

Galapagos & Peru

16 DAY TOUR OF LIMA, CUSCO, SANTA CRUZ ISLAND, AND MORE WITH FLIGHTS INCLUDED.

From
\$7499
per person twin share
16 DAYS

SAVE UP TO
\$5500
MEMBER SAVINGS

Stunning panoramas, historic cities and unique creatures; the Galapagos Islands and Peru are a culturally rich combination.

At a glance

Go in search of some of the world's most stunning views and unique creatures on this 16 day tour of the Galapagos Islands and Peru. Explore Peru's sacred Inca treasures including Machu Picchu and culturally rich city life in Cusco and Lima. Visit the Ecuadorian Capital Quito, a UNESCO city of ancient traditions. Enjoy the remarkable eco-sanctuary of the Galapagos Islands on a 5 day expedition before exploring the volcanic Isabela Island. With return international flights, 4 internal flights, 10 nights hotel accommodation, 3 nights in a beach house on Isabela Island and more, this trip is sure to delight all the senses.

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Offer available for a limited time
or until sold out.



The itinerary

Day 1

Australia – Lima

Today you'll depart from either Sydney for Lima, Peru with LATAM Airlines or Qantas Airways (subject to availability). Once you arrive you'll be met by a representative who'll take you to your accommodation in Miraflores.

Overnight: Casa Andina Classic Miraflores Centro, Lima

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2

Lima city tour

After breakfast enjoy a city tour and visit key sites of Lima, including Huaca Pucllana, Colonial buildings such as the Plaza Mayor and the Government Palace, and the Central bank Museum. Afterwards return to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Casa Andina Classic Miraflores Centro, Lima

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3

Lima – Cusco

This morning you'll be taken to the airport for your flight to Cusco. Once you arrive you'll be taken to your hotel in the centre of the city to enjoy the rest of the day however you like.

Overnight: Casa Andina Classic, Cusco Plaza.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4

Cusco – Aguas Calientes

Today we start early this morning by heading to the train station. After a 3.5 hour journey of majestic views, arrive at Aguas Calientes (Hot Springs Town) to spend the night. There'll be plenty of time to relax and enjoy a hot bath in the natural springs (not included).

Overnight: Casa Andina Classic, Machu Picchu.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5

Abbotsford – Cruise

After breakfast a guide will pick you up from your hotel this morning to begin the short bus journey to the gates of Machu Picchu where you may have the opportunity to watch the sunrise. After entering the Citadel you'll begin a guided walking tour (approximately 2 hours). After the walking tour you'll enjoy some free time to explore the mysterious city at leisure. This afternoon, meet your guide in Aguas Calientes for lunch (not included) before heading back to the train station for your journey back to Cusco.

Overnight: Casa Andina Classic, Cusco Plaza

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6

A day at your leisure in Cusco

Enjoy a free day in Cusco to explore at your own pace or take part in an optional city tour (not included), a half day tour to the South Valley (not included) or a full day tour of the Sacred Valley (not included).

Overnight: Casa Andina Classic, Cusco Plaza

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7

Cusco – Lima

Today fly from Cusco to Lima and enjoy your day however you like.

Overnight: Casa Andina Classic, Cusco Plaza

Meals included: Breakfast



The itinerary

Day 8

Lima – Quito, Ecuador

Today you'll head to Quito, a UNESCO city that's the biggest, best-preserved colonial city of South America. Considered the cultural capital of South America, you'll have the evening free to enjoy everything Quito has to offer.

Overnight: Hotel Mercure, Quito

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9

Quito – Baltra Island – Isabela Island

Get ready to explore the most amazing archipelago in the Pacific Coast, and the place where Charles Darwin based his theory on the evolution of species. You'll head off on a morning flight from Quito to the island of Baltra, once there you'll head to the town of Puerto Ayora, the biggest town in the Galapagos. From here, take a fast boat to the island of Isabela, the largest island in the archipelago formed by 6 shield volcanoes.

