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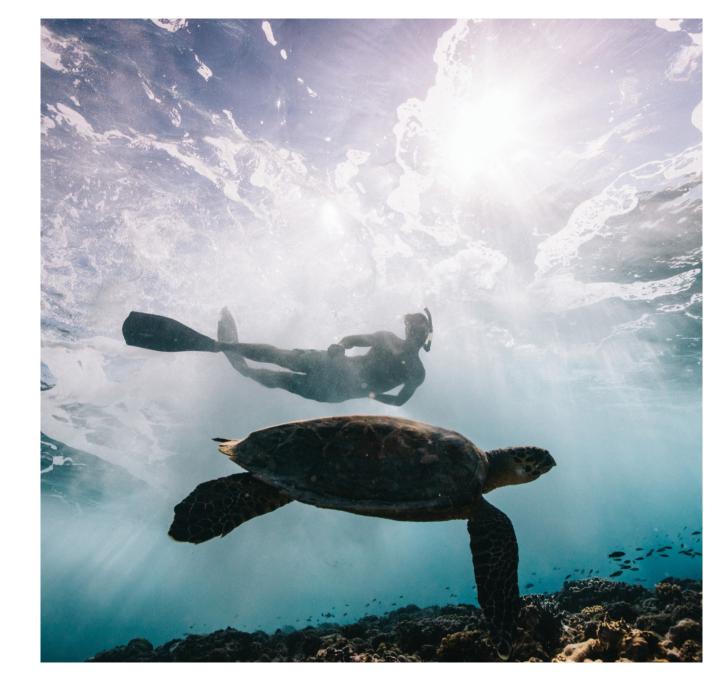


MEET A NEW WAY OF SAILING **TRAVEL ABOVE SEA LEVEL**



MEET KONTIKI

Kontiki is a new way to explore and discover unique and unexplored places in the coast of Ecuador. Our expeditions offer an authentic immersion in the local culture, traditions, history and gastronomy of the communities visited.



MEET THE ORIGIN

Our expeditions take their name from Kon-Tiki Viracocha, the God of all Creation in pre-Inca and Inca mythology. Viracocha means "sea foam," and he is represented by an old man with the sun as his crown, two lightning bolts in his hands, and tears in his eyes that symbolize rain.

Kon-Tiki Viracocha brought light into the world and created the universe. He is intimately connected with the ocean and legend tells how he started his journey in Titicaca and went north until he arrived at the Equator. In Manta, Viracocha disappeared walking westward across the Pacific Ocean promising to return one day.

We at Kontiki Expeditions have found purpose and inspiration through the values in Viracocha's legacy. Each sea expedition incorporates exploration, discovery, adventure, cultural immersion, ancient tradition and, above all, a deep connection with our natural surroundings and local people who are the soul of any destination.



Detail Oriented Boutique

A private yacht expedition where beauty and care are present in every detail, offering the comfort and amenities of a luxury voyage, but designed for an exclusive number of travelers.





All aboard

Entertainment areas, wellness experiences, personalized service, knowledgeable guides, and local chefs create a unique and memorable on-board experience.

MEET NEO-LUXURY

Kontiki is a Boutique Sea Expedition that offers travelers an authentic experience and activities for personal well-being. We seek luxury in the sustainable, in the innovative and in the connection between the spiritual and the material while respecting tradition.

MEET SUSTAINABILITY

The Kontiki journey immerses you in transformative experiences with emphasis on the fundamental values of conscious travel and sustainability



Sustainable destinations We collaborate with local communities respecting and supporting their activities and traditions, promoting their economic development, and participating in social projects aimed at improving

their quality of life.

Environmental Commitment

Kontiki has a firm objective regarding sustainability for 2022 with a commitment to protect the environment by measuring and reducing our CO2 footprint to offset emissions, by eliminating all single-use plastic, and by being an active member of projects and NGOs that promote the conservation of oceans and beaches.

