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### PRICES INCLUDING ALL AIR AND TAXES

Toronto	-	\$6,895.00 pp/dbl
Montreal	-	\$6,995.00 pp/dbl
Ottawa	-	\$7,254.00 pp/dbl
Vancouver	-	\$7,354.00 pp/dbl
Calgary	-	\$7,454.00 pp/dbl

### Great Add-Ons, Including Air:

Kapawi	\$1,996 pp/dbl
Machu Picchu	\$1,996 pp/dbl

*All prices are subject to confirmation*

### Included in this price ...

- Round-trip air transportation
- All domestic air transportation
- All accommodation
- First class Galapagos small ship cruise
- All meals as per the itinerary
- Admissions to all sites
- Expert Galapagos guides
- Transfers & baggage handling - --
- Islands Park Entrance Fee (US100)
- ALL Taxes

Meals in Ecuador as per the itinerary **AND** All meals on board the Galapagos cruise ship



### Highlights ...

**Quito, San Agustin Monastery, Calderon, Cotacachi, Otavalo, San Antonio de Ibarra, Baltra/Black Turtle Cove or Bachas Beach, Darwin Bay/Prince Philip's Steps, Tower, Cerro Dragon/ Rabida, Tagus Cove, Isabela/Punta Espinoza, Fernandina, Puerto Egas, Santiago/Bartolome, Highlands/Darwin Station, Santa Cruz, Gardner Bay/Punta Suárez, Espanola (Hood), Daphne Major/Baltra**

Day 1, 2	Hotel Dan Carlton, Quito
Day 3, 4	Hotel Hacienda Cusin, Ecuador
Day 5	Hotel Dan Carlton, Quito
Day 6 ~ 12	Galapagos Cruise
Day 13	Hotel Dan Carlton, Quito
Day 14 ~ 18	Kapawi or Machu Picchu



### Day 1

Quito - We meet you on arrival in Quito, capital city of Ecuador. At 9,350 feet altitude and only 12 miles south of the Equator, Quito's weather is spring-like year-round. Transfer to the Hotel Dan Carlton. The balance of your first day is free. Possible activities in Quito: Plaza de la Independencia or Plaza Grande in the heart of Quito. It is flanked by the Cathedral Quito Museum.

### Day 2

After breakfast we make a tour of the city of Quito, visiting the San Agustin Monastery and its impressive Sala Capitular, Independence Square, flanked by the Presidential Place, the Cathedral, the Archbishop's palace and City Hall. We'll stroll pass the El Sagrario Church and marvel at the exquisite stone façade of La Compania Church and visit the San Francisco Monastery, built over

the ruins of an Inca Palace in the 16<sup>th</sup> century with its glittering golden altars. We'll ride up the road to the top of Panecillo Hill for a breathtaking view of Quito. We will also stop at the equatorial monument.

### Day 3

After breakfast we will depart and visit the cities of Calderon and Cotacachi. The Cotacachi Volcano is located at the Western mountain range, being an integral part of the "Cotacachi-Cayapas" Ecological Reserve. Travelling north approximately 6 miles (10 km) from the capital city of Quito we'll come to Calderon. This small town is famous for its Bread Dough Dolls. Overnight at Hacienda Cusin founded in 1602 and famous as one of the oldest haciendas in Ecuador, here we will enjoy typical Ecuadorian meals. Overnight



#### **Day 4**

Otavalo, San Antonio de Ibarra and surrounding areas. We'll drive through the spectacular countryside north of Quito and explore the Andean mountain roads and see the many lakes and Indian communities. The majority of the 45,000 or so Otavaleño Indians actually live in about 75 separate communities outside Otavalo, such as Peguche, San Jose de la Bolsa, Selva Alegre, Cotama, Agato and Iluman. In these villages you can witness the Otavaleños' centuries-old weaving skills put into practice, in addition to buying the end results of the process. We will enjoy our lunch at the Hosteria Ouerto Lago. Later on we'll stop in San Antonio de Ibarra, famous for its woodcarving. We have dinner and stay overnight again at Hacienda Cusin