Overnight: Cormorant Beach House, Isabela

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10

Tortoise Breeding Centre – Flamingo Lagoon – Tintorerías Islet

After breakfast by the beach, prepare your backpacks and hike into a young forest ecosystem. One of the highlights of today is the Tortoise Breeding Centre, where we'll see giant tortoises in various development. Then we'll visit the flamingo lagoon and the area called wetlands or 'humedales'. This area is filled with birdlife, sea lions and marine iguanas.

In the afternoon you'll visit Tintorerías Islet, home to a variety of wildlife and turquoise waters

Overnight: Cormorant Beach House, Isabela

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11

A day at your leisure in Isabela Island

Spend the day however you like. You can hike the Sierra Nevada volcano (not included) or take a horseback ride to the top of the Sierra Nevada volcano (not included).

Overnight: Cormorant Beach House, Isabela

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12

Santa Cruz Island – Charles Darwin Research Station visit

In the morning, embark in a fast boat from Isabela to Santa Cruz Islands where you might spot dolphins and whales. Once you arrive you'll check in to your hotel before visiting the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn more about many of the endemic species met during the adventure, as well as the ongoing conservation and management efforts on the Galapagos Islands. In the afternoon, head to the 'El Chato' Reserve in the highlands of Santa Cruz, home to the famous Galapagos tortoise. Hiking through El Chato's beautiful scenery with those lumbering giants is an unforgettable experience

Overnight: Hotel Silberstein, Santa Cruz Island

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13

Galápagos Islands – Quito, Ecuador

After your final breakfast on the Galapagos Islands, head to Baltra's airport in time to catch your flight back to the mainland and overnight in Quito, for your last night in South America.

Please note, an early morning departure will be required on Day 14. A transfer will be arranged to the airport to meet this flight.

Overnight: Hotel Mercure, Quito

Meals included: Breakfast



The itinerary

Day 14

Quito – Australia

Today you'll depart for your flight home to Australia after an experience of a lifetime. A packed breakfast will be provided and available to be picked up from the hotel reception the night before.

Please note: most flights will depart at approximately 4am, where you'll have a stopover in Santiago airport (stopovers may be up to 11 hours in total due to limited flight availability. A 8-hour lounge pass will be provided so you may wait in comfort).

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15

In transit

Meals included: In-flight

Day 16

Arrive in Australia

Some flights may arrive in Australia +1 day later.

22 Day Galapagos & Peru Tour with Ecuador Mainland Extension

Day 14

A day at your leisure in Quito

Today enjoy the day free at leisure to explore this colonial city.

Overnight: Hotel Mercure, Quito

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15

Equator – Pululahua Crater – Chocolate factory – Mindo

On the first day of your extension adventure drive north of Quito to the Equator monument complex. The visit to the middle of the world is mandatory once you are in Ecuador, you'll be able to stand on both sides of the hemispheres, north and south at the same time and feel the neutral forces of the equator. On our way, we'll also stop for a view of the Pululahua crater, the third biggest inhabited volcano crater in the world, hosting more than 400 people. Then we will reach the little town of Mindo, nestled into the cloud forest. This area is filled with a wide variety of plants and animal life – perfect for a nice introduction to the diversity of Ecuador. In the afternoon we will visit a chocolate factory for a guided tour, where you'll have the chance to follow the process of the cocoa, from harvesting the seed to the final product. Here you may also enjoy a delicious brownie or a cup of real hot cocoa.

Overnight: El Septimo Paraiso, Mindo

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16

Mindo Cloud Forest – Butterfly Farm

Today explore the pristine cloud forest, crossing cable cars and hiking along waterfalls, surrounded by a lush green area filled with toucans and colourful birds. In the afternoon, you'll have some free time to enjoy the several optional activities offered in this area. You can go whitewater rafting or "tubing" as our guides steer you through thrilling rapids (not included). Or try canopy zip-line, sailing along one of 13 zip-lines over the beautiful canopy of the cloud forest (not included). One of the highlights of today is the visit to the butterfly farm located 10 minutes from Mindo on a private reserve private reserve called 'Mariposas of Mindo'. Here, watch gargantuan butterflies dry their wings after emerging from their jewel-like cocoons. You can dip your fingers into a banana concoction and then be thrilled as butterflies the size of bird's land on your hands for a snack.

