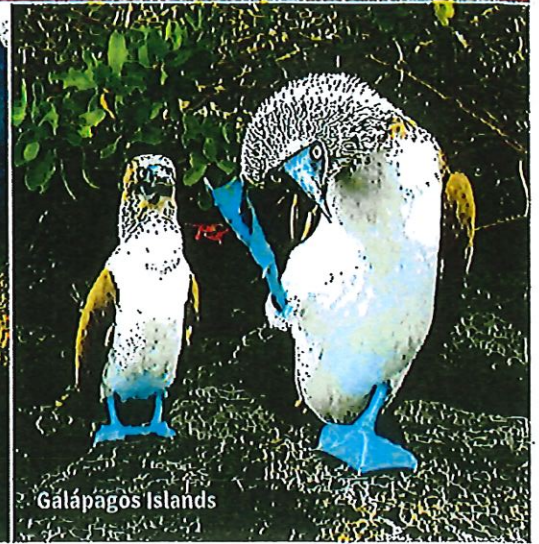


Machu Picchu



Galápagos Islands

Machu Picchu & the Galápagos

Peru: Lima, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Cuzco | Ecuador: Quito, Equator Crossing, 3- or 4-night Galápagos Cruise

17 days for \$8,120
including international airfare
from Cedar Rapids (CID)

Departure Date: SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Return Date: SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

Activity Level:

①②③④⑤ Moderately Strenuous

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to Lima, Peru
2-3	Lima
4-5	Fly to Cuzco • Sacred Valley
6-7	Machu Picchu
8-9	Cuzco
10-12	Fly to Quito
13-16	Fly to Galápagos • Cruise Galápagos
17	Fly to Quito • Return to U.S.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Fly to Lima, Peru.

DAY 2 • Lima, Peru

Meet your fellow travelers, including those who took our optional pre-trip extension to *The Peruvian Amazon: Treks, Cruises & Indigenous Communities*. Then we set off to explore Lima's Miraflores district.

DAY 3 • Lima • Fish market • Larco Museum

Visit the Chorrillos fish market to meet local fishermen and learn about this vital industry. Then, view the impressive collection of pre-Columbian artifacts at the Larco Museum. Later, enjoy a walking tour of downtown Lima, including the historical center, Central Market, and Chinese quarter.

DAY 4 • Fly to Cuzco • Controversial Topic: Coca leaves • The Sacred Valley

Fly to Cuzco, the center of the Incan world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, then drive to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. En route, visit the mountain village of Huayllarcocha to witness a weaving demonstration. Next, meet women who sell coca leaves and learn about the **Controversial Topic** of coca leaves.

DAY 5 • A Day in the Life of Urubamba • GCF visit: Local school • Home-Hosted Lunch

Experience *A Day in the Life* of the Urubamba community. After visiting a



local school (when in session) supported by **Grand Circle**

Foundation, head to Urubamba's market to pick up ingredients for the **Home-Hosted Lunch** we'll share as guests of a Sacred Valley family.

IT'S INCLUDED

- 16 nights accommodation, including 3-4 nights aboard a privately chartered 16-passenger small ship
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation and 5 internal flights
- 38 meals: 16 breakfasts, 12 lunches, and 10 dinners
- 21 guided tours and cultural experiences, including 2 days in Machu Picchu, Galápagos shore excursions, and all park fees
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, ship crew, and luggage porters
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip

DAY 6 • Sacred Valley • Machu Picchu

Witness a traditional healing ceremony by a *curandero*, an Andean medicine man, then travel by train to Machu Picchu. At the base of the mountain, take a bus up to Machu Picchu to see the remnants of the Ritual Baths, Palace of the Princess, the Main Fountain, and the Sun and Condor temples.

DAY 7 • Second visit to Machu Picchu

Return to Machu Picchu this morning, when the ruins are quiet and uncrowded. You can explore the ruins on your own, or, depending on which trails are open, choose between two hikes to the Inca Bridge or the Sun Gate.

