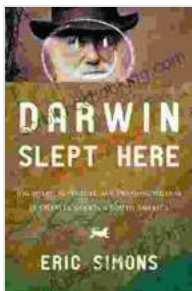


Discovery Adventure and Swimming Iguanas in Charles Darwin's South America

Prepare to embark on an extraordinary adventure that will ignite your spirit and leave you awestruck. Join us as we follow in the footsteps of Charles Darwin, the renowned naturalist whose groundbreaking discoveries changed the course of scientific history. Our journey takes us through the untamed wilderness of South America, a continent brimming with awe-inspiring natural wonders and vibrant cultures.



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From the soaring heights of the Andes to the pristine shores of the Galapagos Islands, this adventure promises a symphony of wildlife encounters, breathtaking landscapes, and historical discoveries. You'll witness the playful antics of swimming iguanas, marvel at the grandeur of

Machu Picchu, and delve into the verdant depths of the Our Book Library Rainforest.

Our expert guides will lead you through this unparalleled expedition, ensuring that you experience South America's hidden gems and gain a profound understanding of its rich history and diverse ecosystems. Immerse yourself in the beauty and wonder that captivated Darwin and be forever transformed by the transformative power of discovery.

Day 1: Arrival in Quito, Ecuador

Your adventure begins in Quito, the captivating capital of Ecuador. Nestled high in the Andes Mountains, Quito boasts a rich blend of colonial architecture and modern vibrancy. Arrive at Mariscal Sucre International Airport (UIO) and transfer to your comfortable hotel in the heart of the city.

In the evening, gather with your fellow adventurers for a welcome dinner. As you savor local delicacies, your guide will provide an overview of the exciting journey that lies ahead.



Quito, the captivating capital of Ecuador, awaits your arrival.

Day 2: Cotopaxi National Park

Today, we venture to Cotopaxi National Park, home to the iconic Cotopaxi Volcano. This active stratovolcano, crowned with glaciers, towers over the surrounding landscape, offering breathtaking views. Embark on a scenic

hike amidst the park's rugged terrain, where you'll encounter diverse flora and fauna.

Ascend to the Limpiopungo Lagoon, a serene emerald-green body of water nestled at the base of Cotopaxi. Soak in the tranquility of this stunning alpine environment before returning to Quito.



Witness the grandeur of Cotopaxi Volcano, an active stratovolcano that dominates the Cotopaxi National Park.

Day 3: Flight to the Galapagos Islands

Bid farewell to Quito and embark on a flight to the Galapagos Islands, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its unique and fascinating wildlife. As you touch down on Baltra Island, the archipelago's rich biodiversity will greet you.

Transfer to your comfortable lodge on Santa Cruz Island. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon acclimating to this extraordinary environment before embarking on a guided tour to Las Bachas Beach.



Discover the pristine shores and extraordinary wildlife of the Galapagos Islands, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 4: Swimming Iguanas and Giant Tortoises

Prepare for an unforgettable encounter with the iconic swimming iguanas of the Galapagos Islands. Board a small boat and navigate to North Seymour Island, a sanctuary for these remarkable creatures. Observe their playful antics as they swim and bask in the warm waters.

Next, we visit the Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz Island. Learn about Darwin's groundbreaking research and the ongoing conservation efforts to protect the archipelago's delicate ecosystem.

Culminate the day with a visit to the El Chato Tortoise Reserve, where you'll come face-to-face with giant tortoises, symbols of the Galapagos Islands. Marvel at their ancient presence and witness their gentle demeanor.



Witness the playful antics of swimming iguanas, a unique species found exclusively in the Galapagos Islands.

Day 5: Snorkeling and Kayaking in Tortuga Bay

Immerse yourself in the underwater wonders of Tortuga Bay. Snorkel amidst vibrant coral reefs teeming with a kaleidoscope of marine life, including sea turtles, rays, and colorful fish.

Later, embark on a kayaking adventure along the pristine shoreline. Paddle through tranquil waters, exploring hidden coves and secluded beaches. Witness the playful antics of sea lions frolicking in the waves.



Explore the underwater wonders of Tortuga Bay, a pristine haven for snorkeling and kayaking.

Day 6: Flight to Lima, Peru

Bid farewell to the Galapagos Islands and board a flight to Lima, the vibrant capital of Peru. Immerse yourself in the city's rich history and cultural heritage as you navigate its colonial streets and bustling markets.

In the evening, indulge in a traditional Peruvian dinner, savoring the unique flavors and aromas that define this culinary paradise.



Discover the vibrant capital of Peru, Lima, a city steeped in rich history and cultural heritage.

Day 7: Ascent to Machu Picchu

Prepare for the adventure of a lifetime as we embark on a scenic train journey to Aguas Calientes, nestled at the base of the majestic Machu Picchu. From there, ascend to the ancient Incan city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that captivates the world with its breathtaking beauty and historical significance.

Explore the ruins of Machu Picchu, uncovering the mysteries of this once-thriving civilization. Marvel at the intricate stonework, admire the panoramic

views of the surrounding Andes Mountains, and immerse yourself in the spiritual energy that permeates this sacred site.



Ascend to the ancient Incan city of Machu Picchu, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that captivates with its breathtaking beauty and historical significance.

Day 8: Our Book Library Rainforest Adventure

Venture into the heart of the Our Book Library Rainforest, one of the most biodiverse ecosystems on Earth. Embark on a guided boat tour through the verdant waterways, teeming with wildlife.

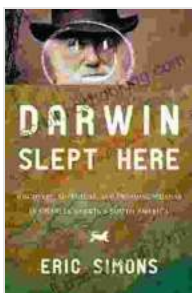
Spend the night at a comfortable lodge deep within the rainforest. Listen to the symphony of nocturnal sounds as you drift off to sleep, surrounded by the untamed wilderness.



Immerse yourself in the untamed wilderness of the Our Book Library Rainforest, a haven of biodiversity and unparalleled beauty.

Day 9: Return to Lima and Departure

As our adventure



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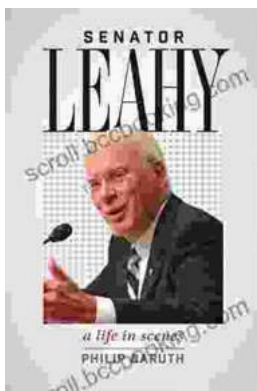
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