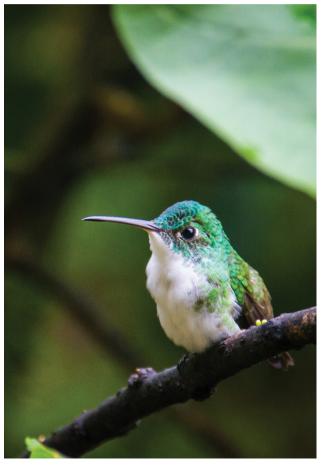


MEET THE EXPEDITIONS

Kontiki's eight-day luxury sea expeditions will take you to remote locations and to unique scenery, giving you a chance to interact with new surroundings along the Ecuadorean coast.

Meet the locals

Kontiki travelers will discover the culture, crafts, traditions and gastronomy of native communities along the American coast, accompanied at all times by our local crew and guides.





Travel Above Sea Level

A luxury sea expedition along seldom-traveled routes that reveal the beauty and authenticity of the destinations, passing through forests and wetlands, pristine beaches and ecological reserves, making a Kontiki sailing an extraordinary experience.





MEET THE EXPERIENCE

Discover the experiences above and below sea level that make Kontiki a unique and unforgettable boutique expedition. Cultural immersions and guided excursions will enable our travelers to connect with both their inner self and others.







Adventure

Explore Isla de la Plata, Salango and Isla Corazon by land and sea. Visit the Buenaventura natural reserve in Zaruma to observe exotic birds and flowers, as well as the Pacoche Reserve, home to howler monkeys and the smallest frog species in the world. Venture into a gold mine for a close look at how this precious material is extracted.

Sensory experience

We will delight the palates of our most demanding travelers through gastrocultural experiences rich in authentic flavors, textures and aromas in distinctive outdoor settings. Savor a private tasting of "tree to bar" selected artisanal chocolates made with Arriba Nacional cacao, used to create the most expensive chocolate in the world. Journey through la Ruta del Ceviche, a delicious path to the heart of Ecuadorian gastronomy.





Spiritual Experience

Walk along the shores of white and black sand beaches and learn about their special wellness properties. Experience an ancestral purification ritual to connect our souls with nature itself in a mystical local ceremony.

Learn by doing

Experiential gastronomy connects us with the roots and traditions of local communities and makes them our own. For our more adventurous travelers, the expedition includes fishing and gathering of local species that we will later prepare with our chef, staying faithful to the traditional recipes of each region.





Sea experience

Enjoy an unforgettable experience snorkelling, kayaking and paddle boarding in Isla de la Plata and the islets of Ayampe and Salango surrounded by marine species including manta rays, humpback whales, marine turtles and marine birds, with endemic species like the blue-footed boobies.

Cultural experience

Discover the origin of ancient cultures, dance to the beat of coastal rhythms and experience the traditions of local communities including the weaving of Ecuadorian Toquilla straw hats, the finest straw hats in the world and now declared Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO.



MEET THE YACHT

During the eight-day voyage, our yacht becomes a temple of wellness and discovery that sails along the coast of Ecuador, revealing unexplored land and sea and providing superb comfort, beauty and attention to detail.



The Staterooms

Nine exclusive staterooms are designed with a contemporary flair and the finest materials, for maximum comfort, a fitting complement to the beauty of the surroundings and the panoramic views that can be enjoyed from every corner. Our visitors will find the staterooms a welcoming space to enjoy the privileged feeling of "neo-luxury."













Social and outdoor areas

Outdoor spaces that inspire serenity and foster relaxation. Enjoy the opportunity to connect and disconnect in a variety of areas including the Organic Bar, the Chill Parlour or the Jacuzzi.



On-board connection

High-speed connectivity for travelers who want to share their experiences or don't want to miss their favorite shows, while respecting the preferences of those who wish to disconnect and "be forgotten" during the voyage.

Activities

Enjoy a variety of water sports: kayaking, paddle boarding, snorkelling and more. An intimate, serene spa and a gym add to your on-board wellness experience.







