

IHRE REISE

Reisetermin
 30.10.2026 - 12.11.2026

Reisedauer
 14 Tage

Reederei / Schiff
 MS Santa Cruz II / HX Expeditions

Explorer Kabine Horizon Deck



Doppelbelegung


€ 10.197
 pro Person

Einzelbelegung


€ 11.146
 pro Person

Explorer Kabine Expedition Deck



Doppelbelegung


€ 10.505
 pro Person

Einzelbelegung


€ 11.454
 pro Person

Explorer Familienkabine Horizon Deck



Doppelbelegung


€ 10.813
 pro Person

Explorer Kabine Panorama Deck



Doppelbelegung


€ 10.813
pro Person

Voyager Einzelkabine Horizon Deck



Doppelbelegung


€ 11.276
pro Person

Einzelbelegung


€ 12.225
pro Person

Darwin Suite



Doppelbelegung


€ 12.134
pro Person



YOUR LAND ADVENTURE BEGINS

Start your adventure ancient and modern Lima

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

Day 1 - Your land adventure begins

Lima, Peru's vibrant capital, offers a rich fusion of history, culture, and coastal beauty. The historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, features stunning colonial architecture. Along the Pacific coastline, districts like Miraflores and Barranco captivate with ocean views, bohemian charm, street art, and lively nightlife. With its mix of ancient ruins, such as Huaca Pucllana, and modern urban energy, Lima is a compelling gateway to Peru's diverse identity.

Settle into your hotel and enjoy an overnight stay.

DISCOVER THE CITY OF LIMA

Discover Lima's historical centre and more

Day 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 specialities 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

Day 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

Day 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.

Enjoy a guided tour of this once-hidden settlement, marvelling at the stone walls, 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 overnight stay.

FROM THE SACRED VALLEY TO CUSCO

Andean Community and Cusco walking tour

Day 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 Koricancha, 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

Day 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, on the Equator in the lush Andean foothills. You'll arrive in Quito in the afternoon.

At 9,350 feet, Quito is the second-highest capital city in the world, and its exquisite Old Town 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 and enjoy your overnight stay.

VISIT HISTORIC QUITO

Straddle the Equator at the Middle of the World City

Day 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

Day 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.

You'll get your first glimpse of the islands' incredible wildlife on Mosquera Islet, home to one of the largest sea lion colonies in the archipelago. We'll take our small panga boats ashore to get a closer look.

As you stroll across flat and sandy dunes, look out for Blue-footed Boobies and Sally Lightfoot crabs, and learn about the marine and terrestrial ecosystems from your naturalist guides.

SAN CRISTÓBAL'S TORTOISES

Meet the famous giant tortoises

Day 9 - San
 Cristóbal's
 tortoises

Your first stop today is the Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve – a breeding centre for the endangered giant tortoise. It's also home to other endemic species, including the San Cristobal Mockingbird and lava lizard.

The giant tortoise is probably the most iconic of all Galápagos wildlife, with a lifespan of over 100 years. Here, they thrive, ambling around forests similar to their natural habitat.

Our small panga boats will then take you to Punta Pitt, the only site in the Galápagos Islands where you might see three species of boobies. Enjoy a nature walk, explore the coastline by boat, or snorkel and swim in the crystal-clear water.

SANTA FE AND SOUTH PLAZA

Spot wildlife against idyllic backdrops

Day 10 - Santa
 Fe and South
 Plaza

We start the day with a scenic nature walk on the blissful beaches of Santa Fe, home to the endemic Barrington land iguana and a colony of sea lions.

You can swim or snorkel from our small panga boats, take a kayak for a paddle around the island, or join a trip in our glass-bottomed boat to observe the marine life below. After a delicious lunch, prepared by our onboard chefs, we head to South Plaza Island.

Keep an eye out for frigatebirds, Swallow-tailed Gulls and Galapagos Shearwaters gliding on the breeze. Here, among a dazzling array of flora, land iguanas laze by the shore while marine iguanas slip in and out of the water.

EXPLORE SANTA CRUZ

Learn about local conservation on Santa Cruz Island

Day 11 -
Explore Santa
Cruz

Today we pay a visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station in Puerto Ayora.

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, such as mountain biking or visiting sugar plantation.

DRAMATIC ESPAÑOLA

Lava lizards and incredible birdlife

Day 12 -
Dramatic
Española

Your Galápagos Islands cruise reaches Española, the archipelago's most southerly island. Birdlife here is truly extraordinary – look out for Nazca Boobies, Blue-footed Boobies and Swallow-tailed Gulls, and the mighty Waved Albatross on cruises April through December.

It's also a chance to spot red Española lava lizards and marine iguanas, as well as see the famous blowhole, El Soplador, blasting water 75 feet into the air.

After lunch on board the ship, we'll head to the picturesque coral beach of Gardner Bay and nearby Osborn Islet, to seek out sea lions, mockingbirds and finches. If you're feeling active, you can go snorkelling or kayaking.

REEF LIFE ON EDEN ISLET

Green turtles, sharks and rare bird colonies

Day 13 - Reef
life on Eden
Islet

The wealth of wildlife watching opportunities continues at Eden Islet, where we hope to see Galapagos green turtles, rays and friendly reef sharks. On the shore, look out for distinctive frigatebirds with their rubbery, red throats.

You can swim or snorkel to explore the reefs. Alternatively, see the reefs from our glass-bottomed boat or by kayak. After lunch, we'll sail to North Seymour.

The island is a great site for spotting colonies of Blue-footed Boobies and Swallow-tailed Gulls. Sea lions and marine iguanas also congregate here, attracted by the bountiful sea life in its waters.

END OF YOUR EXPEDITION

From the Galápagos Islands to Guayaquil

Day 14 - End
of your
expedition

Your expedition cruise draws to a close as you 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, to Guayaquil.

To explore more of Ecuador, why not extend your stay and join one of our post-voyage options.

As you leave this fascinating region, you'll take with you incredible memories of amazing wildlife and wonderful experiences few have the privilege of seeing.

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 3-7.

Flights

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

Transfers

- For expeditions starting after April 2026, transfer in Lima from the airport to the hotel
- Transfers between the airport and the hotel 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 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 available at meals and throughout the day and evening (subject to licensing laws, excludes premium drinks)
- All day coffee, tea and soft drinks
- A complimentary reusable Ocean Bottle water bottle to refill on board and take home
- An HX backpack
- 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 our knowledgeable 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
- Daily briefing with the Expedition Team about the plans for the next day

Landing Activities

- Escorted and guided landings with small panga boats
- Necessary equipment for activities, such as walking poles and snorkelling equipment, will be provided on board on loan. Your HX travel documents will have a recommended packing list.
- Expedition photographer on hand to assist you

Notes

- All planned activities are subject to weather conditions
- Please note that bookings made less than 100 days prior to your tour start date are subject to availability and may lead to changes in the Machu Picchu programme. Passport information is required at the time of booking. To secure your spot, we recommend booking as soon as possible.
- Your flight from Baltra will be to Quito. If you wish to end your expedition in Guayaquil instead, contact our Expedition Specialists. You can also change your final destination from Quito to Guayaquil while booking online.
- 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 for the crew aboard MS Santa Cruz II. Gratuities are not included for pre and post-voyage options.
- Depending on your flight times, an additional overnight might be needed (not included)

Nicht im Preis inbegriffen

- Additional overnight(s) if required due to international flight timings
- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Luggage handling
- Gratuities for pre and post-voyage options

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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