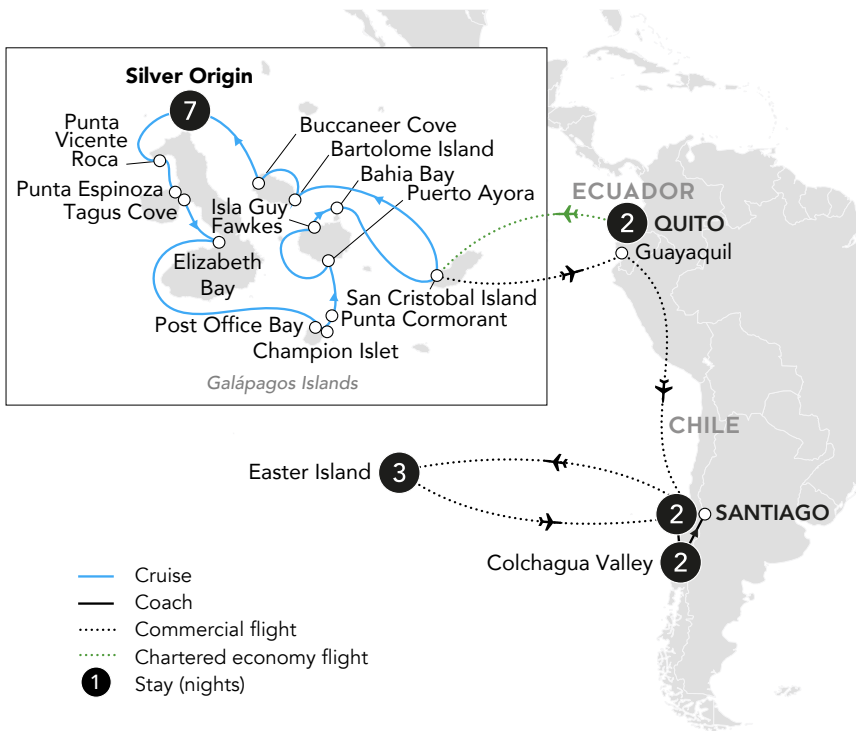


EPIC DISCOVERY OF THE GALÁPAGOS & EASTER ISLAND

Embark on a seamless discovery of two of the world's most remote and fascinating destinations. From the untamed nature of the Galápagos Islands to the volcanic terrain and towering moai sculptures of Easter Island. Our Galápagos expedition cruise bring us encounters with endemic wildlife, pristine surroundings, and surreal beauty. Then spend three nights discovering the ancient culture of Easter Island, followed by two nights in Chile's renowned wine region, Colchagua Valley. This spirited journey is reserved for just 26 guests.



A JOURNEY OVERVIEW

Quito - Galápagos Islands - Easter Island - Santiago - Colchagua Valley - Santiago

17 Days - Expedition Cruise & Land Exploration
 Departing 4 November 2027

Day 1 Quito (Ecuador)

Our journey begins with a private transfer to the JW Marriott Quito. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure before meeting your fellow travellers and Tour Host Team during this evening's dinner.

Day 2 Quito

This morning, we set out for the 'middle of the world'. Quito holds the distinction of being the closest city to the equator and, at Mitad del Mundo, we take the rare opportunity to stand astride the world's hemispheres. While here, we visit the onsite Ethnographic Museum, whose exhibits feature an array of outfits worn by Ecuador's various indigenous groups. Nearby, the Intiñan Equator Museum presents a series of interactive displays, granting an appreciation of life lived along the equator.

Following lunch at a local restaurant, we further explore Quito, which is notable for being the first entire city to be listed as a World Heritage site. Its Church and Convent of San Francisco comprises an extensive complex of cloisters, three churches, a plaza, and a library. A staggering collection of religious art adorns the baroque altar of the main church, as well as throughout the site. Close by, we see the sweeping facade of the Presidential Palace. During this evening's dinner, we enjoy the graceful movements and colourful attire of a local folk-dance group.

Day 3 Embark Silver Origin, Galápagos Islands

After breakfast, we transfer to the airport and board an economy class flight with our fellow cruise guests. Our aircraft soon touches down on San Cristóbal Island in the Galápagos, where we meet our waiting ship, Silver Origin. This afternoon, board the ship's Zodiacs and explore the waters around curiously shaped Kicker Rock. Keep watch for blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, and frigatebirds soaring gracefully overhead. Just below the surface of the water, we may also spy the occasional manta ray, turtle, or hammerhead shark. Returning to our elegant vessel, we savour the Ecuadorian cuisine prepared by its expert chefs.

