

# THE LATIN AMERICA TRAVEL COMPANY

*"We regard each and every trip we organise as a trip of a lifetime."*

**EC-SC-04 | CULTURE & WILDLIFE OF ECUADOR**



 **ITINERARY PAGE 7**

 **PRICING & INCLUSIONS PAGE 23**



# CONTENTS & ABOUT THE LATIN AMERICA TRAVEL COMPANY

## CONTENTS

- 3 ..... Map
- 4 ..... Overview & Highlights
- 5 ..... Itinerary in Brief
- 7 ..... Day by Day Itinerary
- 23 ... Guide Price, Inclusions & Exclusions
- 28 ... Recommended Reading Lists
- 29 ... Essential Information

## ABOUT OUR COMPANY

As the UK's leading, independent and family owned Latin America tour specialists our focus is on well thought through private and tailor made adventures. Our emphasis is very much on creating the right trip for you and we work closely with you in order to achieve this. We use our experience and knowledge to ensure your trip to Latin America is a trip of a lifetime!

## ALL TOURS ARE FINANCIALLY PROTECTED

We are members of ABTA (Y1699) and our tours are ATOL protected (license 10287) giving you full peace of mind when booking with us both for monies paid to us as well as the code of conduct and high standards that membership of these organisations require.



# QUITO • CLOUD FOREST • AMAZON • QUITO • OTAVALO

THE  
**LATIN AMERICA**  
TRAVEL COMPANY

ECUADOR 

CLOUD FOREST •  
• OTOVALO  
• QUITO

AMAZON •

100 KM  
310 Miles



THELATINAMERICATRAVELCOMPANY.COM | Email: info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com  
UK ☎: +44 (0) 20 8191 7772 | Part of HeadsEast Ltd - UK business registration: 6717612



# PRIVATE TOUR : CULTURE & WILDLIFE OF ECUADOR

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find full details of this itinerary in this dossier. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

The Latin America Travel Company.

## THE LATIN AMERICA TRAVEL COMPANY

- [www.thelatinamericatravelcompany.com](http://www.thelatinamericatravelcompany.com)
- [info@thelatinamericatravelcompany.com](mailto:info@thelatinamericatravelcompany.com)

☎ +44 (0)20 8191 7772

- ABTA member Y1699
- ATOL License 10287



## 10 NIGHTS / 11 DAYS PRIVATE TOUR VISITING :



### QUITO

The UNESCO old town is one of Latin America's architectural highlights.



### CLOUD FOREST

Ecuador's cloud forest harbours an astounding variety of wildlife.



### ECUADORIAN AMAZON

A journey into the Amazon jungle is the ultimate South American adventure.



### OTAVALO & HIGHLANDS

Cultural Otavalo & the highlands are full markets & traditional haciendas.



Jan Patis & Friends

*"The Latin American Travel Company is amazing and I cannot praise it highly enough! Their customer service is second to none - any queries were dealt with immediately and efficiently by and we were each provided with a personalised guidebook to take with us."*



## DAY

### 1 • QUITO

Arrival in Ecuador's capital & transfer to your hotel with free time.

Casa Gardenia ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)

### 2 • QUITO

A private tour of Quito, Panecillo Hill & chocolate tasting.

Casa Gardenia ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)

### 3 • QUITO

A full day private tour of the Cloud Forest's Bellavista Reserve.

Casa Gardenia ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)

### 4 • AMAZON

A flight & boat transfer to your Amazon lodge.

Sani Eco Lodge ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)

### 5 • AMAZON

Hiking in the rainforest & Sani culture, kayaking, hiking & the observation tower.

Sani Eco Lodge ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)

### 6 • AMAZON

Sani lodge observation tower & Sani community visit.

Sani Eco Lodge ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)

### 7 • AMAZON

Yasuni National Park & a free afternoon to relax.

Sani Eco Lodge ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)



## DAY

- 8** • **QUITO** Boat & flight back to Quito to overnight.  
Casa Gardenia ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 9** • **OTAVALO** A full day exploring Otavalo market & nearby villages.  
Casa Mojanda ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 10** • **OTAVALO** A day at leisure to relax or take additional excursions.  
Casa Mojanda ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 11** • **END** Spectacular views of the deep blue Cuicocha Crater Lake & Cotacachi & depart from Quito.  
N/A



