

ECUADOR , THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS & PERU

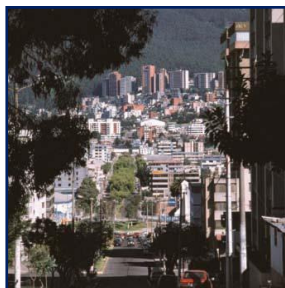
Tour Start Date	July 30, 2012
Tour End Date	August 15, 2012
Price Land Only	\$6, 875 p/p twin share
Price with flights From Tel Aviv	\$7,625
Single Supplement	\$2,500

Eddie's Kosher Travel invites you to discover Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands & Peru. Ecuador is the smallest country in the Andes Mountains and one of the most fascinating tourist attractions in South America. Thanks to the diversity of the native cultures, the well-kept colonial architecture, the volcanic scenery and the lush forests, this country has more points of interest within its borders than those of a country twice its size. Ecuador ranks as one of the richest countries in the world when it comes to its variety of animals and flora. Ecuador's tropical climate allows for tourism any time of the year, and the fact that it lies on the equator keeps the weather stable all year long. The weather in Ecuador is fickle and has a tendency for extremes, and it's not rare to experience all 4 seasons in one day. Never the less, and despite all this, the fact that Ecuador is located on the equator, gives one the opportunity to tour Ecuador on most days of the year, and anywhere in the country: the Andes, the rain forests, the beaches and the Galapagos.



Exotic Peru is rich in some of the most beautiful scenery in all of Latin America. The mountains are home to millions of Indians who still speak the ancient Cacha language and maintain their traditional lifestyle. The green Amazon basin which spreads over half the area of Peru is one of the ten most populated wildlife regions in the world – the rain forests are so full of different types of animals and birds that trying to count them all will make your head spin. During this tour we'll visit Cusco - capital of the Inca kingdom; Machu Picchu – the mysterious city high above the jungle and the most popular tourist site in Peru; and Lima, the Peruvian capital. These all combine to create a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will excite all your senses.

Day 1, Monday (July 30, 2012) **Tel Aviv – Quito (D)**

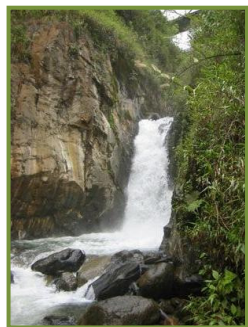


Early morning departure to Ecuador via Europa.

Arrival Quito, Ecuador, where we will be met by our staff.

We'll be transferred to our hotel for a group dinner and orientation. Quito is without a doubt the prettiest city in South America. It's located at 2850 meters above sea level, 22 Kilometers from the equator, and enjoys a great spring climate and a magnificent view all around. The scenery is ruled by mountains and a number of snowy volcanoes that can be seen from a distance. The city itself lies at the feet of Mt. Roca Pichincha, which rises to a lofty 4,700 meters. Architecturally, Quito holds vast colonial treasures, and construction in the modern city is under strict supervision ever since 1978, when UNESCO placed Quito on the list of World Heritage Sites. After Arrival, transfer to hotel. Dinner and overnight at the Dann Carlton hotel.

Day 2, Tuesday (July 31, 2012) and Day 3 Wednesday (Aug. 01, 2012) - **Amazonia (B,L,D)**



Programmed Activities
Accommodation at Casa del Suizo
Breakfast.

The day starts with a canoe ride inside the Amazonian rainforest, along the Napo River. Arrive in Misahualli. Follow this with a second canoe ride on the Arajuno. Visit "Amazoonico", an animal rescue center in which numerous species are tended to, including toucans, a variety of colorful parrots, monkeys, jaguars, capybaras and much more. Enjoy a picnic on the riverbank and visit a Kichwa family to learn their ancient customs. Dinner and lodging.

