

IHRE REISE

Reisetermin
 17.12.2026 - 28.12.2026

Reisedauer
 12 Tage

Reederei / Schiff
 MS Santa Cruz II / HX Expeditions

Explorer Kabine Horizon Deck



Doppelbelegung


€ 11.526
 pro Person

Einzelbelegung


€ 15.340
 pro Person

Darwin Suite



Doppelbelegung


 Nicht verfügbar

Einzelbelegung


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Explorer Kabine Panorama Deck



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Explorer Kabine Expedition Deck



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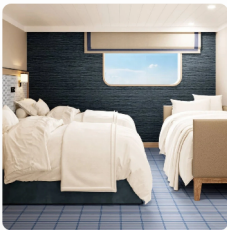
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Explorer Familienkabine Horizon Deck



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Voyager Einzelkabine Horizon Deck



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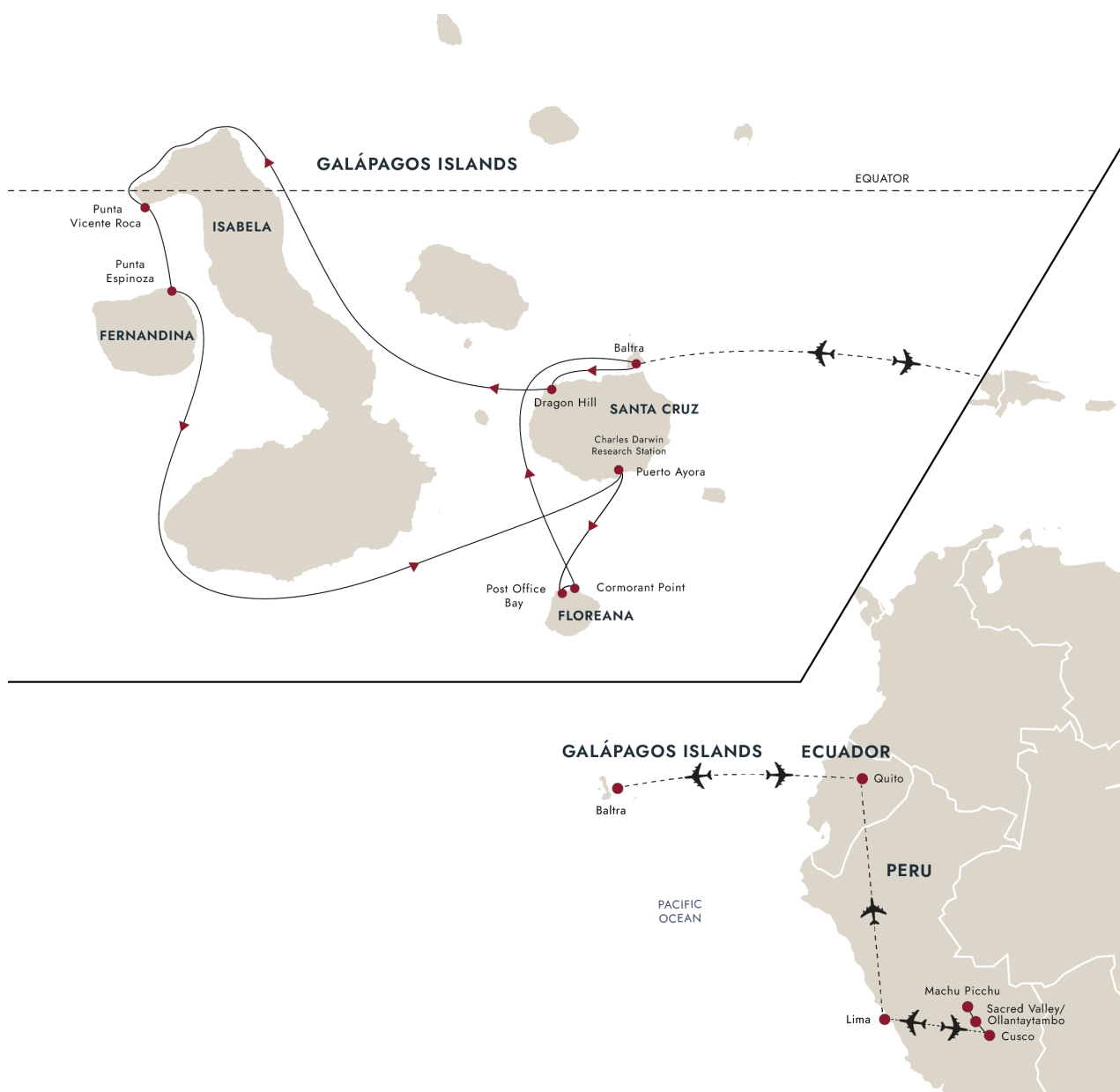