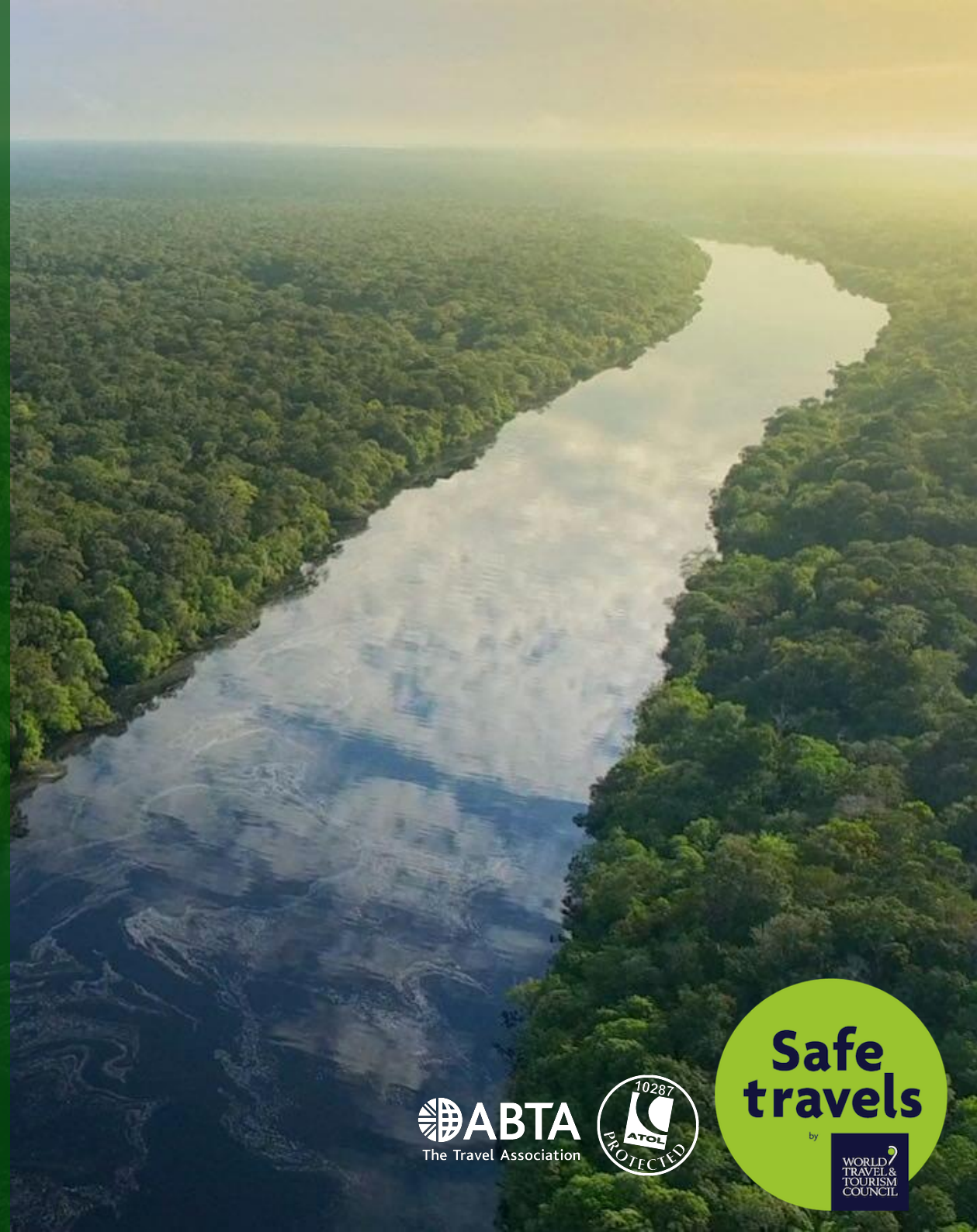
# DETAILED ITINERARY

The following pages detail your itinerary day by day. All our trips are tried and tested and, between us, we have visited most destinations and accommodation. We like to offer our clients the greatest flexibility possible with their trip so if there is anything you would like to change please do not hesitate to contact us.



**JUST ASK US IF YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE  
ANY CHANGES TO THIS  
ITINERARY**

---



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 1

DATE TBC

### QUITO

#### MEET & GREET AT AIRPORT & A PRIVATE TRANSFER TO HOTEL

On arrival to Quito you will be met at the airport by your friendly English speaking guide and driver who will welcome you to Ecuador, help you with your luggage and take you by private transfer straight to your hotel (about 1 hour).

The rest of the evening is at leisure.

 **Meals Included:** None Today.



#### YOUR EXCLUSIVE TRIP GUIDEBOOK

Tap into our knowledge of Latin America with a copy of our exclusive guidebook personalised to your trip. These books are packed full of tips about the country, climate, what to take, currency, language guides and destination guides. The perfect way to prepare for and get the most out of your Latin America experience with us!

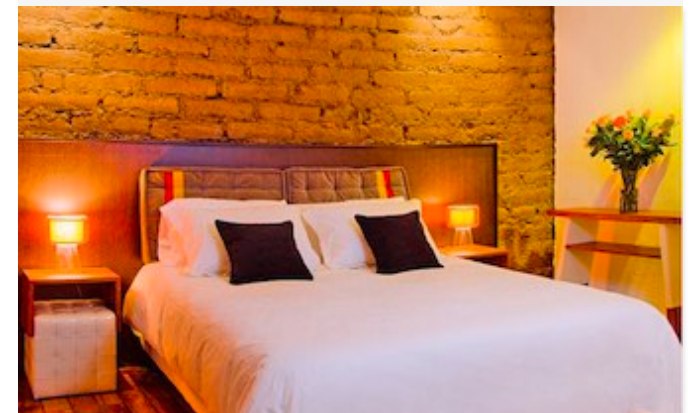
## OVERNIGHT

### CASA GARDENIA



A charming little bed and breakfast in a fantastic location in the heart of Quito's UNESCO protected old town. Excellent value for money.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



Photos for guidance only & not necessarily the room booked



THELATINAMERICATRAVELCOMPANY.COM | Email: [info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com](mailto:info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com)  
UK ☎: +44 (0) 20 8191 7772 | Part of HeadsEast Ltd - UK business registration: 6717612





IMPRESSIVE BACKDROP



CATHEDRAL



COLONIAL FEEL



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 2

DATE TBC

### QUITO

#### A PRIVATE TOUR OF QUITO, PANECILLO HILL & CHOCOLATE TASTING

This morning you will be met at your hotel by your private local guide to begin your tour of historic Quito. Famously declared a world cultural heritage site by UNESCO in 1978, Quito's picturesque old town is full of narrow cobblestone streets, whitewashed walls and spectacular baroque churches.

You will visit the main plaza where the cathedral, government palace and some of the most important 16th and 17th century churches can be found.

