

TARA BRADLEY – LANDSHARKZ – ECUADOR/PERU/BOLIVIA 2028

- Itinerary -

March 22, 2028

Day 1 – Arrival in Quito, Ecuador

Upon arrival at the Quito Mariscal Sucre International Airport, a representative will greet the group and transfer them by private transfer to the hotel for check in. (2:00 pm check in)

Quito, the capital of Ecuador, is a high-altitude city (2,850m) nestled in the Andes Mountains and recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Known for having Latin America’s best-preserved historic center, it features colonial architecture, stunning churches, and a vibrant Andean culture, all set against a backdrop of active volcanoes.

The rest of evening at leisure to acclimatize.

Overnight at Quito at Hotel Mercure Alameda - superior room (2 Nights)

March 23, 2028

Day 2 – Full Day Mindo Cloud Forest

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Breakfast at the hotel and then group will be picked up for a Private Full Day tour to Mindo Cloud Forest. Lunch included.

The Mindo Cloud Forest is a renowned, biodiversity-rich sanctuary located about two hours northwest of Quito. Situated in the Andean highlands at roughly 1,300 meters, this tropical, misty ecosystem is famous for world-class birdwatching, vibrant orchids, waterfalls, and eco-adventure activities like ziplining and tubing.

Leaving Quito after an early breakfast at your hotel, you will travel to Mindo to admire and enjoy the interactive butterfly garden where, surrounded by hundreds of colorful butterflies, you will be able to observe the four stages of a butterfly’s life. While you are in the garden you will be able to feed one or more of the 25 different species of butterflies. Explore the Mindo Nambillo Protected Forest. You will ride through the air on the traditional tarabita and take a route through the Waterfall Sanctuary with its seven idyllic waterfalls! Next on the agenda is a visit to a chocolate factory, the ultimate destination for cocoa and culinary enthusiasts alike. You will see and taste! every step of the chocolate making process and try the delicious chocolates made from the highest quality, world famous Ecuadorian cocoa. After lunch you will head back to Quito. Drop at the hotel, evening at leisure.

*A visit to the “Hummingbirds” is included in the tour, the excursion does visit a location where guests will have the opportunity to observe and photograph several species of hummingbirds.

Note: Calacalí is included as part of the Mindo Full Day tour at no additional cost, as it is conveniently located along the route.

March 24, 2028

Day 3 – Full Day Quito – Colonial & Equatorial Line

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Breakfast at the hotel and then group will check out. Group will be picked up for a Private Full Day tour of Quito Colonial & Equatorial Line. Lunch included.

In the morning you will make a 45 minute journey northwest to the equatorial line, where you will walk the rim of the extinct Pululahua volcanic crater. Later you will visit the “Ciudad Mitad del Mundo”- the Intiñan Museum, located right on the Equator. Here you will have the chance to plant your feet in two hemispheres at the same time.

Back in Quito, after lunch we will visit the city’s impressive colonial center, the reason Quito was the first city to be named a world heritage site by the United Nations. First on the agenda is a walk through the main plaza, the ‘Plaza de la Independencia’, where you will see the Government Palace, the Cathedral, and some of the most important churches built around the XVI and XVII centuries, including the San Francisco Monastery, a building begun only 5 days after the founding of the city.

Drop off Wyndam Quito Airport (your overnight hotel before heading to the Galapagos).

March 25-April 2, 2028

Day 4-11 – Lindblad/National Geographic Galapagos Tour

April 02, 2028

Day 12 – Cusco / to Sacred Valley

Upon arriving at Cusco airport, you are greeted by a member of the team, ready to guide you through this new city. We begin our journey toward the Sacred Valley, passing through the charming Imperial City. Along the way a special **stop at the Sulca Museum**, where Peru’s textile history is showcased through unique pieces recreated by the talented Sulca family, inspired by Pre-Columbian, Inca, Colonial, and Contemporary cultures, and crafted using ancestral techniques. It is the perfect place to acquire your first authentic souvenir from the Andes. You then continue toward the hotel crossing majestic mountains and fertile fields, feeling that each kilometer brings you closer to the deep serenity of the Sacred Valley of the Incas

Continue to hotel for check in. The rest of evening at leisure to acclimatize.

Overnight at Sacred Valley at La Casona De Yucay Hotel, standard room (2 Nights)

April 03, 2028

Day 13 – Full Day Authentic Sacred Valley Tour - Maras & Moray & Misminay

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Breakfast at the hotel and then group will be picked up for a Private Full Day tour in Sacred Valley including **visit to Maras, Moray & Misminay** (Duration approx. 7 hrs).

