

**ESCORTED
TOUR**

10 - 28 August 2026

Galapagos

Including Ecuador & the Amazon



This escorted tour promises to be a true journey of discovery not only of the rich, indigenous culture of Ecuador, but the real adventure of exploring the most biodiverse ecosystems on earth, through the Amazon Rainforest and the Galapagos Islands. Arrive by motorised canoe for your 3-night eco-lodge stay in the heart of the Amazon Rainforest where you will be immersed in the natural world. Then fly on to the Galapagos Islands to board a private exclusive cruiser from which you'll explore this archipelago of 19 islands. For 8 days explore this living museum and melting pot of marine species found nowhere else in the world. Why not join us for a truly remarkable tour that will leave you with a lifetime of memories.

August 2026

Monday 10 Auckland – Santiago, Chile D

Depart Auckland for an evening flight to Santiago. Cross the International date line and arrive in Santiago mid-afternoon for an overnight stay.

Tuesday 11 Santiago – Quito, Ecuador D

An early morning flight to Quito [2,850m, 9,350ft]. On arrival rest at the hotel to acclimatise. A welcome dinner in the hotel tonight.

Quito – perched high in the Andes amongst snow-capped mountains and misty volcanoes, Quito is a breath-taking destination. Spanning two hemispheres, its dramatic setting has always lured visitors, but its best kept secrets are hidden in the candlelit monasteries, leafy plazas and narrow cobblestone streets.

Wednesday 12 Quito B L D

This morning's tour of Quito highlights the well-preserved colonial centre blending European, Moorish and indigenous styles. Including the San Francisco Church, Independence Square and the Virgin of Quito statue. We continue on this afternoon to the 'Middle of the World' [Equator experience].

Thursday 13 Quito – Otavalo – Quito B D

A day of high altitude and a spectacular scenic journey to Otavalo [2,532m]. First visit the colourful Otavalo market for handicrafts that will dazzle you and enjoy free time for lunch. We continue to Peguche waterfall and return to Quito late afternoon.

Friday 14 Quito – Coca – Amazon Sacha Lodge B L D

This morning fly from Quito to Coca, a small town in the Amazon. A two-hour boat journey in a motorised canoe up

the Napo River transports you to Sacha Lodge for an all-inclusive three-night stay.

Saturday 15 – Sunday 16 Amazon Sacha Lodge B L D

Your time here will be unique and may include a forest canopy tree-top walk, climbing the giant Kapok tree tower, night time Caiman spotting, guided forest walks during the day or after dark, the Butterfly House, paddling in dugout canoes guided silently through forested creeks or swim in the safe Lake Pool.

All activities and meals are included during your stay.

Monday 17 Coca – Quito B D

Transfer back to Coca for the flight to Quito. Transfer to your overnight hotel.

Tuesday 18 Quito – San Cristobal, Galapagos B L D

This morning we fly to San Cristobal Island and transfer to our exclusive private cruiser 'Natural Paradise'. After lunch onboard we will cruise to Kicker Rock and Witch Hill. Blue footed boobies, turtles, spectacular rock formations and our first opportunity to step ashore awaits.

Galapagos Islands

This isolated group of volcanic islands and its fragile ecosystem has taken on an almost mythological status as a showcase of biodiversity. Yet you don't have to be an evolutionary biologist to appreciate one of the few places left on the planet where the human footprint is kept to a minimum.

Wednesday 19 South Plaza & Santa Cruz Islands B L D

We step ashore this morning on South Plaza Island where we find one of the largest sea lion colonies as well as yellow and red land iguanas. This afternoon we take a dingy ride to visit

Black Turtle Cove where amongst an array of marine life we can spot sea turtles and a variety of rays.

Thursday 20 Rabida & Bartholomew Islands B L D

Rabida Island is one of the most colourful islands in the archipelago as well as a great snorkelling site. The island is also a bird watchers delight including Galapagos hawks and brown pelicans. This afternoon we visit Pinnacle Rock. Enjoy a trail of stairs to the summit for spectacular views. A swim or snorkel to finish the day with Galapagos Penguins.

Friday 21 Santiago & Santa Cruz Islands B L D

Today we walk a trail that passes through three different environments. Land iguanas are plentiful, and the lagoons here contain shrimp which, when plentiful attract flamingos. Later this afternoon we can enjoy a snorkel and possibly see Black-Tip reef sharks and a variety of rays.

Saturday 22 Santa Cruz Island B L D

Today we travel into the highlands of Santa Cruz. We walk underground through lava tunnels and stand beside giant tortoise. This afternoon we visit the Fausto Llerena Tortoise Breeding Centre where we can see hatchlings from 3 inches to 4-feet long adults.