DAY 8 • Transfer to Cuzco • Ollantaytambo

Return by train through the Urubamba Gorge before discovering the Ollantaytambo ruins. Then transfer by bus to Cuzco.

DAY 9 • Cuzco • Qoricancha Sun Temple • San Blas

Explore the Qoricancha Sun Temple, Cuzco's most important ceremonial structure during the Inca era. Then, enjoy a walking tour of the historic San Blas neighborhood. Then, you may choose to join an optional Sacsayhuaman tour that begins with lunch at



Ollantaytambo




Galápagos Islands

a local restaurant followed by a short drive to Sacsayhuaman, an Incan archaeological site in the surrounding built out of huge stones, some weighing nearly 300 tons. This evening, gather at a local restaurant for a Peruvian Farewell Dinner.

DAY 10 • Cuzco • Fly to Quito, Ecuador
Fly to Lima for our connecting flight to Quito, Ecuador.

DAY 11 • Grand Circle Foundation visit: Sinamune Children's Orchestra • Visit Inti Nan & Equator Museums • Explore downtown Quito

Enjoy a special performance by the Sinamune Disabled Children's Orchestra (when in session), sponsored in part by  donations from **Grand Circle Foundation**. Then, visit the Inti Nan Museum, which sits directly on the equator, followed by free time in Quito.

DAY 12 • Quito • Optional Termas de Papallacta Thermal Spa tour

Enjoy a free day to explore on your own in Quito. Or, you can join a full-day optional tour to Termas de Papallacta, a thermal spa resort in the Andean mountains.

DAY 13 • Fly to the Galápagos • Embark ship

Fly from Quito via Guayaquil to the Galápagos. Our Trip Experience Leader, a Galápagos naturalist, will help us retrace Darwin's discoveries onboard our exclusive charter ship.

DAY 14 • Cruise Galápagos Islands 

No matter which island we call on, each of our days will follow a similar pattern: After breakfast, a Zodiac craft brings us close to the islands for dry or wet landings. If time allows, we might swim near our boat. And each night, we'll cruise toward another adventure in the Galápagos.

DAY 15 • Cruise Galápagos Islands 

We may call on Santa Cruz and the Central Islands, home to lava lizards, marine iguanas, sea lions, and an amazing array of birds—blue-footed boobies and Darwin's finches.

DAY 16 • Cruise Galápagos 

We continue exploring the Galápagos today.

DAY 17 • Disembark ship • Fly to Quito • Return to U.S.

Fly via Guayaquil to Quito for your return flights home or to begin your post-trip extension to *Bolivia: La Paz & Lake Titicaca*.

Please note: Some departures feature a 3-night Galápagos cruise with a 1-night hotel stay in the Galápagos. See website for details.

**Machu Picchu & The Galapagos
Travel Protection Plan (Recommended)**

Protect your trip with our Travel Protection Plan, administered by Tripmate.

- 100% cancellation protection, for any reason – up to and including the day of departure.
- Pre-existing condition coverage- 100% cash reimbursement if purchased within 14 days of initial trip deposit.
- Medical benefits and assistance – including emergency evacuation and more.
- Comprehensive coverage – includes trip interruption, trip delay, medical expenses, and baggage protection.

