

TRAVELING  
& LIVING IN  
**PERU**

**Mystery Machu Picchu &  
Galapagos – EcoGalaxy  
Catamaran  
(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)

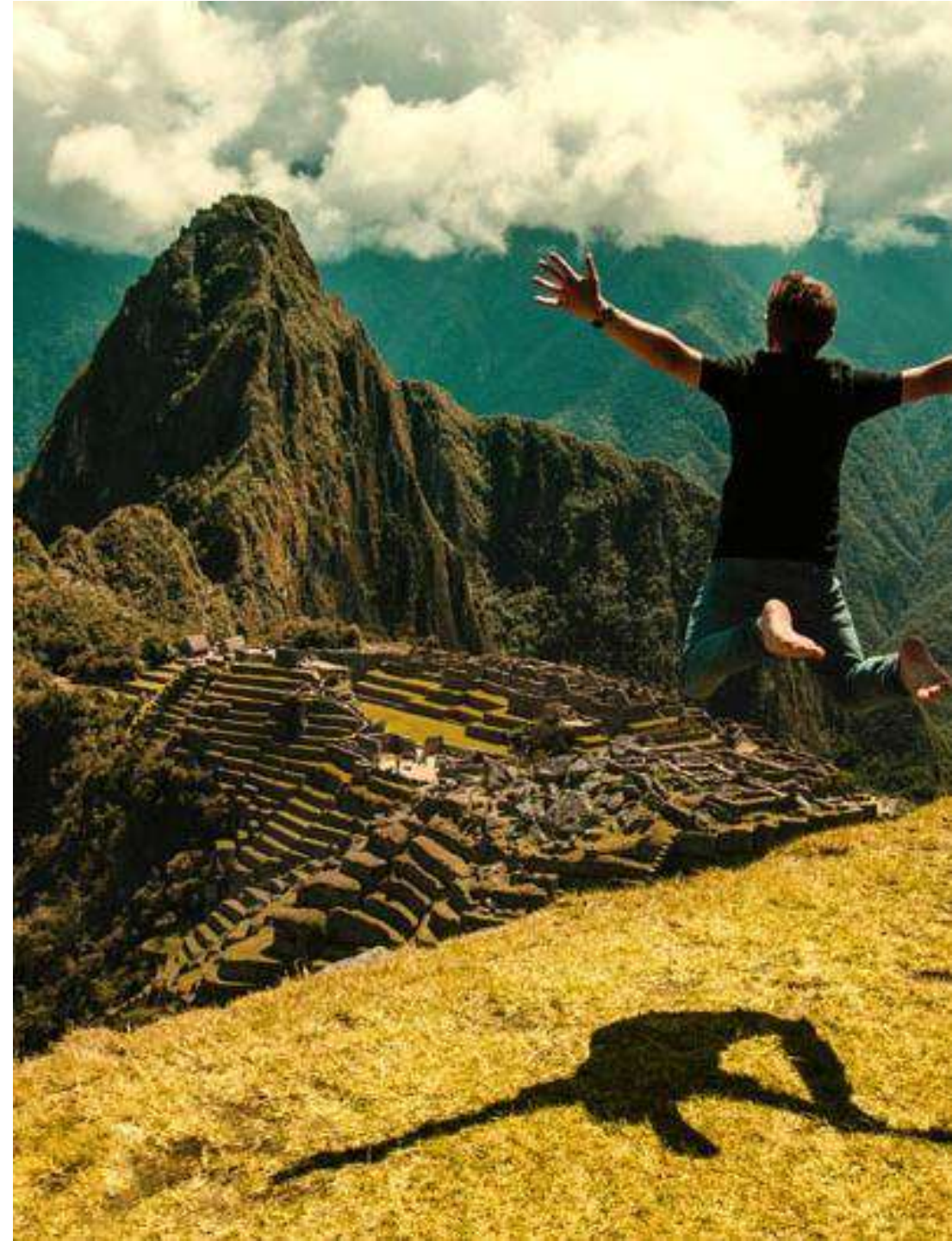
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DAY 5 | URUBAMBA - CUSCO (B/BL)

