

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TOUR

AMAZON (7 DAYS) + GALAPAGOS (5



This tour is divided in 2 parts; you can choose to book one or both!



Highlights

Amazon 7 days

- Engage, dance, and eat with an indigenous community in the Amazon.
- Learn how to make chocolate from been to bar.
- Rafting in Amazon rivers with a native guide.
- Visit Quito's Colonial Center, declared World Culture Heritage.
- Visit the middle of the world and straddle the line separating the northern and southern hemispheres at the "Mitad del Mundo" monument.

Tour overview

Day 1: Arrival in Quito

Day 2: Quito city tour

Day 3 - 5: Amazon

Day 6: Papallacta – Thermal baths

Day 7: Quito – Middle of the World



Galapagos 5 days

- Admire the famous blue-footed boobies.
- Share time with playful sea lions.
- Enjoy snorkeling at Kicker Rock.

Day 8: San Cristobal Island - Loberia

Day 9: Giant tortoise - Kayak

Day 10: Kicker Rock

Day 11: Free day

Day 12: Flight back to Quito and home



FIRST PART

SECOND PART

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Ecuador is one of the most geographically diverse countries in the world. It has 4 regions: Amazon, Andes, Galapagos, and Pacific Coast all within reach, the hardest part of your trip to Ecuador will be deciding where to go first!

Day 1 (Sunday): Arrival in Quito

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Welcome to Ecuador! We will pick you up from the airport and drive you to your hotel. Once settled in, we will enjoy dinner in Quito and have a briefing about the tour to prepare for the adventure ahead.

Day 2 (Monday): Quito Colonial Center – Hummingbirds – Guayusa factory

B - D

In the morning we will discover Quito's famous historical center and admire its unique colonial architecture. We will enter one of its churches and several plazas from the Spanish time. After this we will leave for a 3 ½ hour drive towards the Amazon. On the way we will make a stop to admire colorful and incredible active hummingbirds. This is a great opportunity to make pictures of these vibrant birds in their natural habitat. We will arrive at the 100% accessible "Huasquila Amazon Lodge" and have a welcome cocktail. Before dinner you will have the chance to visit a guayusa tea factory located at the lodge!



Day 3 (Tuesday): Amazon – Jungle Hike

B - D

After breakfast prepare to go off-roading! With the use of an off-road wheelchair, we will go hiking through the secondary rainforest and learn about medicinal plants from a native guide. The path into the rainforest is less than a ¼ mile and usually takes approximately 30 minutes, as it includes stops along the way. After lunch, we will visit a Kichwa community and learn about their culture and traditional dances.



Day 4 (Wednesday): Amazon – Rafting

B - D

We will start the day with a 1.5-hour drive to the Anzu River. We will raft down the calm river, giving us the chance to admire the surrounding flora and fauna; truly one of the best ways to experience the magnificence of the Amazon.

During the trip, we can stop at several points of interest to take pictures and relax on the river.



We will finish our journey around 3:00 pm. Once at the lodge, we will have the chance to make our own chocolate which will be tasted with fruits. Dinner and relax time at the lodge while enjoying delicious tropical juices, wine or beer.

Note: Even though the river is very calm (level II), for safety reasons, we will raft down the river with a security kayaker at all times. Additionally, each traveler will wear a safety jacket, helmet, and all safety equipment. For the transfer in/out of the boat, we manually assist the guest by using a sliding board and/or manually lifting the guest into the raft.

Day 5 (Thursday): Kallari – Chocolate tour - Tena

B - D

After breakfast, we will visit an indigenous association called Kallari, which is famous for producing, processing, and selling fine aroma cocoa-chocolate bars. What makes Kallari unique, is the fact that they produce cocoa in the Amazon Region and all of its members produce the beans in order to have an additional source of income products from their chakra. We will start the day by visiting the Kallari offices, then head out to visit a couple of plantations to experience firsthand the social, financial, and cultural role of the cacao production. Finally, we will visit the collection center where the beans are received, fermented, and dried. Throughout the process, we will have the chance to sample these delicious cacao beans.



Day 6 (Friday): Amazon - Papallacta - Quito

B - D

We will leave the tropical rainforest to enjoy a half day in the Andes at one of the best thermal baths and spas of Ecuador in Papallacta. Here you can enjoy a chocolate bath or deep massage as well as the mineral healing volcanic pools. In the afternoon, we will arrive in Quito, once at the hotel we will give you final information.



