



Ecuador Galapagos & Amazon Family Adventure

Wildlife Wonders, Tropical Rainforest & Enchanted Isles

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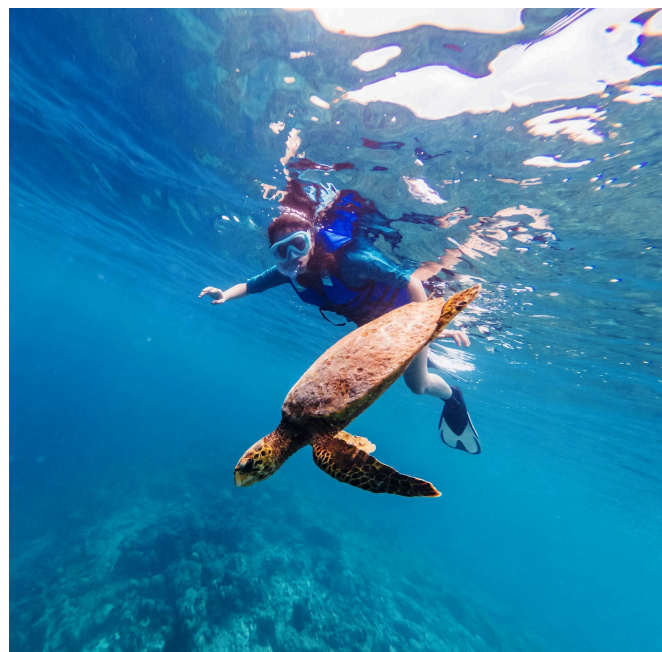
MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

MT Sobek was one of the first North American companies to bring visitors to the Galápagos Islands, with an inaugural charter for the Sierra Club in 1970.

REASON 2

We charter truly small (maximum 16-passenger) deluxe vessels for a fully MT Sobek-operated experience with our own expert team of naturalist guides and a dedicated Quito office.

REASON 3

This trip is the perfect blend of two South American wildlife treasures, the Amazon rainforest and the Galápagos, joined into one epic family adventure.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Light walks, canoe rides, a cultural visit in the Amazon, chocolate tasting, kayaking, and snorkeling. Easy adventures for the whole family.



LODGING

An eco-lodge set in the midst of a 5,000-acre preserve and a deluxe modern catamaran. Plus comfortable and convenient hotels in Quito.



CLIMATE

June through August is considered "cool" season in Galápagos with temperatures of 67-77°F and water temperatures of 65-72°F. In the Amazon, expect 76-84°F with some rain likely.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.



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See two of the most incredible and iconic wildlife destinations in the world — the Amazon Rainforest and the Galápagos Islands — on this family trip featuring activities suited for ages 6 and up. From your Ecuadorian Amazon base at Sacha Lodge, look for monkeys, caimans, and three-toed sloths, as well as hundreds of species of birds and blue morpho butterflies in the middle of a 5,000-acre nature preserve. Then, cruise for four nights in the Galápagos, where you'll meet 3-foot-long iguanas and 100-year-old tortoises, and snorkel alongside beautiful white-sand beaches under the watchful eye of sea lions. This is a family adventure you'll never forget!

12 Days

Start: Quito, Ecuador

End: Quito, Ecuador

Departing: June, July

Activities: Adventure Cruising, Family Adventure, Safari & Wildlife

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels, Comfortable Small Ship

Group Size: 10-16 Guests

ACTIVITY:



Check [mtsobek.com](https://www.mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

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"MT Sobek provided the perfect Galápagos experience for a multi-generational family trip. The participants could just savor the experience while experts coordinated the entire trip. Thank you!"

- Kim O.

The Itinerary

DAY
01

Arrive in Quito

Welcome to the historic city of Quito, the capital of Ecuador. An MT Sobek representative will meet you outside customs at the airport and escort you to your hotel. After settling in at the hotel, the rest of the evening is free to unwind and take advantage of the pool and onsite restaurant. Dinner is on your own tonight.

ACCOMMODATION: Swissôtel Quito

TRANSPORTATION: 45 minutes - 1 hour by private van from airport to hotel

DAY
02

Tour Mindo & Learn How Chocolate is Made

After breakfast, depart for a full-day tour to Mindo, a village in the Andean Mountains that's known for its many bird and butterfly species. Visit a cacao farm and factory and learn how chocolate is made, from harvesting the plants to the final product. Enjoy a welcome lunch surrounded by an incredible diversity of hummingbirds. Return to Quito in the afternoon for an introductory talk and orientation about your trip. In the evening, explore Quito and have dinner on your own.