If Your Trip Cost is (per person):	The Plan Cost for your trip is (per person):
\$1- \$1,400	\$199
\$1,401- \$1,900	\$249
\$1,901- \$2,400	\$299
\$2,401- \$2,900	\$349
\$2,901- \$3,400	\$399
\$3,401- \$3,900	\$449
\$3,901- \$4,400	\$499
\$4,401- \$4,900	\$549
\$4,901- \$5,400	\$599
\$5,401- \$5,900	\$649
\$5,901- \$6,400	\$699
\$6,401- \$6,900	\$799
\$6,901- \$7,400	\$849
\$7,401- \$7,900	\$899
\$7,901- \$8,400	\$949
\$8,401- \$8,900	\$999
\$8,901- \$9,400	\$1,049
\$9,401- \$9,800	\$1,099
\$9,801- \$10,800	\$1,199
\$10,801- \$11,800	\$1,299
\$11,801- \$12,800	\$1,399
\$12,801- \$13,800	\$1,499
\$13,801- \$14,800	\$1,599
\$14,801- \$15,800	\$1,699
\$15,801- \$16,800	\$1,799
\$16,801- \$17,800	\$1,899
\$17,801- \$18,800	\$1,999
\$18,801- \$19,800	\$2,099
\$19,801 +	Call Grand Circle for Pricing

Enhanced Benefits & Coverage

Part A: Trip Cancellation Waiver

Part A: Benefits Before You Travel	Maximum
Trip Cancellation Waiver (including pre-existing medical conditions)	100% of Trip Cost

Part A: Trip Cancellation Waiver

Maximum: Trip cost

If your trip is canceled, your travel investment is protected

If you must cancel your trip, even up to the day of departure, you'll retain the full value of your trip, including your deposit. You will be reimbursed in cash for certain "Specified Reasons," as detailed in the Plan Documents and for any reason other than a "Specified Reason," you can receive a travel voucher for a new reservation from Grand Circle for the penalty amount.

- Part A– Trip Cancellation Specified Reasons

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- Sickness, injury, or death of traveler, traveling companion, or family member
 - Quarantine, jury duty, court order to appear as witness for traveler or traveling companion
 - Traveler or traveling companion's place of employment damaged due to natural disaster, requiring traveler or traveling companion to remain at work
 - Documented theft of passport or visa
 - Job transfer
 - Documented traffic accident-causing missed trip departure
 - Organized labor strike, bad weather, or mechanical breakdown of aircraft for 12 hours or more
 - Shutdown of airport or air traffic control system which prevents traveler from departing
 - Emergency military duty resulting from natural disaster for traveler or travel companion
 - Previously granted military leave revoked for traveler or traveling companion
 - Job termination or layoff with employer
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Pre-existing condition? You can be covered

You can enjoy Travel Protection Plan coverage, even if you have a pre-existing medical condition. If we receive payment for your Travel Protection Plan within 14 days of your initial deposit/payment for your trip your pre-existing medical condition would qualify for cash reimbursement provided you are not already disabled from travel at the time you purchase the Travel Protection Plan; purchase after 14 days and receive a voucher.

Part B: Travel Benefits

Part B: Travel Benefits	Maximum
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense (Primary)	\$50,000
Dental Expense Sublimit	\$750
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains	\$500,000
Trip Interruption	Up to 150% of trip cost
Trip Delay	Up to \$1,500
Missed Connection	Up to \$1,500
Baggage Delay	\$250 per day, up to \$1,000
Baggage & Personal Effects	Up to \$3,000

Part B: Travel Benefits

Trip Interruption

Maximum: Up to 150% of trip costs

If you must interrupt your trip or return home early for a covered unforeseen reason, the plan pays up to 150% of the non-refundable trip cost for your unused land or water travel arrangements, less any refund, plus the additional transportation cost to return home or rejoin your trip.

- Part B– Included Benefits for Trip Interruption

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- Death of Insured
 - Death of Family Member
 - Death of Traveling Companion
 - Destination Uninhabitable
 - Hijacking
 - Home Uninhabitable
 - Illness of Insured
 - Injury of Family Member
 - Injury of Traveling Companion
 - Involved in Traffic Accident
 - Legal Proceeding
 - Mandatory Evacuation
 - Military Obligations
 - Quarantine*
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This is a summary of select covered reasons. Additional covered reasons apply and additional terms apply to these as described in the plan.