Day 7 (Saturday): Quito – Middle of the World

B - D

In the morning, we will visit the “Mitad del Mundo” (Middle of the World) where we can get a photo straddling the line separating the northern and southern hemispheres. We will also participate in different experiments in the interactive museum and have some time to wonder around the central plaza to buy local souvenirs or enjoy a cup of coffee. After this visit, we will drive back to the hotel. Depending if you booked Galapagos extension or not we will take you to the airport or your trip will continue your journey the day after.

GALAPAGOS EXTENTION

Day 8 (Sunday): Quito - San Cristobal – Loberia **B - D**

Our Galapagos adventure begins with an approx. 2 hours' flight from Quito to San Cristobal Island. After bringing you to your hotel we will have lunch and give you a briefing about the tour. In the afternoon, we will snorkel at Loberia Beach where there is a sea lion colony and around the shore you might see brown pelicans, birds and sea iguanas. You will have chances to see sea turtles while snorkeling.

Day 9 (Monday): Giant tortoise - Highlands – Kayak **B – D - L**

After breakfast, we will visit Cristobal's Giant Tortoise breeding center. This is a great opportunity to make pictures of the famous turtles. After in the highlands of the island, we will see some frigate birds and enjoy the beautiful view from this point. In the afternoon, we will go kayaking around the bay to see more birds on the rocks, sea lions and for sure more interesting wildlife of these enchanted islands.

Day 10 (Tuesday): Kicker Rock - Interpretation Center - Tijeretas **B – D - L**

Today we will enjoy one of Galapagos highlights, snorkeling at Kicker Rock, one of the most famous rock formations on the Galapagos. After breakfast, we will make a boat ride of approx. 45 minutes with spectacular views. Once at Kicker Rock we will have the chance to snorkel with rays, sea turtles and hopefully hammer head sharks.

It is also a great opportunity to see blue footed boobies, gulls and frigate birds. In the afternoon after a good rest, we will visit the San Cristobal Interpretation Center to learn a bit about the archipelago's history, present and future challenges. We will also go to "Tijeretas" View Point to admire the island from the top.



Day 11 (Wednesday): Free Day **B**

After a well enjoyed holiday, today we have the chance to discover the island on our own or repeat one visit to any beach. This day we will have one guide to help you with any request plus our off road wheelchair ready for you if needed.

Day 12 (Thursday): San Cristobal - Quito **B**

Transfer to the airport to board your flight to Quito (flight not included). You will take your flight home since Quito (if needed we can add any extra night or provide assistance to connect with your international flight).

About the tour operator:

- South America for All (SAFA) is a legal tour operator based in Ecuador which specializes in accessible tours for people with physical disabilities through the Andes, Coast, Amazon and Galapagos Islands in ECUADOR, Lima, Cusco and Machu Picchu in PERU and Buenos Aires, Patagonia, Iguazu in ARGENTINA
- SAFA has been operating accessible tours over the last 8 years, offering group tours to clients from USA, Canada, Denmark, Holland, France, Germany, Israel, and Switzerland, among others. We understand your specific needs, which combined with excellent product knowledge, results in a memorable trip for YOU.
- SAFA has agreements with major hospitals in Ecuador to receive clients in case of any emergency. Clients should have their own insurance.

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About the tour:

Amazon Week with Galapagos Extension is a program that combines a bit of adventure, culture, nature, and leisure.

- It is an all-inclusive basis tour. Transportation, accommodation, certified bilingual guides on all tours, and activities included (meals according to program).
- The hotels we have chosen for you present a good level of accessibility. Some have roll in showers, some have small (5 inches) step to get into showers, grab on bars, but in general they adapt their facilities to host people using a wheelchair. The lodge in the amazon has 100% wheelchair accessible rooms which connect to the restaurant, pool and social areas with ramps.
- SAFA is able to provide a van and/or a bus with portable ramp on mainland Ecuador.
 - Individual or assisted manual transfer into seats is required all activities throughout the tour.
 - Assistants or help: we recommend clients to use a manual chair, since the entire country is not 100% accessible, therefore we will provide assistance for the group to provide wheelchair assistance when needed. This will only be for tours and activities, NOT personal activities or duties.

About the client:

- Client must be able to do individual or assisted manual transfers into bus seats, shower chairs, boats, etc.
- Willing to share transportation and activities with others (when necessary).