MEET THE ITINERARY

Kontiki is an adventure sea expedition that sails along the coast of Ecuador. Each stop in the map will have us floating, even when we are on land.

The two routes reveal seldom-visited spots like Bahia de Caraquez, Mompiche, Manta, Isla de Ia Plata, Salango, Machalilla, Ayangue, Santa Clara and Zaruma.



Day 1. Manta Welcome Dinner - Bahía de Caraquez Day 2. Bahia de Caraguez - Mompiche Day 3. Mompiche - Manta Day 4. Manta - Isla de la Plata Day 5. Isla de la Plata - Machalilla National Park & Beaches Day 6. Machalilla National Park & Beaches/Ayangue - Puerto Bolivar Day 7. Puerto Bolivar/Zaruma - Guayaquil Day 8. Guayaquil

Day 1. Guayaguil Welcome Dinner Day 2. Guayaquil - Puerto Bolivar/Puyango Day 3. Puyango Petrified Forest & Isla Santa Clara - Salinas Day 4. Salinas & Ayangue - Machalilla National Park & Beaches Day 5. Machalilla National Park & Beaches - Isla de la Plata Day 6. Isla de la Plata - Bahia de Caraquez Day 7. Bahia de Caraquez- Manta Day 8. Manta

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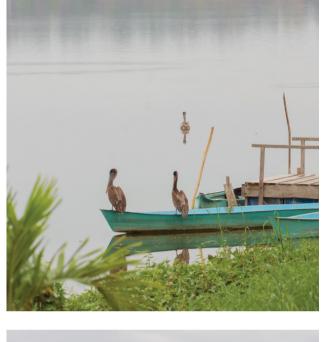


CACAO ROUTE BAHÍA DE CARAQUEZ

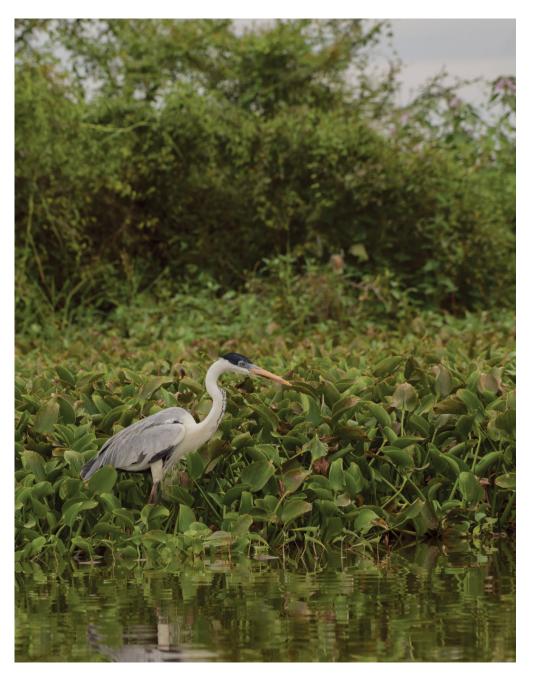
Venture into the Cacao Route and be part of a select group of people privileged to see the oldest cocoa trees in the world, the Heritage trees. More than 200 years old, they yield the rarest cocoa beans that are harvested, processed, aged (like wine) and turned into unique chocolate creations following artisanal techniques.

Meet the community of producers responsible for keeping the tradition alive and indulge in a gastronomic experience that includes a Cacao Tasting Lunch menu and a "Tree to Bar" chocolate tasting with local expert chocolatiers. An unforgettable event that will connect your senses with the surrounding nature, culture, tradition and gastronomy

