

Wonders of the Galápagos & Machu Picchu

12 days from \$12,795 | Limited to 18 guests

Discover natural and man-made wonders, from Ecuador to Peru, on a journey that includes a four-night cruise in the wildlife-rich Galápagos Islands, an exclusive visit to a village in the Sacred Valley and a guided exploration of Machu Picchu, the awe-inspiring “Lost City” of the Incas.



& A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Cruise for four nights in the Galápagos Islands aboard stylish ‘La Pinta,’ a newly renovated, 48-guest expedition vessel that offers comfort and flexibility for exploring
- ▶ Experience some of the most intimate and up-close wildlife encounters in the world, both on land and in the water
- ▶ Explore the Galápagos on twice-daily shore excursions that include nature walks led by a certified naturalist guide and choose from activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, light trekking or relaxing on shore
- ▶ Discover magnificent Machu Picchu firsthand in the company of a local expert guide and stay at the only hotel on site, for access to the ruins before most other visitors arrive
- ▶ Meet people of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, when you privately visit their remote village to gain insight into their centuries-old weaving and farming techniques

DAY 1: Guayaquil, Ecuador

Arrive in tropical Guayaquil, gateway to the Galápagos, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. **Hotel del Parque**

DAY 2: Guayaquil | Baltra, the Galápagos

Fly to the remote Galápagos island of Baltra, where you join your naturalist guide for the ferry ride to Santa Cruz Island. Disembark and drive up into the island’s mist-shrouded highlands in search of giant tortoises. Continue on to Puerto Ayora and board ‘La Pinta,’ your expedition ship for your four-night cruise through the Galápagos’ northern islands. ‘La Pinta’ is built for adventure, offering spacious cabins,

floor-to-ceiling windows and a comfortable atmosphere. The vessel is ecologically sound and comes equipped with *pangas* (rubber rafts), a glass-bottom boat and sea kayaks that allow for independent exploration. Tonight, dine on board. (**Note:** On select dates, your cruise follows an alternate route, visiting the Galápagos’ eastern islands). ‘La Pinta’ | Meals: B L D

DAY 3: Cruising the Galápagos | Eden & Sombrero Chino
After breakfast, get fitted for your wetsuit and snorkeling gear. Then, Ride Like a Local, boarding a *panga* for a shore excursion to Eden Islet, a biodiverse enclave secluded off Santa Cruz. Here, observe the island’s iconic blue-footed boobies. Take this opportunity to snorkel the reef or view marine life aboard a glass-bottom boat. Back aboard ‘La Pinta,’ cruise onward to Sombrero Chino, yet another secluded islet of the Galápagos archipelago. Disembark your *panga* to hike wilderness trails, swim in a sandy cove, and snorkel among white-tipped reef sharks and Galápagos penguins. ‘La Pinta’ | Meals: B L D

“Amazing! A well-coordinated itinerary, all of the staff was excellent and the size of the boat made for a more intimate experience than a larger ship.”

– Melanie; La Cañada Flintridge, CA; March 2019

DAY 4: Cruising the Galápagos | Bartolomé & Santiago Islands
Disembark on Bartolomé Island to hike the volcanic terrain leading to its summit. After a *panga* ride to visit the penguins of Pinnacle Rock, snorkel the reef, relax on the beach or take in the local marine life aboard a glass-bottom boat. Later,