Overnight: El Septimo Paraiso, Mindo

Meals included: Breakfast



The itinerary

Day 17

Otavalo Market – Cotacachi town

Your day starts with a unique scenic drive back up to the highlands and reach the Pan-American Highway heading north on the way to the world-famous indigenous town of Otavalo. Here we'll admire the endless number of handicrafts and local people, where you'll have some time to stroll along the narrow cobblestone streets, where you'll have the opportunity to explore the handicraft market, with its wonderful textiles, native paintings, ceramics, jewellery, tapestries and more at bargain prices. In Otavalo, there'll be enough time for shopping and interaction with the locals. In the afternoon, we'll drive to Cotacachi town, made famous for the most amazing leather goods and beauty as a small village. You can explore the shops or simply enjoy one of the best coffees in Ecuador at the main square. Later we'll arrive at this historical beautiful hacienda of Pinsaqui where we'll spend the night.

Overnight: Hacienda Pinsaqui, Otavalo

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 18

Cuicocha Crater Lake – Papallacta Hot Springs

Today we'll visit Cotacachi Cayapas ecological reserve to see the breath-taking scenery of the crystalline-clear waters of this active volcano and the amazing surrounding landscapes. At the end of a short hike, take a boat ride to the centre of the crater to observe the activity of this volcano, watching bubbles coming up from the centre of the caldera. Later, head to Peguche, a small village located in the heart of the Andes, where you'll enjoy an unforgettable cultural experience, immersing yourself in the true spirit of the South-American highlands. You'll get to help the local people prepare a delicious lunch using the fresh products harvested the same day from the surrounding organic fields. In the late afternoon, we'll reach the luxury volcanic hot-springs resort of Papallacta, where you'll have the chance to relax and enjoy the facilities surrounded by the view of the majestic Andean mountains.

Overnight: Termas de Papallacta (Spa resort), Papallacta

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch

Day 19

Cotopaxi – Quito

After breakfast enjoy the chance to take one last dip in the open-air hot springs, before driving south on the Pan-American Highway towards the highest active volcano in the world, Cotopaxi. The snow-capped volcano is surrounded by a National Park, home to abundant plant life, a rich fauna and Inca ruins. We'll begin our visit at the interpretation centre at the entrance of the park, before continuing our drive across the páramo to the Limpiopungo Lake. Please note, an early morning departure will be required on Day 20. A transfer will be arranged to the airport to meet this flight.

Overnight: Hotel Mercure, Quito

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 20

Quito – Australia

Depart early this morning for your flight home to Australia after this incredible experience. A packed breakfast will be provided and available to be picked up from the hotel reception the night before.

Please note: most flights will depart at approximately 4am, where you'll have a stopover in Santiago airport (stopovers may be up to 11 hours in total due to limited flight availability. A 8-hour lounge pass will be provided so you may wait in comfort).

Overnight: Hotel Mercure, Quito

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 21

In transit

Meals included: In-flight

Day 22

Arrive in Australia

Some flights may arrive in Australia +1 day later.



Tour inclusions

Highlights

- Tour the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu
- Admire Colonial architecture on a tour of historic Lima
- Witness the spectacular Andes Mountains
- Explore the 'Imperial City' of Cusco
- Stay in Aguas Calientes 'hot springs town'
- Enjoy a five day Galapagos Island Expedition
- Island hop through the breath-taking Galapagos Islands
- Explore the volcanic Isabela Island
- Learn about the famous Galapagos Giant Tortoise at a Tortoise Breeding Centre
- Explore Flamingo Lagoon and the Humedales wetlands
- Discover Tintoreras Islet and its unique wildlife
- Visit Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz Island
- Hike through 'El Chato' Reserve in the Galapagos highlands
- See the Giant Galapagos Tortoise in the wild
- Spot sea lions, turtles, flamingos, penguins, iguanas, frigatebirds and more
- Experience Quito, Ecuador a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Flights