Activities: Gastronomy, Communities, Trekking



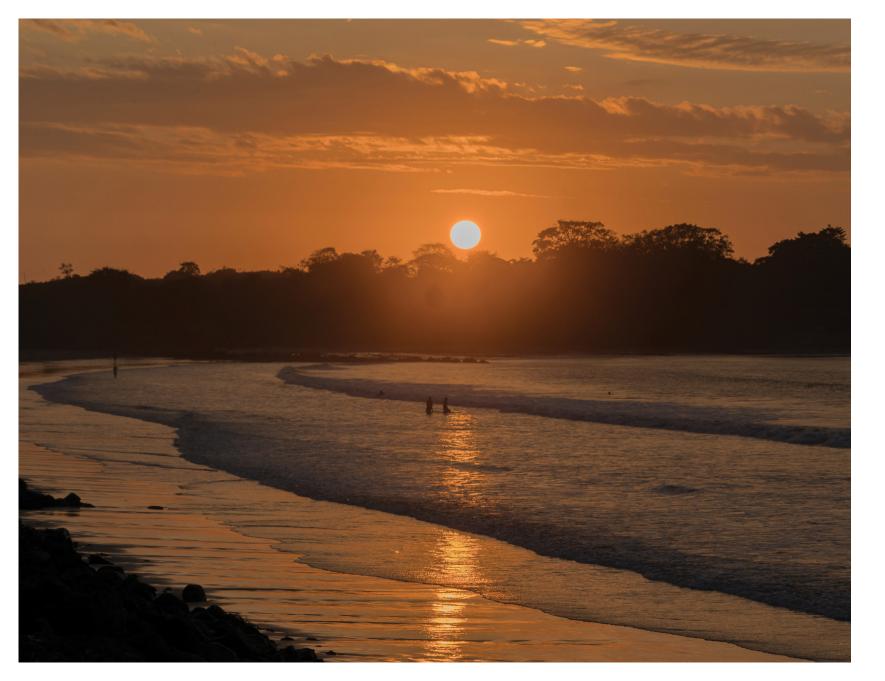




HUMEDAL LA SEGUA bahía de caraquez

Canoe your way into one of the largest natural wetlands in Ecuador, with 1742 hectares. La Segua is a refuge for a diversity of aquatic and land animals, plants and, above all, it is a sanctuary for birds. La Segua is home to more than 177 species of birds including migrant species from North America. This wetland is a tranquil location to relax and connect with a vast ecosystem.

Activities: Bird watching, Trekking



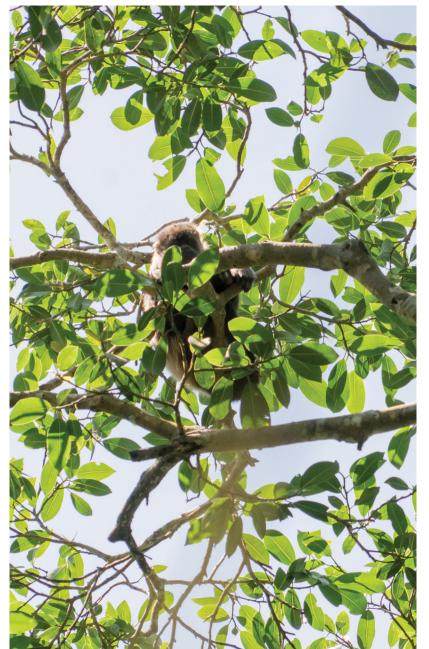
MOMPICHE BEACH AND NATURAL RESERVE MOMPICHE

Marimba beats and warm smiles will welcome you to the Afro-American community of Mompiche. Learn about local artisan fishermen and get an understanding of their lifestyle and traditions. Discover the rarely visited beach of Portete and stride through the mangrove for "Concheo" a local activity of collecting shellfish that will later become the star of our meal. Experiential gastronomy awakens the senses and teaches us about native produce, flavors and culture.

Peruvian Paso horses will take us for a ride at the beach that will end with a visit to a private natural reserve and water activities around Jupiter Island.