Day 4 Thursday (Aug. 02, 2012) - **Amazonia- Baños** (B,D)

Drive to Baños

Visit Pailon del Diablo Waterfalls

Cable Car " Tarabita"

Accommodation at Samari Spa

Dinner at your hotel

Early in the morning after breakfast, we walk in the primary forest. With an experienced native guide, you will be able to learn many interesting subjects about plant uses, insect variety, bird watching, and the species that lives in this unique forest. Drive to Etnobotanico Omaere Parck, located on the Puyo-Tena road. Omaere is a reserve of medicinal and useful plants, and it is also a site to learn about the indigenous cultures of the Amazon. We have traditional dwellings where we teach about the cultures Shuar and Waorani.

Depart to Baños, a small and friendly town/thermal bath resort nestled amidst mountains and found midway between the Andes and the Amazon.

We head down into the Pastaza river canyon to the so called "Avenue of the Waterfalls" where we find Cascada de la Virgen, Maria Inés, the Bride's Shroud, Path of Machay, Pailón del Diablo, all of which lie along the riverbed of the Pastaza and surrounded by green lush vegetation. The tallest waterfall, Pailón del Diablo (the Devil's Cauldron) can be observed from a breathtaking suspension bridge.

Day 5 Friday (Aug. 03, 2012) **Baños-Quito** (B,D)

Cotopaxi Panoramic view (Visit Salasaca Community)

Drive to Quito

Accommodation at the Dann Carlton hotel

Shabbat Dinner at your hotel

An exciting day awaits you visiting the Indian Community of Salasaca. The people live as in the past and weave beautiful carpets. It is a special experience not easily forgotten.

Through the Avenue of the Volcanoes, you will also be able to observe the Cotopaxi volcano -a spectacular sight- Cotopaxi is the highest active volcano in the world. Despite the altitude, the Park is home to numerous birds and varied plant life. Arrive Quito and transfer to the Dann Carlton hotel.

Day 6 Saturday (Aug. 04, 2012) **Quito** (B,L,D)

Day at leisure

Coffee Break

Hot Shabbat Meal

Visit Mindalae

SEUDA SHLISHIT (PARVE)

After prayers and breakfast, we shall go for a walking tour of Quito.

Today you will visit the Central Bank Museum, which has permanent collections of archaeological, ethnographic, colonial and republican art, as well as old photographs. The art covers pre-Columbian and Inca art all the way to contemporary works. You will be able to view gold artifacts, sculptures, paintings, utensils and three dimensional models of life in Ecuador.

In the evening, you will enjoy the Chiva Quiteña night City tour.



Day 7 Sunday (Aug. 05, 2012) **Quito Colonial & Mitad del Mundo** (B, D)



Colonial city tour: Explore the bustling streets and plazas in the largest colonial town of the Americas and first Unesco's World Heritage Site. Enjoy a super eclectic architecture ranging from the modern quarters to impressive colonial facades on churches and private residences decorated with beautiful balconies; a superb sample of the architecture of the last five centuries including parks like El Ejido and Alameda, the monument of Simon Bolivar, the gothic Basilica of the Heart of Jesús, Independence Square flanked by the Presidential and the Archbishop's palaces, the Metropolitan Cathedral and unique churches such as La Compañía de Jesús, El Sagrario or San Francisco, which display a rich sample of artistic and cultural heritage. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Dann Carlton

Day 8-11 Monday (Aug. 06, 2012) – Thursday (Aug. 09, 2012) (B,L,D The whole cruise)

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS CRUISE 4D/3N IN THE GALAPAGOS LEGEND LUXURY BOAT

Morning Flight to the Islands

Quito – Galapagos Islands – Quito

Today we fly out to the Galapagos Islands for a fascinating cruise around the Islands. This is a volcanic group of Islands that rose from the ocean approx 4-10 million years ago. Man discovered the islands in the year 1535, and just like any other place, started destroying his surroundings. The animals, that weren't yet familiar with humans, didn't run away, and the sailors massacred them mercilessly, both for food and for pleasure. In addition, they also unleashed goats, cats and dogs that destroyed the area. The sailors took the giant tortoises back with them on the ships as a supply of fresh meat. Later they butchered the tortoises too for their fat. For these reasons and others, dozens of unique species became extinct.

