

ECUADOR SWEEPSTAKES

[Wildland Adventure in the Andes, Amazon and Galapagos](#)

10 Nights/11 Days hosted by:

Casa Aliso, Hacienda Rumiloma, Hotel Le Parc, M/V Legend, Napo Wildlife Center

Available from February 13, 2009 to December 17, 2009 (Based on availability, Conditions Apply, See Below)



**WILDLAND
ADVENTURES**

Discover a blend of indigenous and Spanish culture in Quito, South America's oldest capitol city designated as a UN World Heritage Site. Fly to the Amazon jungle for 4 days/3 nights exploring the rainforest with naturalist guides and local Kichwa Anangu Indians. Voyage for 4 days/3 nights through the Galapagos Islands—a showcase of evolution—aboard the luxurious, 100-passenger M/V Legend. Following in Darwin's wake, cruise the islands with expert naturalist guides who show you the unique behavioral and physical characteristics that plants and animals have developed as they evolve and adapt to each unique island habitat. Nowhere else on Earth can you observe, photograph and commune so closely with exotic and bizarre wildlife as you venture among cinder cones, lava flows, white and black sand beaches, rocky cliffs and shorelines of the archipelago.



DAILY ITINERARY (Actual Routes and Activities May Vary)

Meals Included: B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner



A two-hour canoe ride takes you to the Napo Wildlife Center in Ecuador's Amazon Basin.

DAY 1 (TUE) QUITO »

Airport reception and transfer to overnight at the [Casa Aliso](#), a charming boutique hotel in the style and comfort of a small, luxurious home.

DAY 2 (WED) COCA / NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER »

Transfer to the Quito airport (included) for your short flight to Coca [VIP UIO/OCC 11:30-12:05], an outpost on the Rio Napo in the Oriente, Ecuador's Amazon basin. A 2-hour motorized canoe ride takes you to Napo Wildlife Center's private dock where you have the option of a 2-hour hike through the rainforest to the lodge, or a 1 1/2 -2-hour paddle by canoe through a meandering tributary. Arriving at the lodge, enjoy a welcome beverage and receive an orientation about the activities to come. Overnight [Napo Wildlife Center](#). [BLD]

PLEASE NOTE: *There is a 20kg (44lbs) weight limit for checked baggage as well as carry-on. Additional or excess baggage will be charged directly by the airline*

DAYS 3-4 (THU-FRI) NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER »

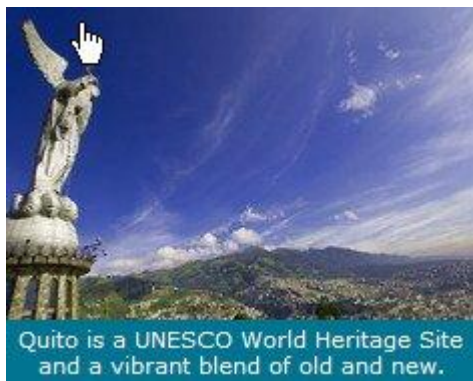
Your naturalist guide accompanies you on a variety of adventures in this remote reserve, exploring the rivers, lagoons and forests surrounding the lodge. Napo Wildlife Center occupies an 82 square mile portion of Yasuni National Park. With 2 nearby parrot licks and a canopy tower, you have myriad opportunities to view some of the 550 species of birds, 11 primate species, and the stars of the reserve, giant river otters. Overnight Napo Wildlife Center. [BLD]



With over 500 species of birds, Napo is a birding paradise.

DAY 5 (SAT) QUITO »

Early rising today to paddle or hike back to the Rio Napo and return to Coca for your flight to Quito [VIP OCC/UIO 12:20-12:55]. Upon arrival, transfer into Quito for overnight at the [Hacienda Rumiloma](#), a charming, romantic hacienda rustic luxury on the flank of the Volcano Pichincha overlooking the city. [B]



Quito is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vibrant blend of old and new.

