas of the city. Guayaquil cradles a stately cathedral, the Iguana Park (named after the resident creatures here) and the modern Malecon 2000 (which hugs the Guayas River and is home to the towering Moorish Clock Tower), botanical gardens, and Chamber of the Rotunda. This monument marks the historic meeting between Simon Bolivar and Jose de San Martin in the 19th century, reflecting a huge turning point in the history of the country.

In the afternoon we will continue to visit to Parque Historico, a recreational park and refuge of life, history and natural wealth of the region. It is an ideal site for ecological and archaeological tourism. The visitor can enter the lush greenery of the forest and walk along a wooden path that crosses it. It's a great place away from the commercial activity and bustle of the city.

**Overnight in Wyndham Garden Guayaquil. Lunch included.** 



#### DAY 9 | GUAYAQUIL - GALAPAGOS (B/L/D)

#### Saturday:

Your guide will pick you up at your hotel and transfer to the airport to take your flight to Galapagos, your guide will assist you with all process to check in.

#### Flight from Guayaquil to Galapagos (not included)

## Santa Cruz Highlands (Itinerary B – Starting on Saturdays)

After your arrival and lunch on board, we will visit the interesting Santa Cruz Highlands where we will hike and encounter giant tortoises in their natural habitat. This is a spectacular display of nature! For this visit we recommend using sports shoes, long pants, raincoat, hat and sun block.

**Overnight in Bonita Yacht. Lunch and dinner included.** 



## DAY 10 | GALAPAGOS: FLOREANA (B/L/D) Sunday:

**FLOREANA – CORMORANT POINT**: After a wet landing, enjoy snorkeling and short trekking. The Cormorant Point is located west of Floreana Island and it's famous for its dark green beach (due to the great quantity of olivine crystals). You can see many marine invertebrates, as well as sea lions, sea iguanas, the frigates and pelicans.

Second visit: **DEVIL'S CROWN:** Activities in this place include Panga ride and optional swimming. Enjoy a Panga ride around a small satellite islet of Floreana Island. Here, we will find a group of rocks that resemble a Crown due to the constant erosion caused by the sea. It is one of the better places to snorkel (shallow diving) in the interior and around the crown. Excellent visibility allows guests to admire a great variety of fish and sea animals. Lunch afterwards.

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**FLOREANA – POST OFFICE BAY:** Wet landing. Activities: short walk, swimming, snorkeling, explanation of the island's mail system. Description: Post Office Bay is located on the north side of Floreana Island. Captain James Colnett installed an empty barrel to be used as a post office for the whaling fleets that stopped at the Galapagos Islands. You can leave postcards to your friends and relatives here and/or pick up mail to deliver. Back at the ship, delicious snacks and beverages are waiting for you. Dinner afterwards.

**Overnight in Bonita Yacht. Lunch and dinner included.** 



### DAY 11 | GALAPAGOS: ESPAÑOLA (B/L/D)

Monday:

**SUAREZ POINT:** Dry landing. Activities: Walking, sight-seeing. We recommend sports shoes, hat or cap, and sunscreen. There is no color more amazing or outstanding in this tropical desert island than that of the blue-footed boobies. These birds have an impressive form of "greeting" and it is a real thrill to see their mating dance. The bluefooted booby can be seen on the island's as nesting grounds and feeds. The albatross, an aristocratic bird weighing up to four kilograms, can be observed here. It is one of the largest birds of the islands. Approximately 12,000 couples nest on Espanola Island and a smaller number nest on Silver Island near mainland Ecuador. This species is considered endemic to this island. During our walk, we will observe these fantastic birds while taking in the beautiful landscapes offered by this island. It is important to note that albatrosses will not be seen between January and March (non-breeding season). We will also see colonies of marine iguanas, zayapas, masked boobies, finches, Espanola cucuves, and seagulls unique to the islands.



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Our walk will be on lava rock where we will be able to see lava tubes. Red mangroves are found here. Delicious snacks and fresh beverages are waiting for you on the ship. Lunch afterwards.

**GARDNER BAY:** Wet landing. Activities for this visit: short walk, swimming, snorkeling, and observation of seal colony. The sea lion is one of the animals in Galapagos which gets the total attention of the visitors: they are curious and playful, but at times aggressive. In Gardner Bay, we are going to find many of them relaxing on the beach enjoying the sun. In addition to observing these fascinating animals, while snorkeling, we will be able to swim with sea lions, sea turtles, a diversity of tropical fish, marine iguanas, etc. Dinner after this extraordinary experience.

**Overnight in Bonita Yacht. Lunch and dinner included.** 



# DAY 12 | GALAPAGOS: SAN CRISTOBAL (B/L/D) Tuesday:

**SAN CRISTOBAL – INTERPRETATION CENTER:** Dry landing. After breakfast, our first visit is to the Interpretation Center of San Cristobal. This modern and sophisticated architectural space was designed for the natural interpretation of the Galapagos. You will learn about the volcanic formation of the islands, the evolution of the species, the history of human settlement, and complex systems and management models. Lunch afterwards.

**LOBOS ISLAND:** At this island, enjoy the adventure Panga riding. You can also walk on the sandy beach and swim and snorkel among the seals, frigates, marine iguanas, lava lizards, and the small endemic Galapagos snake. Dinner onboard.