DAY 6 | CUSCO (B)

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## **INCLUSIONS**

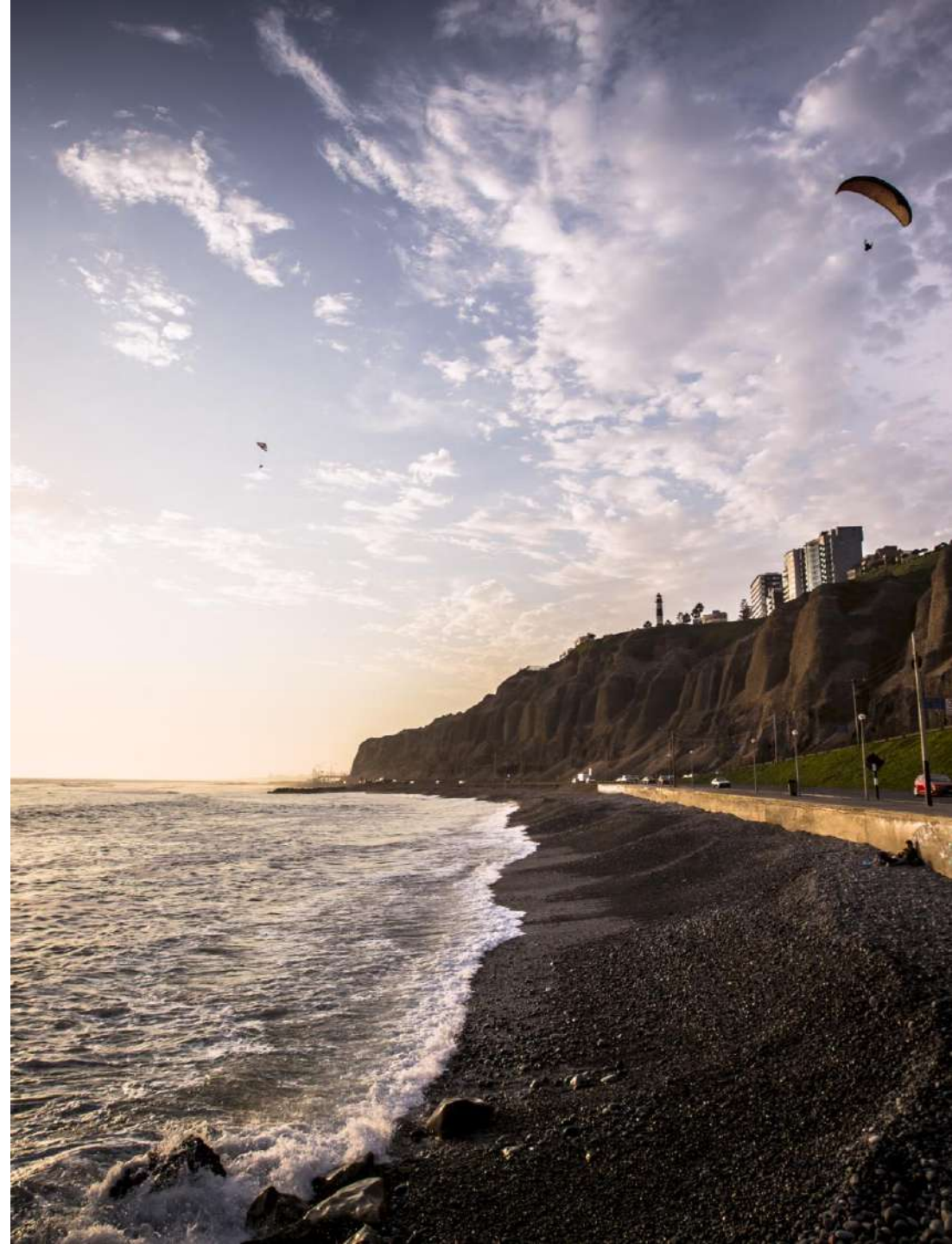
Accommodation

All activity and entrance fees as mentioned in itinerary

Guides (EN/SP other languages available on request)