Day 4 Galápagos Islands

Having left San Cristóbal Island behind, we soon drop anchor alongside tiny Bartolomé Island. Aboard Zodiacs, we set out to explore Bartolomé's barren landscape. Making their home across the other-worldly terrain are the island's lava lizards, along with the occasional spiny clump of lava cactus. A gradually ascending boardwalk leads us to the island's peak, where we're rewarded with spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean and its nearby islands. Galapagos hawks circle for prey and endearing blue-footed boobies parade themselves before us. Adjacent to Bartolomé, we also see the peculiar Pinnacle Rock standing proud.

Return to the ship for lunch as Silver Origin advances to the opposing coast of neighbouring Santiago Island. Our captain soon drops anchor in Buccaneer Cove, named for the pirates whose marauding ways saw them land here. From aboard our Zodiacs, we see a plethora of Palo Santo trees and giant prickly pear cacti across Santiago's lava-strewn landscape. Swallow-tailed gulls, Nazca and blue-footed boobies scan the waters for their next catch, while fur seals and Galapagos sea lions laze upon the shore.

Day 5 Galápagos Islands

Approaching the shores of the archipelago's largest island this morning, we discover a rich marine haven. Just off Isabela Island, schools of black striped salemas, white tip reef sharks, and a variety of ray species glide effortlessly through the alluring, deep blue waters. Joining them below the surface, marine iguanas feast on the bounty of seaweed growing along the seabed. After exploring the island's remarkable lava tubes and underwater caves, we return to the ship for lunch.

Soon our captain is navigating the Bolivar Channel between the islands of Isabela and Fernandina. This stretch of water harbours astonishing biodiversity, with whales, dolphins, turtles and rays all taking advantage of the nutrient-rich waters. Our Expedition Team guide us in our discoveries of this fascinating realm and its inhabitants. In the middle of Fernandina Island sits the volcano, La Cumbre. Erupting around every four years, the volcano's lava flows provide a source of warmth for the resident marine iguanas, who gather in abundance. Bright red Sally Lightfoot crabs crawl across soft white sands, which are also frequented by Galapagos sea lions and flightless cormorants.

Day 6 Galápagos Islands

Our voyage brings us to Tagus Cove, on the north-western coast of Isabela Island. Named for the British frigate, HMS Tagus, the cove has provided shelter for ships for hundreds of years. On our approach to the island, keep watch for Galapagos penguins and flightless cormorants. While here, perhaps join one of the following four experiences: Skirt the shoreline aboard a Zodiac, spotting seabirds nesting along rocky cliff faces. Enjoy a hike across the island. A narrow ridge separates the cove from Darwin Lake, which you can appreciate from an adjacent viewpoint. A diversity of birdlife can be seen here, including medium ground-finches, Galapagos hawks, yellow warblers, and Galapagos flycatchers. You may prefer the perspectives afforded by kayaking or snorkelling.

Back aboard the ship, we enjoy lunch while cruising further south along Isabela Island to arrive in Elizabeth Bay. The forest of mangroves here provides a contrast to the otherwise volcanic landscape. This habitat is favoured by great blue herons and frigatebirds for the hunting opportunities it presents. Turtles, rays and sharks also feed within this stretch of water.

Day 7 Galápagos Islands

Sparsely populated Floreana was the first island settled by Ecuadorians. Its Post Office Bay is named for the mail retrieval service that began here in 1793, while the pristine waters are ideal for swimming and snorkelling. Close by, the diminutive Champion Islet offers further aquatic adventures, as curious sea lions accompany those keen snorkellers among us. Stingrays, turtles, white-tip reef sharks, and an abundance of colourful fish also inhabit the waters here. Aboard Zodiacs, we also scan the skies for red-billed tropicbirds and the rare Floreana mockingbird. At the northernmost point of Floreana Island, we reach Punta Cormorant. A short track from the shore brings us to a lagoon where flamingos are known to congregate. We continue to an idyllic beach, hoping to discover Galapagos green sea turtles. Should we be fortunate, there may also be sightings of white-cheeked pintails, an endemic duck with distinctive markings.

Day 8 Galápagos Islands

Heading north, Silver Origin makes its approach to Santa Cruz Island. The most populated island in the archipelago, Santa Cruz welcomes us as we dock in the town of Puerto Ayora.

Spend the morning on your choice of experience, either joining members of our Expedition Team on a hike to observe the island's flora and fauna, or on a selection of other expedition-style activities. Following lunch aboard the ship, we further explore Puerto Ayora. At the Charles Darwin Research Station, learn about the work done by scientists and volunteers to further our understanding of ecosystems and the delicate balance between nature, climate and humanity. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to browse the offerings of local art galleries and cafes.