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YOUR LAND ADVENTURE BEGINS

Start your adventure ancient and modern Lima

Tag 1 - Your
land adventure
begins

Welcome to Peru, one of the most fascinating countries in South America!

If you have time after your arrival in Lima before settling in at your hotel for an overnight stay, we suggest you wander historical centre, which is packed with elegant Spanish colonial architecture, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Or why not walk along the oceanfront boardwalk in the upmarket Miraflores district. Here, you'll find many restaurants and cafés, as well as shops if you need to purchase anything ahead of your adventure. Lima is considered the food capital of Latin America, so be sure to try local dishes like ceviche, which is raw fish marinated in lime juice with onion and chilli.

DISCOVER THE CITY OF LIMA

Discover Lima's historical centre and more

Tag 2 -
Discover the
city of Lima

After breakfast, you'll enjoy a Lima City Tour, including lunch, which will introduce you to Lima's historical centre, which is packed with elegant Spanish colonial architecture, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and other interesting sites in Lima. You'll also visit the fascinating Larco museum, which holds the best private collection of Pre-Columbian art in the country.

After this half-day excursion, you'll have more time to take in this multifaceted city. People watch in one of the city's grand plazas or seek out a restaurant for another dinner of regional specialties before settling in at your hotel for another overnight stay.

CUSCO TO THE SACRED VALLEY

Get a brief look at Cusco before heading to the Sacred Valley

Tag 3 - Cusco
to the Sacred
Valley

In the morning, we'll take a flight to Cusco, the ancient seat of the Inca Empire.

Upon arrival we'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before taking a look at Sacsayhuamán fortress – a ceremonial compound and magnificent example of Inca military power that boasts a panoramic view of the city. Marvel at the construction techniques these ancient people used – this is just a foresight of the many wonders you'll be witnessing over the coming days.

Afterwards, we visit the Sulca Textile House Museum, which gives you an insight into the traditional fabrics created and worn by people since Pre-Columbian times. There will also be a chance to see an exhibition of South American camelids, and an opportunity to do some shopping.

After this brief visit to Cusco, we'll continue to our hotel in the Sacred Valley for an overnight stay.

BACK IN TIME TO A LOST WORLD

Discover the lost city of the Incas

Tag 4 - Back
in time to a
lost world

An early morning transfer will take you to Ollantaytambo, in the Sacred Valley, from where you'll catch a train along the narrow-gauge line to Machu Picchu, passing through stunning highland scenery along the way.

After around two hours, we'll stop at the small town of Aguas Calientes and take the short bus ride to Machu Picchu – the so-called Lost City of the Incas.

You'll enjoy a guided tour of this once-hidden settlement, marvelling at the stonewalls, terraces and ramps that are carved into the mountain. You'll love the peaceful atmosphere of Machu Picchu as you gaze at the lowland jungle from this city in the clouds.

After lunch, we'll return to our hotel where you'll enjoy another night.

FROM THE SACRED VALLEY TO CUSCO

Andean Community and Cusco walking tour

Tag 5 - From
the Sacred
Valley to
Cusco

Today you'll get an insight into the lives of Andean highlanders with a visit to the Misminay community, where sacred ancestral traditions live on. Learn about their ancient farming techniques, textile weaving, and folkloric traditions passed down through generations and then enjoy a delicious lunch featuring authentic Peruvian flavours.

After lunch, you'll be transferred to Cusco where you'll set out on a guided walking tour. A compact city packed with cultural beauty, there's no better way to discover the archaeological capital of South America than on foot.

Visit the city's most important historical monuments see the influence of different cultures. The Plaza de Armas and surrounding areas showcase architecture from after the Spanish conquest, yet just a short walk away you'll see Inca walls, some with blocks so large and intricate it remains a mystery as to how they were ever constructed.

