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SOUTH AMERICA DMCS TEAM



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DAY BY DAY PROGRAM by TERRA SUR

16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS

WE ARE TERRA SUR,

a unique team of prestigious DMCs. We share the goal of positioning South America as a top multi-country journey destination. We have joined together to bring our experience and professionalism to international tourism, and to work as one throughout our entire region.

We offer you a one-stop shop concept:
Everything you need in one place.

As expert DMCs in our home countries, we have come together to create a unique team of specialists covering the entire region. Our aim is to offer an integrated and comprehensive service across South America, by combining our individual expertise.

WHO WE ARE

You may already know us in our home countries…

We are **COLTUR Peru,**
BLUMAR Brazil,
ALCHEMY DMC Argentina and **Chile**,
COLOMBIAN JOURNEYS Colombia
and our most recent member,
ANDEAN TRAVEL COMPANY Ecuador







DESTINATION EXPERTS

QUITO

Quito, the capital of Ecuador, was founded in the 16th century on the ruins of an Inca city and stands at an altitude of 2,850 m. Despite the 1917 earthquake, the city has the best-preserved, least altered historic centre in Latin America. The monasteries of San Francisco and Santo Domingo, and the Church and Jesuit College of La Compañía, with their rich interiors, are pure examples of the 'Baroque school of Quito', which is a fusion of Spanish, Italian, Moorish, Flemish and indigenous art.



DESTINATION EXPERTS

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Situated in the Pacific Ocean some 1,000 km from the South American continent, these 19 islands and the surrounding marine reserve have been called a unique ‘living museum and showcase of evolution’. Located at the confluence of three ocean currents, the Galápagos are a ‘melting pot’ of marine species. Ongoing seismic and volcanic activity reflects the processes that formed the islands. These processes, together with the extreme isolation of the islands, led to the development of unusual animal life – such as the land iguana, the giant tortoise and the many types of finch – that inspired Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution by natural selection following his visit in 1835.



DESTINATION EXPERTS

LIMA

Lima is the capital of Peru, inhabited by civilizations that had gauged its wealth and strategic location centuries before it was founded as the City of Kings. Proof of that can be seen in the countless temples that dotted the valley, particularly the Pachacamac shrine, a major pilgrimage center during the Inca empire. This spurred Spanish Conqueror Francisco Pizarro to choose this valley as the capital in 1535 as its location by the sea provided a link with sailing routes. Lima, the main gateway to Peru, is a major city bustling with living history and movement. It is an ethnic melting pot, featuring pre-Hispanic, colonial and modern elements.



DESTINATION EXPERTS

SACRED VALLEY

The Sacred Valley of the Incas or Urubamba Valley is a valley in the Andes of Peru, located at 550 kilometers from Lima, at only 25 kilometers from the Inca capital of Cusco, and below the ancient sacred city of Machu Picchu. The valley is fed by numerous rivers which descend through adjoining valleys and gorges. It contains numerous archaeological remains and indigenous villages. The valley was appreciated by the Incas due to its special geographical and climatic qualities. It was one of the empire's main points for the extraction of natural wealth, and the best place for maize production in Peru.



DESTINATION EXPERTS

CUSCO

Cusco is a city in south-eastern Peru, near the Urubamba Valley of the Andes mountain range and its altitude is around 3,400 meters. Formerly, Cusco was capital of the Inca Empire and one of the most important cities in the Viceroyalty of Peru. Nowadays, it is the capital of the Cusco Region as well as the Cusco Province and it was declared a World Heritage Site in 1983 by UNESCO, due to its large number of monuments in the area. Cusco or the “Rome of America” is a major tourist destination and receives almost a million visitors a year, most of them visiting the ancient Inca citadel of Machu Picchu.

DAY 1 - QUITO

Welcome to Ecuador!