After this you continue on to La Ronda street, accompanied by your guide, where you will learn about the traditional crafts and trades in Quito. Your guide will also take you to the spectacular Panecillo Hill for incredible views over the city.

Finally you will end the tour at the Republica del Cacao chocolate shop. Here you will learn about the history of chocolate making in Ecuador and get to taste some of the finest quality chocolate in the world!

Return to your hotel with a free afternoon and evening.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

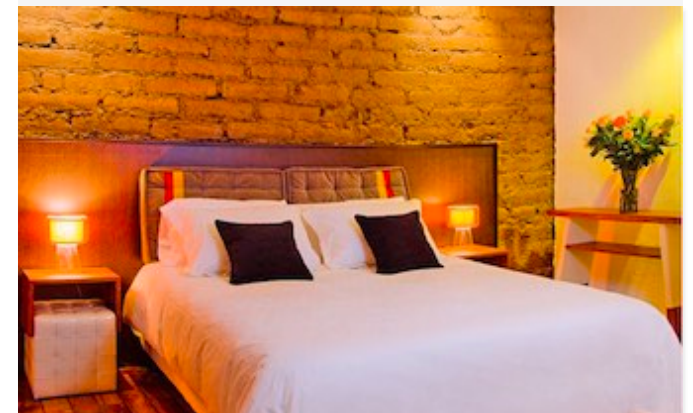
## OVERNIGHT

### CASA GARDENIA



A charming little bed and breakfast in a fantastic location in the heart of Quito's UNESCO protected old town. Excellent value for money.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



Photos for guidance only & not necessarily the room booked



THELATINAMERICATRAVELCOMPANY.COM | Email: [info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com](mailto:info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com)  
UK ☎: +44 (0) 20 8191 7772 | Part of HeadsEast Ltd - UK business registration: 6717612



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 3

DATE TBC

### QUITO

#### A FULL DAY PRIVATE TOUR OF THE CLOUD FOREST'S BELLAVISTA RESERVE

This morning you will have an early breakfast before you are met at your hotel by your private guide and driver for the day. On the way to the Cloud Forest you will stop at the Pululahua volcanic crater for a peek into the crater with its patchwork fields far below on the crater floor.

When you reach the Bellavista Cloud Forest Reserve you will climb to the top of the mountain with your guide for more fabulous views. An incredible one hundred and seventy species of birds have been recorded at Bellavista, and the list continues to grow: Tanagers - finches, Giant Antpittas, Swallow-tailed Nightjars, Plush-capped Finches, Beautiful Jays, and the White-face Nunbird are recorded within the limits of the reserve. You'll be spotting several brightly coloured Tanagers and the Platebilled Mountain-Toucan so make sure to bring your binoculars! A

After lunch, you will take another hike into the forest and your guide will teach you about the different flora and fauna of the cloud forest.

After your day exploring the cloud forest you will be driven back to your hotel in Quito.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Lunch.

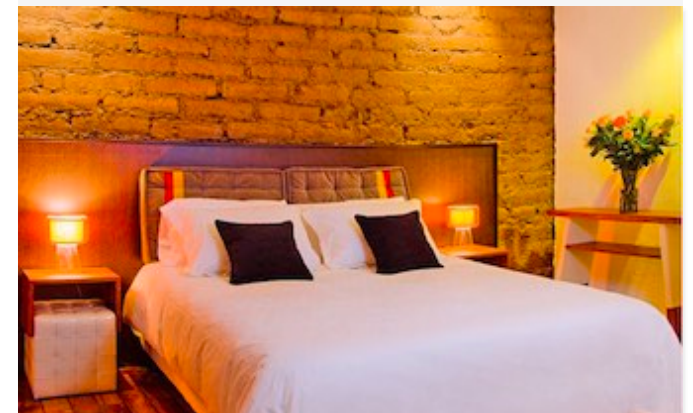
## OVERNIGHT

### CASA GARDENIA



A charming little bed and breakfast in a fantastic location in the heart of Quito's UNESCO protected old town. Excellent value for money.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