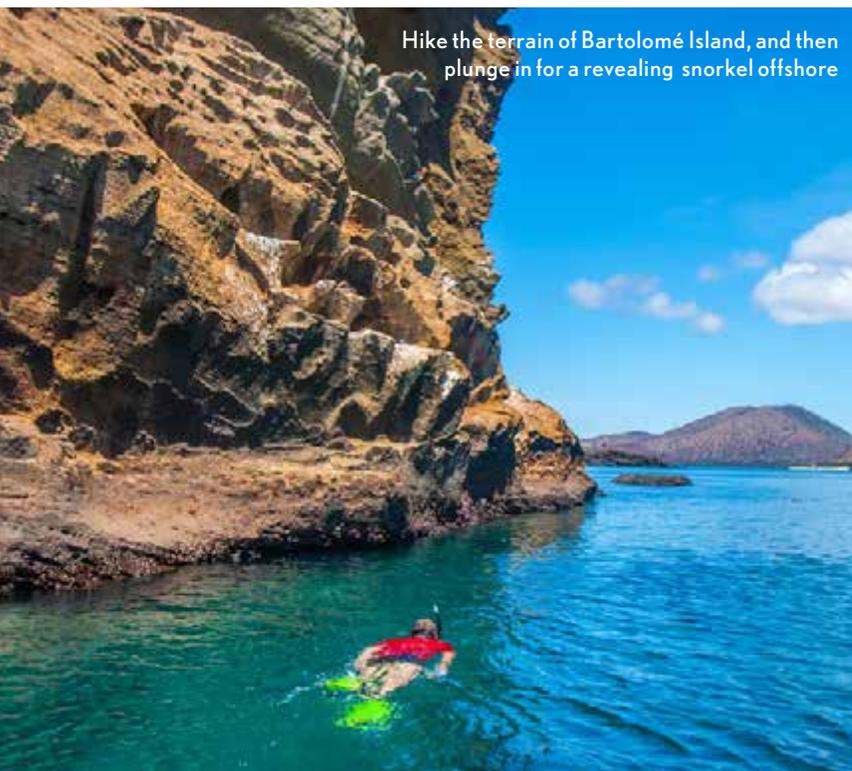
Explore a variety of sites in the Galápagos Islands, observing wildlife on shore and off

swim or snorkel along the white coral sand beach of Sullivan Bay. 'La Pinta' | Meals: B L D

DAY 5: Cruising the Galápagos | Genovesa Island
This morning, hike and snorkel Genovesa Island, a birdwatcher's paradise. Explore Darwin Bay, snorkeling along the cliffs or paddling out in sea kayaks. View the island's cliffs before disembarking to climb the steep, rocky pass of Prince Phillip's Steps. Your ascent leads to a cliff top frequented by Nazca boobies, frigate birds, storm petrels and the elusive short-eared owl. 'La Pinta' | Meals: B L D

DAY 6: Guayaquil & Lima, Peru | Begin a Peruvian Adventure
Disembark 'La Pinta' at Baltra Island, where you transfer to the airport to fly to mainland Ecuador, and then take a connecting flight to Lima, Peru. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport | Meals: B L

DAY 7: Cusco | Sacred Valley
Fly to Cusco, located more than 11,000 feet above sea level, where you are met and transferred to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. En route, visit Awana Kancha, a center where South American camelids, such as llamas and alpacas, are bred.



Hike the terrain of Bartolomé Island, and then plunge in for a revealing snorkel offshore



Experience the diversity of species on display, from marine iguanas to blue-footed boobies



Roam through the epic stone ruins of Machu Picchu

Learn about the valuable fibers created from their coats. Then, visit the beautiful Hacienda Sarapampa, where you will enjoy a Chef's Table experience. Sit down to lunch with the owner, who cordially shares his family's history in farming and shows you around the farm. **Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba | Meals: B L D**

DAY 8: Sacred Valley | Like a Journey Back in Time
Today, visit Moray, a fascinating archaeological site comprised of a series of concentric agricultural terraces, some almost 500 feet deep. Then, journey to a remote village seemingly frozen in time, where you experience ancient agricultural methods used for centuries in a challenging Andean mountain environment, on an A&K-exclusive experience. Afterward, stop for lunch at Rancho Wayra, where you are treated to a spectacular equestrian performance of Paso horses and marvel at the graceful gait of these elegant animals. Return to your hotel to enjoy a relaxing Scenic Sundowner before dinner.

Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba | Meals: B L D

DAY 9: Machu Picchu | Bingham's Stunning Find
Begin your day with a visit to the imposing fortress of Ollantaytambo, with its massive stone terraces that hug the mountain slopes. Next, Ride Like a Local, by train, journeying deep into the Andes toward Machu Picchu and gazing out at the spectacular Peruvian countryside. Once on site, explore the magnificent ruins of Machu Picchu, guided by a local expert. Overlooking the Urubamba River, Machu Picchu was built in the 15th century at the height of the Inca empire. Although this "Lost City" was revealed to the rest of the world by American historian Hiram Bingham in 1911, its location was long known to locals. Its original purpose, however, remains a matter of some conjecture, as the Incas

left no written records. As you wander amid the age-old stone walls, picture life as it might have been in this mystical citadel, set some 8,000 feet above sea level. Tonight, stay in the only hotel on site, designed to echo the soaring natural surroundings. **Belmond Sanctuary Lodge | Meals: B L D**