Meanwhile, a visit to the Santo Domingo church reveals that it was built upon the foundations of the Inca temple Koricanha, which was dedicated to worship of the sun god, Inti.

After the visit you'll walk back to your hotel for an overnight stay in Cusco.

QUITO – CITY OF ETERNAL SPRING

Discover the vibrant city of Quito

Tag 6 - Quito
– city of
eternal spring

The day begins with breakfast at your hotel. We'll then drive to the airport in Cusco for the morning flight via Lima to Ecuador. You'll arrive in Quito in the afternoon.

Your journey begins on the Equator in the lush Andean foothills. At 9,350 feet, Quito is the second-highest capital city in the world, and its main draw is the exquisite Old Town which was founded on an ancient Inca settlement. A UNESCO World Heritage site, it's packed with well-preserved colonial architecture as evidenced in colourful plazas, magnificent churches and handsome monuments. Settle into your hotel, then head out to explore.

VISIT HISTORIC QUITO

Straddle the Equator at the Middle of the World City

Tag 7 - Visit
historic Quito

Today you'll enjoy a guided tour of Quito's remarkable Old Town – one of the largest and best-preserved colonial-era quarters in South America. Wander through cobblestone streets as you admire the architecture – and sample some delicious chocolate made from finest Ecuadorian cacao along the way.

Next, you'll head to the iconic 'Middle of the World City', located around 16 miles north of Quito. After lunch, you'll visit the famous monument that delineates the imaginary line of the Equator. Have your camera ready to capture the moment you stand with one foot in each hemisphere.

YOUR CRUISE BEGINS

Get ready to explore the spectacular Galápagos Islands

Tag 8 - Your
cruise begins

After breakfast, a short flight will take you to Baltra Island in the spectacular Galápagos archipelago. A transfer brings you straight to the port where your comfortable expedition ship MS Santa Cruz II awaits.

In the afternoon we'll begin our exploration of the Galápagos Islands following the north shore of Santa Cruz towards the fascinating landscapes of Cerro Dragón – Dragon Hill – where we'll land. The first part of the walk here passes by a brackish lagoon that's frequented by shorebirds and American Flamingos. Further inland, the trail offers a beautiful view of the bay and the western islands of the archipelago, as well as a chance to get a first look at some land iguanas.

WILDLIFE-RICH ISABELA AND FERNANDINA

Scan the coastline and seas for iconic species

Tag 9 -
Wildlife-rich
Isabela and
Fernandina

You'll start your day at Punta Vicente Roca, on the north-western tip of Isabela Island. After breakfast, we'll explore the coast by panga boat, learning about the dramatic geology of the area from your naturalist guides.

This site is a nesting place for several bird species, so look out for Flightless Cormorants, Galápagos Penguins, and boobies. Weather permitting, you'll get to snorkel alongside the cliffs, where you might find green sea turtles, oceanic sun fish, and fur seals.

In the afternoon, we'll explore Fernandina, an island with a unique ecology and a big population of marine iguanas. Scan the coast for sea lions, Sally Lightfoot crabs, hawks and penguins.

DARWIN'S SANTA CRUZ

Meet the famous giant tortoises of Galápagos

Tag 10 -
Darwin's Santa
Cruz

Today, you'll explore Santa Cruz Island. In the morning, we'll disembark at Puerto Ayora to visit the Charles Darwin Research Station.

A giant tortoise breeding centre, here you can see recently hatched tortoises and Darwin's famous finches – the birds he used as a basis for his theory of evolution by natural selection. There's also an impressive forest of prickly pear cacti that's home to many land birds.

Enjoy a cooler climate over lunch in the lush highlands, where giant tortoises shuffle about munching on grass and wallowing in pools.

You'll have time for another activity, including mountain biking or visiting a sugar plantation.

PICTURESQUE FLOREANA

Discover Galápagos history and underwater wildlife

Tag 11 -
 Picturesque
 Floreana

After breakfast, you'll enjoy a panga boat ride among the channels on Floreana's north shore, before taking in the incredible views of the island from Baroness Cove. Later on, we'll land at Post Office Bay to visit the historic barrel that has served as a post office in the archipelago for over two centuries.

After lunch, you'll explore the wonders around Champion Islet in a panga boat or aboard our glass-bottom boat. Here, you can snorkel in one of the best spots in the archipelago.

