



## **GALAPAGOS ISLANDS LUXURY TOURS**

Private adventures in the Galapagos Islands from the comfort of luxury lodges



## JOURNEY OVERVIEW

Your luxury tour of the Galapagos Islands begins with your international arrival in Ecuador's capital, Quito. With your expert guide, visit the highlights of the city's colonial center, such as the Archbishop's Palace and the famous golden interior of the Compañía de Jesús church. From there, a commercial flight takes you to Baltra Island in the Galapagos, where you will connect with your private flight to Isabela Island, the largest in the archipelago. During your time in Isabela, enjoy some of the Galapagos' most varied hiking, and explore underwater lava tunnels by snorkel. Next, your private tour of the Galapagos continues with a short private flight to Santa Cruz Island. There, embark on a variety of sea-based excursions to experience the wildlife of surrounding islands, together with land-based explorations of Santa Cruz. Mingle with sea lions, giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies, and more as you snorkel off the coast, or embark on an inland hike in the highlands. In the evenings, relax and enjoy the amenities of your luxury lodge.

### A Taste of Blue Parallel's Insider Access

- Private aerial sightseeing tour over the Galapagos
- Private scuba diving excursions
- Access to the best guides and biologists in the Galapagos
- Exclusive access to one of Quito's most picturesque colonial churches at night

### The Discovery

- Quito
- Galapagos Islands
- Isabela Island
- Santa Cruz Island

### The Adventure

- Hiking
- Kayaking
- Snorkeling
- Scuba diving

### Duration

9 Days

### When to go?

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DESTINATIONS			TRAVEL TIME
QUITO		BALTRA	3 hrs 40 min
BALTRA		ISABELLA	30 min
ISABELLA		BALTRA	30 min
BALTRA		GUAYAQUIL	3 hrs 40 min





## PHOTOGRAPHY



## PRIVATE TOUR GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

*Please note: This private tour to the Galapagos is an example,  
as all of our luxury journeys are custom-made*

Please contact us to start planning your custom-made private adventure of a lifetime.

### Quito (2 nights)

Your luxury Ecuador tour starts in Quito, where your personal host will greet you before your transfer to Casa Gangotena, a luxurious boutique hotel in the historical center of Quito. On your first day in Ecuador, you'll explore Ecuador's exciting capital. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is nicknamed "the Florence of South America" for the artistic traditions of its colonial period. Visit the city's picturesque churches and indulge in gourmet meals. Blue Parallel will provide you with exclusive access to the Convent of Santo Domingo in the evening, an opulent church constructed in a Latin American Baroque style, known for its breathtaking interiors and beautiful views of the city from its rooftop.

### Isabela Island (2 nights)

Following a commercial flight to the airport in Baltra Island, continue via a short private flight to Isabela Island and arrive at your beachfront property. Then, head out on your first hiking excursion along the Humedales trail, ending with a stop at a flamingo lagoon and tortoise breeding site, where you will learn about these impressive creatures. The following day, explore the island's volcanic tunnels, wading through caverns on foot or snorkeling with white-tip reef sharks, manta rays, and parrotfish at Las Tuneles.

### Santa Cruz Island (4 nights)

Depart Isabela Island for Santa Cruz Island via private flight. During your time at either Pikaia Lodge or Galapagos Safari Camp, you will embark on daily excursions with your naturalist guide. Discover nearby islands by boat or participate in land-based explorations of the highlights of Santa Cruz Island. Options include hiking, snorkeling with sea lions, visiting a penguin colony, or relaxing on beautiful secluded beaches. In the evenings, enjoy a waterfront barbeque, indulge in a massage, or simply relax in the outdoor pool.



## ABOUT BLUE PARALLEL

### Blue Parallel is a bespoke luxury travel boutique.



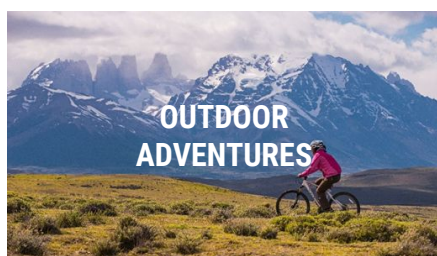
Our mission is to take discerning, time-constrained travelers to the most spectacular natural and cultural wonders of Latin America, the Mediterranean, and the Polar Regions.



We create private, tailor-made journeys that focus on UNESCO World Heritage Sites, insider access experiences, and extraordinary outdoor adventures.



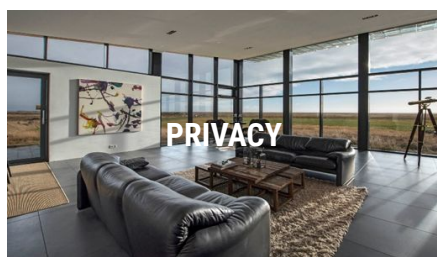
Since launching in 2003, we have become the go-to service for luxury travelers searching for top-of-the-line experiential journeys. We have been selected as an A-list Top Travel Advisor by Travel + Leisure every year since 2009, and are proudly part of the leading luxury travel network Virtuoso and their Ultraluxe Community (a by-invitation-only membership for the industry's most exclusive services and providers). We have hosted numerous eminent travelers since our inception and are frequently featured in prestigious international publications.



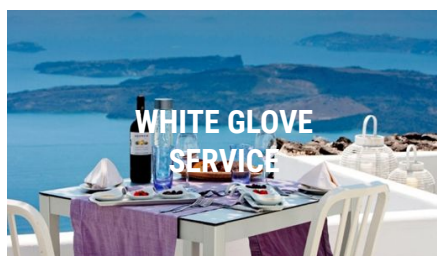
Blue Parallel journeys feature breathtaking outdoor adventures led by expert guides or accomplished athletes. Scuba diving in the Belize Reef, biking through Berber villages in the Atlas Mountains, ice-trekking on the Perito Moreno Glacier, dog sledding in Lapland, rafting on the Pacuare River in Costa Rica, and hiking the fjords of Norway are only a few examples of the extraordinary outdoor adventures we incorporate in our tailor-made itineraries. We take great satisfaction in designing custom-made adventures of a lifetime.