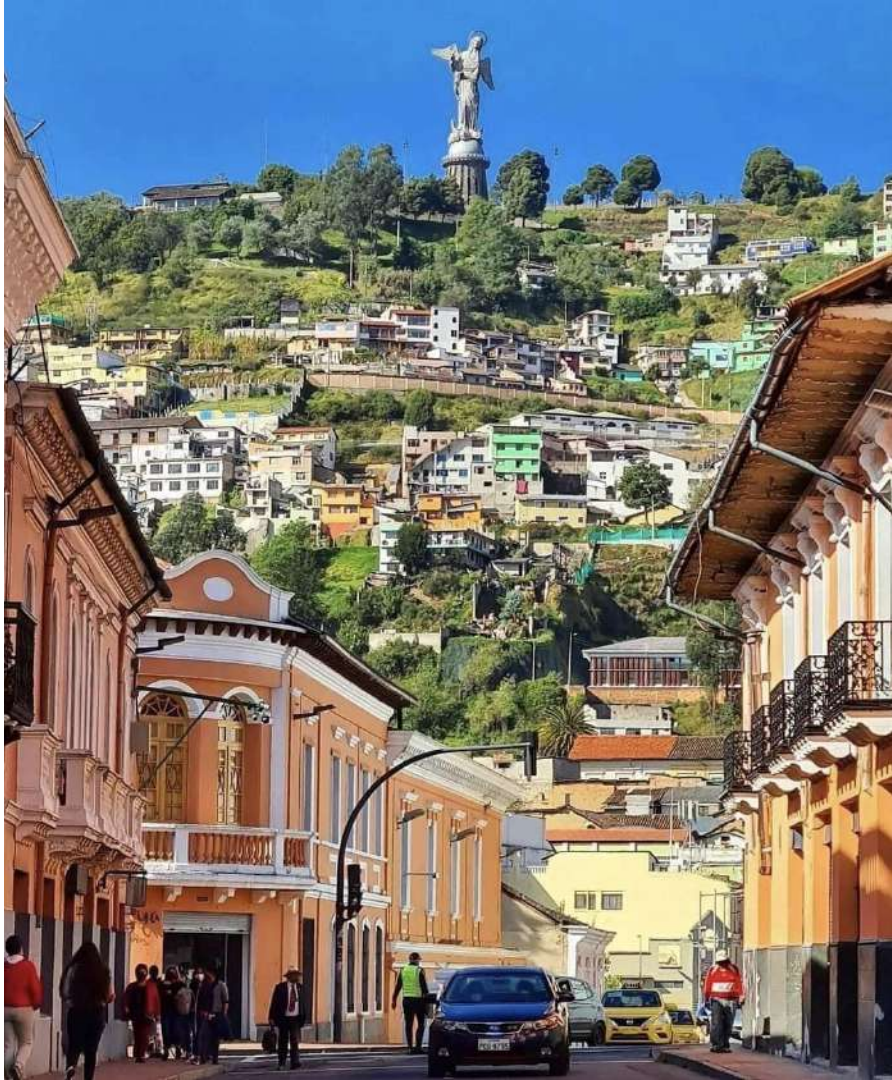
Private Executive Vehicle & English-speaking guide | 1 bottle of mineral water on board included.

Arrival at Mariscal Sucre International Airport (UIO) in Quito. Meet your local Terra Sur representative and private transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax.

Check-in | 2 overnight accommodations in Quito with breakfast included.

Overnight: Quito

Meals: None by Terra Sur



DAY 2 - QUITO

Full Day Quito City Tour & Middle of the World | Private

Private Executive Vehicle & English-speaking guide | Duration: Full Day (7 to 8 hours) | Entrance fees to Panecillo, La Compañía church, Inti-Ñan museum, Mitad del Mundo included | Lunch included.

Today you will be picked up from the hotel to discover the highlights of historic Quito. Starting at Independence Square, appreciate side by side the architectural wealth of Quito with the modern folklore of the concurrence. Admire the colonial church of San Francisco, the Carondelet Presidential Palace, the Archbishop's Palace, and the Jesuit church of La Compañía de Jesús with its gold-leafed baroque interior. The city tour finishes with a visit to the top of Panecillo hill, offering panoramic views of Quito and surrounding volcanoes.