Photos for guidance only & not necessarily the room booked



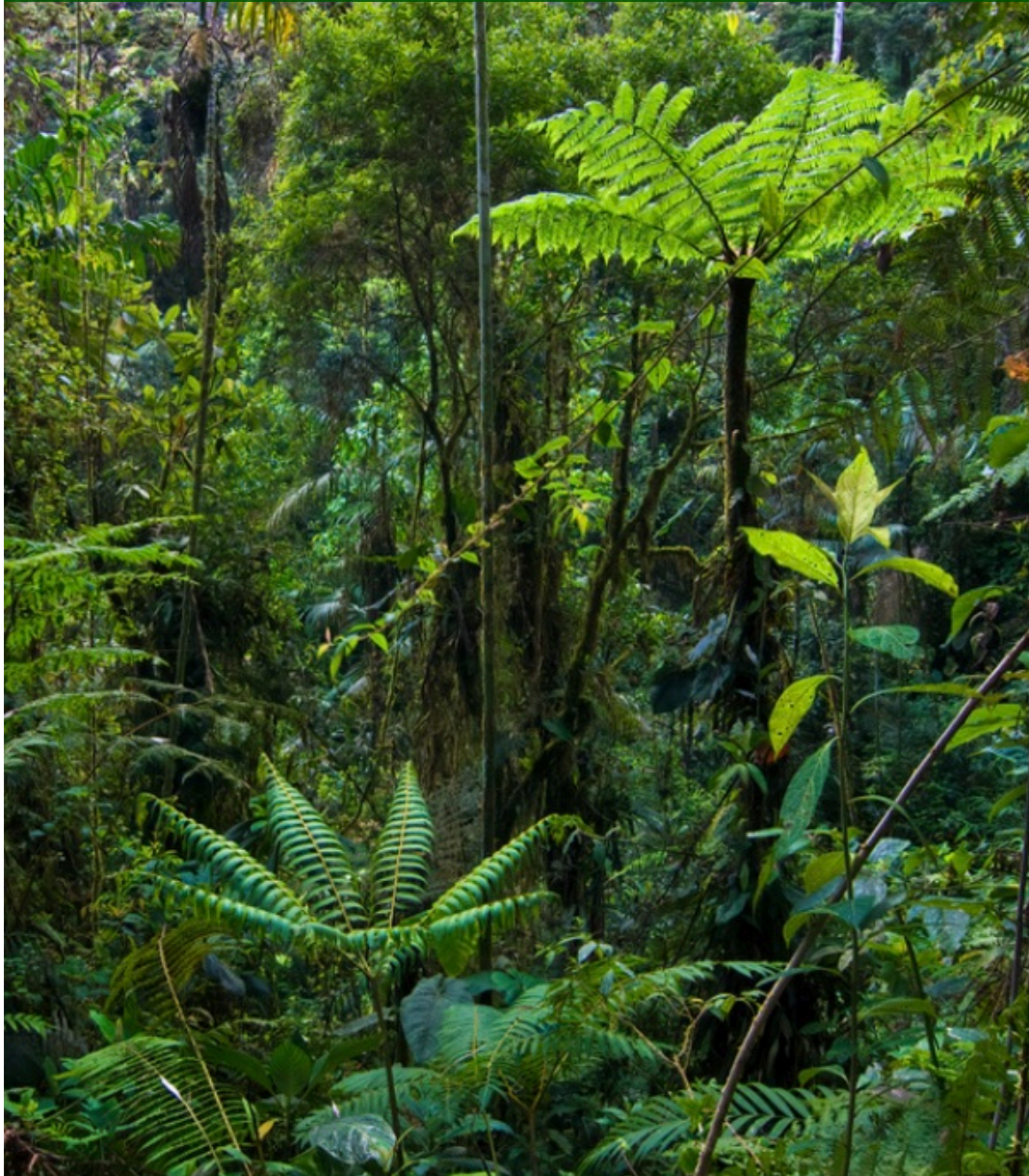
THELATINAMERICATRAVELCOMPANY.COM | Email: [info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com](mailto:info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com)  
UK ☎: +44 (0) 20 8191 7772 | Part of HeadsEast Ltd - UK business registration: 6717612





# CLOUD FOREST HIGHLIGHTS

LUSH FLORA



BIRDLIFE



BIRDLIFE



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 4

DATE TBC

### AMAZON

#### A FLIGHT & BOAT TRANSFER TO YOUR AMAZON LODGE

This morning you will be met at your hotel and taken by private transfer to the airport for your short, 45 minute flight to Coca in the Amazon.

On arrival to Coca you will be met at the airport and taken along with any other arriving guests to the banks of the Napo River. From here you will meet your bilingual guides who will assist you into the boat for a 2.5 hour trip down the Napo River, the largest Ecuadorian tributary of the Amazon. Along the way you pass indigenous communities and get to see a variety of bird life such as herons, egrets and vultures. A pack lunch is provided. This boat ride is followed by a 15 minute walk through flooded forest and a 20 minute paddle canoe ride across the beautiful Challuacocha blackwater oxbow lake to reach the lodge.

After getting settled in you will have a short guided hike on nearby trails where you can get acquainted with the sights, smells and sounds of the Amazon jungle. You might see one of the forest's 13 species of primate as well as birds, frogs and other wildlife. Return to the lodge for a chef-prepared dinner.

After dinner one of the bilingual guides will give a briefing about the Amazon region before you head out into the lagoon to search for nocturnal wildlife, paddling silently through its black waters. A flashlight will almost certainly find the eyes of black caiman shining in the darkness!

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT

### SANI ECO LODGE



100% owned and operated by the indigenous Kichwa community of Sani, this lodge offers an authentic and immersive Amazon experience.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



Photos for guidance only & not necessarily the room booked



THELATINAMERICATRAVELCOMPANY.COM | Email: [info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com](mailto:info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com)  
UK ☎: +44 (0) 20 8191 7772 | Part of HeadsEast Ltd - UK business registration: 6717612



## DAY 5

DATE TBC

### AMAZON

#### HIKING IN THE RAINFOREST, SANI CULTURE & KAYAKING

After breakfast at the lodge you set out for a full day of adventure in the rainforest. Start by taking a long hike to learn about the plants, animals and people of the Amazon. You will discover medicinal uses for the rainforest's many plant species, search for impossibly small species of frog and startlingly large insects! Keep our eyes open for primates high in the forest canopy, and learn about the Sani culture. You will also have the chance to hone your blow gun skills and get to know this traditional hunting technique. After a busy morning enjoy a picnic lunch in the forest in a special spot.

Following lunch you will be taken to the lagoon where you will set out on kayaks for an afternoon of paddling. A stop at Sani Lodge's observation tower is a highlight. Find your way up a 36 meter high staircase to the wooden observatory perched at the top of the forest canopy in a majestic kapok ('God's Hand') tree. From this vantage point you can look out over the canopy and spot some of the 565 registered species of birds. With some luck, there is also a chance to spot howler or squirrel monkeys or even sloths resting high in the canopy.