ACCOMMODATION: Swissôtel Quito

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 4-hour private van transfer

DAY
03

Journey to Sacha Lodge

After breakfast, transfer to Quito airport for a short flight to Coca airport, located on the Amazon side of the Andes. From there, take a two-hour motorized boat ride along the Napo River to Sacha Lodge reserve. From the drop-off along the riverside, take a 25-minute jungle walk along a wooden boardwalk to look for monkeys, sloths, and other wildlife. Finally, board a dugout canoe for a 40-minute ride through a jungle canal to get to Sacha Lodge, your home for the next few days.

ACCOMMODATION: Sacha Lodge

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 30-minute flight transfer & 2-hour boat ride

ACTIVITY: 25-minute jungle walk & 40-minute easy canoe ride



Explore the Amazon Rainforest at Sacha Lodge

Spend the day exploring the 5,000 acres of pristine rainforest at Sacha Lodge reserve, home to an amazing variety of wildlife. Watch for roving bands of monkeys, hundreds of species of birds, and the occasional anteater, three-toed sloth, or ocelot. Go for a ride in a dugout canoe, fish for piranhas, and birdwatch from the top of a canopy tower. You can also go on a night walk to look for frogs, spiders, and other nocturnal critters.

ACCOMMODATION: Sacha Lodge

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Rainforest walks & canoe rides



Visit a Native Community

Enjoy another full day of activities around Sacha Lodge. Visit the Shipati Warmi project — an initiative run by and benefiting the women of the Providencia community of Yasuní — to learn about how they live, the food they eat, and their culture. In the afternoon, climb the canopy-walk tower to experience the rainforest from atop the trees. In the evening, you can go on a night canoe ride to look for caimans, snakes, and other nocturnal wildlife.

ACCOMMODATION: Sacha Lodge

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Rainforest walks & canoe rides



Return to Quito

After breakfast, depart Sacha Lodge and take a return boat ride to Coca. Then, board your flight back to Quito and transfer to the hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax at the swimming pool or visit the Old Town on your own.

ACCOMMODATION: Swissôtel Quito

MEALS: Breakfast

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour boat ride & 30-minute flight transfer

ACTIVITY: 40-minute canoe ride & 25-minute jungle walk



Fly to San Cristóbal Island in the Galápagos

After breakfast, fly from Quito to San Cristóbal in the Galápagos Islands. On arrival your guide will escort you to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, where you will board the deluxe EcoGalaxy. Enjoy lunch before cruising to nearby Isla Lobos — separated from San Cristóbal by a narrow channel, providing opportunities to snorkel with sea lions, sea turtles, and tropical fish. There is also a short trail great for viewing blue-footed boobies, frigatebirds, sea lions, and the picturesque León Dormido — a huge volcanic monolith located offshore.

ACCOMMODATION: Aboard EcoGalaxy

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour flight transfer

ACTIVITY: PM 1.5 hours moderate hike (0.5 miles), plus snorkeling & panga cruise

DAY
08

Visit Santa Fé & South Plaza Islands

Wake to explore the beautiful bay and turquoise waters of Santa Fé Island. After a wet landing on a white beach usually covered with sea lions, walk into a giant *Opuntia* cactus grove in search of endemic land iguanas and possibly Galápagos Hawks. Afterwards, you can snorkel and/or kayak in the turquoise waters of the bay, full of sea lions, sea turtles, rays, urchins, eels, and very colorful fish, including large schools of surgeonfish and parrotfish.

Next it's on to South Plaza Island for an afternoon walk. Both North and South Plazas were formed by geological uplift and tilt to the north, with cliffs on their southern coasts. On small islands like this, terrestrial and marine species interact more than on the larger islands, and the occasional hybrid iguana (land and marine) with its "zebra-like" stripes can often be observed. The south facing cliffs swarm with a myriad of bird species, including tropicbirds, pelicans, boobies, Galápagos shearwaters, and swallow-tailed gulls. Bachelor sea lions climb steep cliffs in the late afternoon to spend nights away from the larger dominant bulls. Look for endemic land iguanas under the prickly-pear cactus.

ACCOMMODATION: Aboard EcoGalaxy

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: AM 1 hour easy walk (0.5 miles) & option for snorkeling or kayaking; PM 2 hours easy walk (1 mile)





North Seymour Island and Mosquera Islet

North Seymour is home to an incredible diversity of species, including dense breeding colonies of blue-footed boobies and frigatebirds. Walk North Seymour's loop trail and keep an eye out for Swallow tailed gulls, blue-footed boobies, and colonies of both Magnificent and Great frigatebirds. The island is rich in sea birds, but look also for marine iguanas, huge land iguanas, sea lions and other smaller birds such as Darwin finches and mockingbirds. After the walk, get ready to snorkel in one of the sites with the highest diversity of fish you'll find on your trip.

This afternoon, make a wet landing at Mosquera Islet, located between Baltra Island and North Seymour, and set out on foot to explore the largest sea lion colony in the archipelago. It's also possible to observe several species of birds here.