Today is dedicated to exploring three jewels of the Sacred Valley of the Incas: Maras, Moray and Misminay. From the top, we will have a majestic view of the ancient Maras salt mines, where the coveted Maras salt - one of the finest in the world - is collected. You will see almost 3,000 pools that in Inca times

were an important center for the imperial economy. Today, it continues to be a valuable source of income for hundreds of families. With stunning panoramic views of the mosaic of terraces and ponds, Maras offers the perfect setting for photography enthusiasts. You will also arrive at the Moray archaeological site, which resembles a natural amphitheater. During the Tahuantinsuyo, it functioned as a laboratory and agricultural research center, according to some studies. Its enormous concentric terraces and the variety of microclimates they created allowed the growth of a variety of crops. Then you will visit the traditional community of Misminay, where you will enjoy a valuable cultural exchange and get to know the traditional Andean lifestyle up close. Its inhabitants will welcome you with their characteristic warmth between music and typical dances, and then invite you to take part in their different daily activities related with planting, harvesting, and textile work. Return to the hotel, evening at leisure.

April 04, 2028

Day 14 – Train to Aguas Calientes / Machu Picchu Guided Visit

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Breakfast at the hotel and then check out. At the scheduled time, a representative will accompany group during the transfer from the Hotel to Ollanta train station. Here group will board the **Train to Machu Picchu**. (Train is Vistadome)

Note: Please pack a small overnight bag and your luggage will be transferred separately to the hotel in Cusco for the following day

Upon arrival group will have a **private tour of Machu Picchu with lunch included**.

One of the most important tourist landmarks in the world awaits you: Machu Picchu! The adventure will begin aboard the train to Aguas Calientes, also known as Machu Picchu Pueblo, a picturesque town at the foot of the emblematic Inca citadel. During the train ride you can enjoy the natural beauty of the surroundings, with impressive views of majestic mountains, the Vilcanota river and small towns of the Peruvian Andes; a visual feast that fills you with anticipation for the visit to the wonder that is Machu Picchu. After a short bus ride from Aguas Calientes we will find ourselves in front of one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World – an unforgettable sight! From there, you will explore the ancient ruins, learning all about the history and mysteries that this mystical and impressive place holds. Surrounded by incomparable landscapes, there will be no shortage of spectacular photo opportunities! Once we have recharged ourselves with the magical energy of Machu Picchu, we will return to Aguas Calientes where we will have free time to have lunch and explore the streets.

Check into the hotel, evening at leisure.

Overnight in Aguas Calientes at El Mapi Hotel, superior deluxe room (1 Night)

April 05, 2028

Day 15 – Train back to Cusco

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Breakfast at the hotel and spend the morning at leisure in the town and then check out.

Optional 2nd Visit to Machu Picchu ruins – unguided

CAD\$199.00 per person

A second entry to Machu Picchu will offer you a new perspective, allowing you to explore it with greater calm and depth. It will be the perfect opportunity to focus on details that may have gone unnoticed, follow alternative paths, and immerse yourselves in the unique energy of this sacred place. You will rediscover temples and enclosures with a more analytical approach, appreciating their engineering, symbolism, and perfect harmony with nature. With every step, you will feel history come to life before our eyes.

The optional visit will include transportation to and from the site and the hotel.

Overnight in Cusco at Jose Antonio Cusco Hotel, standard room (2 Nights)

April 06, 2028

Day 16 – Half Day City Tour of Cusco and San Pedro market and nearby ruins

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Breakfast at the hotel and then this morning group will have a **Private Half Day City Tour of Cusco and San Pedro market and nearby ruins**. (Duration approx. 4 hrs)

This charming half-day tour of Cusco offers you history, living culture and art. You will be able to appreciate how the Andean and Spanish cultures, as well as the past and the present, coexist in harmony in the Imperial City. You will arrive at the center to walk the halls of the San Pedro market, the oldest in the city. Designed in 1925 by Gustave Eiffel, today it brings together hundreds of merchants selling local products. You will also visit the Koricancha temple, which during the Inca empire was a center of worship of the Sun and on which the Santo Domingo convent was later built as part of the evangelization process. Its baroque style façade built on solid Inca walls perfectly summarizes the syncretism of cultures in the city of Cusco. To appreciate the greatness of the Incas, you will ascend to the monumental fortress of Sacsayhuaman, which with its enormous carved stone walls constitutes one of the best examples of Inca military architecture. You will tour the archaeological center of Kenko, a ceremonial place where the sun, the moon and the stars were worshiped. You couldn't take a tour of the city without visiting the Cathedral, the most important temple in the city. It was built by the Spanish on top of the palace of the Inca Huiracocha. Its interior houses a wonderful collection of colonial art composed of goldsmith pieces and representative canvases of the Cusco School of Art.

The afternoon group can enjoy at leisure. Many optional tours available.

April 07, 2028 (Friday)

Day 17 – Cusco to Puno by Train

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Breakfast at the hotel and then check out. Group will transfer to the Wanchaq train station for their onward journey to Puno.