After some time at the tower you will walk back to the kayaks for a (1 hour) recreational paddle back to the lodge. Enjoy another delicious chef-prepared dinner before retiring for the night.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT

### SANI ECO LODGE



100% owned and operated by the indigenous Kichwa community of Sani, this lodge offers an authentic and immersive Amazon experience.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



Photos for guidance only & not necessarily the room booked



EXPLORING



WILDLIFE



TRIBES



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 6

DATE TBC

## AMAZON

### SANI LODGE OBSERVATION TOWER & SANI COMMUNITY VISIT

A stop at Sani Lodge's observation tower is one of the highlights of the trip. Find your way up a 36 meter high staircase to the wooden observatory perched at the top of the forest canopy in a majestic kapok ('God's Hand) tree. From this vantage point you can look out over the canopy and spot some of the 565 registered species of birds. With some luck, there is also a chance to spot howler or squirrel monkeys or even sloths resting high in the canopy. The wildlife viewing from above is an entirely different perspective, and provides a chance to discover some of the Amazon's biodiversity that can be difficult to see from the ground.

After lunch you will be met by a local Sani community member for a guided walk and cultural exchange. You will be hiking on a "camino vecinal" (minor road/community path) accompanied by your guide and a member of the local community. On the hike, you will get first-hand insight into local life while the Napo River flows by your side towards the Atlantic Ocean. Learn about the local houses, see their farming activities, their lifestyle, discover plants in the rainforest that are used for medicine, and more. Once you arrive to the Sani community you will learn about and support their women's project, the community turtle breeding work and also get the chance to participate in a cooking class. Spending time with the Sani women allows for a special glimpse into their culture and customs. Return to the lodge in the evening in time for dinner.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT

### SANI ECO LODGE



100% owned and operated by the indigenous Kichwa community of Sani, this lodge offers an authentic and immersive Amazon experience.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



Photos for guidance only & not necessarily the room booked



THELATINAMERICATRAVELCOMPANY.COM | Email: [info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com](mailto:info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com)  
UK ☎: +44 (0) 20 8191 7772 | Part of HeadsEast Ltd - UK business registration: 6717612





# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**DAY 7**

**DATE TBC**

## **AMAZON**

### **YASUNI NATIONAL PARK & A FREE AFTERNOON TO RELAX**

After breakfast set out for a visit to Yasuni National Park. At 9,620 square kilometres this is Ecuador's largest mainland park and is a UNESCO international biosphere reserve. The park is untouched and considered one of the last true wildernesses in Ecuador. Go for a hike in the park, observing the flora and fauna and making your way towards one of the park's famous parrot clay licks. Here you can see parrots and parakeets. They visit most mornings to eat clay that aids their digestion of unripe seeds and fruits. You may be able to see mealy Amazon, yellow-crowned, orange-winged and blue-headed parrots among other species.

This afternoon you have some leisure time to relax or take additional excursions. You can choose to hike around or kayak on the blackwater lake, or just laze in a hammock and enjoy the sounds of the rainforest. After a wonderful dinner produced by the talented chefs at the lodge you have the option of taking a night walk in the rainforest to see how the jungle comes alive after dark! Expect to see an array of insects, spiders, frogs and snakes!

**NOTE:** All your activities are included during your time at the lodge. Please note that the exact itinerary and available excursions may change depending on weather conditions and other factors.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

**OVERNIGHT**

### **SANI ECO LODGE**



100% owned and operated by the indigenous Kichwa community of Sani, this lodge offers an authentic and immersive Amazon experience.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



Photos for guidance only & not necessarily the room booked



THELATINAMERICATRAVELCOMPANY.COM | Email: [info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com](mailto:info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com)  
UK ☎: +44 (0) 20 8191 7772 | Part of HeadsEast Ltd - UK business registration: 6717612



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 8

DATE TBC

### QUITO

#### BOAT & FLIGHT BACK TO QUITO TO OVERNIGHT

After breakfast this morning you will travel back by boat along the Napo River where you will learn about some of the challenges faced by indigenous communities in the Amazon.

You will be taken from the dock back to the airport in Coca for your short, 45 minute flight back to Quito.

On arrival to the airport in Quito you will be met and taken by private transfer to your hotel. The rest of the afternoon and evening is at leisure.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

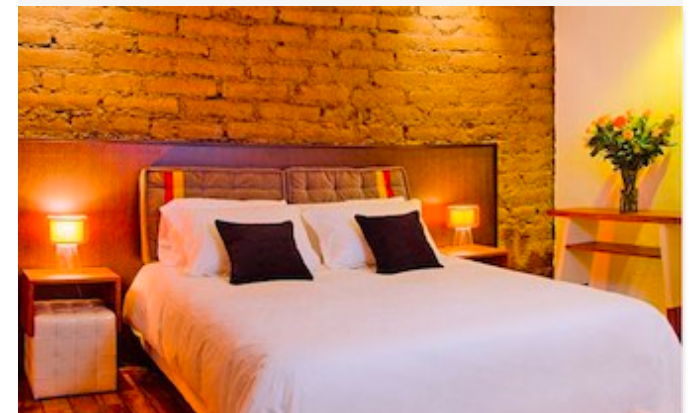
## OVERNIGHT

### CASA GARDENIA



A charming little bed and breakfast in a fantastic location in the heart of Quito's UNESCO protected old town. Excellent value for money.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



Photos for guidance only & not necessarily the room booked



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 9

DATE TBC

## OTAVALO

### A FULL DAY EXPLORING OTAVALO MARKET & NEARBY VILLAGES

This morning you will be met at your hotel by your private guide and driver for the day. Today you will travel to the Quisato monument in Cayambe which is a huge ancient sundial located exactly on the equator!

From here you will either walk (an easy, recommended 1 hour hike) or drive to the famous Otavalo market. This is one of the most interesting towns in Ecuador where the indigenous Quechua culture is still very much alive. The bustling market is where locals from all the surrounded villages come to sell their handmade products. It is famous for it's extremely good quality weaving and textiles.

