



TEN REASONS TO TOUR ECUADOR WITH CALDER & LAWSON TOURS

ECUADOR & THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

17 September – 05 October 2017 | 16 nights
From \$15,499 pp twin share

- 1 With our Ecuadorian tour operator, we have put together an exciting and varied itinerary with something to interest everyone.
- 2 Take one of the top train journeys in the world on the Tren de la Costa to Guayaquil.
- 3 Board your comfortable small ship for an adventure in the Galapagos Islands. The MV *Santa Cruz II* sleeps 90 guests in contemporary designed cabins across three decks. Informative guides will share the natural history of these islands and the wide variety of endemic species. Spend five nights aboard and visit Isabela and Fernandina Islands, Santa Cruz and Floreana Islands.
- 4 Travel through spectacular landscapes. Visit the Cotopaxi National Park where the Cotopaxi volcano, one of the highest active volcanoes in the world, is a magnificent backdrop.
- 5 Experience the rich cultural diversity and tradition. Learn first-hand the way of life and traditions of the Montubio Culture of Ecuador's coastal region and the Afro-Ecuadorian culture in Salinas.



Over the Devils' Nose mountain pass on the Tren de la Costa



The *Santa Cruz II*

6 Stop at Andean villages renowned for colourful textiles and markets. Visit the handicraft market at Otavalo home of the original Panama hat and Ecuadorian blankets

7 Enjoy Ecuadorian cuisine which is as diverse its landscape. Hearty mountain fare and seafood make up the crux of Ecuador's national specialties, which include a citrusy ceviche, toasted corn snacks, a cheesy potato soup, pan-fired pork/chicken, and goat stew. Most meals are included. Lunch at a lovely farmhouse, a flower plantation and dine at a typical Ecuadorian restaurant and a colonial hacienda.

8 Get up close and personal to the magnificent marine wildlife in the Galapagos – sea lions, marine iguanas, penguins, giant tortoises, flamingos, blue footed boobies, cormorants, herons and many other bird species.

9 Travel with our knowledgeable tour manager, Warwick Silvester, retired Professor of Biological Sciences, University of Waikato and with our popular national guide, Peter Lauffer who lives in Ecuador.

10 Take only your spending money as the tour price includes: flights, local and national guides, all accommodation including five nights aboard *MV Santa Cruz*; breakfasts, lunches and most dinners; admissions to all sightseeing and tips and gratuities.



Cotapaxi volcano



Colourful houses in Guayaquil



Ecuadorian blankets



Ecuadorian Ceviche of Shrimp



Marine Iguana

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