**Quarantined means you are forced into isolation by a recognized government authority, their authorized deputies, medical examiners or physician to prevent the spread of the disease due to you either having, or being suspected of having, a contagious disease, infection or contamination. An embargo preventing you from entering a country is not a quarantine.*

Accident & Sickness Medical Expense

Maximum: \$50,000

This primary coverage provides reimbursement for expenses incurred during your trip due to covered medical or dental emergencies.

Dental Expense Sublimit

Maximum: \$750

This primary coverage provides reimbursement for expenses incurred during your trip due to covered dental emergencies.

Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains

Maximum: \$500,000

This reimburses transportation expenses incurred to transport you to the nearest medical facility where treatment is available if you incur a sickness or injury that is acute, severe or life threatening during your trip. The benefit can also cover expenses to return you home following an emergency medical evacuation or a covered injury or sickness. This benefit is primary.

Trip Delay

Maximum: \$300 per day, up to \$1,500

Assists with Reasonable Expenses (meals, lodging, additional transportation) incurred when you are delayed 12 consecutive hours or more while enroute to or from or during your trip for a covered reason.

- Part B– Included Benefits for Trip Delay

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- Travel Carrier delay
 - Strike
 - Quarantine*
 - Natural Disaster
 - Roads Closed or impassable due to severe weather
 - Lost or stolen travel documents
 - Hijacking
 - Civil Disorder
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Baggage Delay

Maximum: \$250 per day, up to \$1,000

Reimburses the reasonable additional purchase of essential items during your trip if your baggage is delayed or misdirected by a common carrier for 24 hours or more.

Baggage & Personal Effects

Maximum: Up to \$3,000

Provides reimbursement when your baggage or personal belongings are damaged, destroyed, lost or stolen during your trip.

24 Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment

Provides a benefit for loss of life, limb, or sight resulting from an injury occurring during your trip.

Free Look Period

If you are not satisfied for any reason, you may cancel this plan within 10 days from the date of purchase. We will refund you the plan cost provided there has been no incurred loss, you have not departed on your trip and have not filed a claim under this plan. Some states allow a longer period or provide different terms for refunds. See the full terms and conditions of your plan for details.

Part A: non-insurance Cancellation Fee Waiver provided by Grand Circle and serviced by Trip Mate, a Generali Global Assistance & Insurance Services brand.

Part B: Travel Benefits consists of Travel Insurance provided by United States Fire Insurance Company and serviced by Trip Mate, a Generali Global Assistance & Insurance Services brand, as well as non-insurance Travel Assistance Services provided by Generali Global Assistance and FootprintID.

View Plan Documents, Consumer Notices and Marketing Disclosures: *The price of the Travel Protection Plan includes the plan premium and a fee for non-insurance assistance services. [Learn more.](#)

Most travel insurance benefits in the plan are subject to an excess insurance limitation.

Frequently Asked Questions

Prepared by Trip Mate

▼ [What happens if I must cancel my trip because I'm ill or injured?](#)

The Cancellation Waiver in Grand Circle's Protection Plan provides a cash refund if you must cancel your trip due to an illness or injury. An illness or injury must meet all of the following criteria:

1. It occurs during the coverage period
2. In the written opinion of the treating physician, be so disabling as to cause a trip to be canceled
3. Require the examination and treatment by a physician at the time you cancel your trip

Remember, it is required that you are seen or treated by your physician prior to canceling your trip. If there is an illness, injury, or death, the Attending Physician Statement (APS) MUST be completed. A note/letter from the doctor is not enough, unless it answers all the questions on the APS.

▼ [What happens if I cancel my trip for a reason that is not covered?](#)

We realize that all travel protection has exclusions and limitations. That's why we offer the Grand Circle Travel Waiver Benefit with this plan.

If you must cancel your pre-paid trip arrangements (supplied by Grand Circle) prior to departure, this Part A can waive cancellation penalties and reimburse you in cash or travel voucher, depending on your reason for cancellation (in most states).