You will also visit the workshop of master weaver Miguel Andrango in the nearby village of Agato. Miguel's work has won international acclaim and the walls of his workshop are covered in his colourful designs inspired by Inca patterns. He only used pure Alpaca wool which is dyed using natural inks.

After lunch in a local restaurant you will taken to your hotel just outside of Otavalo where you will spend the night.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT

## CASA MOJANDA



A homely, owner run lodge in a beautiful location on the hillside outside of Otavalo with spectacular views and cosy rooms with open fireplaces.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



Photos for guidance only & not necessarily the room booked



THELATINAMERICATRAVELCOMPANY.COM | Email: [info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com](mailto:info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com)  
UK ☎: +44 (0) 20 8191 7772 | Part of HeadsEast Ltd - UK business registration: 6717612



MARKETS



TRINKETS



SAN PABLO LAKE



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**DAY 10**

**DATE TBC**

## OTAVALO

### A DAY AT LEISURE TO RELAX OR TAKE ADDITIONAL EXCURSIONS

Today there are no activities scheduled, so you have some free time to enjoy the peaceful mountainside setting. You could go for a walk to a nearby waterfall, or explore many of the other self guided trails available. You could also spend some time in the traditional wood-fired hot tub! Horse riding is also available in this area.

Please let us know if you would like us to include an additional excursion for today.

The small town of Otavalo hosts one of the oldest and most important Andean markets in Latin America. Long established as a centre for the local traders to sell their wares the market has become a must-see attraction. The local people dressed in their colourful traditional attire showcase a bewildering array of hand made products such as ponchos, textiles, blankets, tapestries, rugs, embroidered blouses, jewelry and woolen goods. The farmland and dramatic mountain scenery around Otavalo are dotted with grand colonial haciendas which are perfect for hiking, horse riding and experiencing the idyllic rural Ecuadorian life. You can also take a train ride from Ibarra to Salinas, a scenic journey through the highlands.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

**OVERNIGHT**

## CASA MOJANDA



A homely, owner run lodge in a beautiful location on the hillside outside of Otavalo with spectacular views and cosy rooms with open fireplaces.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



Photos for guidance only & not necessarily the room booked



THELATINAMERICATRAVELCOMPANY.COM | Email: [info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com](mailto:info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com)  
UK ☎: +44 (0) 20 8191 7772 | Part of HeadsEast Ltd - UK business registration: 6717612



DAY 11

DATE TBC

## END OF TOUR

### VISIT THE DEEP BLUE CUICOCHA CRATER LAKE & COTACACHI

After breakfast this morning you will be met at your hotel by your private guide. You will drive to the Cotacachi-Cayapas Ecological Reserve for a three hour hike at Lake Cuicocha, a deep-blue crater lake on the lower southern flanks of Mount Cotacachi.

You will be able to enjoy more views of the surrounding volcanoes Cayambe, Imbabura and Cuicocha while learning about the local flora and fauna. For bird watchers there will be the chance to see ruddy ducks, giant hummingbirds, silvery grebes, and more.

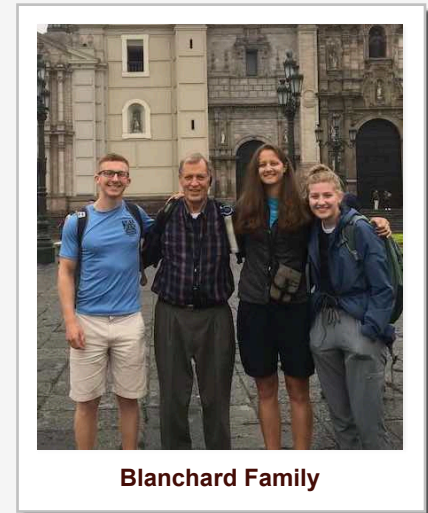
After the hike you will make a stop at the picturesque colonial town of Cotacachi, famous as the centre of Ecuador's leather industry, on the way back to Quito. Arrive to Quito airport in time for your return flight that leaves early evening.

Alternatively, there are flights from here to the Galapagos for a classic cruise of these famous islands.

---

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

**PLEASE NOTE:** High altitude is reached on this trip. Whilst the vast majority of people experience little more than shortness of breath there is a very small risk of more severe complications such as acute mountain sickness (AMS). Note that level of fitness and age are no indication as to whether you are more susceptible or not to AMS. [Click here for more information.](#)



Blanchard Family

*"Once the Tour Itinerary was fixed and paid, LATC stayed on top of any potential issues or problems within the countries/regions. One required a modest change in the plan which was handled very effectively with no impact on our experience or cost to us."*

VIEW MORE FEEDBACK



- **Guide price\* per person based on 2 people travelling: UK £ 3,160 / US\$ 4,110**

*\* Prices vary by date, availability, exchange rates and the number of people in your party. Please contact us for a firm quote.*

A full list of what is included in this price can be seen on the following pages.

- **Booking and payment terms:**

Once we receive completed booking forms we will book and confirm services for you and send an invoice for the deposit payment of 20% per person (plus any international flights we are booking) with full payment due 60 days before departure. All payments to us are protected under our ATOL or ABTA licenses and we accept payment by Credit Card, Debit Card (no fee) or bank transfer. [Click here to read our Booking Terms & Conditions.](#)

- **Our pricing policy:**

We believe that the the pricing for this tour offers excellent value for the services and standards we operate and we frequently check our pricing against that of other operators. If you feel you have a similar quote that is of a lower price we are happy to reconsider our pricing for you if you can forward the other quote so we can fairly compare. We would add that in our experience we usually find some differences that, although they may appear subtle, make both a significant difference to the price and, more importantly, the quality of the trip experience.



## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

Here you will find the inclusions and exclusions for this itinerary. We guarantee you will receive the services below although on very rare occasions one service may need to be replaced with another similar one as there are a lot of complex logistical elements to a trip like this.

### ■ INTERNATIONAL PLANE TICKETS: International Flight Luggage Policy - Please see your ticket for details

✈ International flight tickets are NOT included in this itinerary. We CAN arrange these for you.

### ■ DOMESTIC PLANE TICKETS:

- ✈ Quito to Coca economy class
- ✈ Coca to Quito economy class

**Note: flight schedules are subject to frequent change in Latin America - please check your tickets for latest timings.**

### Domestic Luggage Policy:

- Passengers are permitted one check-in hold piece with maximum weight of 50 lb / 23 kg and up to 158 linear inches / 400 cm (linear = total of the length + height + width).
- Passengers are permitted one carry-on piece with a maximum weight of 22 lb / 10 Kg with a size up to 45 cm x 35 cm x 20 cm (height x length x width).

### Operational and other considerations:

The operation of any flight is subject to weather conditions or operational considerations of the local airline; for these reasons, flights can be delayed, changed or canceled without previous notification and neither the airline nor The Latin America Travel Company are responsible for any extra cost in case of necessary adjustments of the itinerary.

### ■ ACCOMMODATION: Tried and tested by us or our local representatives

✓ 3 nights Quito - Casa Gardenia 3\* (Standard room with breakfast)





## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

- ✓ 4 nights Amazon - Sani Eco Lodge 3\* (Standard room with meals as listed)
- ✓ 1 night Quito - Casa Gardenia 3\* (Standard room with breakfast)
- ✓ 2 nights Otavalo - Casa Mojanda 3\* (Standard room with meals as listed)

### ■ TRANSFERS: By car or minibus except where stated

- ✓ Quito - Private transfer Quito Airport to Hotel
- ✓ Quito - Private transfer Hotel to Quito Airport
- ✓ Amazon - Shared transfer Coca Airport to Hotel (car & boat)
- ✓ Amazon - Shared transfer Hotel to Coca Airport (car & boat)
- ✓ Quito - Private transfer Quito Airport to Hotel
- ✓ Quito - Private transfer Hotel to Hotel (in Otavalo)
- ✓ Otavalo - Private transfer Casa Mojanda to Quito Airport

### ■ TOURS: All our tours include entrance fees and use professional guides

- ✓ Quito - Tour of Quito, Panecillo Hill & Chocolate tasting (full day private tour)
- ✓ Quito - Tour to the Cloud Forest's Bellavista Reserve (full day private tour)
- ✓ Amazon - 4 days of tours at the Sani Eco Lodge as described (3 days of small group tours of various durations)
- ✓ Otavalo - Tour exploring Otavalo market & nearby villages (full day private tour)
- ✓ Otavalo - Tour to Cuicocha Crater Lake & Cotacachi (half day private tour)

### ■ OTHER INCLUSIONS: Also included in this trip

- ✓ Meals - As indicated in the itinerary.
- ✓ All national park entrance fees.
- ✓ All other entrance fees for attractions visited in the itinerary.
- ✓ Support - Emergency numbers and contacts for each destination.
- ✓ Guidebook - Our exclusive Trip Guidebook.



## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

---

- ✓ Financial Peace of Mind - All monies paid to us are legally protected under UK law.
- ✓ Support from your dedicated Latin America specialist.

### ■ NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of your trip - we can book these flights on request.
- ✗ Travel Insurance to cover any medical treatment etc. Please visit [Citybond Suretravel](#) for 10% off (UK residents only).
- ✗ Discretionary gratuities to drivers and guides.

### ■ END

---



## WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY - SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE



"I would like to say a big thanks to the team for making this trip such a pleasurable one for me and recommend without hesitation any friends, family or colleagues to use this company."

**John Vlacos**



"I would highly recommend using this company. We had a fabulous trip to Costa Rica. Extremely well organised and with just the right amount of advice and suggestions. Can't wait to plan our next trip with them."

**S. Trisk & Family**



"Great Value, Efficient, and Effective. The Latin America Travel Company worked with me to plan precisely the experience I wanted, at the time I wanted, and at a very competitive price."

**David Blanchard & Family**



"This trip outstripped my expectations by a long way. Costa Rica was such an amazing place with so much to do. The hotel choice was amazing and we felt so well looked after from start to finish."

**Mrs Harrison**



"Our trip was made so easy by your fantastic and professional organisation. The flight connections were flawless and all the guides and drivers friendly, helpful and informative. We thought your guidebook was a great bonus."

**Mr & Mrs Owen**



"LATC organized a wonderful trip for us. We wanted a nature tour with walking and wildlife and were rewarded in spades. The satisfaction of finding smaller creatures and the sheer variety was fantastic."

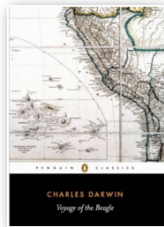
**Mr & Mrs Hardy**

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW MORE FEEDBACK ON OUR WEBSITE](#)



THELATINAMERICATRAVELCOMPANY.COM | Email: [info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com](mailto:info@thelatinamericatraveltravelcompany.com)  
UK ☎: +44 (0) 20 8191 7772 | Part of HeadsEast Ltd - UK business registration: 6717612

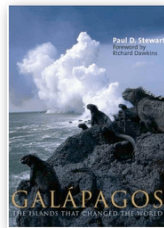




## THE VOYAGE OF THE BEAGLE

CHARLES DARWIN, JANET BROWNE & MICHAEL NEVE

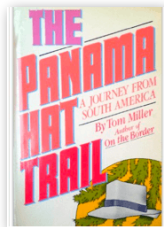
Charles Darwin's classic journal written during his epic voyage to the Galapagos and South America in 1831. It is a big book, a slow read, and prose can be ponderous at times, but nevertheless it is one of the original Latin America travel journals!



