

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Flights:

Please contact Lorena Vega lorena.vega@tguio-viajes.com and Omar Mori omar.mori@tguio-viajes.com from T-Guio travel agency to book your flights to Galapagos. The flight for the conference will leave from Quito (UIO) on August 7 and will come back from San Cristobal (SCY) on August 11. If you would like to stay longer in the islands, please feel free to mention this to Omar and Lorena.

Accommodation:

Hotels in Quito:

On the day of the event in Quito, transportation will be provided from these hotels to all the attendees. When booking, please feel free to mention that you are with the APRU-SCL group to get the special USFQ rate.

- Wyndham Quito Airport <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/es-xl/wyndham/quito-ecuador/wyndham-quito-airport/overview>
- Holiday Inn Quito Airport <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/es/quito/uoap/hoteldetail>
- EB by Eurobuilding https://www.ebhotels.com/quito?gclid=CjwKCAjwhJukBhBPEiwAnilcNZvPpbmKHPohTQ_XYGfttwUtBzGouc4UjYBI0tjnKJ28h40qXF70_hoCoeAQAvD_BwE

Hotels in San Cristobal:

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Hostal Andry	Olivia Rogel Jimbo	(+593)98 973 3011	hostal_andry@outlook.es
Royal Galapagos Inn	Eduardo Veliz	(+593)96 838 2161	royalgalapagos22@gmail.com
Hotel Blue Marlin	Marcos Ballesteros	(+593)98 870 1424	info@bluemarlingalapagos.ec
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Hotel Galapagos Planet	No definido aún	(+593)5 2520 419	mafer.0199@gmail.com hotelgalapagosplanet@hotmail.com
Hotel Golden Bay & Spa	Luciana Bianchi	(+593)97 872 6293	sales@goldenbay.com.ec
Grand Hotel Chatham	Bety Cruz Rivas	(+593)98 717 1431	chathamhotel@hotmail.com

Sightseeing in Ecuador:

Quito:

Explore the historic center and wander through the UNESCO World Heritage Site, visit the Plaza Grande, the Presidential Palace, and the Cathedral. Climb to the top of the Basilica del Voto Nacional for panoramic views of Quito. Take a cable car ride, known as the TelefériQo, to the top of the Pichincha Volcano for breathtaking views of the city and surrounding mountains. Visit the Middle of the world and experience all the phenomenon that happen because of this unique location.

Otavalo:

Explore the famous Otavalo Indigenous Market, where you can find traditional textiles, crafts, and fresh produce. Visit the stunning Peguche Waterfall located near the town and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. Take a boat ride on the crater lake of Cuicocha and hike around its rim to enjoy the scenic beauty.

Tandayapa:

Visit USFQ's new biodiversity station located in the cloud forest of Tandayapa, about two hours away from Quito. Go birdwatching in the beautiful trails of the station.

Baños:

Relax in the thermal baths that are naturally heated by volcanic activity. Live the adventure by hiking, biking, or zip-lining in the beautiful surrounding mountains and waterfalls. Visit the impressive Pailon del Diablo waterfall and take a thrilling walk behind the cascading water.

Cotopaxi National Park:

Hike up to the refuge or engage in a more challenging climb to the summit of this active volcano. Enjoy a scenic walk around the Limpiopungo lake while observing the unique birdlife and highland fauna. Explore the park's stunning landscapes on horseback

Puerto Lopez:

Take a boat tour to Puerto Lopez island, often referred to as the "Poor Man's Galapagos," and spot various bird species, including the blue-footed booby. From June to September, embark on a boat trip to observe humpback whales in their natural habitat. Explore the Machalilla National Park protected area, hike through lush forests, visit secluded beaches, and learn about the park's conservation efforts.

Tiputini Biodiversity Station:

Visit USFQ's rainforest station located in one of the most biodiverse places on earth. Explore the Amazon rainforest with knowledgeable guides and spot diverse wildlife and plant species. *Have in mind that due to the logistics involved with getting to the station, the entry and exit days are only Monday and Friday.

San Cristobal Island:

Learn about the unique natural history and human settlement of the Galapagos Islands in the Interpretation Center. Snorkel or dive around the iconic Kicker Rock formation and swim with sea lions, rays, sharks and colorful fish. Relax on pristine beaches such as Playa Mann, Punta Carola, or La Loberia. Take a daytrip to the beautiful Española Island.

Santa Cruz Island:

Relax on the white sandy beach, swim, and snorkel in the clear waters of Tortuga Bay. Take a tour to the lush highlands of Santa Cruz to see giant tortoises roaming freely in their natural habitat. Visit Seymour Island or Bartolomé for the day.

Isabela Island:

Trek to the rim of the Sierra Negra volcano and enjoy breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes. Snorkel with marine life, including sea turtles, penguins, and sharks, around the Tintorerías islets. Explore the historic Tagus Cove, hike to a viewpoint, and spot various bird species.

If you have any questions regarding potential site visits, please contact María Paz Ayala mayala@usfq.edu.ec