

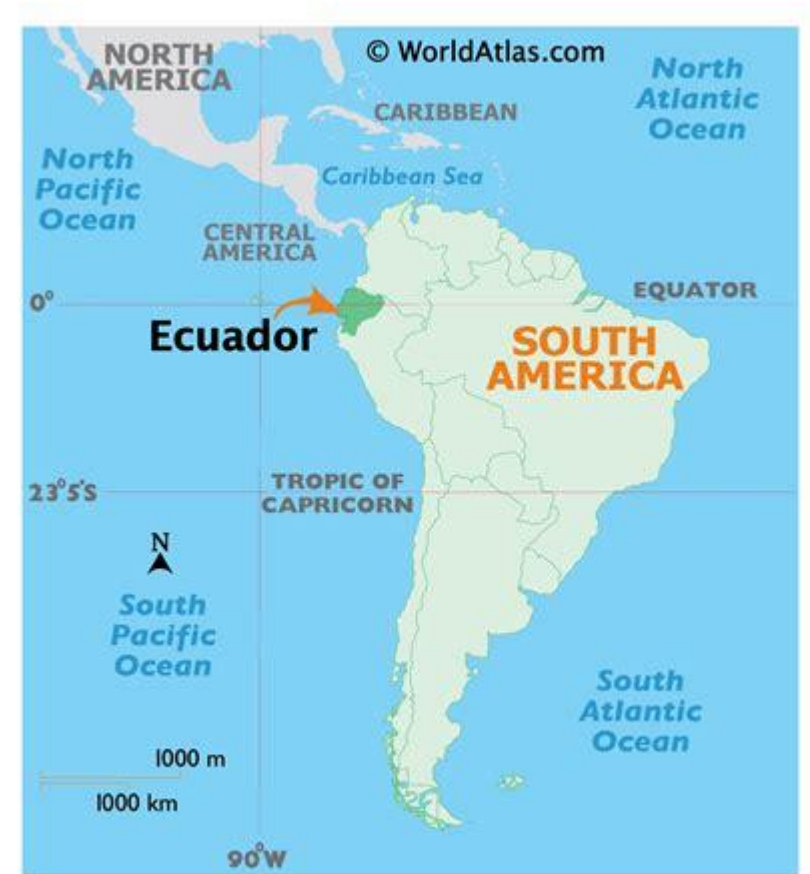
Ecuador & Galapagos - Oct 24 – Nov 3, 2025

Quito – 3 nights

Cuenca – 2 nights

Guayaquil – 1 night

Puerto Ayora (Santa Cruz Isl) – 4 nights



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Day 1: Arrival in Quito

Day 2: **Mindo Cloud Forest** (private group)

Day 3: **Otavalo Market** - Cuicocha Lagoon (private group)

Day 4-5: Arrival to **Cuenca** - **City Tour UNESCO World Heritage** (private group)

Day 6: From the **Highlands to the Coast**: Cajas National Park to Guayaquil (private group)

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Day 7: Welcome to Puerto Ayora, **Santa Cruz Island**: Visit Highlands & Charles Darwin Research Station In Style (private group)

Day 8: **Reforestation Program** in Galapagos Islands : Rancho Primicias (private group)

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Galapagos Reforestation Project

Bring gardening gloves

GALAPAGOS REFORESTATION PROJECT: HACIENDA PRIMICIAS



PROJECT OVERVIEW

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WHAT RANCHO PRIMICIAS DOES?



Rancho Primicias, located in the highlands of Santa Cruz, has taken a leading role in reforesting areas that have been overrun by invasive species. By removing harmful plants and replacing them with native and endemic flora, the project seeks to regenerate the ecosystem, ensuring that the giant tortoises have a safe and thriving environment to live and reproduce.

WHY CHOOSE THE REFORESTATION PROJECT IN RANCHO PRIMICIAS?

The reforestation efforts not only help maintain the biodiversity of the Galápagos but also directly support the conservation of the tortoises. These gentle giants, which can live for over 100 years, rely on specific plants for food and shelter. Restoring their natural habitat is crucial to the species' survival, especially as they face increasing pressures from human activity and environmental changes.

HOW MUCH THIS PROJECT COST?

- FOR \$36 PER PERSON, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH THE TREES TO BE PLANTED, ALL NECESSARY TOOLS, GUIDANCE FROM TRAINED PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS, AND A DELICIOUS LUNCH.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING ?

- PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR OWN GARDENING GLOVES TO ENSURE THEY CAN COMFORTABLY AND SAFELY ENGAGE IN THE WORK. THROUGH THIS IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE, YOU CAN DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTE TO RESTORING THE LAND AND PROTECTING THE FUTURE OF THESE ICONIC CREATURES.

LET'S MAKE A CHANGE !



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Day 9: Kayaking at **Tortuga Bay** at Santa Cruz

Day 10: Experience the Pristine Beauty of Galápagos Islands: **Discovering an Uninhabited Island** (snorkeling if you like) Santa Fé, South Plaza, Bartolomé, or North Seymour, **depending** on the permit granted by the National Park authorities for that daily activity.

Day 11: Transfer to Baltra Island for return flight to Quito

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\$3,349/pp. based on 20 people

Exact # of people will influence overall price

Nonrefundable deposit \$1,006.50/pp. due Jan. 24, 2025

11 Days

8 Breakfasts plus 5 Lunches

Transportation

Private transfer from airport to Quito hotel

Private English Speaking Driver and Guide

Flight: Quito to Cuenca ~ 50 Minutes

Private coach between Cuenca and Guayaquil

Flight: Guayaquil to Galapagos

Flight: Galapagos to Quito

Accommodations

3 nights stay at Dann Carlton Quito (Quito)

2 nights stay at Hotel Oro Verde Cuenca (Cuenca)

1 night stay at Wyndham Guayaquil, Puerto Santa Ana (Guayaquil)

4 nights stay at Villa Laguna (Puerto Ayora)

Not included:

- International airfare
- Galapagos US \$ 20 TCT card
- US\$ 200 per person in cash Galapagos National Park entry fee
- Wetsuits/if you want one

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