Activities:

Beach, Trekking, Gastronomy, Horseback Riding, Water Activities, Natural Reserve







PACOCHE MARINE WILDLIFE REFUGE

Fifty kilometers of pristine beaches are part of the refuge; some of them are special nesting locations of marine turtles and we will see tiny tortoises leaving the beach on their way to the ocean at specific times of the year. Pacoche extends for over 5,000 hectares of humid tropical forest and it is the stage for exuberant vegetation and singular animal species. Howler monkeys are the most distinctive of the 41 species of mammals inhabiting the wildlife refuge of Pacoche.

Rock formations, caves and cliffs are part of the local landscape and at the very top of the hills we will find the refuge lighthouse. From there we will enjoy breathtaking views of the coast and nearby beaches.

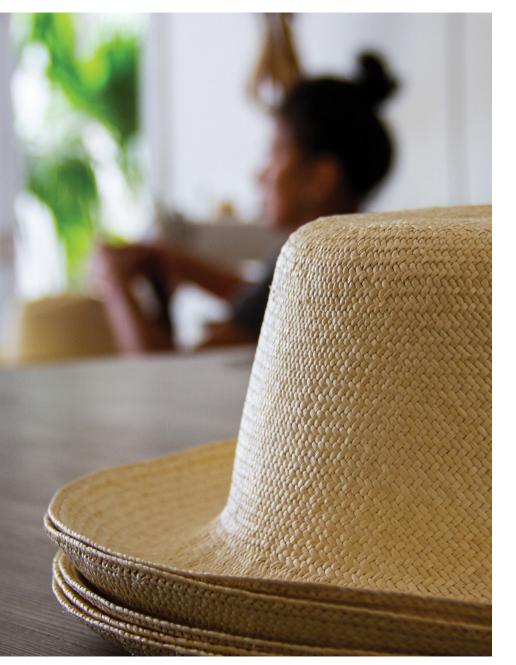
Activities:

Bird Watching, Natural Reserve, Trekking, Sightseeing









COMMUNITY OF PILE AND MONTECRISTI

Expert skill, indigenous materials and a millenary tradition give life to the craft that our expedition is named after.

Incorrectly known as Panama Hats, the Toquilla Straw Hat was designated in 2012 as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of the World.

The small town of Pile is known for the community of artisan weavers responsible for making the finest and most expensive Toquilla straw hats in the world. You will be able to visit the weavers' homes and see firsthand how the hats are made.

Combining local organic produce, with authentic cuisine and creativity, our executive chef Cecilia Cedeño will pamper us with an on-site demonstration of the rich culinary culture from Manabí in a delightful farm-to-table experience.

Activities: Gastronomy, Handcrafts, Communities



ISLA DE LA PLATA parque nacional machalilla

Also known as "Small Galapagos," Isla de la Plata is a hidden treasure 17 miles off the coast of Ecuador. With almost seven square kilometers, this uninhabited island harbors blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, Galapagos' frigates, sea tortoises and other singular species.

There are several trails across the island to explore its amazing ecosystem above sea level as well as below surface. Snorkelling will let you discover a submarine world where you can spot giant rays and other aquatic species.

From June through October we will watch how large groups of humpback whales from the Antarctic Ocean, arrive to our coast to mate and reproduce in warmer waters. An extraordinary display of playful acrobatics above water will captivate us while we traverse the sea to our next destination.

Activities:

Trekking, Sightseeing, Bird Watching, Water Activities, Diving, Whale Watching



LOS FRAILES BEACH PARQUE NACIONAL MACHALILLA

Los Frailes is one of the most beautiful beaches in the coast of Ecuador. With a crescent shape, it is guarded by cliffs that protect it from the wind. White sand lapped by warm and shallow waters invite visitors to bathe and relax for hours. Snorkeling close to the rocks at the base of the cliffs reveals schools of colorful fish that live in the area. A pleasant hiking trail will take us to several lookout spots at the top of one of the cliffs where you can see neighboring pristine beaches and astounding ocean views.