All meals as mentioned in itinerary

Transportation



MAP



## **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

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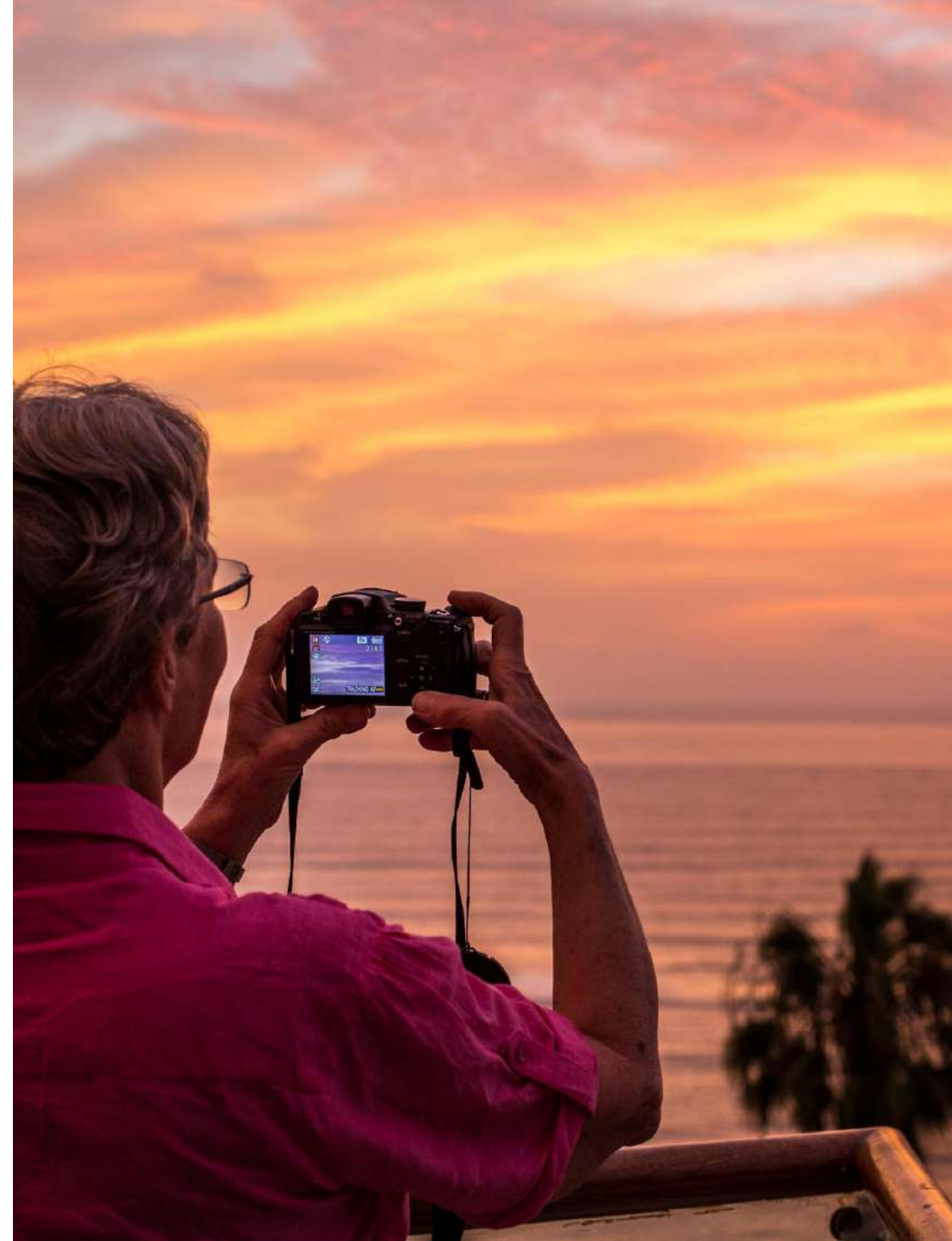
## DAY 1 | INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL – LIMA (-)

### Monday:

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 centre 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)

### Tuesday:

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)

### Wednesday:

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)