#### **Day 5**

Today we visit the Otavalo Indian Market. Local men and women, their long black hair tied back beneath felt hats, come to Otavalo on Saturdays to buy chickens, pigs, and vegetables. This is the Otavalo that tourists see when they arrive - local men and women in their traditional dress, the crafts that they sell, and an opportunity to interact with the locals. The market is a famous destination due to the combination of friendly vendors in their native dress, as well as the beauty of the natural surroundings. The colourful Otavalo Indian market, dates back to pre-Inca times, and is famous for its textiles. In the late afternoon we return to Quito and stay at the Hotel Dan Carlton

#### **Days 6 - 13**

Galapagos Cruise

**8 Days and 7 Nights aboard the *Flamingo I***

SUN : Baltra/ Black Turtle Cove or Bachas Beach  
MON : Darwin Bay/ Prince Philip's Steps, Tower  
TUE : Cerro Dragon/ Rabida  
WED : Tagus Cove, Isabela / Punta Espinoza, Fernandina  
THR : Puerto Egas, Santiago/ Bartolome  
FRI : Highlands / Darwin Station, Santa Cruz  
SAT : Gardner Bay / Punta Suárez, Espanola (Hood)  
SUN : Daphne Major/ Baltra

**Please see the detailed cruise itinerary attached.**

#### **Day 13**

Galapagos - Quito check in at Hotel Dann Carlton Balance of day at Leisure



#### **Day 14**

Return to hometown or on to your optional extension (see over).

***See over for details of the Kapawi Lodge and Machu Picchu extensions ...***

## Optional - 4 nights' Itinerary to the Kapawi Lodge

Kapawi is the Amazon's premier luxury ecological lodge. It lies in southeastern Ecuador. This solar energy powered eco-lodge works with the Achuar indigenous community to provide an alternative to the traditional destruction created by most other enterprises in the Amazon Rainforest. The beautiful thatched and cool cabins girdle one side of a small lagoon and walkways interconnect the various parts of the lodge. Here's the itinerary:



**Day 1:** Board a private plane from Quito (1.45 hours) to the Kapawi reserve. Additional canoe ride (1.30 hours) is necessary to reach the lodge. We will see many unique bird species (more than 500 species in the area) on our way. The balance of the day is free to relax or follow your own interests. B/L/D

**Day 2:** Today different hikes through the Rainforest will be offered according to your interests and physical abilities. B/L/D

**Day 3:** After breakfast we will visit an Achuar community and enjoy other activities available in the area such as fishing. B/L/D

**Day 4:** A free day to explore and or relax in this magical paradise. B/L/D

**Day 5:** Today we will return home via Quito B/

*Kapawi is a magical place.  
A place full of legends, myths and wildlife.*

**Price: \$1,864 pp/dbl (Land & Air)**

*All prices are subject to confirmation*

## Optional - 4 day Itinerary to Machu Picchu

### THE EMPIRE OF THE INCA CIVILIZATION - MACHU PICCHU

**Day 1:** Arrival from Quito to Lima with a connection to Cuzco. Assistance and transfer to hotel Picoaga. Balance of the day to become acclimatized to the altitude.

**Day 2:** Breakfast. Transfer to the train station for a scenic 3.30 hour train trip through the Urubamba Valley, followed by a 30 minute bus ride up to the breathtaking Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu. Check in at Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel and then take a guided tour through the ruins. After lunch, free time to explore the area. Overnight. B/L

**Day 3:** Transfers will be provided to Cuzco. Check in at Hotel Picoaga. Optional tour to the surrounding ruins of Kenko, Puca Pucara, Tampu Machay and the renowned fortress and religious site of Sacsayhuaman. B/

**Day 4 :** Transfers to Lima for your international connection to Canada... B/



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# Galapagos Islands and Ecuador ~ Islands Cruise Itinerary

M/Y Eric & Flamingo ~ 8 days / 7 nights

**SUNDAY:** Arrive at Baltra Island, where our crew meets you at the airport and escorts you to your anchored yacht. This afternoon, visit Bachas Beach where we enjoy a subtle introduction to the Galapagos with a beautiful beach and opportunity to snorkel. A visit to Black Turtle Cove consists of a panga ride through a series of mangroves surrounded by coves. Here we can see sea turtles mating (September to February), white-tipped sharks, spotted eagle rays and yellow cow-nosed rays.