Beautiful landscapes await you! Embark on an unforgettable journey aboard the **PeruRail Titicaca**, crossing the majestic Peruvian Andes over the course of an entire day. As you move forward, you will marvel at landscapes that seem straight out of a dream: endless valleys dotted with small communities, snow-capped mountains reaching the sky, and crystal-clear rivers winding through the land, breathing life into it. The vibrant colors of the fields, the vast open sky, and the llamas grazing peacefully in the meadows create a scene that will be etched in our memory forever.

You will make a stop at the **La Raya Market**, the highest point of the route at 4,300 meters above sea level, where you can enjoy spectacular views and explore local products while connecting with the cultural richness of the region. Traditional music and dances from the highlands and the Peruvian Altiplano will surround us, creating an authentic and vibrant atmosphere that will make this experience truly unique. Throughout the journey, you will enjoy gourmet service inspired by Peruvian gastronomy, showcasing the flavors and culinary traditions of the region. This culinary experience will perfectly complement a day filled with breathtaking landscapes and unforgettable moments.

Upon arrival in Puno, group will be transferred from the train station in Puno for hotel for check in. Evening at leisure.

Overnight in Puno at Jose Antonio Puno Hotel, standard room (2 Nights)

April 08, 2028

Day 18 – Lake Titicaca – Full Day Uros & Taquile

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Breakfast at the hotel and then group will be picked up for a **Full Day Private Tour** around Lake Titicaca to **Uros and Taquile**.

Lake Titicaca is home to unique communities with which you will share unforgettable moments learning about their culture and traditions. The Uros are a people who have lived on the floating islands of the lake for more than 3,000 years and their ancestral practices were declared Cultural Heritage of the Nation in 2013. They have developed the ability to live among the reeds and have adapted to the environment, using this aquatic plant to build their rafts and houses. Its inhabitants will be our guides, explaining to you about the formation of the islands, the way of life on the islands and the creation of their traditional fabrics using reeds. In Taquile, you will witness another unique lifestyle of Lake Titicaca. As you hike to the top of the island, you can see different types of crops with the lake and the Illimani Mountain range in the background, a fascinating combination of green and blue.

The residents of Taquile are known for their textile technique (named a World Heritage Site by UNESCO), where each color and design captured on the fabric has a special meaning, permitting social coexistence. After touring the island and connecting with its customs, you will share a moment with the community amidst dances and traditional music. Return to the hotel, evening at leisure.

April 09, 2028 (Sunday)

Day 19 Private Transfer Puno to La Paz, Bolivia

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Breakfast at the hotel and then group will be picked up for fascinating trip by private transfer through the Panamerican highway and the Bolivian Highlands, this area is interesting because it's possible to see the Aymara culture in their traditional way of life and great views of the Andes Royal Range, to finally arrive to La Paz.

Upon arrival, check into the hotel.

Overnight in La Paz at Hotel Mitru Express 3.5*, standard room (2 Nights)

April 10, 2028 (Monday)

Day 20 Day at Leisure

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Breakfast at the hotel then the group will be picked up for a **Half Day Private Tour**.

City tour through La Paz, elected as one of the 7 wonder cities in the world. It is in a valley at the foothills of the Andes Range, situated at 3,632m / 11942 ft. above sea level. The tour goes through the street markets rich in handicrafts, weavings and witchcraft items, followed by a visit to the colonial section of the city, San Francisco Church, Gold Museum, Murillo Square also visit to the viewpoint "Mirador de Killi Killi"; and the outdoor replica of Tiwanaku temple. Ride by cable car "Teleférico", it's a good choice to discover an excellent and beautiful view of La Paz. This is a must for everyone!

Notes: Cable car ride can change day according to the itinerary

**Museums close on Saturdays and Sundays in the afternoon, also all day on Mondays and holidays.

April 11, 2028 (Tuesday)
 Day 21 Departure

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Breakfast at the hotel and then check out. Group will have a transfer to the airport.

LAND ONLY PACKAGE RATES:

	CAD\$4579.00.00 per person
Single Room Supplement:	CAD\$1299.00 per person
Flight from Quito to Cuzco:	CAD\$440.00 per person *approximate based on 2027 prices

Inclusions in above prices:

- 11 Nights hotel accommodation as per itinerary based on twin share
- All transfers and transportation is by private, air-conditioned coach (**One Group transfer** meeting one flight only on arrival and departure is included.) Quito - Individual transfers extra charge. Will be advised based on flight arrival.
- Arrival Meet & Greet guide assistance, Departure guide assistance
- Private English-speaking guide
- Meals as noted- B – Daily Breakfast X 11, L- Lunches X 6
- Local taxes on accommodation and sightseeing tours, based on current rates

Exclusions in above prices:

- International Flights
- Domestic Flights
- Personal items
- Optional Tours
- Meals unless listed in itinerary or above
- Tips & Gratuities
- Early check-in & late check out of rooms (standard check-in time is 2pm)
- Travel Insurance
- Changes in Government/local taxes
- Visa/passport handling fees