### Thursday:

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.**

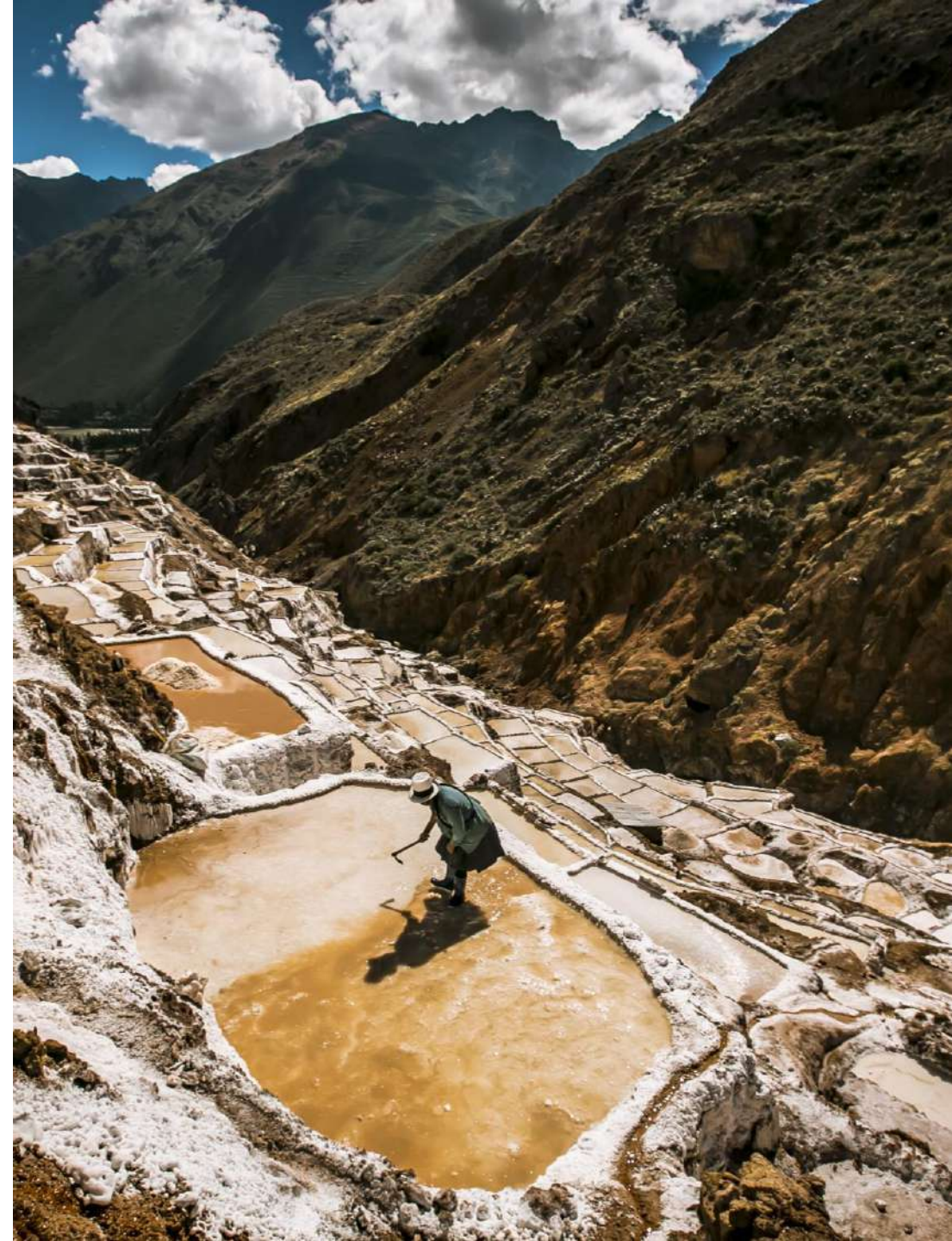


## DAY 5 | URUBAMBA - CUSCO (B/BL)

### Friday:

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)

### Saturday:

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 Qenqo, where it is believed the Incas practised agricultural rituals. Admire Qenqo 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)**

