

Useful Information

Gratuities:

You will quickly discover that the warm smiles and greetings from our staff extend well beyond the chilled glass of champagne that welcomes you aboard. A service charge is not included with the fare as it is optional and should be based merely on your perception of our crew performance at the end of the expedition. As a guideline we suggest that each passenger leaves between US\$ 300.00 – US\$350.00 per week, which is the international standard for Luxury Expeditions. Gratuities may be paid in cash or charged to your credit card and will be distributed among our crew and guides.

Land Expeditions:

The Yachts will sail along the coast and will anchor close to the shore. Expeditions to land sites will start with a zodiac ride that may result in wet or dry landing. Wet landing involves stepping into water (ankle to knee high) and walking to shore; dry landings involve stepping directly into land. Our expert guides will lead all zodiac rides and will assist you during either type of landing.

A detailed brief of the expeditions is provided ahead of time to inform about the location, topography of the land (most of the trails are easy or moderate), weather and appropriate clothing.

Land transfers will be necessary to reach some sites. Company owned vehicles are used for transportation to ensure comfort, safety and timely departures. There are usually two guided visits per day allowing for enough time to discover and connect with local culture and with nature. Water activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, SUPs and swimming are also available in most coastal expeditions.

Water Activities:

We are well equipped to help you enjoy multiple opportunities for water activities available during our expedition.

Snorkeling equipment (masks, fins and snorkels) and 3 mm wetsuits are available in various sizes free of charge in a first come first served basis. Wetsuits are not often necessary as average water temperature off the coast of Ecuador ranges from 24C (76F) to 26C (80F).

If you are a frequent snorkeler you can plan ahead of time and bring your own equipment for a perfect fit and comfort.

Four tandem and two single clear kayaks and four stand up paddleboards are also available for coastal exploration and fun.

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Itinerary Conditions:

Kontiki Expeditions reserves the right at its sole option and discretion and that of the Captain of the vessel without liability for damages or refund of any kind to deviate from the vessel's advertised or ordinary itinerary for any reason including mechanical failure. Kontiki will not be held responsible for any refund whatsoever for changes to the printed or scheduled itinerary.