From there, it's onwards to Cormorant Point, where we'll take a walk from an olivine-crystal beach to a brackish lagoon, where you can commonly see American Flamingos, Pintail Ducks and more.

BACK TO BALTRA

Your adventure comes to an end

Tag 12 - Back
 to Baltra

As your expedition cruise comes to a close, it's time to bid farewell to the wildlife and scenery of one of the world's most incredible nature destinations. We'll also say farewell to our wonderful crew and naturalist guides as we disembark at Baltra Island.

A transfer will take you to the airport in Baltra for your flight to Quito to connect to your international flight, or if you prefer, continue to Guayaquil for another adventure.

To explore more of Ecuador, why not extend your stay and join one of our optional Post-Programmes.

Im Preis inbegriffen

Hotel

- Two nights in Lima, two nights in the Sacred Valley, one night in Cusco, and two nights in Quito before the expedition cruise, including breakfast. Dinner on Day 3-6.

Flights

- Flights in economy class from Lima to Cusco, and from Cusco to Quito (via Lima), including all taxes
- Flights in economy class between Quito and Baltra, and Baltra and Quito, including all taxes

Transfers

- Transfer in Lima from the airport to the hotel
- Note: If your flights have not been booked with us, please provide us with your full flight details no later than 30 days prior to travel (applies to all transfers from the airport to your booked hotel via HX in Lima on the tour start date)
- Transfer from the airport to the hotel, and the hotel to the airport, in Quito before the expedition cruise
- Transfers between the airport and the ship in Baltra

Excursions

- Tour package: Machu Picchu as described, including excursions with lunch, train tickets, entrance fees, transfers from the hotel to the airport in Lima and within the Sacred Valley and Cusco, before the expedition cruise
- Full-day excursion: Historic Quito & Middle of the World, including lunch, before the expedition cruise

Extras

- Galápagos Islands National Park admission fee
- Transit Control Card for the Galápagos Islands
- Access to the airport lounge at the Quito (or Guayaquil) airport upon return from the Galápagos Islands for guests flying internationally on the day of disembarkation

Expedition Cruise

- A stay in a cabin of your choice
- Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Wine, beer and spirits (excluding premium alcoholic drinks) available from the bar at any time (subject to Ecuadorean licensing laws)
- All day coffee, tea and soft drinks
- A complimentary water bottle to refill on board and take home
- A backpack or another piece of HX kit
- Professional photos from your trip taken by our onboard photographer
- Complimentary Wi-Fi. Please note, streaming is not supported
- Use of hot tubs, fitness room, lounges and more
- Gratuities included. Fantastic service is standard at HX – though if you'd like to leave something extra, it's always appreciated
- Range of included activities

Onboard Activities

- In-depth lectures and discussions hosted by experts on the Expedition Team
- Full access to the ship's Science Corner
- Citizen Science Programme allows guests to assist with ongoing scientific research
- Professional onboard photographer gives tips and tricks for the best landscape and wildlife photos
- Informal gatherings with the crew for daily briefings

Landing Activities

- Escorted and guided landings with small panga boats
- Loan of all equipment for activities
- Expedition photographers on hand to assist you

Notes

- All planned activities are subject to weather conditions
- Your flight from Baltra will be to Quito. If you wish to end your expedition in Guayaquil, please advise your booking agent
- The land programme in Peru and Quito, Ecuador, takes place at high altitudes. At 11,100 ft and 9,350 ft above sea level, respectively, you might experience mild altitude sickness.
- The land-based tour in Peru involves long stretches of active travel and walking over uneven terrain. Be prepared for a climate that varies from high altitude to tropical weather.
- Excursions and activities are subject to change
- Please make sure you meet all entry and boarding requirements
- No gratuities expected
- Depending on your flight times, an additional overnight might be needed (not included)

Nicht im Preis inbegriffen

- International flights
- Additional overnight(s) if required due to international flight timings
- Travel Insurance
- Luggage handling

Ihr Schiff

Ihr Schiff ist die "MS Santa Cruz II". Ausführlich stellen wir Ihnen dieses Schiff auf unseren Schiffseiten vor. Ausführliche Informationen zu diesem Schiff.

Passagiere
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Bordsprachen



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