Afterward, visit the Middle of the World complex (Mitad del Mundo) to stand on the equatorial line dividing Earth into two hemispheres. Continue to the Inti Ñan Solar Museum to learn about ancestral astronomy and test unique physical phenomena observable only on the equator before returning to the hotel.

Overnight: Quito

Meals: Breakfast & lunch





DAY 3 - QUITO / MINDO CLOUD FOREST

Scenic Transfer via Ecoruta Paseo del Quinde & Tandayapa Valley Trails

Shared transport from Quito | English-speaking naturalist guide | Full board included at the lodge | Access to the 400-hectare private reserve and daily guided hikes included.

Early morning pick-up at 6:30 AM from your hotel in Quito to travel along the scenic Calacalí–La Independencia route, crossing colorful landscapes and changing altitude zones. Enter the gravel road of the Ecoruta Paseo del Quinde for a 40-minute drive ascending to the top of the Tandayapa Valley to reach the Cloud Forest Lodge.

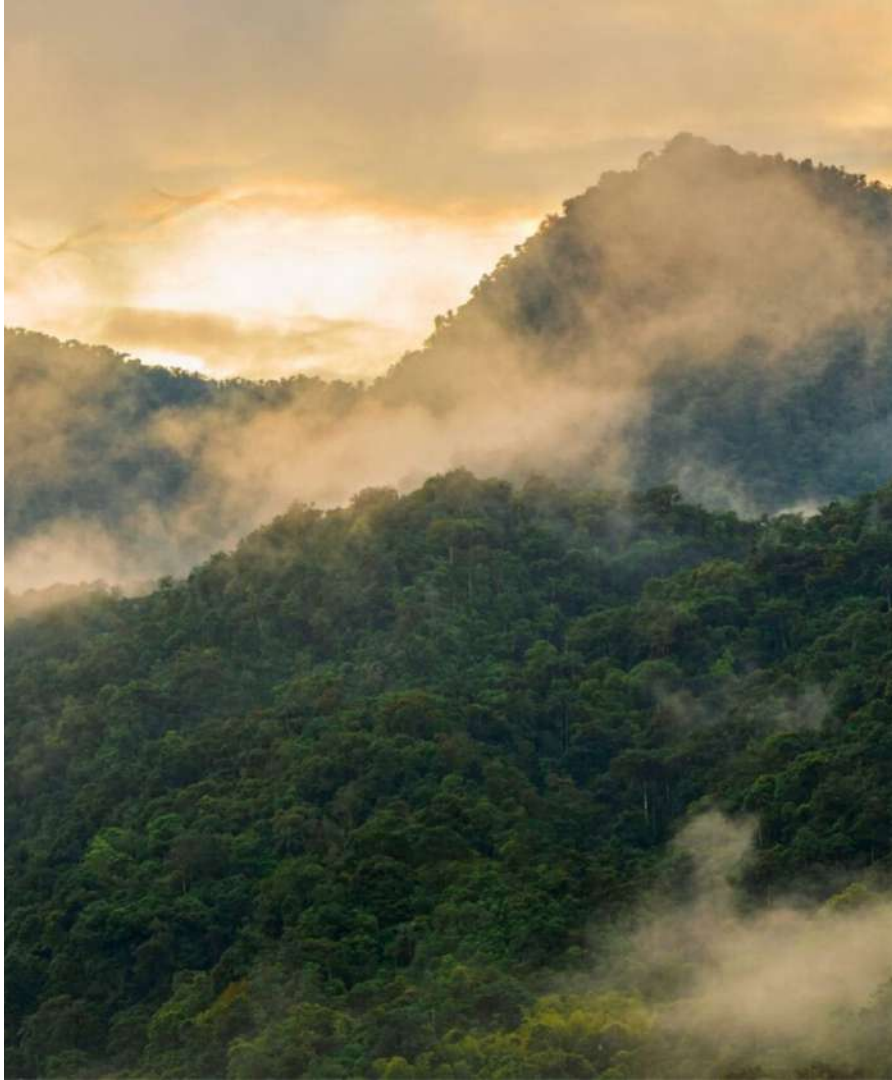
Upon arrival, meet the resident team, check in to your room, and enjoy breakfast. Gather with your naturalist guide for a briefing before setting out on your first guided hike through primary forest trails, tailored according to weather conditions and pace. Return to the lodge for lunch.

