



Royal Galapagos Mainland Explorations

Royal Galapagos now features expertly crafted short mainland **Ecuador tours** that perfectly complement our Galapagos cruises, resulting in unparalleled journeys!

We ensure your customers experience the finest travel adventures by combining our expertise and dedication with Ecuador's natural and cultural treasures: the warm hospitality of locals, charming colonial villages, volcanic mountains, invigorating waterfalls, lush green forests, and so much more!

- ▶ ***Tours crafted by destination specialists***
- ▶ ***Remarkable and unique experiences***
- ▶ ***Private-guided tours and transfers***
- ▶ ***24/7 bilingual local support***

Galapagos Islands

Latitude 0° 0' 0"





📍 Quito

Full day: Hidden Treasures of Quito

Art, culture and sweeping views unfold across the capital city. Quito's majesty is admired from above, while science comes to life at the equator. Encounters with local produce and vibrant artisan creations reveal the authentic spirit of the millenary city.

Highlights

- Middle of the World Monument
- Intiñan Museum
- Teleferico - Cable Car
- Traditional Food Market
- Local Handicrafts Market

An inspiring exploration of Quito, where routine and modern life coexist within majestic Andean peaks.



📍 Quito

Equator Line Extended: Full day: A Journey through Science, History & Local Experiences

A unique experience at the heart of the world, where the legacy of the Geodesic Mission sparks scientific curiosity and reveals cultural depth at the equator. Rich diversity unfolds through ancestral beverages, traditional healing practices and a hands-on culinary experience.

Highlights

- Middle of the World Monument
- Ethnographic Museum
- Intiñan Museum
- Casa Agave
- Hands-on Local Cooking Class

An immersive encounter with science, history, botany and local cuisine at 0 degrees latitude.



📍 Quito

From Market to Table: Half day: Traditional Cuisine with a Gourmet Touch

Led by a renowned chef, Ecuadorian cuisine is revealed by selecting, preparing and sharing a meal. Local traditions come alive with a market visit for fresh ingredients, followed by a hands-on cooking lesson and a beautifully crafted five-course experience.

Highlights

- Traditional food market visit
- Local produce selection experience
- Professional hands-on cooking lesson
- Five-course meal

An inviting taste of Ecuadorian hospitality through its vibrant and diverse culinary traditions.



📍 Amazon Rainforest

4-day Amazon Experience: Napó Wildlife Center

Four days of Amazon exploration, featuring wildlife, sustainability, and encounters with the rainforest and its people. Extended programs are available.

Itinerary Highlights

- Yasuní National Park guided exploration
- Canoe and hiking excursions for wildlife observation
- Birdwatching from the canopy observation tower
- Cultural visit to a Kichwa women-run community center
- Guided night walks to discover nocturnal wildlife

An adventure where biodiversity can be seen, heard and truly experienced.



📍 Amazon Rainforest

4-day Amazon Experience: Napó Cultural Center

Four days of genuine connection with Amazonian culture with the local community, combining hands-on involvement with support for tradition and heritage. Extended programs available.

Itinerary Highlights

- Participation and enjoyment of traditional Kichwa meals
- Insights into ancestral knowledge and sustainable forest practices
- Immersive Kichwa cultural connection through rituals
- Guided canoe and hiking wildlife excursions in Yasuní National Park

An intimate cultural and natural journey into the rich Amazon region of Ecuador.



📍 Andean Cloudforest

Full day: Local Experiences in the Cloud Forest

A day of fantastic discovery in Ecuador's globally famous cloud forest, building lasting connections with the forest and the people who call it home.

Itinerary Highlights

- Birdwatching in a renowned biodiversity hotspot
- Coffee farm visit with tasting experience
- Insights into sustainable and conservation projects
- Scenic views of cloud forest landscapes
- Visit to the Yunguilla community

A sensory quest into the cloud forest, where unique biodiversity and vibrant birdlife captivate all visitors.



📍 Andes Highlands

Full day Otavalo Journey: Beyond Crafts & Textiles

Volcano views, rose grounds, and vibrant traditions reveal the culture, colors, and flavors of Otavalo and Imbabura.

Itinerary Highlights

- Premium rose plantation visit with local pastry tasting
- Exploration of the traditional Otavalo handicraft and textile market
- Peguche artisan tapestry-making workshop immersive experience
- Scenic views of San Pablo Lake and the Cayambe, Imbabura, and Cotacachi mountains

A vibrant exploration of northern Ecuador where the region's rich heritage is revealed.



📍 Andes Highlands

Papallacta Journey: Full day Moorlands, Springs & Birdlife

A scenic drive leads to the serene natural springs of Papallacta, where Andean and Amazon ecosystems meet, offering restorative pools and glimpses of the remarkable ocal birdlife.

Itinerary Highlights

- Papallacta Thermal springs and pools relaxing experience
- Easy hike around Laguna de Papallacta
- Delightful birdwatching, including hummingbirds
- Scenic views of Antisana Mountain and the Eastern Andes

A wellness adventure into Ecuadorian moorlands, volcanic lagoons and restorative thermal springs.



📍 Andes Highlands

Full day Wildlife & Lagoons in the Moorlands: Antisana Reserve

Charming villages, traditional markets, glacial lagoons, and paramo landscapes framed by volcanic peaks, where Andean condors soar above and Spectacled bears roam freely.

Itinerary Highlights

- Traditional food market visit with optional local snacks
- Easy hike around Micacocha lake in Antisana Volcano Conservation Area
- Support of local conservation projects
- Wildlife observation of condors, ducks, deer, and alpacas

A breathtaking journey into the Ecuadorian Andes mountains, home of unique wildlife.



📍 Andes Highlands

2-day Andean Natural Journey

Culture, color and picture-perfect scenery come to life in this enriching two-day journey, revealing the soul of the majestic Andes.

Itinerary Highlights

- Visit a traditional Andean open-air food market
- Exploration of Cotopaxi National Park
- Accommodation in a charming Andean inn or hacienda
- Remarkable views and photo opportunities of the Andes
- Exploration of Quilotoa Crater Lake and Tigua local art

An immersive encounter with art, local traditions and unforgettable Andean landscapes.



📍 Andes Highlands

3-day Andes: Above & Beyond

Highland plains, iconic peaks, forests, and rivers combine in a dynamic 3-day expedition through one of Ecuador's hidden gems.

Itinerary Highlights

- Cotopaxi National Park exploration
- Panoramic views of Tungurahua volcano
- Hikes to the Devil's Cauldron and Mantle of the Bride waterfalls
- Experience the "Swing at the End of the World"
- Choice of adventure: including canyoning, zip lining, rafting and more

An exhilarating journey where the stunning scenery is embraced by the charming local spirit.



📍 Andes Highlands

5-day Andean Traditions: Exploring Ecuador's Soul

A thrilling journey along the Avenue of the Volcanoes, ending in Cuenca with easy connections to Galapagos, Guayaquil, or Quito.

Itinerary Highlights

- Cotopaxi National Park & rose plantation visit
- Quilotoa Crater Lake and Tigua local art exploration
- Town of Baños: Devil's Cauldron Waterfall and the "Swing at the End of the World"
- Visit to Ingarpirca Inca Ruins
- Cuenca exploration: Colonial district and Panama hat workshop

A captivating experience into Ecuador's timeless beauty and undeniable charm.