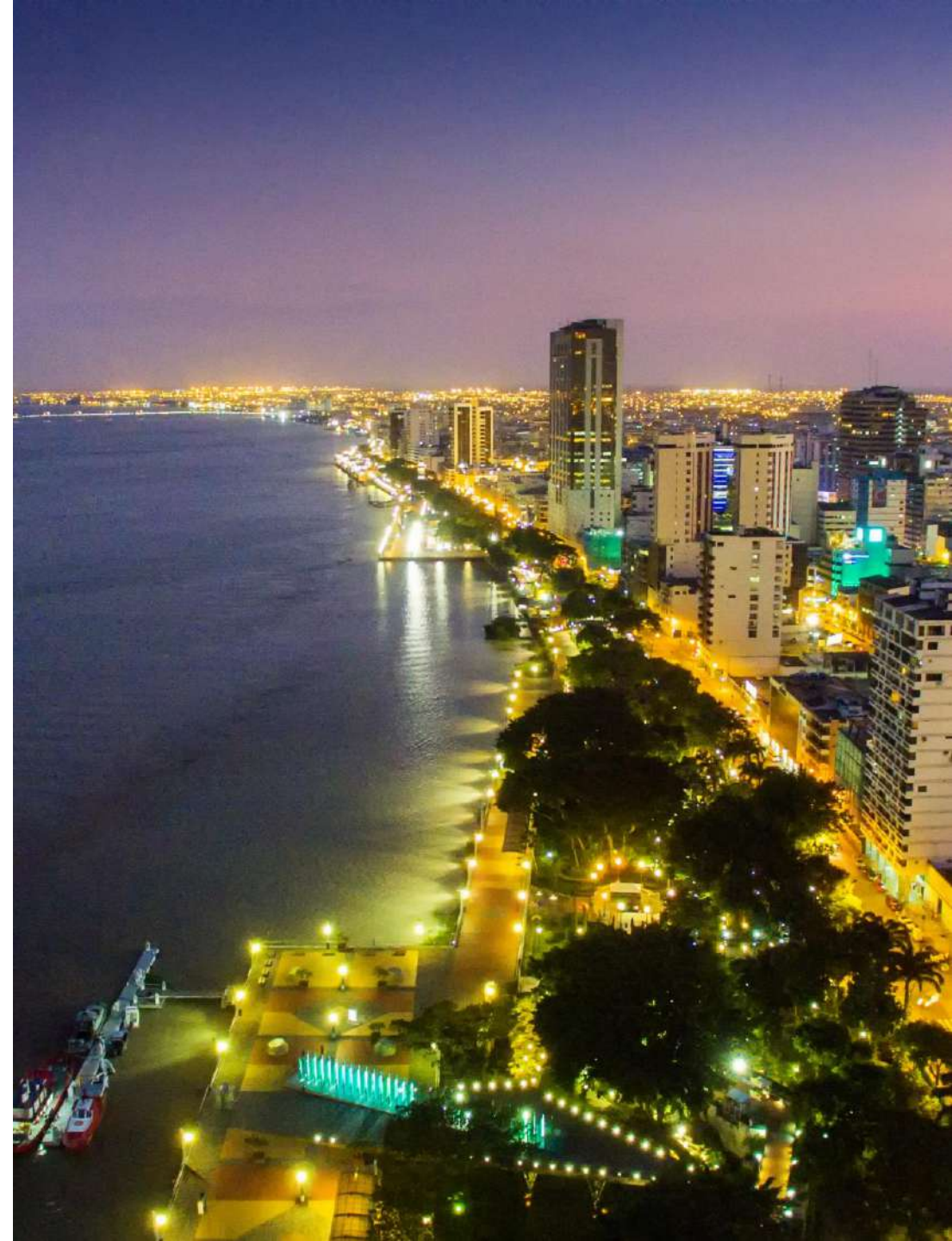
### **Sunday:**

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 Sonesta Guayaquil.**



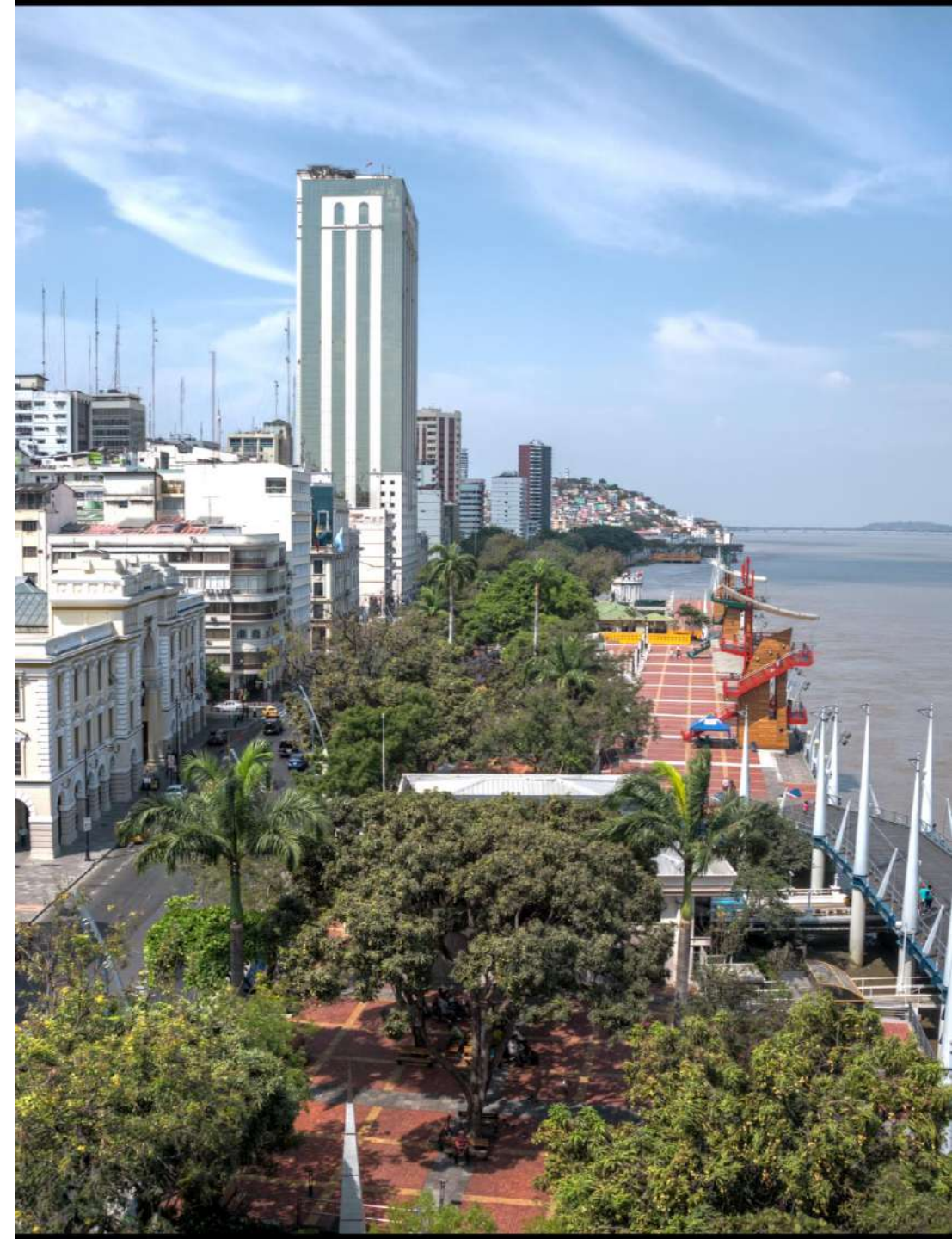
## DAY 8 | GUAYAQUIL (B/L)

### Monday:

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 Sonesta Guayaquil. Lunch included.**



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

### Tuesday:

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)

### San Cristobal Island: Lobos Island (Itinerary A – Starting on Tuesdays)

Transfer to the catamaran and lunch onboard.