**MONDAY:** We spend the entire day on TOWER (Genovesa), one of the most spectacular Islands in Galapagos. After a wet landing on Darwin Bay's coral beach, wind your way past tide pools where swallow-tailed and lava gulls gather. Enter a forest of mangroves where colonies of great frigate birds nest. The males inflate their red-throated pouches to attract females that fly overhead. After swimming or sea kayaking, take a panga ride along the jagged shoreline. See the beautiful red-billed tropic bird. At Prince Philip's Steps, find storm petrels and the elusive short-eared owl, and watch the famous red-footed boobies nesting in palo santo trees.

**TUESDAY:** This morning explore one of the newer sites called Cerro Dragon (Dragon Hill) on the north end of Santa Cruz. Follow a footpath to endemic land iguanas. Once part of the Darwin Station's breeding program, these repatriated iguanas display orange-yellow skin and large spines along their backs. Walk quietly to keep from startling pink flamingos that feed in the salt-water lagoon. Along the trail, keep your eyes open for Darwin Finches and Yellow Warblers. From the top of Dragon Hill, enjoy a majestic view of the bay. In the afternoon, disembark on RABIDA Island (Jervis) located off James Island. Rabida sports the most diversified volcanic rocks of all the islands and why it's often called the geographic center of Galapagos. The dark-red beach originated from the erosion of volcanic stones. Follow a trail leads to a salt-water lagoon, and, hopefully, observe Greater Flamingos as they feed. Brown Pelicans nest in the mangroves at the far side of the lagoon. After your walk, don a mask and snorkel and slip into the ocean for some undersea excitement.

**WEDNESDAY:** This morning, we visit Tagus Cove, ISABELA. Six volcanoes flowed together and formed Isabela, the largest Island in Galapagos. On a

nature walk, discover a salt-water lagoon, a scenic overlook, and a spectacular view of lava fields, volcanic formations and the ocean. Note graffiti dating back to the 1800's is written on the rocky cliffs. Explore Tagus Cove in pangas or sea kayaks and find Galapagos penguins and other seabirds. After lunch, we cross the Bolivar Canal and disembark at Punta Espinoza, FERNANDINA. Located in the western part of the archipelago, Fernandina is the youngest and most pristine Island found in Galapagos. Hundreds of marine iguanas, the largest colony in Galapagos, bask in the sun along the rugged shoreline. Observe sea lion harems with resident bulls carefully guarding their territory. Flightless Cormorants build their nest on the point and Galapagos Hawk fly overhead. Evidence of recent lava flows formed by an active volcano stretch their way around the coast.

**THURSDAY:** This morning, stroll along the shore at Puerto Egas, SANTIAGO (James) looking for octopus, starfish and other sea life caught in the tide pools. At low tide, catch a glimpse of marine iguanas as they feed on exposed green algae. Watch for great blue herons, lava herons, oystercatchers and yellow-crowned night herons. Our walk ends at the grottos, deep pools of clear water where we encounter fur sea lions once on the verge of extinction. On Bartolome, it seems like we are walking on the moon. This young Island is inhospitable to most plants and animals. After a dry landing, climb 30 minutes up a steep slope to the summit of a once active volcano. Pause along the way to marvel at lava bombs, spatter cones and cinder cones. From the top, gaze out across a panoramic view including the famous "Pinnacle Rock", an eroded tuff cone. Down below, crystal clear water invites you to snorkel with schools of tropical fish. Penguins often swim in this area. On the other side of the Island encounter sea turtles and white-tipped sharks.

**FRIDAY:** This morning, we visit the Charles Darwin Research Station. Scientists from all over the globe work at the station and conduct biological research from anatomy to zoology. Get your picture taken with the giant tortoises. Observe year-old tortoises and learn about the captive-breeding program. Next, stroll through the town of Puerto Ayora (population: 10,000) -the largest town in the Galapagos. Buy souvenirs, mail postcards and absorb local charm in

the social heart of the Islands. After lunch on board, we climb aboard a bus and take an excursion to the highlands of SANTA CRUZ Island. Watch the scenery change as we wind our way through all seven vegetation zones found in Galapagos. From June to January you can find giant tortoises on a private farm in the highlands. The rest of the year, we visit Los Gemelos "The Twins", a pair of large pit craters where we find the bright red male vermilion flycatcher. Afterwards, we head to "the tunnels", the largest lava tubes found in Galapagos.