**Overnight in Bonita Yacht. Lunch and dinner included.** 



# DAY 13 | GALAPAGOS: DAPHNE OR BACHAS – GUAYAQUIL (B) Wednesday:

**DAPHNE:** Daphne Major is a rather large tuff cone somewhat eroded by the sea. Nazca boobies, red-billed tropicbirds, and blue-footed boobies can be found nesting here. Nearly all of the finches on the island are banded. At Daphne Major, we can also observe sea lions, sea turtles, Eagle Rays, various species of sharks, and other pelagic species.

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**BACHAS:** This beautiful sandy white-coral beach is located in the north of Santa Cruz Island; the beach is one km long. The site was named during WWII (World War II) when the American army left two barges on the beach. The early colonists couldn't pronounce barges correctly, so they called the area "Bachas". It is considered as one of the nesting sites for sea turtles. We can also observe, flamingos, seabirds and white-cheeked pintail ducks.

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\*\*The Yacht itinerary is subject to change without notice; due to seasonal changes, weather conditions or Galapagos National Park regulations.\*\*

Enjoy a pleasant transfer to Baltra airport.

#### Flight from Galapagos to Guayaquil (not included)

Upon your arrival in Guayaquil you will be welcomed by our guide and driven to your hotel.

Overnight in Wyndham Garden Guayaquil.



#### DAY 14 | GUAYAQUIL - HOME (B)

Thursday:

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your international flight.

Flight to Home (not included)

Breakfast included.



# INCLUSIONS

# **GUIDE**:

• English speaking guide

# ACCOMMODATION:

• Two nights of accommodation in Lima, two nights of accommodation in Sacred Valley, two nights of accommodation in Cusco, three nights of accommodation in Guayaquil and four nights of accommodation in Bonita Yacht.

## **MEALS:**

- Daily breakfast at the hotel from day 2
- Lunch on day 2 in Lima, on day 3 in the Sacred Valley, on day 4 in Aguas Calientes, on day 5 in Sacred Valley, on day 8 in Guayaquil and from day 9 to 12 in Bonita Yacht.
- Dinner from day 9 to 12 in Bonita Yacht.
- Unlimited purified water, coffee, tea and soft drinks in Bonita Yacht.

# TRANSPORT:

• Private transfers from and to the airport.

- Private transfers from and to the train stations.
- Train to Machu Picchu round trip in Vistadome service (PeruRail).

## **ENTRANCE FEES AND ACTIVITIES:**

 All the visits mentioned in the above itinerary: Casa Aliaga, San Francisco Church and Larco Museum in Lima; Pisac Ruins, Ollantaytambo fortress, Chinchero, Maras and Moray in Sacred Valley; Machu Picchu on day 4; Coricancha Temple, Cathedral, Sacsayhuaman, Qenqo, Puca Pucará and Tambomachay in Cusco; to all the places mentioned in Guayaquil on day 8; all visits and excursions according to the itinerary of Bonita Yacht from day 9 to 13; Snorkel gear; Kayaks and paddle boards.

# **NOT INCLUDED**

- Personal expenses. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages during meals. Meals not stated in the program
- Tips for driver and guide
- Additional optional visits
- Mandatory supplements for special dates like Easter Holidays, Inti Raymi, National Holidays, Christmas and New Year's mentioned separately.
- International flights to/from Peru & Ecuador
- Domestic flights in Peru (we advise booking the first flights in the morning)
- Domestic flights in Ecuador (These ones **must** be booked with us. Prices from USD\$460.00 in low season and from USD\$502.00 in high season. *Prices are not confirmed until the tickets are issued*.)
- International and domestic airport departure taxes
- Travel Insurance
- Local taxes if applicable.
- National Park entrance fee (a total of USD\$100.00 to be paid in Galapagos airport)
- Galapagos transit card fee (a total of USD\$20.00 to be paid in Guayaquil airport)

#### RATES

Period of departure: From Jan 1, 2020 to Dec 20, 2020

Package rates per person in US dollars in double accommodation

Period of departure	Category	Double MIN 2 from	SGL Suplement
Jan 1 2020 to Dec 20 2020	Comfort	4,355	1,545
	Standard	4,375	1,575

#### **Other considerations:**

- Rates not applicable on the following dates in 2020: Easter holidays (April 5 to April 12), Inti Raymi sun festival (June 22 to 28), National Holidays (July 27 to 31), Christmas, New Year's, conferences or special events.
- Itinerary must have 2 guests to operate
- All rates are per person and apply only to foreign passengers.
- Prices are subject to change without prior notice and can only be guaranteed once the reservation has been made.
- Rates do not apply to residents with more than 60 days of stay, nor corporate passengers (4 or more nights in Lima).
- Bookings shall include the passenger's full name, nationality, passport number, age and date of birth.



#### ADD ONS:

Want to get the most out of your trip? Let us know if you'd like to include these optional activities (all rates are per person and in US dollars):

Activity	Description	Price per person MIN 2
Magic Water Circuit + dinner show	Visit to the Magic Water Circuit and buffet dinner with Peruvian dances live show. Private Services. Does not operate on Mondays and Fridays.	155 USD
Ceramic Classes with Pablo Seminario	Receive pottery classes by Pablo Seminario, a master craftsman who has studied for many years the techniques and designs of pre-Columbian pottery, incorporating them into his own art, creating unique pieces. The workshop includes tools and materials for you to develop a small piece, besides witnessing a theoretical and practical class that will help discover your artistic side. Private Services.	169 USD

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