Activities: Beach, Trekking, Water Activities



AGUA BLANCA MUSEUM AND VILLAGE Parque Nacional Machalilla

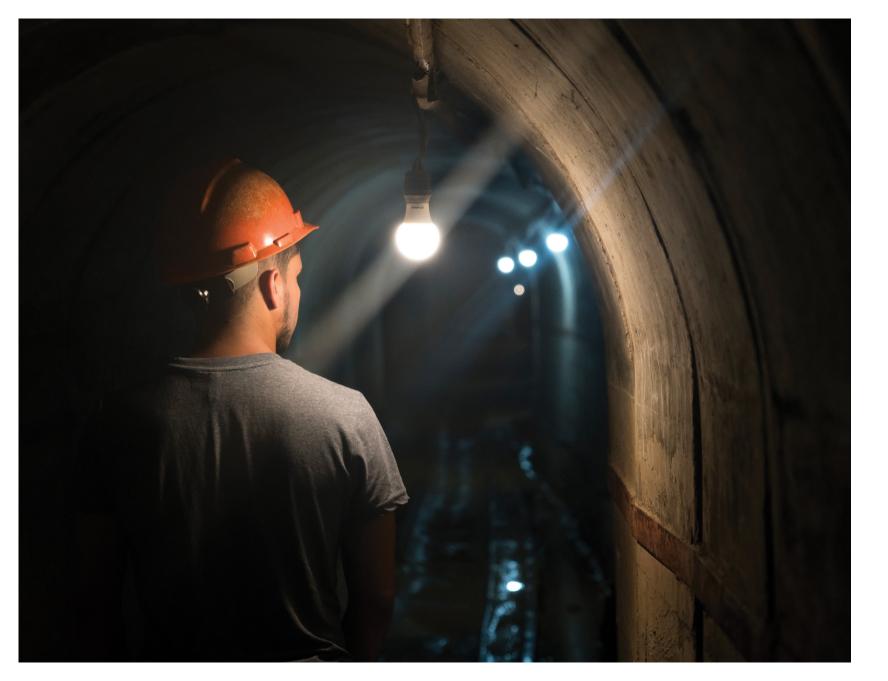
Agua Blanca is a small settlement that holds the remains of one of the most ancient civilizations in South America, the Manteño culture of the pre-Columbian period.

The ancient Agua Blanca Community was among the few communities that resisted colonization for the longest time. Therefore, many traditions and archeological findings are preserved. A set of temples, cottages, and plazas typical of the Manteño culture, as well as archeological pieces and skulls, can be found on this site dating from 1500 BC.

Get ready to swim in a natural sulfur lagoon whose minerals and mud treatments are said to have medicinal and wellness attributes. Howler monkeys, butterflies, hummingbirds and local flora such as ceibo trees can also be seen here during the trail walks through the forest. Agua Blanca is a mix of natural wonder, culture and archeology.

Activities:

Trekking, Archeological Site, Swimming, Bird Watching



EL SEXMO GOLD MINE ZARUMA

Suit up with the miner's boots and helmet and get immersed in this unusual exploration of an ancient gold mine, learning about its history and operation. El Sexmo is the oldest mine in the region and in recent years has shifted its activity from extraction to tourism, which we at Kontiki support and applaud from a sustainability standpoint.

Zaruma's mining industry dates back to the pre-Inca era becoming the main source of economic income for La Real Audiencia de Quito. This is an expedition through history and culture that will reveal the secrets behind gold extraction while experiencing the working conditions of miners 500 meters into a golden cave.

Activities: Trekking, Sightseeing, Natural Reserve





ZARUMA'S OLD TOWN ZARUMA

A haven for coffee lovers and an ode to early 1900's architecture, Zaruma has been named Cultural Patrimony of Ecuador and it is considered to be a "magical" town for its natural beauty, cultural richness, traditions, folklore, historical relevance, cuisine, art and crafts, and superb hospitality.

We will enjoy an authentic gastronomic experience with food from local markets in an old house in Zaruma and will see from the inside how architecture can tell the history of a place and show the intimate connection between people and nature.