DAY 6 (SUN) QUITO CITY TOUR »

Enjoy a half-day city tour of colonial Quito. Beginning in the charming hillside neighborhood of Guapulo with quaint cobblestone streets and lavish, walled residences of ambassadors, continue into the main area of Quito's new town, passing the American Embassy and House of Culture. The old colonial center includes the bustling Independence Plaza, the dazzling gold-leafed altars of La Compania Church and the San Francisco Church. Your orientation continues with a visit to Mitad del Mundo, the Equatorial marker and ethnographic village and museum. Learn about the broad diversity of people living in this small nation from descendents of African slaves on the Pacific coast, Incas of the Andes, to the remote Kichwa Añangu of the Amazon. Overnight at Hacienda Rumiloma. [B]

DAY 7 (MON) GALAPAGOS (BALTRA AIRPORT) »

Transfer to the airport for flight to Baltra in the Galapagos Islands. Passengers are picked up at the airport by our guides and taken to the pier to board the *M/V Galapagos Legend*.

North Seymour/Dry landing

Guests will see swallow-tailed gulls and sea lions. This site is a major nesting colony of blue footed boobies, and has the largest colony of the magnificent frigate bird. Travelers will also see both marine iguanas and land iguanas and will have opportunities for snorkelling. Overnight on board in Superior Cabin. [BLD]



Explore Darwin's islands by luxury cruise ship, affording an up-close look at this showcase of evolution.

THE M/V LEGEND:

The M/V Legend is a 100 passenger, deluxe, fully air-conditioned cruise ship. Includes 3 nights in a Superior cabin carpeted and air-conditioned with ample hot and cold water supply in private bathrooms, desks, 2 low beds, a safety deposit box, music, TV closed circuit, air conditioning, inter-cabin phones and 110/220 volt outlets. The superior cabins are located on the Sea Deck and on the Earth Deck; they have port holes with an ocean view, and provide easy access to public areas and the restaurant. There are always relaxing pursuits on board, whether a game of chess, a spa session, enjoying the fresh air in the Jacuzzi, reading a book or taking a nap on the extensive exterior areas, with a pool, observatory sun terrace and comfy hammocks. Other facilities include an auditorium for conferences, spacious social areas, culinary delights at the dining room, 24 hour coffee bar, and guests can enjoy live music at night in the piano lounge, cocktail bars, or keep in touch with family and friends using a long distance call facility.

All of the highly-qualified multilingual nature guides are certified by the Galapagos National Park. On visits to the islands, they will accompany you every step of the way, taking time to explain the highlights as you wander through this new and magical land. Every evening, these same guides will give you a lecture illustrated with multimedia presentation, imparting and sharing with you their knowledge of geology, history, evolution, flora and fauna of the islands. Enjoy the various activities on board. Have fun singing with our karaoke and dancing in the Neptune party. Children also have their special spot at the Kids Corner where they can have as much fun as possible. On board nights are magical, full of bright stars and countless constellations.



Walk and snorkel among playful sea lions - a highlight of your adventure in the islands.

DAY 8 (TUE) SANTA CRUZ (DRAGON HILL OR VENICE) »

Wet landing. Passengers walk to a salt-water pond behind the beach where pink flamingos can occasionally be observed. This trail leads up to Dragon Hill offering a lovely view of the bay. This is a nesting site for reintroducing land iguanas, and there is also a Scalesia tree forest. We take a dinghy to Venice islet and observe the vegetation and marine animals like spotted eagle rays, golden rays, mullets, sharks and sea turtles. Land iguanas are often observed here as well.

Floreana (Cormorant Point)

Wet landing on a green-sand beach. Visitors hike from the black mangrove beds to a large, brackish lake, habitat for one of the largest greater flamingo populations in the Galapagos. The island is best known for its endemic plants like the Galapagos milkwort passion flower and button mangrove. Novice snorkelers explore the underwater world from the main beach, cavorting with the playful sea lions; experienced snorkelers can explore around Devil's Crown. Overnight on board in Superior Cabin. [BLD]

DAY 9 (WED) ESPAÑOLA (SUÁREZ POINT) »

Dry landing. Learn more about the lava terrain and cross the inactive lava fields. Besides the sea lion colonies, this is a very important site for bird watching. Many species, such as the hooded mocking bird and red-billed tropic bird can be seen and observed closely. You will also see a large colony of marine iguanas, lava lizards, and Sally Light-foot crabs. After a short trek, visitors will see colonies of masked and blue-footed boobies. The nesting grounds sometimes overlap the trail. Visitors will also find Galapagos doves, hawks and swallow-tailed gulls and then reach the world's largest colony of waved albatross. A major highlight is their mating season from May through December. You'll visit the famous blowhole, where water shoots about 23 m (75 ft) into the air.



