

TRIP TO ECUADOR & PERU 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



SEPTEMBER 18: QUITO

Upon arrival to Quito, private transfer to **Selected Hotel.** 2 nights of accommodation with Breakfast.

SEPTEMBER 19: OUITO

FULL DAY QUITO SIX SENSES TOUR (PRIVATE TOUR)

Through this formidable tour, real experiences will be obtained, by involving all five senses: Taste Touch-Hear-Sight-Smell and the extra sense and that is the "Sixth Sense" is "Love". All the love that our Artisans put into the productive process of a variety of products and delicacies with high quality, where our guests can participate in the process of manufacturing these products.

You start on San Juan Hill by visiting the Cobo family's pastry shop; at this small bakery, you will learn the process of making the traditional Quesadilla, one of Quito's favorite desserts. You will get a chance to taste this delicacy and other original treats.

Your second stop is a surprise visit to the ancient location of the temple of the moon; here you will experience "El Torno", an exclusive attraction that takes us into the city's past while affording expansive views of the amazing domes and rooftops that furnish the skyline.

Your route takes us through the street of the seven crosses; you will enjoy views of the facades of old colonial homes and churches on the way to the central plaza.

Your next experience will take you to the very origin of the golden seed "Cacao", you will visit the workshop of the world's best Chocolate Bar: "Pacari"! Chocolate boasts several gold medals at global competitions. Before you get a taste of this unique delicacy, you will be introduced to the process of making your own truffles, you get a chance to be a chocolatier for a day and mix up exotic fruits, herbs, and spices with the famous "Arriba" cocoa beans. All this while learning the entire process from

the bean to the bar.

As you continue through these historic streets, you get a chance to meet a local family that makes their living by creating traditional sweets called Colaciones!

You will walk deeper into the heart of Quito, passing by historic buildings made of volcanic stones; the stunning views of the sculpted Compania Church will leave you longing for a visit to its interiors. To learn more about this and other churches you will make your way to the workshops of the master craftsmen from "The Escuela Quiteña", these artists keep the secrets of colonial art in Quito's churches and museums, they are the people who have been in charge of restoring the altars and painting in these historic gems. They will share their secrets with you and allow you to try your artistic skills to create your very own crafts.

Your final experience is at the handmade hat workshop; you will get a briefing on the traditional hats from Quito's historic timeline as well as the distinctive headwear from the different ethnic groups that make up Ecuador's live culture. You take part in the hat-making process. Lunch is not included.

SEPTEMBER 20: QUITO - GALAPAGOS

At appropriate time, private transfer to the airport in Quito for your flight to the Galapagos.

Upon arrival, transfer to the port (shared service) for your 4 days/3 nights **Seaman Journey Cruises** in Galapagos.

3 nights of accommodation with full board and activities.



Seaman Journey Cruise includes:

- Airport assistance
- Transfers in Galapagos
- Accommodation on board in double or Single cabin
- All meals during the cruise
- Naturalist Bilingual Guide Level III
- All visits and excursions according to the itinerary
- Snorkel Gear (mask, tube, and fins)
- Kayaks
- Unlimited purified water, coffee and tea
- Round trip flight to/from Galapagos
- Galapagos National Park Entrance fee
- Galápagos Ingala card

Seaman Journey Cruise does not include:

- Tips
- Local Taxes
- Travel Insurance
- Meals and services not mentioned above
- Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks
- Extras and personal expenses

AM: Flight to Galapagos

This day you will fly to the Galapagos Island. Due to the Galapagos Government, a fee of 20 USD must be paid for the migration control card (included). Once in San Cristobal, passengers must go through an inspection point at the airport to make sure that no foreign plants or animals are being introduced to the archipelago. Also, this inspection point is where passengers have to pay for the entrance to the Galapagos National Park (included). Later on, your guide will pick you, and will carry your luggage to the bus. Passengers will arrive to the Catamaran Seaman lourney on a motorized boat called panga.





found bodysurfing.

PM: North Seymour

North Seymour is an uplifted (as opposed to volcanic) island. Therefore, it is generally flat and strewn with boulders. There are good nesting sites here for a large population of magnificent frigate birds. Blue-footed boobies perform their courtship dance in the more open areas and swallow-tailed gulls perch on the cliff edges. Despite the tremendous surf that can pound the outer shore, sea lions haul out onto the beach and can be

SEPTEMBER 21: GALAPAGOS

AM: Genovesa, Island El Barranco - The Cliff

The visitor site of El Barranco is located in the southern part of Darwin Bay from Genovesa Island. The trail is on volcanic rock, consists of 1.5 km and can be done in about 2 hours. The youngest area of the island, from a geological point of view, lies on this area.