DETAILED CRUISE ITINERARY



Monday - Baltra Airport

Departure from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra (2 ½ hours flight).

Passengers are picked up at the airport by our naturalist guides and taken on a ten minute bus drive to the pier to board the M/V Galapagos Legend.

Afternoon - Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz)

Wet landing on the north side of Santa Cruz; behind the beach lie two small flamingo ponds with iguanas, coastal birds, Darwin finches, mockingbirds, and gulls, as well as interesting native and endemic vegetation, red and black mangroves, salt bushes, and much more. This

beach is one of the main nesting sites of sea turtles in the Galapagos. A female can lay eggs 3 or 4 times with an average of 70 eggs each, but then spend 3 or 5 years without breeding.

At this paradisiacal site we will also find the remains of barges that sank long ago, once property of the United States Navy when they operated an airbase on Baltra Island during World War II. That is why the beach is called "Bachas" because the word "barges" in English was hard to pronounce for the local people.

Tuesday – South Plaza (Plazas Island)

Dry landing on the northern part of the Islet. The walk begins with an impressive cactus forest surrounded by land and marine iguanas; as we reach its highest point, be on the lookout for tropicbirds and a bachelor sea lion colony. In South Plaza there is a large colony of the smaller sized land iguanas. The population is approximately 300 individuals. They feed on all kinds of vegetation, but during the dry season survive on the fruits and flowers of Opuntia cacti. Due to their proximity with marine iguanas, this is the only place on Earth where we will find the Galapagos hybrid iguana.

Afternoon - Santa Fe

Wet landing on a white sand beach surrounded by a sea lion colony; we continue walking through an endemic cactus forest as we search for the endemic Santa Fe land iguana, the largest in the islands and distinctively paler.

This island is home to a number of endemic species including Galapagos Hawk, Galapagos Snake, rice rats, a variety of finches and one of the four species of Galapagos mockingbirds.

Wednesday – Pitt Point / Pitt Islet (San Cristóbal)

Wet landing followed by a high intensity hike on rocky terrain. The trail includes an olivine beach of 90 meters long and a path that climbs to the top of a volcanic tuff, through several magnificent viewpoints. This is probably the only site where the three booby species of the Galapagos can be seen together: Nazca, Blue-footed, and Red-footed; as well as two species of frigate birds and a sea lion colony; it is also excellent for dinghy rides and snorkeling, where a good range of sea birds can be observed.

Afternoon – Cerro Brujo (San Cristóbal)

Wet landing. Cerro Brujo is an eroding tuff cone that at several locations is composed of AA lava formations, and a beautiful white sand beach, great for snorkeling and sunbathing. We visit a lagoon where migratory bird species can be seen: Black-necked Stilts, Ruddy Turnstones, Whimbrels, other sandpiper species and White-cheeked Pintails. Cerro Brujo offers beautiful views of Kicker Rock, the southern part of San Cristobal and the adjacent coast.

Thursday – Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve (San Cristóbal)

Dry landing in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. Passengers visit the San Cristóbal giant tortoise Breeding Center to learn about the National Park's conservation programs. Passengers will also have the opportunity to visit the port village, have a drink or shop for arts and crafts and other souvenirs. Transfer to San Cristóbal airport for your return flight.

Day 11 –Thursday (Aug. 09, 2012) (B,D) Quito – Lima (B,D)



Transfer to the airport of Baltra (SB) and flight to Quito
Arrival Quito and transfer to The Jewish Community for an early dinner & a short visit
Transfer to the airport and flight to Lima (Peru) -
Evening arrival and transfer to the Melia hotel –
Overnight

Day 12 Friday (Aug. 10, 2012) Lima (B,D)

Breakfast.

Morning city tour including visit to the Inquisition, the Catacombs in San Francisco Church and the Gold Museum. Return to your hotel before 16hrs
Dinner at the Chabad Center.

Day 13 Saturday (Aug. 11, 2012) Lima (B,D)



Breakfast.

Day at leisure. Late lunch at the Chabad Center.