**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 EcoGalaxy Catamaran. Lunch and dinner included.**





## DAY 10 | GALAPAGOS: SANTA FE ISLAND & SOUTH PLAZAS ISLAND (B/L/D)

### Wednesday:

**SANTA FE:** Wet landing at this island. Activities for this day include hiking, swimming and snorkeling. With 24 km<sup>2</sup> and 60 m of height above sea level, this central island is a unique place to visit. It has an incredible bay of turquoise water, protected by a natural barrier of rocks. You will see colonies of seals as hawks fly overhead. This island is home to one of the two species of land iguanas found in the Galapagos. Their main food source is the leaves and fruit of the large, thick cactus found here.

Crabs, nocturnal herons, marine iguanas, cucuvas and land doves are seen frequently. The Bay is excellent place to swim and snorkel. Marine tortoises, rays, sea lions and tropical fish are an amazing attraction! Snacks and beverages and lunch are waiting for you on board.

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**SOUTH PLAZAS:** These are two small islands created by an uplifting of the land. The land iguanas are smaller here and they nest during the warm season. Hike along an extraordinary cliff where sea birds nest. Also view approximately 1000 sea lions (*Zalophus Wollebaeki*) that are located on the south side of the Plazas.

**Overnight in EcoGalaxy Catamaran. Lunch and dinner included.**



## DAY 11 | GALAPAGOS: NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND – MOSQUERA ISLET (B/L/D)

### Thursday:

**NORTH SEYMOUR:** A dry landing. Seymour was formed by the lifting of volcanic marine lava. Marine fossils dating back to the Pleistocene period were found on this island.

In 1932, Captain Alan Hancock and his crew took 72 malnourished land iguanas from Baltra Island to North Seymour Island so that the iguanas could live in better conditions. In 1934, colonists verified that the iguanas were in good condition.

The vegetation of North Seymour is bushy and is host to nesting Real Frigates of the Galapagos. Return to the EcoGalaxy for lunch.

**MOSQUERA ISLET:** This islet is located between Baltra Island and North Seymour. Here, we find the biggest sea lion colony. It's also possible to observe several species of birds.

**Overnight in EcoGalaxy Catamaran. Lunch and dinner included.**



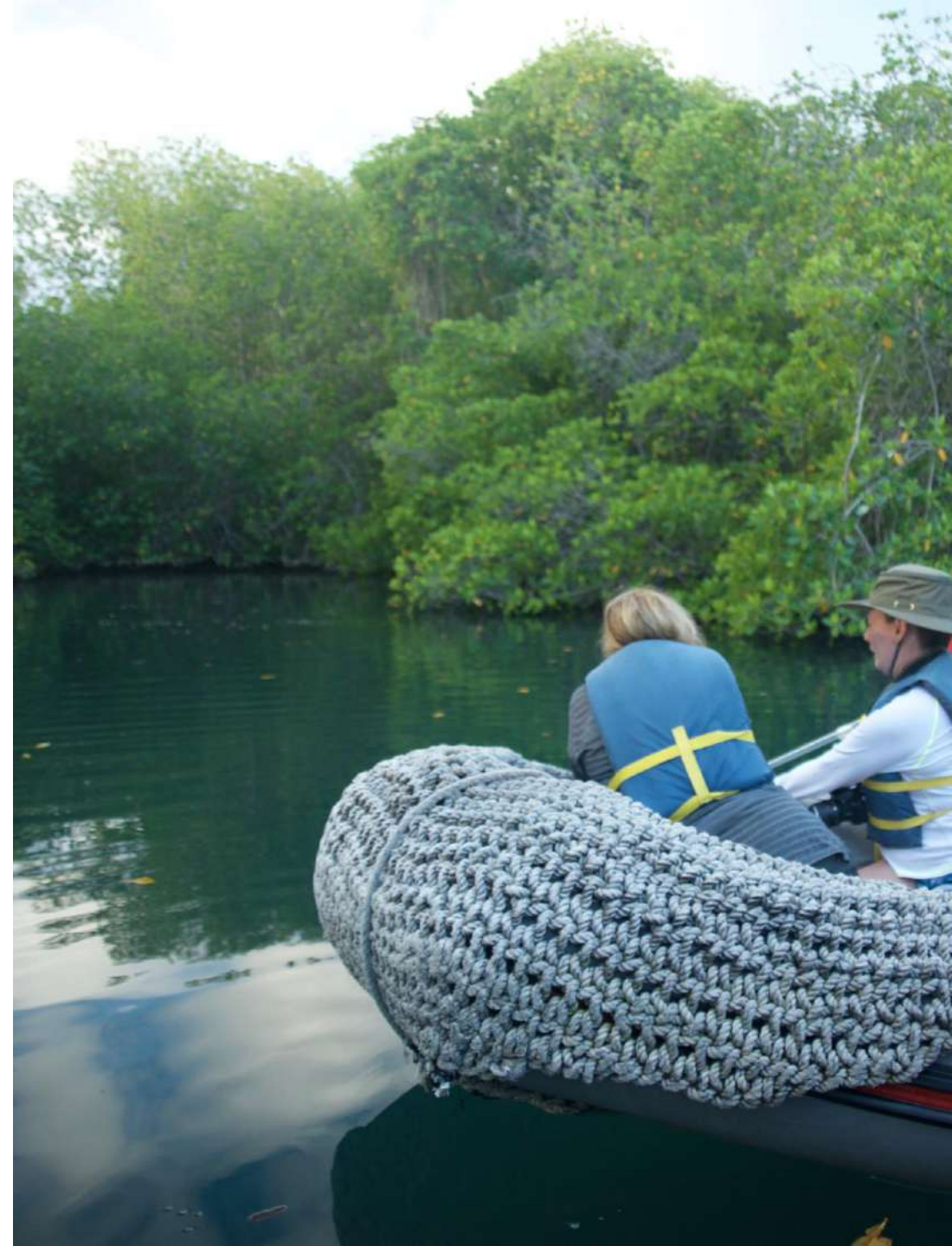
## DAY 12 | GALAPAGOS: GENOVESA ISLAND: DARWIN BAY & BARRANCO (B/L/D)