## GALAPAGOS: ISLANDS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

PAUL D STEWART

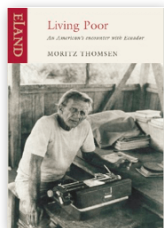
One of the best general overviews of the archipelago covering their human history, biology, unique flora and fauna and geography. It is written in a succinct and accessible style, not too long, and includes some beautiful photos. A fantastic introduction to the islands.



## THE PANAMA HAT TRAIL

TOM MILLER

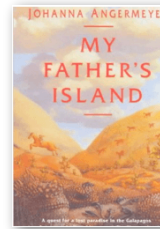
A travel classic from 1986, Miller looks at the history of the Panama hat which was actually invented in Ecuador. He also explores Ecuador's culture, social history and people during his journey across the country. It is humorously written and an enjoyable read.



## LIVING POOR: AN AMERICAN'S ENCOUNTER WITH ECUADOR

MORITZ THOMSEN

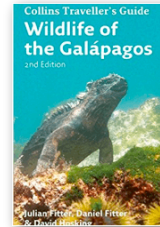
Thomsen's account of his life living in a rural village in Ecuador as part of the Peace Corps. A real insight into rural Ecuadorian life told in a simple but eloquent manner. Published by Eland, a fantastic publisher for old travel books, that we highly recommend.



## MY FATHER'S ISLAND: A GALAPAGOS QUEST

JOHANNA ANGERMEYER

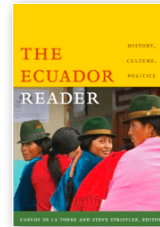
The Angermeyer family came to the Galapagos in the 1930's from Germany after fleeing the Nazi's. In this book Johanna traces her family history and also recounts her life in the Galapagos. A gifted writer, this book really brings the Galapagos to life!



## WILDLIFE OF THE GALAPAGOS (TRAVELLER'S GUIDE)

JULIAN & DANIEL FITTER, DAVID HOSKING

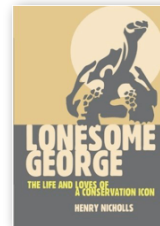
A fantastic general field guide to Galapagos wildlife with over 650 colour photographs, maps and drawings for identification purposes. At just 288 pages it is compact and handy reference guide for wildlife enthusiasts.



## THE ECUADOR READER

CARLOS DE LA TORRE & STEVE STRIFFLER (EDITORS)

The authoritative collection of articles by Ecuadorian writers, artists, scholars, activists and journalists. A very thorough history of the small South American country. Perfect for history buffs!



## LONESOME GEORGE: THE LIFE AND LOVES OF A CONSERVATION ICON

HENRY NICHOLLS

Nicholls tells the story of the Galapagos's most famous giant tortoise, Lonesome George, discovered on the remote Pinta island and thought to be the last of his species. He died of natural causes at 100 years old in 2012. An excellent story about conservation and the Galapagos's most famous character.



# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION, TIPS & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I NEED TO BOOK?

A trip to Latin America can be quite a complex one with definite peak seasons when tickets and good hotel rooms can become scarce so we recommend booking as far in advance as possible with bookings a year in advance common.

## CAN YOU OBTAIN VISAS FOR US?

Most countries do not need a visa for our clients but if you do we can advise and recommend a visa agent.

## IS IT SAFE TO BOOK WITH YOU?

In a word, Yes! We members of ABTA and ATOL Bonded so any payments made to us are fully protected in the unlikely event of our financial failure. Our ABTA membership number is [Y1699](#) and our ATOL license number is [10287](#).

## IS LATIN AMERICAN TRAVEL SAFE?

We believe so and in recent years we hear of very few problems and there is no reason why you should not feel as safe travelling in all the areas we operate tours. This applies to men or women traveling alone and exercising reasonable common sense.

## WHAT HAPPENS ONCE WE MAKE A BOOKING?

On taking a booking we will confirm as many of the services as can be at that point and then ask you for a non-refundable deposit of 20% per person plus any international flights we are booking with the final balance payment due 60 days before your trip start date with us. 1 month before your trip with us starts we will send you our exclusive Trip Guidebook tailored to your specific trip with us.

## CAN YOU BOOK INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ?

Yes, as we hold an ATOL license (number 10287) we are permitted by the Civil Aviation Authority in the UK to book flights on behalf of our clients. We are a British Airways preferred operator but also book with other airlines to get the best deals and routes for our clients.

## WHY SHOULD WE BOOK A TRIP WITH YOU

We took our first Latin America trip in the 1990s and between us have taken many trips since. We have been to all destinations we offer, often many times, and are passionate about sharing our knowledge and providing you with the best possible travel experience of these destinations which we love to visit ourselves. Add to this the back up we offer from financial protection of your payments to us to the 24 hour emergency numbers we give you before your trip and we think we are the full package for quality, service and reliability.

## DO YOU CATER FOR ALL DIETS?

As long as we are informed at the time of making your booking we can cater for almost all dietary requirements.

## CAN YOU TAILOR THIS ITINERARY?

Yes! Just let your travel consultant know what changes you would like and we will revise the itinerary for you.

## IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD BE ASKING?

Almost certainly! We fully expect you will have many more questions and we are here to answer them so please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) - that is what we are here for!