Sunday 23 Genovesa Island B L D

This morning's walk takes us along a rocky path to view up close red-footed boobies, short eared owls, Galapagos storm petrels and Galapagos doves. In the afternoon we visit Darwin Bay and see Nazca boobies and swallow-tailed gulls.



Monday 24 Santiago Island B L D

Today we arrive at Espumilla Beach where marine iguanas lounge and Sally Lightfoot crabs attract the hunting herons. Snorkelling today is highly recommended as we have the chance to see Octopus, moray eel, shark and a variety of tropical fish. Afterwards we visit Buccaneer Cove once a refuge site for British buccaneers where hundreds of sea birds perch in front of a dark red sand beach.

Tuesday 25 Santa Cruz Island – Guayaquil B D

On arrival at Bachas Beach, a great spot for a swim. We may see flamingos, Sally Lightfoot Crabs and turtles who also nest on the beach. Later transfer to the airport for the flight to Guayaquil.

Wednesday 26 Guayaquil – Santiago, Chile B

A leisurely start today before we transfer to the airport for our flight to Santiago. Arrive and change planes for our journey home.

Thursday 27 Santiago – Auckland

Cross the international date line.

Friday 28 Arrive Auckland

An early morning arrival into Auckland

*Itinerary subject to change

Galapagos Flora and Fauna Highlights

- Blue-footed Boobies
- Nazca Boobies
- Land and Marine Iguanas
- Frigate Birds, Finches, Audubon's Shearwaters, swallow tailed gulls, Mocking Birds, Pelicans, Swallow Tailed Gulls, white – checked pintail ducks, Herons, Short Eared Owls, Storm Petrels, Galapagos Doves
- Sea Lions
- Fur Seals
- Reef Sharks, Rays, Sea Turtles
- Penguins
- A range of tropical fish
- Wild Tortoises, Giant Tortoises
- Sally Lightfoot crabs

Galapagos Activities

- Numerous snorkelling opportunities
- Walking up to 3km along tracks including stairs
- Swimming



The Natural Paradise

An exclusive private charter



- Built in 2016
- Bilingual National Park Guide
- Bar, dining room and separate social area
- Snorkelling gear and wetsuits included
- All meals and excursions included
- All cabins are air-conditioned with private bathrooms
- 34 meters long
- Ten crew for 16 passengers [9 cabins]
- Sundeck with jacuzzi
- Kayaks available

8 DAY / 7 NIGHT ITINERARY



Cabins



Upper Deck Suite including balcony

- Area 355 ft² / 33 m² [including balcony]
- 1 King Size bed
- TV and DVD in the room
- Panoramic windows
- Private balcony

Upper Deck Junior Suite including balcony

- Area 226 ft² / 21 m² [including balcony]
- 2 Twin Beds [can convert into California King Size]
- TV and DVD in the room
- Large windows
- Private balcony



Main Deck Junior Suite

- Area 355 ft² / 33 m²
- 1 King Size bed + sofa bed
- TV and DVD in adjacent room
- Large windows

Main Deck Stateroom

- Area 172 ft² / 16 m²
- 2 Twin Beds [can convert into California King Size]
- TV and DVD in the room
- Large windows



Lower Deck Stateroom

- Area 215 ft² / 20 m²
- 2 Twin Beds [can convert into California King Size]
- TV and DVD in the room
- Porthole windows

Sacha Lodge



CANOPY WALK

Explore the rainforest canopy along a 94-foot high [36m] bridge above the treetops! This 940-foot long [275m] sturdy walkway offers an astounding opportunity to spot dozens of animals.



KAPOK TOWER

You'll feel like you're on the very top of the world on our 135-foot [43m] observation tower, a platform built on the highest branches of a giant kapok tree.



CANOPY CRANE

Take a high-flying ride up 150 feet [45m] above the forest floor into the canopy of the amazing Amazon Rainforest in a hot air balloon-like basket. Explore nearly 2 acres [.78 hectares] of rainforest canopy with its 150 foot [45m] long boom.



MORNING FOREST WALKS

Creeping along jungle paths, your naturalist guide might take you through the territory of crested owls or howler monkeys, mimicking the creatures' calls to win their trust and coax them out of hiding.



CAIMAN SPOTS

A nighttime expedition to the lake is a magical experience with wonder. You will travel onto the water under the darkness, with glittering lights in the way.

BUTTERFLY HOUSE

The Butterfly House was an exhibition conservatory, where you can see how these beautiful butterflies are bred and raised. Later, in the 'flying room' where hundreds of butterflies flutter from the walls.