Day 9 Galápagos Islands

Along the north-western coast of Santa Cruz, we arrive at Dragon Hill, where Galapagos land iguanas, flamingos and other bird species thrive, indifferent to the presence of people. This afternoon, the waters surrounding the four Guy Fawkes islets invite exploration. Found just off the north-west coast of Santa Cruz, the region is a treasure trove of tropical fish, coral and starfish. The deep and clear waters here provide excellent conditions for snorkelling. During a brief stop in Bowditch Bay, we see the turquoise waters and white sands that make for an inviting home for the area's giant tortoises and nesting turtles.

Day 10 Disembark Silver Origin, Guayaquil, Santiago (Chile)

Having seen an abundance of wondrous wildlife, we disembark Silver Origin after breakfast this morning. Transferring to the airport on San Cristóbal Island, we then board a scheduled economy class flight to Guayaquil. Later this afternoon, a subsequent flight takes us to the Chilean capital, Santiago. On arrival, our group checks into the airport hotel, Holiday Inn Santiago.

Day 11 Easter Island

A mid-morning flight takes us across the South Pacific to Easter Island. Hanga Roa, the only town on Easter Island, greets us when we land in the afternoon. While on the island, we stay at the architecturally distinct Explora Rapa Nui lodge. This evening, we dine at the lodge's restaurant, tantalising our tastebuds with its expertly prepared local produce.

Day 12 Easter Island

During our two full days on Easter Island, a choice of sightseeing excursions is available. Explore Rano Raraku, where the stone for the island's gigantic moai statues was quarried. At Ahu Tongariki, marvel at the line of 15 moai lining the shore, including some of the island's tallest. Visit the abandoned village of Orongo, where a collection of stone houses can be seen perched along the lip of a volcanic caldera. At the beach of Anakena, spend time upon the shores where Polynesians first landed after crossing the Pacific in dugout canoes. Head to Ahu Akivi, the site known for its seven moai that stare out to sea. There are also scenic hiking options taking in the lava fields and spectacular coastal settings across the island. Back at the lodge, there will also be an opportunity to select your activity for tomorrow.

Day 13 Easter Island

Set out on your chosen experience today, granting you an alternate perspective of the island. Enjoy lunch and dinner at Explora Rapa Nui.

Day 14 Easter Island, Santiago

Enjoy a relaxing morning, taking in the moai and surrounds as you please. We leave Easter Island after lunch and make our return to Santiago, with dinner enjoyed in-flight. Touching down this evening, we stay at The Holiday Inn Santiago Airport Hotel.

Day 15 Colchagua Valley

After breakfast, we are driven to the wine region of Colchagua Valley, renowned for its world-class reds. Our first stop is the biodynamic vineyard of Viña Montes Winery. Our host reveals the innovative approaches that led to Viña Montes being a major influence on Chile's arrival upon the world wine stage. Taste their signature wines, Alpha and Purple Angel, enjoyed with a backdrop of the Apalta hills. The winery's restaurant, Fuegos de Apalta, hosts us for lunch. Managed by world-renowned chef, Francis Mallmann, the restaurant specialises in traditional wood-fire cooking, with dishes paired perfectly with select regional wines.

Our discovery of local labels continues at nearby Clos Apalta Winery, whose ambitious architecture reflects the marriage of nature, ingenuity and painstaking detail at work here. Learn about the winery's gravity-flow process, which demonstrates Clos Apalta's commitment to biodynamics. Naturally, a tasting of its finest vintages follows.

For the next two nights, we reside at NOI Blend Colchagua. The boutique retreat enjoys a tranquil setting conducive to reflection and relaxation. Enjoy the flavours of Chile this evening at our hotel's restaurant.

Day 16 Colchagua Valley

Our day begins at Viña Maquis, celebrated for its Maquis and Calcu vintages. Introduced to acclaimed chef, Pilar Rodríguez, our palates are put through their paces during a hands-on cooking class. The seasonal three-course menu combines several ingredients grown in the property's on-site garden. Following lunch, take a tour of the winery and its vineyards, before enjoying a tasting of some of Viña Maquis' elegant wines. Our hotel's restaurant hosts us for dinner again tonight.

Day 17 Santiago

Departing our hotel this morning, we make our return to Santiago, where our epic journey concludes. Bid farewell to your fellow travellers and new-found friends and contemplate the many spectacular sights we have witnessed.