Activities: Gastronomy, Trekking, Sightseeing, Communities



MARINE RESERVE ISLA SANTA CLARA Puerto Bolivar

A magical collection of islands and islets guarded by the ocean at the southern coast of Ecuador, Santa Clara is a natural refuge for more than 23,000 birds and a large colony of sea lions. A trail walk around the island will bring us up close and personal with nesting blue-footed boobies, frigates and pelicans. On the shore, a large colony of sea lions go in and out of the water in their daily feeding chores without paying much attention to our curious eyes.

The rich underwater ecosystem in Santa Clara not only attracts marine birds and sea lions, but also invites dolphins and whales who grace us with their lively gymnastics from the months of June through October.

Activities:

Bird Watching, Trekking, Water Activities, Natural Reserve





BUENAVENTURA RESERVE, JOCOTOCO FOUNDATION Puerto Bolívar

In the southern region of the coast expands the Buenaventura reserve with more than 1500 hectares of cloud forest and four different microclimates. The reserve is managed by a private foundation in charge of protecting the habitat for more than 320 species of birds including 36 species of hummingbirds and 30 local species; 255 species of butterflies; and a diversity of marsupials, reptiles and amphibians. An easy guided walk along one of the five 5 trails available will immerse us in a sub-tropical forest naturally adorned with exotic orchids. A true natural paradise that will attest to Ecuador's being the most biodiverse country in the world.

Activities: Trekking, Bird Watching, Natural Reserve



LA CHOCOLATERA Salinas

Salinas is the largest coastal resort and is located in the westernmost point of Ecuador. From December to April, Salinas' relaxed beach lifestyle is replaced by a vibrant touristic center with a seasonal offering of restaurants, clubs and events.

La Chocolatera is a natural breakwater where the ocean displays its strength while mercilessly hitting its rocks. It is a beautiful location that amazes as well as inspires awe from its visitors.

Five minutes away from Salinas is La Lobería, a natural reserve where turquoise water and white sand house a small community of sea lions. You can discover this reserve with a hike along its trails, snorkeling, or kayaking above sea level. This is also a hot spot for surfing along the sea lions.

Salinas del Siglo XXI is an interesting museum with archeological pieces, small replicas of antique rafts used by the Manteño – Huancavilca culture, and important pieces made out of spondylus, which was the currency, used in the past for commerce and the precious shell that our expedition takes its name after.

Activities:

Trekking, Sightseeing, Water Activities, Archeological Site, Beach





PUYANGO PETRIFIED FOREST El Oro

Once covered by the ocean, Puyango Petrified Forest originated as a result of cataclysms and geological events from thousands of years ago which brought an incredible collection of marine fossils and petrified wood to the surface forming an invaluable sample of the remote past of our planet.

A walk through the forest is a travel in time. It takes your breath away to see the gathering of petrified Araucarios, which are more than 100 million years old and are believed to be the largest collection of petrified wood in the world. By contrast, petrified fossils co-exist beautifully with live vegetation and animals in a tropical forest where you can see more than 130 species of birds and animals such as deer, small leopards, squirrels, foxes, armadillos, amphibians and reptiles.

Activities:

Trekking, Natural Reserve, Sightseeing, Bird Watching



GUAYAQUIL CITY GUAYAQUIL

La Perla del Pacifico (Pacific's Pearl) is the unofficial name for Guayaquil. This is the largest city in Ecuador, home to beautiful historic locations that have been preserved despite the vibrant life and growth of the city.

Las Peñas has become the historic bohemian neighborhood of the city, bursting with life in the form of small traditional cafes, bars and restaurants, art galleries and handicraft shops. At the top of the 444 steps that take you uphill, a lighthouse and a small church crown the neighborhood while offering amazing views of the city. Next to this colonial neighborhood is Puerto Santa Ana, a modern development where cultural and leisure activities take place.

Activities: Walking, Sightseeing, Culture



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