Remote yet accessible, unspoilt yet comfortable, Sacha Lodge has protected the fabulous wildlife for more than 20 years, enabling it to flourish. Our all-inclusive jungle lodge is the ideal base to explore the fascinating rainforest in small groups, led by expert guides.



CAIMAN SPOTING

The expedition to look for caimans in the black waters of Pilchicocha Lake is a magical experience filled with wonder. You will take a canoe out onto the water under the cover of a thatched roof with glittering stars lighting the way.

BUTTERFLY HOUSE

The Butterfly House was designed as a live insect conservatory, where guests will learn how these beautiful insects are raised. Later, roam through 'the conservatory' where hundreds of colourful butterflies flutter from flower to flower.



LAKE POOL

Our plunge pool, the only one of its kind in the Amazon region, is protected on all sides by a mesh cage that allows you to cool off in the black waters of Pilchicocha Lake without fear of encountering the unknown. You may even spot a caiman or giant otters swimming by on the other side of the net!



NIGHT FOREST WALKS

When darkness falls, have your flashlight ready to spot creatures of the night such as tarantulas, frogs, boas and stick insects while the rainforest symphony unfolds around you.



CREEK PADDLING

Creek paddling in dug-out canoes is a fabulous adventure, with the bonus that it requires little physical exertion. Paddling down the streams is like entering a tunnel leading into a lost world.



ESTIMATED Cost Per Person*

Auckland to Auckland

Twin

Single

Upper Deck Suite including balcony	\$24,647	\$39,781
Upper Deck Junior Suite including balcony	\$21,979	\$34,445
Main Deck Junior Suite	\$23,719	\$37,925
Main Deck Stateroom	\$19,795	\$30,129
Lower Deck Stateroom	\$18,495	\$28,660

Business Class Supplement

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Early booking discount (if deposit paid by 23 February 2026)

\$150 per person

Previous International Tour Client Discount

\$ 100 per person

*This is a cash, or direct debit price. Credit cards will incur a 1.5% fee

*Price is subject to currency fluctuations, airline surcharges and utilising the flights on the dates of the tour

Inclusions

- International flights Auckland - Santiago // Santiago - Quito // Guayaquil - Santiago // Santiago - Auckland
- Domestic air flights - Quito - Coca // Coca - Quito - Galapagos // Galapagos - Guayaquil
- All transfers / assistance and transport as outlined
- Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles
- 4-star hotel accommodation in Quito, Santiago and Guayaquil
- 3 nights / 4-day all-inclusive package at Amazon Sacha Lodge
- Galapagos National Park entrance fees
- Meals as specified
- 7 nights aboard 'Natural Paradise' in a cabin of your choice including all meals, purified water, coffee and tea on board
- Professional Galapagos National Park guide
- Use of wetsuits and snorkelling equipment on board 'Natural Paradise'
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Professional English-speaking bilingual guides throughout
- Pukekohe Travel escort subject to 14 persons travelling

Exclusions

- Items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance - please ask us for a quote.
- Airline and Security Taxes (approx. NZD225)
- Tipping and gratuities
- Porterage
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages on board 'Natural Paradise'

Booking Conditions

- A non-refundable deposit of \$2,500 per person secures a place on the tour
- Full payment is due no later than 01 June 2026

Cancellations and Refunds

- From date of booking until 01 June 2026 - loss of deposit
- After 01 June 2026 - no refund
- It is highly recommended that clients take out Travel Insurance - please ask us for a quote

Documentation

- A current passport is required - valid six months beyond return date of travel
- All other passports - please ask
- Visas are not required for NZ passport holders for Chile or Ecuador

Terms and Conditions

For full terms and conditions please visit our website www.pukekohetravel.co.nz/termsandconditions or please ask our tour consultant for a copy.

Travel Insurance

- Travel Insurance is essential.

Climate/Temperatures -

Santiago	5°C min - 19°C max
Quito	9°C min - 21°C max
Amazon Rainforest	16°C min - 27°C max
Galapagos	18°C min - 24°C max

Water

- Clean drinking water is available while touring.
- Please take your own re-useable water bottle

Health and Mobility

- A good standard of fitness and health is required.
- The ability to walk unaided on uneven, steep surfaces and negotiate steps for a period of time are part of many daily activities on this tour.
- Ability to step onto a small zodiac craft for shore landings in the Galapagos.
- Ability to walk across island tracks for up to 3km on uneven ground.
- No obligatory vaccinations are required for this tour.
- We recommend that you consult your GP regarding recommended health precautions for the countries and areas visited.

Currency/Money

- The currency in Chile is the Chilean Peso.
- The official currency in Ecuador is the US dollar.
- In both countries, ATMs are widely available in the cities and credit cards [Visa & MasterCard most popular] are accepted in most established businesses.



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