Sally Lightfoot crabs dance along the lava beds on Espanola Island.

San Cristóbal (Interpretation Center or La Galapaguera)

Dry landing at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. Passengers visit San Cristóbal breeding center and learn about the National Park's breeding program with the giant tortoises where you can observe some animals in their natural environment. Overnight on board in Superior Cabin. [BLD]

DAY 10 (THU) SANTA CRUZ (CARRIÓN POINT) »

During this visit you can snorkel and see a variety of fish, rays and perhaps the harmless white-tip reef sharks. From Punta Carrion the short navigation is through the beautiful turquoise waters of the Itabaca Channel. Check-out from the M/V Legend and transfer to the airport for return flight to Quito on [AeroGal Flight 2K33 12:00PM - 4:10PM]. Transfer in to overnight at [Hotel Le Parc](#), among the most cool and contemporary chic accommodations in Ecuador.

DAY 11 (FRI) QUITO »

Transfer to the airport for return flight home or extend your trip to explore more of Ecuador's natural wonders.
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END OF SERVICES: This is your prospective itinerary.

ADDITIONAL PER PERSON COSTS NOT INCLUDED:

GALAPAGOS NATIONAL PARK FEE	\$100.00
GALAPAGOS TRAVELERS TRANSIT CARD	\$10.00
FUEL SURCHARGE	\$90.00
PAYABLE IN ECUADOR:	
ECUADOR DEPARTURE TAX (INTERNATIONAL)*SUBJECT TO CHANGE	\$41.80

INCLUDED: Services as specified in the itinerary above include accommodations; English-speaking certified naturalist guides; guided tours and excursions; airport-hotel transfers, in-country flights Quito-Galapagos and Quito-Coca round trip, land and sea transportation; meals as specified [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]; services of in-bound land operator offices for airline reconfirmation; and tour operations and Wildland Adventures' travel consultation and pre-departure services.

NOT INCLUDED: Services unless specified otherwise in the itinerary above such as international air transportation; airport taxes; tips and gratuities; optional or suggested services that are on your own; insurance of any kind; personal expenses; extra beverages and alcoholic drinks; medical costs; and hospitalization and evacuation and any other extra expenses due to unanticipated changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond control. You will need to carry about \$300-\$500 extra cash (must be in US dollars cash, not travelers checks nor credit cards) to cover the fees, taxes, tips and meals not included in your itinerary. ATM machines are available in Quito. Currency in Ecuador is the US Dollar. Meals, souvenirs and other local and personal expenses not specified in the above itinerary are also not included.

CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS: Trip must be taken before December 18, 2009. Dates subject to availability so book as far in advance as possible for best choices. We reserve the right to change the order of the itinerary.

NOTES: Wildland Adventures, Inc. has arranged this sweepstakes trip utilizing the travel services of local in-country ground operators who are independent contractors. These local outfitters, lodges, hotels and other suppliers of your travel services will make every effort to conduct this trip as described in the itinerary. It is however possible that due to transportation schedule changes, weather, delays and unforeseeable acts of God, humans or nature, this itinerary may vary from what is described. Participants must assume all risks whether identified in advance or unforeseen. Extra costs due to unexpected changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control are not included. We highly recommend purchasing traveler's insurance for trip delay, trip cancellation, baggage, accident or sickness. Representatives are available for assistance at any time during your trip. If preferred hotels are not available, every attempt will be made to reserve alternative accommodations of similar quality. (If upgrade is necessary, higher rates may apply.) All information and services provided are subject to our Reservation Form Terms and Conditions.

Advance visas are not required for American and Canadian citizens.

For Galapagos travelers, please note that due to weather conditions, vessel operation, and Galapagos Park management, cruise itineraries are subject to change.

We invite you to make an optional \$50 per person contribution which we will donate to the **Charles Darwin Foundation** in your name for conservation of natural resources in Galapagos.

Call or email for more information at (800) 345-4453 or info@wildland.com

MV Galapagos Legend