The cliff is located in the south, are composed of very fragile lava. The natural erosion in these lava flows has become the ideal place for nesting Storm Petrels. You can see two species of petrels that nest in cavities and holes in the lava.



One of its main predators is the short-eared owl. The red-footed booby nests only in the outer islands of the archipelago, Punta Pitt, Gardner (Floreana), Wolf, Darwin and Genovesa. Also, present

on this island is the masked booby. During the "panga rides" along the cliffs, fur sea lions and several species of seabirds can be seen.

PM: Darwin Bay

This bay has its origin when the crater of this island collapsed below sea level. The wet landing is on a beautiful white coral sandy beach. This is a favorite island for birdwatchers that allow the following species to be seen: red footed-booby, masked boobies, wandering tattlers, lava gulls, whimbrels, yellow-crowned, and black-crowned lava herons, and yellow warblers.

Continuing on the trail, visitors climb gradually to the edge of the cliff seeing Red-Foots nesting in the Mangrove trees below. Birdwatching includes sightings of sharp-beaked finches, large cactus and ground finches, Galapagos doves, and swallow-tailed gulls. Reaching the end of the trail, at the cliff's edge an incredible view of the island and the many birds living there can be observed.

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AM: Plazas, Santa Cruz

Plazas is located at the east of Santa Cruz Island, and forms part of two islands known as Islas Plazas. Despite its small size, some of the most interesting and outstanding species of the Galapagos are found here. The Plazas land iguanas are smaller than its relatives found at other islands. Throughout the island are several hybrid iguanas, a result of crossing a male marine iguana and a female land iguana, they are unique, recognizable at first glance by their black/gray color, with a land iguana's crest, but face and tail of the marine



iguana. The big population of iguanas is due to the presence of tunas, their favorite food. Swallow tailed gulls nesting in the rugged cliffs are seen along with other seabirds as: Audubon shearwaters, red-billed tropicbirds, frigate birds, and brown pelicans.

PM: Santa Fe



Located in the southeastern part of the Galapagos, this island was formed from an uplift instead of a volcanic origin, this is why it is mostly flat. There are some theories which assure this could be the oldest island in the Archipelago. Santa Fe is the home of a number of endemic species like the Galapagos hawk, Galapagos snake, Galapagos mockingbird, rice rats, and one of the two species of land Iguanas of the islands.

After disembarking in the beautiful and clear waters you will be in contact with one of the many sea lion colonies. Along the trail many salt bushes can be seen as well giant Prickly pear cactus: gigantism is a characteristic of oceanic islands. There are great possibilities of

snorkeling with playful sea lions and tropical fish.

SEPTEMBER 23: GALAPAGOS - QUITO - LIMA

AM: San Cristobal, Jacinto Gordillo Breeding Center

In 2004 the Breeding and Rearing Center for young tortoises Jacinto Gordillo, named after a famous settler, was located in Cerro Colorado, San Cristobal Island, in order to take care of young tortoises. In 2008 an assisted reproduction program started on the island due to the birth of a little turtle in captivity. All of this will be learnt at the Jacinto Breeding Center.

One can not only learn about breeding processes but as well get engaged and experience why this breeding center does what it does.



After the morning excursion, you will be taken to the airport for your flight to the mainland.

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Quito and then connect with your flight to Lima.



Upon arrival at the airport in Lima, assistance to check in at Costa del Sol Wyndham Lima Airport Hotel.

1 night accommodation with Breakfast.

SEPTEMBER 24: LIMA - CUSCO - SACRED VALLEY

At appropriate time, assistance to go to the airport for your flight to Cusco.

HALF DAY AWANACANCHA & PISAC MARKET (PRIVATE TOUR)

On route, we'll stop at Awanacancha complex where we will know and we will be able to feed these Andean camelids as llamas and alpacas, in addition, local inhabitants will show us their techniques of woven and dyed of traditional textiles. We will continue to the traditional Pisac market with enough

time to walk around and enjoy a delicious empanada or an out-of-the-oven bread roll. Lunch at a local restaurant.