At Blue Parallel, we open doors to unique opportunities that match our travelers' interests. Our team travels year-round, seeking out the most intriguing insider experiences. Over the years, we have developed invaluable relationships with esteemed scholars, acclaimed artists, Olympic athletes, renowned chefs, directors of historical and natural landmarks, as well as with local leaders in politics and business, to name just a few examples.



Privacy has always been a top priority in all aspects of a Blue Parallel journey. Exclusive accommodations range from remote, fully-serviced villas in Iceland, a lighthouse on a private island in Norway, or a luxury private camp in the Sahara Desert. Examples of private custom experiences include an after-hours tour of the Alhambra in Andalusia, chartering a luxury yacht in the Galapagos Islands, or taking a private train ride to Machu Picchu. We can provide all these ultimate exclusive experiences and more so that our travelers can have the option to enjoy some of the world's most spectacular sights without the crowds.



Blue Parallel travelers are assigned a dedicated team comprised of:

- A personal travel expert
- A personal host in each destination
- Expert on-site guides and scholars
- Behind-the-scenes logistical experts to monitor every step of the journey

We are on call for our travelers 24-hours a day during their trip, ensuring a smooth and stress-free experience. Whatever happens, our team is one step ahead, and we provide the flexibility to change the program during the journey, if need be.

## CERTAINTY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Blue Parallel's expertise and our obsession with details offer certainty in an uncertain world. We have almost 2 decades of experience handling unforeseen circumstances, and the recent pandemic has only increased the significant value of having our dedicated teams offer limitless support to our travelers before, during, and after their journeys.



## OUR DESTINATIONS

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ARGENTINA



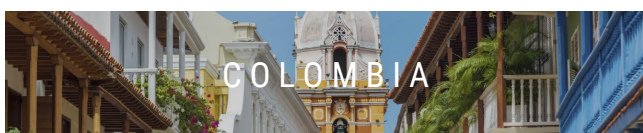
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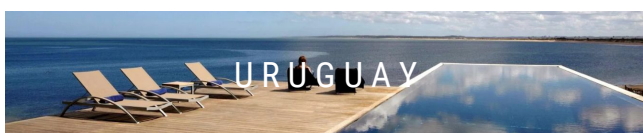
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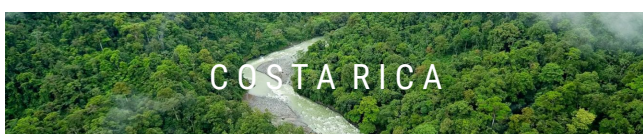
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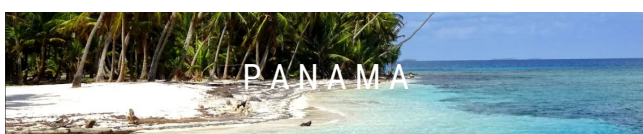
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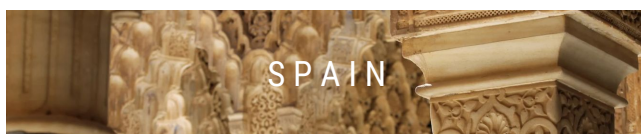
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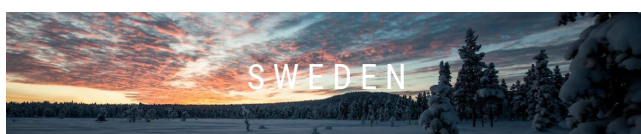
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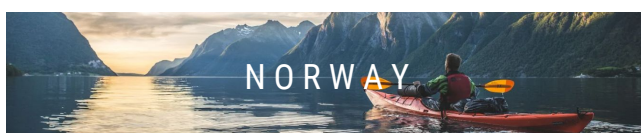
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TURKEY



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NORWAY



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## BLUE PARALLEL IN THE MEDIA

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TRAVEL+  
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VOGUE

## START PLANNING

We are experts in creating inspiring tailor-made itineraries. We will take your vision, try to enhance it, and then make your dream trip a reality. You can call us at 1-301-263-6670 Monday-Friday | 9 AM - 5PM ET, or send us an email to [info@blueparallel.com](mailto:info@blueparallel.com).

### How it all works

1

#### Contact us

Give us a call or send us an email in order to connect with one of our expert travel advisors.

2

#### Initial Consultation

We will ask you questions about your dream trip, make recommendations, and answer any questions you may have.

3

#### Summary Itinerary Outline

We will check availability for your preferred travel dates with our favorite accommodations and then provide you with a recommended summary trip outline.

4

#### Detailed Itinerary Proposal

Upon your approval of the summary outline, we will make tentative reservations and create a detailed custom-made itinerary with pricing documentation for your review.

5

#### Booking Procedures

If you would like Blue Parallel to secure your itinerary, we will email you our booking procedures and kindly request a deposit payment.

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#### Pre-Trip Support

Closer to your travel dates, we will mail you a personalized travel package to ensure you are fully prepared for your journey.

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#### During the Trip

While you are traveling, our team will be available to assist you with anything you may need at any time.

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#### Post-Trip Debrief

After your journey, we would kindly ask to schedule a "debriefing call" to hear your feedback. Alternatively, you could fill in an online survey.

We will do our very best to surpass your expectations every step of the way. Most of our travelers are repeat travelers - we take great pride in forging long-term relationships with our savvy guests.