At 19:00hrs, drive to Parque de la Reserva for a visit of the Magical Circuit of the Water– 2hrs

Day 14 Sunday (Aug. 12, 2012) Lima-Cusco-Urubamba (B,D)



Breakfast

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Cusco.

Upon arrival, meeting and transfer to the Sacred Valley. En route, visit Cinchero market

Dinner and overnight at Hotel Sonesta Posada Del Inca

Return to Quito airport to board our international flight home.....

Day 15 Monday (Aug. 13, 2012) **Urubamba-Machu Picchu-Urubamba**



Breakfast
Transfer to Ollanta railway station
Board your train and depart for Machu Picchu. Guided tour of the Citadel.
Return to Ollanta station. Transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight

Day 16 Tuesday (Aug. 14, 2012) **Urubamba-Cusco**



Breakfast
Morning visit of the village of Pisac. Upon our return to Cusco we shall make a stop and
Visit the Sacsayhuaman ruins.
Rest of the afternoon will be at leisure
Dinner (set-menu) at El Truco restaurant
Overnight at Hotel Costa Del Sol-Picoaga
Day 17 Wednesday (Aug. 15, 2012) **Cusco-Lima - Tel Aviv**
Breakfast

We shall start our day with a morning walking tour of the city including a visit to the Cathedral And Koricancha Temple. Then, transfer to the airport for your flight to Lima connecting with Your homebound flight.....Arriving Tel Aviv on August 16th.

The rate includes:

- International Flights
- Domestic Flights
- Cruise to the Galapagos Islands.
- First class hotels or the best available locally
- Comfortable air-conditioned touring coach for travelling
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- And supplies for making sandwiches for lunch
- Professional experienced Shai Bar Ilan guide
- Local English-speaking Guide (s) as required
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the tour plan

The rate does not include:

- Upgrade to Junior Suite on board the ship: Available upon request!
- Tax at Quito airport (approx \$40 per person)
- Tips for local service providers US\$180 per person
- Travel and baggage Insurance (Highly recommended to insure yourselves for a 20 days period)
- Personal expenses
- Evening entertainments that are not clearly specified in the above itinerary.
- Changes in air fares due to increases in fuel airport tax and security tax surcharges
- Tip for Israeli guide (Recommended: \$3 per person per day).

Cancellation Terms:

- 90 days before departure bookings are refundable less a \$100 administration fee
- 60-90 days prior to departure: \$500 + \$100 per passenger
- 30-60 days prior to departure: \$1,000 + \$100 per passenger
- Less than 30 working days prior to departure: 100% of total - no refund

- Fridays, Shabbat & Holidays in Israel, as well as Sundays and Public Holidays in the country of origin will not be considered as working days.
- If tickets have been issued their cost will be added to any cancellation fee.
- We strongly recommend purchasing Travel Insurance.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

Sites may be visited on different days than those mentioned above. We will make every effort to visit all the sites listed. Departure and arrival days are included in the number of tour days. Insurance is required for 20 full days. The tour organizers have no control over domestic airline operations such as delays, seating, food supply etc....

These are the sole responsibility of the airlines.

We are obliged to purchase domestic flights ahead of time. These tickets are non refundable and therefore their cost will be added to all cancellation penalties. Prices are subject to currency fluctuations, flight tariffs and cost of land services. If Visas and/or tickets have been issued their costs will be added to the penalties mentioned above.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance encompassing both cancellation and medical insurance is very important and we cannot stress that enough. We strongly recommend that our clients are adequately insured when travelling. It is crucial to purchase the travel insurance within 14 days from the 1st payment that you make for this trip (flights/cruise/tour etc). Your payment is made directly to the insurance company. We highly recommend the 'cancel for any reason' upgrade option. Our preferred policies are Travel Safe (USA & Canadian residents), Travel Select (USA residents) and Global Trip Protection Elite (All other Nationalities).

For an obligation free quote and further details email Yonah.insurance@eddiestravel.com

Bookings: Due to the limited number of spaces on this tour, we urge you to please complete the attached booking form and return it to us by fax as soon as possible.

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