Drop off at **Selected Hotel** in Sacred Valley. 2 nights accommodation with Breakfast.

Rest of the afternoon at leisure.

SEPTEMBER 25: SACRED VALLEY

FULL DAY INCAS' SACRED VALLEY (MORAY, MARAS AND OLLANTAYTAMBO) (PRIVATE TOUR)



Let's visit the most outstanding sites of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. We will start our day visiting the Inca terraces of Moray, with an impressive view of the colossal terraces, which were used to recreate 20 different types of microclimates, which ensured the agricultural production of the empire. We will continue to Maras, the famous and ancient salt mines of the colonial era. The contrast of its white wells with the green valley is imposing and unmissable for a spectacular postcard of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Lunch at a local restaurant. Finally, we will visit Ollantaytambo, a picturesque town continuously inhabited since Inca times, where we will visit

the temple of the same name, used as a fortress during the Inca resistance and from where we will obtain collection images.

Return to the hotel.

Important: This evening you will need to pack a small bag for your train journey to Machu Picchu. For all train journeys, each passenger is allowed a carry-on bag (one bag or backpack) with a weight not to exceed 5kg/11 lbs. and maximum measurements of 62 linear in/157 linear cm (height + length + width). Baggage that exceeds these measurements will not be allowed. We ask you to pack the absolutely necessary for one overnight. Your extra luggage will be stored at the hotel in Cusco (you can get it back upon your arrival).



SEPTEMBER 26: SACRED VALLEY- KM104/EXPRESS INCA TRAIL/MACHU PICCHU

After our hotel pick up at 6 am approx. we will go to Km. 104 of the railroad, where we will climb out and start the so-called Express Inca Trail, a light trek to explore the beautiful Wiñaywayna complex. After a box lunch, we will continue to Machu Picchu, entering through the Intipunku or the Sun Gate. We will spend the night in your hotel in Aguas Calientes.

Difficulty: Moderate to High

Hiking distance from Km 104-Intipunku: 13km

Walking time: 6-7 hours

Max Elevation: 2,650 mts. / 8,692 fts.

Selected Hotel in Aguas Calientes.

1 night accommodation with Breakfast and Dinner.

SEPTEMBER 27: MACHU PICCHU - CUSCO

A second entrance to Machu Picchu to visit the citadel included.

COOKING AND BAR MASTERCLASS AT SUMAQ HOTEL (PRIVATE TOUR)

With a unique presentation, designed the new Master Class of our flagship dish, ceviche, in an exclusive style of hot ceviche over Andean stone embers accompanied by a tasting Cane distillate from the Peruvian Andes. Both culinary creations seek to enhance traditional Peruvian cuisine and sustainable products from agricultural communities.

Hot ceviche is one of our acclaimed dishes within the Sumaq tasting menu- it brings together history, fusion, and diversity of products from the region.

The selection of Caña Alta distillates will take you on a journey of sensations, where you will enjoy unique flavors of Andean herbs and fruit. Some products come from fertile high Andean and tropical lands such as the canes from the heights of Apurímac or bitter cocoa from the Quillabamba jungle. After the demonstration of the master class, the participants will be able to taste the hot ceviche and they will choose a cocktail based on Caña Alta.

At the arranged time, return from Machu Picchu to Cusco onboard the Vistadome train.

Upon arrival at the train station, private transfer to the **Selected Hotel** in Cusco. 2 nights accommodation with Breakfast.

SEPTEMBER 28: CUSCO

HALF DAY CITY TOUR OF CUSCO AND NEARBY RUINS (PRIVATE TOUR)

In the morning, we will go up to the Archeological Park of Sacsayhuaman. Our excursion starts visiting the magnificient fortress, a beautiful place that radiates peace and quiet. We will be able to admire the rocks measuring up to 4 meters high that were used in its construction. Then, we will continue to Q'enqo, and ancient temple of the cougar, that has inside an altar for sacrifices in the inner part of the rock. Tambomachay, the sacred fountains of life and health. On the way we will have a panoramic view from Puca Pucara, a watch tower that controlled the entrance to the city. After that, we will visit the Temple of the Sun "Korikancha", on top of which the Santo Domingo Convent was built. A legend tells that his temple was entirely lined in gold sheets that marveled the Conquistadors upon their arrival. Finally, we will end our tour visiting the Cathedral, located in front of the main square, and keeps colonial invaluable paintings and other works of religious art such as the Cross that arrived with the first conquerors.