In the afternoon, join an ecology trail walk at 3:00 PM to discover the rich flora, giant tree ferns, and endemic orchids of this subtropical ecosystem. Enjoy dinner at the lodge with a chance to spot the nocturnal Olinguito roaming around the property.

Location: Tandayapa Valley / Mindo area – Approx. 1h 50m west of Quito.

Overnight: Cloud Forest Lodge (Bella Vista)

Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



DAY 4 - MINDO CLOUD FOREST

Early Birdwatching Walk, Forest Immersion & Hummingbird Observation

English-speaking naturalist guide | Access to marked private trails and shared excursions included | Full board included.

Begin the day with an optional early-morning birdwatching walk to witness the waking sounds and movements of resident avian species as the morning mist lifts over the canopy.

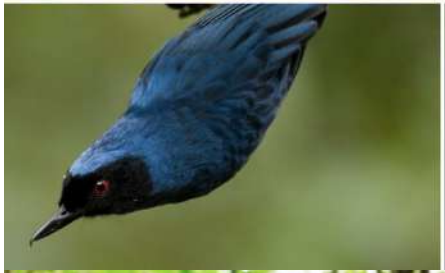
At 8:00 AM, enjoy breakfast before setting off on a mid-morning guided excursion through pristine woodland trails, or choose to relax at the panoramic lounge.

After lunch, take part in an afternoon guided hike at 3:00 PM along a different trail system, or explore self-guided paths with reserve maps. Spend time on the observation deck observing the feeder stations, where between 8 and 10 distinct hummingbird species can be admired at close range. Dinner and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Cloud Forest Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner







DAY 5 - MINDO CLOUD FOREST / QUITO

Morning Reserve Bird Watching, Yumbo Waterfall Hike & Return to Quito

English-speaking naturalist guide | Morning guided excursions included | Lunch included at the lodge | Shared transfer to Quito.

Early morning optional birding walk at 6:30 AM focusing on native bird species inhabiting the forest edge and gardens, followed by a special breakfast at 8:00 AM.

After breakfast, meet your guide for a final expedition down the Yumbo Trail, an immersive rainforest hike leading along riverbanks to secluded waterfalls.

Return to the lodge to freshen up and enjoy lunch at 1:00 PM. At 2:30 PM, board your transfer back towards the Andes, arriving at your hotel in Quito at approximately 5:00 PM to prepare for your onward flight connection.

Check-in | 1 overnight accommodation in Quito with breakfast included.

Overnight: Quito

Meals: Breakfast & lunch





DAY 6 - QUITO / SAN CRISTÓBAL

Flight to Galapagos

Private transfers with English-speaking guide | Domestic flight UIO/SCY not included | Galapagos National Park entrance fee and Transit Control Card not included.

At the scheduled time, transfer from your hotel in Quito to the airport to take your flight to San Cristóbal Island (Galapagos).

>Flight from Quito to Galapagos - Not included in program rate

Welcome to the Galapagos Islands!

Reception upon arrival and transfer to your selected hotel.

Half Day La Lobería Tour | Private

In the afternoon, enjoy a half-day tour to Lobería Beach, located close to San Cristóbal Airport and only a 10 minutes ride from the waterfront. An easy sandy trail leads through mangrove bushes and bottom vegetation to the natural, crescent-shaped beach. This lively sea lion colony shares the white coral sand and lava rocks with marine iguanas, yellow warblers, and Darwin finches.

Check-in | 2 overnight accommodations in San Cristóbal with breakfast included.