### Friday:

**DARWIN BAY:** Activities for this day: short walks, photography, swimming, and snorkeling. Genovesa is a small island in the north of the Galapagos with a beautiful coral beach. Our unloading in Darwin Bay will be wet. Near the beach is a mangrove swamp where we will find a colony of frigates, marine iguanas, red-footed boobies and mask boobies, the great terrestrial finch, seagulls, herons, and cactus finch. Following the visit, our passengers can enjoy a swim in the bay. Snacks and refreshments are available. Lunch.

**BARRANCO:** Activities: after the dry landing, hike around Prince Phillip's stairs. Here, we will go for a walk on the Barranco path. On our journey we will observe tropical birds, petrels, common frigate, red-foot boobies, mask boobies, doves, and finches. Dinner onboard.

**Overnight in EcoGalaxy Catamaran. Lunch and dinner included.**



## DAY 13 | GALAPAGOS: SANTA CRUZ HIGHLANDS - GUAYAQUIL (B)

### Saturday:

**SANTA CRUZ:** Enjoy trekking on this island where you will find 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.

**\*\*The catamaran 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 Sonesta Guayaquil.



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

### **Sunday:**

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 EcoGalaxy Catamaran.

## 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 EcoGalaxy Catamaran.
- Dinner from day 9 to 12 in EcoGalaxy Catamaran.
- Unlimited purified water, coffee, tea and soft drinks in EcoGalaxy Catamaran.

## 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 EcoGalaxy Catamaran 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\$309.00. *Prices are not confirmed until the tickets are issued.*)
- International and domestic airport departure taxes
- Travel Insurance
- Local taxes if apply.
- 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 Supplement* |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Jan 1 2020<br>to Dec 20 2020 | Superior    | 6,545             | 5,040           |
|                              | First Class | 6,735             | 5,219           |

\*For single supplements, EcoGalaxy charges 100% of the fare as single supplement. If you would like to take advantage of the price in double occupancy, we guarantee to pair you with a same gender passenger in the same cabin with 2 beds. In this case, the single supplement per person will be:

**In Superior hotels: USD\$515.00**

**In First Class hotels: USD\$689.00**

### **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. Do 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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