SEPTEMBER 29: CUSCO - LIMA

At appropriate time, private transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima and then connect with your flight back home.

END OF SERVICES *********

Option 3: With Hiram Bingham train for Machu Picchu - Cusco

Casa Gangotena Hotel Boutique (Quito) - Double & Single Luxury Rooms
Seaman Journey Cruises (Galapagos) - 6 Double & Single Twin Ocean View (Main Deck) & 1 Double or
Single Matrimonial Suite (Upper Deck) Cabins
Costa del Sol by Wyndham - Lima Airport Hotel (Lima) - Double & Single Standard Rooms
Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa (Sacred Valley) - Double & Single Deluxe Rooms
Sumaq Hotel (Aguas Calientes) - Double & Single Sumaq Deluxe Rooms
Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel (Cusco) - Double & Single Classic Rooms

U\$D 10,200 * per person, Double occupancy

-U\$D 3995.00 * Single Supplement

(*) Rates Subject to a 3.5% of processing fee when paid by credit card.

INCLUDES:

- Meals as specified above
- Transfers as indicated
- Tours as specified above
- Accommodations
- Taxes as specified

EXCLUDES:

- Flights
- Personal expenses
- Tips to guides and drivers
- Other excursions, tours and activities indicated as optional or not included.
- Extras at the hotels
- Travel Insurances

Optional tour in Machu Picchu:

HALF DAY HUAYNA PICCHU (PRIVATE TOUR)

This morning, climb Huayna Picchu, the towering mountain behind the actual site of Machu Picchu. The fabulous views from the top are definitely worth the climb. The hike to the top of Huayna Picchu takes approximately three hours (this includes the ascent, descent and time at the top). Arrival must be before 1 pm. Take care in wet weather as the steps get slippery.

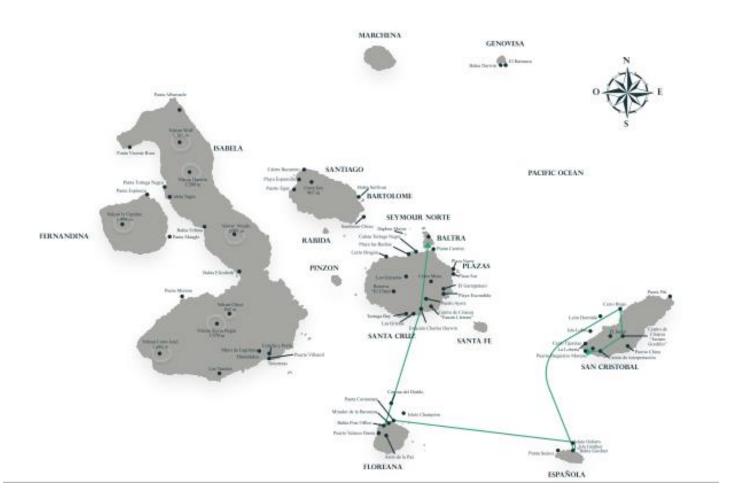
**Huayna Picchu has a maximum allowance of 400 spaces in two schedules: 22 spaces at 07:00am and 200 spaces at 10:00am.

We suggest applying for the entrance tickets for later dates at the moment you book the whole tour program so as to avoid any complications due to congestions or lack of local availability. This tour includes private local guide, entrance fee to Machu Picchu + Huayna Picchu and bus tickets.

Tour descriptions:

These descriptions are for orientation purposes only. Some places described may or may not be visited, due to unexpected Circumstances.

Please read our Terms & Conditions. We highly recommend travel insurance.



Important Passport Information regarding Peru

Effective since January 1, 2019, the Government of Peru is enforcing a new immigration law that requires all foreign travelers to have a minimum of six months' validity on their passports upon entry into Peru.

The US Embassy in Peru notified this information through a press release, adding that "travelers not meeting this requirement will be denied boarding at their point of origin, while transferring planes, or denied entry into Peru, upon arrival".

If this were to happen, the travelers will have to return to their point of origin, so it is important to verify your documents before planning a trip.

"The US Embassy cannot intervene on behalf of travelers not abiding by Peruvian immigration law", the press release informed.