ACCOMMODATION: Aboard EcoGalaxy

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: AM 2 hours easy walk (1 mile) plus snorkeling; PM 1-1.5 hours easy walk (0.5 miles)



Discover Rich Birdlife of Genovesa Island

Genovesa Island is known as Bird Island and is one of the most interesting for visitors! Make a wet landing this morning and hike along Darwin Beach on the north side of Darwin Bay, formed by the rim of a sunken crater. Red mangroves along the trail provide habitat for yellow warblers, yellow-crowned night herons, and pintail ducks. The highlight of this site is the incredible abundance of Red-footed Boobies, Great Frigatebirds and Swallow-tailed Gulls. Despite being the most abundant species of booby in the islands, the red-footed is rarely seen unless you visit Genovesa. The bay also offers several places to snorkel; from deep waters along the cliffs across the bay, to shallow waters by the beach. In either case, there are many fish to see and great chances of seeing sharks, rays and sea lions.

After lunch, explore the cliffs by panga before climbing Prince Phillip's Steps to the island's plateau. The landing spot is a rock fall that forms a natural staircase up the cliffs but the rest of the trail is quite easy and level. Walk through massive colonies of Red-footed and Nazca Boobies and an extraordinary Palo Santo forest on the way to a lava ridge where thousands of storm petrels dart about while Short-eared owls stalk them for prey. This is one of the trails with the most abundance of fauna in the entire Galápagos. Snorkelers can explore the cliffs, where there are many fish and great chances of seeing sharks, rays and sea lions. Back on the boat tonight, enjoy a festive farewell cocktail hour and a group dinner with the captain.

ACCOMMODATION: Aboard EcoGalaxy

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: AM 2 hours easy hike (1 mile) plus snorkeling ; PM 2.5 hours moderate hike (2 miles) plus snorkeling



DAY
11

See Tortoises in the Highlands & Return to Quito

After an early breakfast, disembark the EcoGalaxy and transfer to the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island for a special opportunity to see Galápagos giant tortoises in the wild. Then head to the Baltra airport for your return flight to Quito. An MT Sobek representative will greet you at Quito airport and provide assistance to your nearby hotel. Lunch and dinner are on your own today.

ACCOMMODATION: Wyndham Quito Airport

MEALS: Breakfast

TRANSPORTATION: 45-minute private vehicle transfer and 2-hour flight transfer

ACTIVITY: AM 1.5 hours easy walk (1 mile)



DAY
12

Depart from Quito

After breakfast, use the complimentary shuttle to transfer to the airport in time for your outbound flight, or opt to stay on in Quito to join us for one of our extensions in Ecuador or Peru!

MEALS: Breakfast



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Sacha Lodge

Located within a pristine ecological reserve, Sacha Lodge enjoys a remote rainforest location with thatch-roofed buildings that blend harmoniously into their surroundings. The 26 comfortable rooms have spacious private bathrooms, some of which feature floor-to-ceiling windows for an immersive jungle experience. The property is a destination within itself, with thousands of acres of rainforest to explore.

Swissotel Quito

One of the city's top five-star luxury hotels, Swissotel Quito is conveniently located in the Floresta neighborhood of Quito - both a commercial and residential area only 45 minutes from Mariscal Sucre International Airport. Each of its 232 elegant guest rooms is air-conditioned and features modern design.

EcoGalaxy

Discover the Enchanted Islands in relaxed comfort onboard the [EcoGalaxy](#), an 88-foot deluxe catamaran. Its eight staterooms, with a capacity for 16 adventurers, are equipped with en-suite bathrooms, including full-size shower, and A/C. Guests can also relax in the dining room, bar and lounge, and open sundeck, and enjoy the inflatable pangas, kayaks, and snorkeling gear. Designed to minimize environment impact, the EcoGalaxy operates on low fuel consumption with state-of-the-art water filters, LED illumination, tin-free exterior paint, and solar panels. WiFi is now available on board!



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Wyndham Quito Airport

The Wyndham Quito Airport is a convenient and comfortable stopover after your journey back from the Galápagos chosen for its location right next to the airport. Both international and Ecuadorian food options are available at the onsite restaurant and for room service. Rooms have large TVs and free WiFi. There is a 24-hour complimentary airport shuttle.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: June, July

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.
Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

July 10-21, 2024

July 24-August 4, 2024

June 11-22, 2025

June 25-July 6, 2025

July 23-August 3, 2025

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and catamaran crew
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses
- Wetsuit rental
- Galapagos National Park fee, collected upon arrival (Age 13 and older: \$100 current fee, increasing to \$200 from Aug 1 2024 / Age 12 and younger: \$50 current fee, increasing to \$100 from Aug 1 2024)
- Galapagos Transit Control Card



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