- Return international flights (economy class) departing SYD
- One-way International flight: Lima, Peru to Quito, Ecuador
- 2 return domestic flights: Lima to Cusco & Quito to Baltra

Accommodation

- 10 nights hotel accommodation
- 3 nights in a beach house on Isabela Island

Dining

- Enjoy daily breakfast

Tour essentials

- Return train tickets to Aguas Calientes with Inca Rail Company
- Return bus tickets from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu
- Professional English-speaking tour leader
- Airlines taxes and surcharges

Transport

- Transportation by A/C vehicles

Transfers

- Return airport and cruise transfers

22 dAY Ecuador mainland extension

All of the above plus the following:

- 6 nights accommodation including one night in a traditional Hacienda with a welcome Andean cocktail
- Daily breakfast including one authentic Ecuadorian lunch in a small village
- Travel to the 'middle of the world' and stand on both sides of the North and Southern hemisphere
- Discover the Pululahua crater, the third biggest inhabited volcano crater in the world
- Visit a chocolate factory and learn about how cocoa is processed and transformed into chocolate
- Explore the magnificent Mindo Cloud Forest and see colourful toucans and more
- Experience the beautiful displays of butterflies at a butterfly farm
- Wander the Otavalo handicraft Markets
- Discover the Cotacachi-Cayapas Ecological Reserve
- Visit Cuicocha Lake; a 200m deep lake in a volcanic crater
- Relax in Hot Springs at Papallacta in the Andean mountains
- See the highest snow-capped volcano in the world; Cotopaxi
- Explore beautiful Limpiopungo Lake and its abundant wildlife



Important information

Booking information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a purchase confirmation email. You will also be directed to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete your Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras must be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this travel offer you are bound by the supplier's standard Terms and Conditions in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to the NRMA (unless otherwise stated).

Offer essentials

Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until 3rd October 2018.

Travel Offer is valid for one person based on twin share.

Single traveller supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies

- 16 Day Package: \$1900
- 22 Day Package w/ Ecuador Mainland Extension: \$2400

Departure dates (2018)

May: 9
August: 1
September: 5
October: 3

Departure cities

Sydney.

Flights

Airline(s) used

LATAM Airlines, Qantas Airways, Air New Zealand, plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Arrive early in New York, USA

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking

Stay behind in New York, USA

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Stopover packages

Twin share: \$550 per person

Solo Traveller: \$850

Locations:

* Santiago, Chile

Includes:

- 2 Nights in 4 star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

Please note:

- Only an inbound stopover may be chosen (Post-tour)
- Please note entry into Chile also requires the additional payment of a Chilean reciprocity fee at approximately \$117 USD (subject to change) per person payable upon entry



Important information

Flight Upgrades

Please note: Upgrades are subject to request only. Availability and pricing will be confirmed once your Passenger Information Form is returned to the NRMA.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used

16 Day package:

3-4 star (self-rated)

- Lima (Peru): Casa Andina Classic Miraflores Centro
- Cusco (Peru): Casa Andina Classic Cusco Plaza
- Quito (Ecuador): Hotel Mercure
- Santa Cruz Island (Galapagos - Ecuador): Hotel Silberstein 2-3 Star (self-rated)
- Isabela Island (Galapagos - Ecuador): Cormorant Beach House

22 Day package:

3-4 Star (self-rated)

- Lima (Peru): Casa Andina Classic Miraflores Centro
- Cusco (Peru): Casa Andina Classic Cusco Plaza
- Quito (Ecuador): Hotel Mercure
- Santa Cruz Island (Galapagos - Ecuador): Hotel Silberstein
- Mindo (Ecuador): El Septimo Paraiso
- Otavalo (Ecuador): Hacienda Pinsaqui
- Papallacta (Ecuador): Termas de Papallacta (Spa resort) 2-3 Star (self-rated)

Please note: rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra nights

- Lima, Peru (Pre Tour): \$180 per room including breakfast
- Quito, Ecuador (Post Tour): \$180 per room including breakfast
- Extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

Maximum room capacity

2 people (subject to availability).