DAY 10: Machu Picchu | Walk the Spectacular Ruins
Rise with the sun and join your expert guide to walk through Machu Picchu in the early morning mist before the crowds arrive. After your explorations, bid adieu to this "Lost City of the Incas," and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to Ollantaytambo by train, savoring incomparable views of the mountain scenery that surrounds you. On arrival, transfer to your hotel in Cusco, a 400-year-old architectural treasure that was once a monastery. Tonight, relax or stroll this ancient Incan capital on your own. **Belmond Hotel Monasterio | Meals: B L**

"The A&K experience exceeded all expectations!
Our Tour Director was excellent in all areas,
exhibiting vast knowledge, and the local guides
were wonderful."

– Melissa; West Palm Beach, FL; May 2019

DAY 11: Cusco | Design Your Day
This morning, discover Cusco on a city excursion that includes the Cathedral on the Plaza de Armas and the Santo Domingo Temple, a Dominican church built on the foundations of the



Koricancha, the Incas' principal religious building. Later, visit the well-preserved ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a testament to Incan architectural skill. Compiled of colossal stones, the largest of which may weigh as much as 200 tons, the walls were cut and placed together with incredible precision and without a single drop of mortar to hold them in place. Back in Cusco, stop for lunch at a local restaurant near the Plaza. This afternoon, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- ▶ **Visit the San Blas Neighborhood**, a unique, bohemian enclave where you find the workshops of artisans.
- ▶ **Stroll San Pedro Market and Visit the Inca Museum** for a taste of local fruits and cheese, and a glimpse into history
- ▶ **Join a Photographer in Cusco** who helps you capture authentic images of the city's architecture and people.

Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at the elegant MAP Café. **Belmond Hotel Monasterio** | Meals: B L D

DAY 12: Depart Lima

Relax on a morning at leisure in Cusco. Later today, fly to Lima and connect with your homebound flight. **Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (dayroom)** | Meals: B

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Customize this itinerary to create the perfect private **Luxury Tailor Made Journey** just for you.

INSPIRING ACCOMMODATIONS



Belmond Sanctuary Lodge
The only hotel on site at Machu Picchu, set just outside the entrance.



Belmond Hotel Monasterio
Once a 16th-century monastery, now a *Travel + Leisure* World's Best hotel.



Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba
Travel + Leisure World's Best hacienda-style hotel with luxury casitas.



Hotel del Parque
Quietly elegant boutique luxury hotel located in the heart of Guayaquil.



'La Pinta'
Comfortable and stylish expedition ship featuring fine onboard cuisine.



Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport — Convenient, comfortable hotel within steps of the airport.

Galápagos Northern Islands Route

Visiting Baltra, Eden, Sombrero Chino, Bartolomé, Santiago and Genovesa islands on Days 2-6.

DATES & PRICING

| Guaranteed Departure Dates | Double Occupancy | Single Supplement |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Feb 14-25 | \$12,795 | \$6,795 |
| Apr 11-22, Jul 18-29, Nov 7-18 | \$12,995 | \$6,995 |

Alternate Galápagos Eastern Islands Route

On select dates, your Galápagos cruise follows an alternate route, visiting Baltra, South Plaza, Santa Fe, San Cristobal, Española and Santa Cruz islands on Days 2-6. See complete itinerary at abercrombiekent.com.

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| Guaranteed Departure Dates | Double Occupancy | Single Supplement |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| May 5-16, Jun 2-13, Sep 22-Oct 3, Oct 20-31 | \$12,995 | \$6,995 |

Internal Air: Economy class from \$1,695
Guayaquil/Baltra/Guayaquil/Lima/Cusco; Cusco/Lima

Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements.
Minimum age is 10 years.
First group event: welcome briefing at 9:30 a.m. on Day 2.
Last group event: return to Lima airport in the afternoon on Day 12.
Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Contact ~Wylls Professional Travel for up-to-date information on dates, pricing, extensions and special offers.