Overnight: San Cristóbal

Meals: Breakfast





DAY 7 - SAN CRISTÓBAL

Kicker Rock Navigable Excursion | Shared

Shared boat-ride | English-speaking guide | Snorkeling equipment & snacks included | Box lunch included.

Today, you will embark on a shared navigable tour to Kicker Rock (León Dormido), an impressive natural sculpture that rises vertically out of the ocean off the northeast coast of San Cristóbal Island.

Plunge into this chilly tropical aquarium under the supervision of your naturalist guide. The surge around hauls you into the wide channel between the rock formations, an area teeming with marine life such as sea turtles, spotted eagle rays, and reef sharks. Observe abundant seabirds including blue-footed and Nazca boobies nesting along the cliffs. After the swim, visit a pristine beach to rest and relax.

Overnight: San Cristóbal

Meals: Breakfast & box lunch





DAY 8 - SAN CRISTÓBAL / SANTA CRUZ

Speedboat to Santa Cruz Island & Afternoon at Leisure

Private dock transfers with Spanish-speaking driver | Shared public speed boat tickets included.

At the scheduled time, transfer from your hotel in San Cristóbal to the port to take the speed boat to Santa Cruz Island (approx. 2 hours). Reception upon arrival at Puerto Ayora and transfer to your selected hotel.

The rest of the day is at leisure to stroll along the waterfront, visit boutique shops, or relax at the hotel.

Note: Local water taxis required for boarding and disembarking at the docks are payable directly in cash on site.

Check-in | 2 overnight accommodations in Santa Cruz with breakfast included.

Overnight: Santa Cruz

Meals: Breakfast



DAY 9 - SANTA CRUZ

Full Day Highlands, Charles Darwin Station & Tortuga Bay | Private

Private transportation & English-speaking guide | Highlands entrance fee, lunch and snorkeling equipment included.

Leave the sunny coast to explore the wet highlands of Santa Cruz Island. Visit the Twin Craters (two collapsed volcanic lava pits) and a local highland ranch where iconic giant tortoises roam freely in their natural habitat.

Continue to the Charles Darwin Research Station, hosting the headquarters of the Galapagos National Park Service, featuring the educational breeding center for giant tortoises.

After lunch, take a hike through a tropical dry forest toward Tortuga Bay, a preserved white-sand beach renowned for marine iguanas, birdwatching, and its sheltered mangrove bay ideal for swimming and snorkeling.

Overnight: Santa Cruz

Meals: Breakfast & lunch





DAY 10 - SANTA CRUZ / BALTRA / LIMA

Flight from Galapagos to Lima

Private transfers with English-speaking assistance | Flights not included | 1 bottle of mineral water on board included.

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. At the scheduled time, transfer from your hotel in Santa Cruz to Baltra Airport to take your flight to mainland Ecuador, connecting with your international flight to Lima, Peru.

>Flight from Galapagos to Lima - Not included in the program rate

Welcome to Peru!

Upon arrival at Jorge Chávez International Airport (LIM) in Lima, you will be met by our representative and transferred in private to your hotel.

Check-in | 2 overnight accommodations in Lima with breakfast included.

Overnight: Lima

Meals: Breakfast



DAY 11 - LIMA

Full Day Colonial & Modern Lima with Larco Museum & Bohemian Barranco | Private

Private Executive Vehicle & English-speaking guide | Duration: Full Day (7 to 8 hours) | Entrance fees to Cathedral, Santo Domingo Convent, Casa Aliaga and Larco Museum included | Lunch included at Café del Museo.

Begin with an exploration of Colonial Lima at the Plaza Mayor (Main Square), viewing the Government Palace, the Municipal Palace, and the Cathedral. Visit the historic Santo Domingo Convent and Casa Aliaga, the oldest continuously inhabited colonial mansion in the Americas.

Head to the Pueblo Libre district to visit the world-famous Larco Museum, housed in an 18th-century viceregal mansion, exhibiting 3,000 years of pre-Columbian gold and silver treasures alongside its renowned ceramic collection. Enjoy an à la carte lunch in the museum's garden restaurant. Conclude the tour strolling through the bohemian seaside district of Barranco, crossing the iconic Bridge of Sighs (*Puente de los Suspiros*).