This voucher can be applied to any reservation that was booked on or after the date of the cancellation for arrangements provided by Grand Circle Travel vouchers are valid for travel within 12 months of the date of issue, but no later than 15 months from the date your trip was canceled, for travel arrangements with Grand Circle

Please note: Travel vouchers are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash. The Grand Circle Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver does not cover penalties associated with air or other travel arrangements not provided by Grand Circle

▼ [If I have a pre-existing medical condition, can I still purchase Part B: Travel Benefits?](#)

Trip Mate offers pre-existing medical condition coverage, as long as the following criteria are met:

- Your plan was purchased within 14 days of Grand Circle receiving your first trip payment or deposit
- You were medically able to travel when the plan was purchased

Please see your Plan Document for terms, conditions, and exclusions. Even if you don't meet the requirements for pre-existing condition coverage, you can still purchase travel protection, but any loss due to a pre-existing medical condition will be excluded.

▼ [What happens if a person booked to travel with me must cancel their trip?](#)

If someone booked to travel with you cancels his or her trip for a specified reason in the Cancellation Waiver included in Grand Circle's trip protection package, you are protected in two ways:

1. If you decide to take your trip, the plan will cover any occupancy upgrade charges which you might incur
2. If you decide not to take your trip, your cancellation penalties will be covered by the plan.

Specified reasons include: Injury or death of a person booked to travel with you which occurs before departure on your trip; a person booked to travel with you is a person booked to travel with you is quarantined, required to serve on a jury, or receives a court order to appear as a witness in a legal action; the home of a person booked to travel with you is made uninhabitable by natural disaster and will remain uninhabitable during your trip; the place of employment of a person booked to travel with you is damaged due to natural disaster and you or your traveling companion are required to remain at work as a result; a person booked to travel with you is called to emergency military duty following a natural disaster.*

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▼ [How do I report a claim?](#)

To file a claim, [click here](#).

▼ [What happens if I require medical or dental care while on my trip?](#)

Your primary coverage through Part B of the trip protection plan provides reimbursement for expenses incurred during your trip due to covered medical and dental emergencies—up to a maximum amount of \$50,000 for medical, with a \$750 sublimit for dental. Expenses for emergency medical or dental treatment incurred after the trip are not covered.

Most travel insurance benefits in the plan are subject to an Excess Insurance Limitation.

▼ [What happens if I must interrupt my trip and return home early?](#)

Your Part B Trip Interruption Benefits reimburse up to 150% of your non-refundable insured Trip Costs if you or your Traveling Companion are unable to continue your trip due to covered unforeseen reason.

▼ [When can I purchase a travel protection plan?](#)

A trip protection plan may be purchased at any time before you make your final payment, or at the time of final payment. It cannot be purchased after your trip has been paid for in full.

▼ [How do I view the status of a claim I've filed with Trip Mate?](#)

Once you've submitted a claim, you will receive a confirmation email from Trip Mate containing your claim number, an estimated timeline of your claim, and any requests for further documentation. You can also access the status of your claim by visiting the "Claim Status" section of the [Trip Mate website](#) and entering in your claim number, last name, and date of birth.