Child policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Strictly valid for children/infants 12 years old and over

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple share

Not available

Bedding Configuration

Double (Queen or King) or Twin Bedding (subject to availability)

Adjoining rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.



Other important information

General tour information

Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 32 per vehicle

Optional tours and activities

Cusco:

- **Half day city tour:** \$30 USD (approx. \$40 AUD)
- **Full Day Sacred Valley Tour:** \$45 USD (approx. \$60 AUD)
- **South Valley Tour:** \$40 USD (approx. \$55 AUD)
- **The Cusco City Tour and the Sacred Valley Tour** have some entrance fees that are not included in the tour price. You can buy a Cusco Tourist Ticket which will cover these fees and can be purchased directly through the land operator. General Ticket - \$45 USD (approx. \$61 AUD) (Recommended if you wish to participate in the Sacred Valley Tour). Partial Ticket - \$25 USD (approx. \$34 AUD) (Recommended if you wish to participate in the Cusco City Tour).

Isabela Island:

- **Hike to the top of Sierra Negra:** \$50 USD (approx. \$70 AUD)
- **Horse ride to Sierra:** \$95 USD (approx. \$130 AUD)
- **Lava tunnels Snorkelling:** \$130 USD (approx. \$180 AUD)

Please note:

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate
- Tours will operate as a shared service (not private)

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements (a visa for Peru or Ecuador is not required if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants onboard cruise)
- Recommended gratuities/tipping at approximately \$16 USD per day
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (mandatory)

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised with the NRMA.

Tour Guide vs Tour Leader

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.



Other important information

Please Note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all NRMA travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

Flights

Luggage:

All airlines offer at least 23kg check in and 8kg carry (minimum 5kg carry-on with some internal flights). Please note this luggage allowance is subject to change based on individual airline rules and regulations.

Lounge passes (stopover/transit in Santiago, Chile Airport):

A 9 hour lounge pass (3 x lounge pass vouchers) will be provided post-tour for customers due to flight availability and scheduling beyond our control. The departure lounge closes at 10pm, which will allow you up to 8-9 hours access.

Coach tour

Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour manager will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. You can also enquire about any allergies and food and if necessary advise meals to be prepared with any medication you require.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and offloading of their luggage from the coach.

Gratuities:

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services throughout the tour. The recommended tipping rounds off to approximately \$16 USD per person per day, which will be collected on tour.

Tipping is always a matter of personal discretion. For your convenience. Gratuities may be paid in local currency or US dollar equivalent where accepted. Please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and some may approach you for additional "compensation." There is no need to be intimidated by the request, nor should you feel pressured to pay more than recommended.

Fitness level required/mobility:

Our coaches are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please Note: a reasonable to high level of fitness will be required (more importantly for 'optional tours').

High altitude illness:

Altitude illness occurs when there is a lack of oxygen in the air at high altitudes, including Cuzco (11,000 feet). Altitude illness will affect some travellers, with no apparent regard to age, gender or physical condition. Symptoms may include headache, loss of appetite, dizziness and trouble sleeping. For some it will pass within a few hours, however for many the condition if gone untreated may last for several days.

If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.



Other important information

Visas

A Tourist visa for Peru and Ecuador is not required if travelling on an Australian Passport.

Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or a visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.

Customers choosing the Stopover package post-tour will require to pay a Chilean Reciprocity Fee of approximately \$117 USD (subject to change) per person paid at airport customs in Chile. This fee is paid in US dollars and we recommend customers carry sufficient US dollars in cash to pay this fee as credit card facilities may be unavailable. This does not affect customers who do not choose the stopover package.

Schedule of fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring airline ticket or travel voucher reissue.

- **1st Change** - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.
- **2nd Change** - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.
- **Subsequent changes** - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.
- **Changes within 30 days of departure** \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.
- **Changes within 14 days of departure** \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.

Name changes due to passenger error

If the incorrect name has been advised to the NRMA, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider will apply.