Overnight: Lima

Meals: Breakfast & lunch





DAY 12 - LIMA / CUSCO / SACRED VALLEY

Flight to Cusco & Descent to the Sacred Valley of the Incas | Private

Private Executive Vehicle & English-speaking guide | Domestic flight LIM/CUZ not included | Lunch included at a local Sacred Valley restaurant.

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to Lima Airport for your flight to Cusco.

> Flight from Lima to Cusco – Not included in program rate

Arrival at Cusco Airport. Meet your guide and begin a direct descent to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, whose lower elevation facilitates a smooth altitude acclimatization. Stop at the traditional town of Pisac to explore its renowned artisan market and the hillside Pisac Archaeological Site with its agricultural terraces and Inca temples.

Check-in | 2 overnight accommodations in the Sacred Valley with breakfast included.

Overnight: Sacred Valley

Meals: Breakfast & lunch



DAY 13 - SACRED VALLEY

Full Day Maras Salt Mines, Moray Terraces & Ollantaytambo Fortress | Private

Private Executive Vehicle & English-speaking guide | Duration: Full Day (7 to 8 hours) | Entrance fees to Moray, Maras and Ollantaytambo included | Lunch included at Hacienda Huayoccari.

Depart through the Sacred Valley towards Moray, an enigmatic Inca agricultural research center composed of deep concentric circular terraces simulating microclimates.

Continue to the ancient Salt Mines of Maras (*Salineras*), a spectacular complex of over 3,000 stepped white salt pools fed by a subterranean hypersaline spring, in continuous use since pre-Inca times.

After lunch at Hacienda Huayoccari, explore the living Inca town and colossal archaeological fortress of Ollantaytambo, discovering its Sun Temple and massive defensive stone masonry.

Overnight: Sacred Valley

Meals: Breakfast & lunch





DAY 14 - SACRED VALLEY / MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO

Full Day Excursion to the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu | Private

Private transfers | Panoramic Vistadome Train round trip tickets included | Shuttle bus tickets up/down to citadel included | Machu Picchu entrance fee & private guide included | Lunch included at a local restaurant.

Transfer to the train station to board the scenic train ride winding through the Urubamba Gorge to Aguas Calientes (Machu Picchu Pueblo). Upon arrival, take the short shuttle bus ride up to the citadel entrance.

Explore the iconic Lost Citadel of Machu Picchu on a comprehensive private guided tour, following ancient paths among the Sacred Plaza, Sun Temple, Intihuatana, and royal residential quarters.

After the visit, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in town before boarding the return train to Ollantaytambo/Poroy station. Private transfer to your hotel in Cusco.

Overnight: Cusco

Meals: Breakfast & lunch



DAY 15 - CUSCO

Half Day Cusco Imperial City Tour & Sacsayhuamán Fortress | Private

Private Executive Vehicle & English-speaking guide | Duration: Half Day (4 hours) | Entrance fees to Cathedral, Qoricancha and Sacsayhuamán included.

Begin your tour exploring the Fortress of Sacsayhuamán, a colossal structure built with huge carved rocks jointed with absolute accuracy. Make a short stop at Cristo Blanco for a panoramic view of the city.

Continue into the Imperial City: explore the San Pedro Market, and visit Qoricancha (The Golden Temple), an Inca temple dedicated to the Sun God whose walls were once covered in gold. Conclude at the Main Square with a guided tour of the Cusco Cathedral, discovering its chapels and priceless Cusqueña School paintings. Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight: Cusco

Meals: Breakfast





DAY 16 - CUSCO / DEPARTURE

Private Transfer Out – Flight Connection to Lima & Back Home

Private Executive Vehicle & English-speaking guide | Domestic flight CUZ/LIM not included.

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. At the scheduled time, private transfer to Cusco Airport to board your domestic flight to Lima, connecting with your international flight back home.

Meals: Breakfast

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