Machu Picchu & the Galapagos

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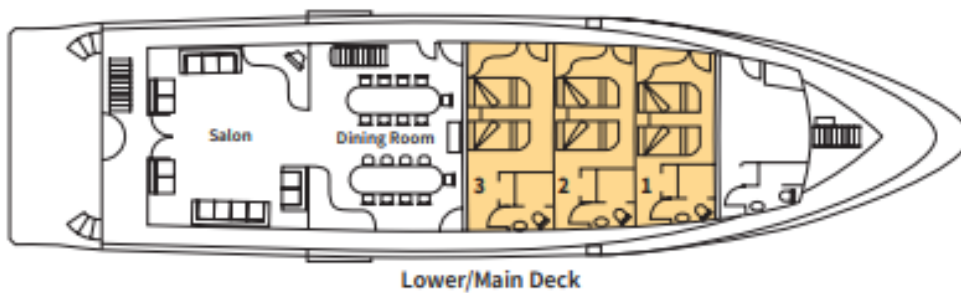
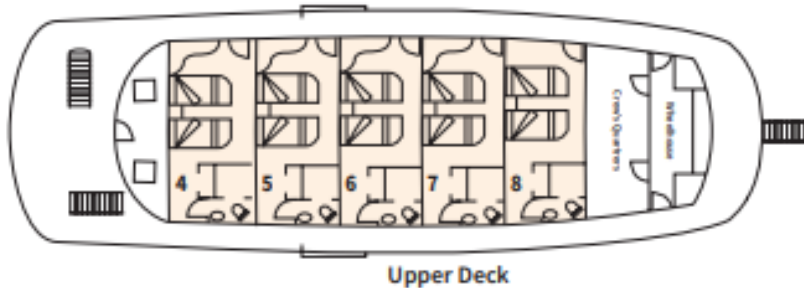
YOUR GALÁPAGOS SMALL SHIP Explore aboard a privately chartered, 16-passenger small ship Cruise the Galápagos Islands aboard a 16-passenger small ship that can easily maneuver around the islands. From your spot on the Sun Deck or balcony, look out for the same wildlife that Charles Darwin studied. Enjoy up-close experiences with wildlife like ancient giant tortoises and blue-footed boobies during our daily Zodiac excursions or while using the available snorkeling equipment. And get to know your group of fellow travelers while savoring a meal in the dining area or relaxing in the lounge areas.





SHIPBOARD FEATURES

- Dining room: Enjoy international cuisine on board, with beer and wine included during meals.
- Indoor common areas: Spend time getting to know your fellow travelers in the small lounge or dining area.
- Outdoor common areas: Take in the scenery and wildlife on the shore from the upper Sun Deck.
- Zodiac crafts: We will embark on Zodiacs from the ship for daily exploration of the islands.

GALÁPAGOS SMALL SHIP



Cabin Categories

-  **A** **Upper:** cabins on the highest passenger deck
-  **B** **Lower/Main:** cabins on the middle or bottom passenger deck

Registry: Guayaquil, Ecuador

Length: 100 ft.

Beam: 26 ft.

Draft: 7 ft.

Cabin size: 170 sq. ft.

Number of Cabins: 8

Passenger Capacity: 16

Entered Service: 2002

Ecuadorian crew: 10

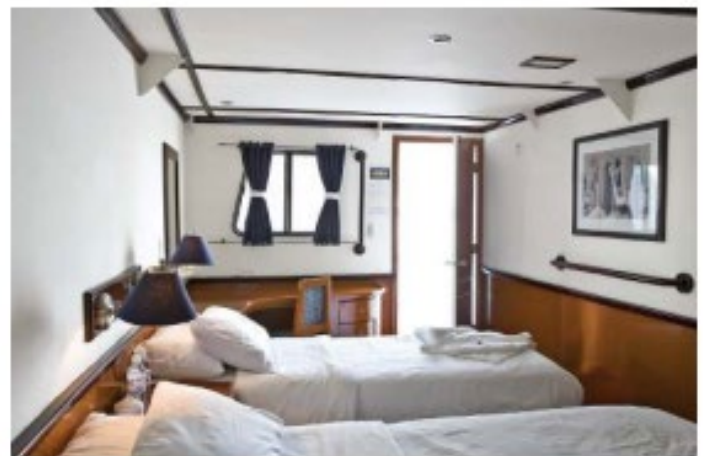
Group Size: 16 travelers

maximum, with 1 Trip
Experience Leader

O.A.T. may use a different ship depending on the trip departure date. This deck plan is typical but ships may vary slightly in size and facilities.

CABIN FEATURES

- Average cabin size is 170 sq. ft.
- All cabins are outside-facing with windows
- In-cabin amenities: Two twin beds, small desk
- In-bathroom amenities: Private bath with freshwater shower



Cabin with two twin beds