**SATURDAY:** This morning, step onto Gardner Bay, ESPANOLA (HOOD). Walk along seemingly endless stretches of sandy beach where you'll find colonies of sea lions. Swim and snorkel with the sea lions and enjoy the colorful diversity of sea life near Gardner Islet. This afternoon, we disembark at Punta Suarez, ESPANOLA, where we witness the highest rate of "endemicism" in the Galapagos. Sea lions

noisily green us as we land on their beach. Curious mockingbirds peck at our shoelaces. From April to November waved albatross perform their wild mating rituals only on Espanola. Colonies of blue-footed boobies engage in "sky-pointing" while masked boobies busily care for their young. Stunning swallow-tailed gulls and red-billed tropicbirds take shelter under the cliffs. Other species endemic to Espanola include Darwin's Finches, Galapagos Doves and Galapagos Hawks. Observe a unique specie of marine iguana identified with traces of red and green colorings. Colorful sally light-foot crabs crawl along the shoreline near to the famous "blow hole".

**SUNDAY:** This morning, we cruise the small islets of Daphne major and minor for good views of these partially-eroded tuff formations. We arrive to Baltra in time for your early flight back to the mainland on Tame Airlines.

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## YOUR TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- All flights and ground transportation as described in the itinerary.
- Accommodations based on two persons sharing a double room, with private bathroom, at the hotels listed in the itinerary or similar. Single supplement will apply in the case of single occupancy. Sharing can be arranged.
- Transfers between airports and hotels will be provided when travelling with the group. Alternative transfers will be the tour member's responsibility. No refunds will be made for unused services.
- Meals at selected restaurants or hotel dining rooms as specified in the itinerary. Alternative meals, if desired, will be at the member's own expense. There will be no refunds for the forfeited meal.
- Baggage transfers; limited to two pieces of luggage per person. Carry-on luggage and check-in baggage dimensions must conform to the regulations set forth by the airlines used. All excess baggage charges are the sole responsibility of the passenger. Baggage handled at owner's risk.
- Most service charges at hotels and restaurants.

## YOUR TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Medical Insurance out of Province/Country – Do not travel outside your province or Canada without medical insurance.
- Cancellation & Interruption insurance – It is a requirement to have Cancellation & Interruption insurance with ALL The Travel Society tours.

## UNUSED AND AMENDED TOUR ARRANGEMENTS:

- Unused accommodation, tour features and services are non-refundable and non-exchangeable for other accommodation, services or features. Should there be reason to change features of the tour, any additional costs will be charged to the tour members.

## THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- The non-refundable deposit of C\$500 per person is payable at the time of booking.
- Full payment is due 70 days prior to departure, an Invoice/Final Payment Request will be couriered/express-mailed/e-mailed to you Prior to that time, along with any other relevant information.
- All payments made by a credit card are subject to a convenience charge based on a percentage current at the time of payment.

## CANCELLATION POLICY:

- All cancellations must be sent to The Travel Society in writing without delay. The following cancellation fees will apply:
  - From reservation up to 60 days prior to departure ~ cancellation fee: the full deposit
  - 59 to 31 days prior to departure ~ cancellation fee: 60% of the tour price
  - 30 days or less prior to departure ~ cancellation fee: 100% of the tour price

Important: With ALL reservations made with The Travel Society Cancellation & Interruption Insurance is highly recommended.

## LATE HANDLING FEE:

- Bookings made within 30 days of departure may be subject to a late handling fee of \$50 per person.

## OTHER TERMS:

- Unforeseen circumstances may require an adjustment to the itinerary. In such a case, increased or decreased costs will be fairly pro-rated. We reserve the right to cancel the tour before departure. In the unlikely event that this is necessary, a full refund of all payments will constitute complete settlement.

## RESPONSIBILITY:

- The Travel Society makes arrangements with tour operators, airlines, hotels, transfer operators and other independent parties to provide travel and tour services. The Travel Society uses its best efforts to make these arrangements and cannot therefore be held responsible for their acts, or omissions as well as *Force Majeure*.

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A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure.

My cheque is enclosed payable to The Travel Society Inc, or charge my credit card:  Visa  M/C

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