

# Galapagos and Amazon Program (Hearing Impairment)

**Duration: 12 days**  
**Itinerary**

**Day 1 (includes lunch and dinner)** Arrival in Quito. Pick up from airport and transfer to hotel. Depending on arrival time, lunch and free afternoon to rest. After dinner briefing about the program by our tour leader.

**Day 2 (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)** After breakfast we will drive towards the Amazon. We will stop at a town called Baeza, which is one of the entrances to the ecuatorian amazon region. We will visit an Environmental Center, where we will be lecture about the hazards in conservation for that region. We will continue our trip and visit local people that produce oyster mushrooms in order to increase their income and not cut the trees. We will finally arrive at Huasquila Amazon Lodge at late afternoon, check in the lodge and enjoy a delicious dinner.

**Day 3 (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)** After breakfast we will visit an extremely interesting cave that indigenous used to hide from the Spanish conqurers several hundreds years ago. Inside the cave we will have the opportunity to admire stalagmites and stalactites. Also there is a little pond inside the cave which we will have to cross. (very adventurous experience but 100% safe). After lunch we will have the rest of the afternoon to relax at the lodge.

**Day 4 (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)** Today we will raft down a very calm amazon river that is an affluent of the great Amazonas river. During the raft we will have the chance to admire flora and fauna on both sides of the river. This is one of the best ways to experience how amazing the Amazonia is. We will have the chance to swim in the river. The experience is very safe, we will all have vest, plus we will have 2 emergency kayaks joining us at all time. At night in the lodge we will have the visit of a traditional indigenous dancing group. We will observe several typical dances.

**Day 5 (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)** We will leave the amazon region after breakfast and drive back to Quito. On our way we will have a stop for lunch at one of Ecuador's hot spot for birdwatching (beautiful sights from this area). We will arrive to Quito late afternoon and have the rest of the evening to rest.

**Day 6 (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)** We will fly to the Enchanted Islands (Galapagos). We will arrive at lunch time. After check in we will have the afternoon to get to know the local town (San Cristobal), go for a walk and have our first experience with the sealions, beach, and sights from the Islands.

**Day 7 (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)** In the morning we will have a very adventurous and exciting kayak trip. We will be joined at all times by a motor engine boat for safety. During the kayak ride we will see sealions, iguanas and bluefooted boobies...After a delicious lunch we will visit the Environmental Communication Center to learn about the history of Galapagos, its formation, conservation and most interest facts of the Islands.

**Day 8 (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)** After breakfast we will go to the beach to do some snorkeling in crystal clear waters. We will



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see some of the famous fauna of Galapagos. In the afternoon we will drive across the Island to the Galapaguera. In this location we will admire the giant turtles that give the name to the Islands.

**Day 9 (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)** We will go to the Loberia beach, which is a famous beach to swim surrounded by sealions. We will spend the morning with their company. In the afternoon we will go for a horseback ride to the highest point in the Island. We will camp here (tents) and have a delicious barbecue. Also at night we will admire the Galapagos sky full of stars. Depending on how the group feels, we can stay for the night here or go back to the hotel.

**Day 10 (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)** Morning to go back to the hotel, have a refreshing shower. After this, we will share with local people from Galapagos several activities, among which we can choose handicraft manufacturing, massage, cooking lesson, dancing lesson (these activities are mostly to interact with the local community and learn about their costumes). After lunch we will take the plane back to Quito (arrive to Quito in the middle of the afternoon).

**Day 11 (includes all meals prior departure)** Visit to Quito's Colonial Center, declared World Culture Heritage by UNESCO. Visit the churches and squares and get to know their history and most interesting facts. Then we will visit the Middle of the World monument, which is located on the Equator and where you can actually move between the southern and northern hemispheres in one second. We will visit the Inti-Nam museum where we will observe some experiments that prove we are in the Middle of the World. After dinner we will have an overview of the trip, and we will present all the pictures taken during the trip. Each guest will be given a CD with all the pictures taken during the trip.

**Day 12 (include meals prior to flight)**

### Departure

#### The price includes:

- All tours and activities specified in program
- Accommodations specified in program
- All entrance fees during tours and activities specified in program
- All meals specified in program
- Transportation specified in program

#### The price doesn't include:

- International airfares and airport taxes
- Any expenses not specified in program (personal expenses, alcoholic beverages, souvenirs, laundry, etc)
- Equipment rental or supply (if necessary)
- Personal insurance
- Any medical expenses

