Revealed Travel are delighted to offer the chance of winning this fabulous adventure holiday for 2 people to travel to Ecuador, combining the splendours of Quito with a few days of adventure in the Amazon rainforest and an unforgettable cultural journey by road and railway through the Valley of the Volcanoes in the Andes via magnificent Devil’s Nose to the coastal plains and on to Guayaquil. With the option of an extension to the Galapagos Islands to bring you face to face with some of the most remarkable wildlife on the planet, Ecuador has all the ingredients for the trip of a lifetime.

- Transatlantic Flights – Iberia (economy class)
- Quito – 2 nights Hotel Illa Experience
- City Tour and excursion to the Equator
- Amazon Jungle – 3 nights Napo Wildlife Centre (full board)
- Quito – 1 night Hotel Illa Experience
- Railway Adventure – 4 days Quito to Guayaquil Tren Ecuador
- Domestic Flights
- All transfers and ground arrangements with English-speaking guides

*Conditions Apply

How to Enter: Please come and see us at one of the following travel shows where our staff will be more than happy to discuss your travel plans for 2018 and 2019:

- Destinations Manchester (Event City): 18-21 January - stand AC15
- Destinations London (Olympia): 01-04 February - stand AC15
- Telegraph Travel Show (ExCel): 23-25 February - stand UC72

On-line: www.ecuadorrevealed.co.uk/prize-draw

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Revealing the best of mainland Ecuador

Revealed Travel have partnered with Iberia and Footprint Travel Guides to offer this exciting prize draw holiday to Ecuador.

Iberia is celebrating its 90th year as Spain’s flagship carrier. The airline was founded on 27 June 1927 and inaugurated their first commercial flight between Madrid and Barcelona on 14 December 1927. Today Iberia flies to 89 destinations and is part of the International Airlines Group which includes British Airways. Iberia is a member of the Oneworld alliance.

Footprint Travel Guides are best known as the publishers of the South American Handbook, a veritable tour de force in guidebooks. The South American Handbook was first produced in 1924 and has been updated every year since. Footprint guidebooks now cover travel to more than 150 countries.

Revealed Travel are dedicated to promoting travel to some of the world’s most exciting destinations with a team of specialists who have considerable experience and know-how in putting together tailor-made itineraries for our passengers. We strongly believe in combining depth of knowledge with quality of service and value for money.

Iberia offers 6 flights a week from Heathrow via Madrid to Quito and 3 flights a week to Guayaquil as a codeshare with Lan. For our prize draw transatlantic flights are included in economy class but we will be happy to book other passengers in club or first class according to budget and preferences.

British Nationals with a full valid passport (and at least 6 months to run) do not require a visa.

Vaccinations: Yellow Fever is recommended for the Amazon rainforest. If you have been to a country where yellow fever is endemic within 90 days of arrival, proof of vaccination is compulsory.

Local time: GMT -5

Currency: US Dollar

Altitude: Quito 2,850m (9,350 ft)
DAY 1: Fly London - Quito
Iberia flight via Madrid to Quito. Arrival transfer from the airport to your hotel, Illa Experience.

La Ronda (above) is a great place to meet artisans in their workshops, stop for a drink in local bars or quaint cafes or take part in one of the free street games.

DAY 2: Quito
City Tour & the equator.
The historic centre of Quito was declared the world’s first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978. It is a colonial gem with cobbled streets and restored houses, delightful squares and museums, churches and national monuments. Quito is regarded as the rising star for craft beer and Nouveau Andino cuisine.

DAY 3-5: Amazon Jungle
A short flight from Quito takes you to Coca, for the start of a three-day adventure into the rainforest, travelling down the Napo River and along the Añangu Creek to reach the lake within Yasuni National Park in which the lodge is located.

DAY 6: Quito
Return to Quito and transfer to the Illa Experience hotel.

DAY 7: Tren Crucero
Full day excursion from Quito. Depart by road towards Otavalo, Ecuador’s most famous market. From here, travel by steam train to San Roque, known for traditional weaving skills. Visit the Textile Museum at Andrade Marin and the woodcarving workshops at San Antonio de Ibarra. The journey back to Quito is by road, with a stop at a rose plantation.

Overnight at Swissotel, Quito.

Illa Experience Hotel
Quito’s newest hotel opened in December 2017 in the artistic San Marcos area of the centre. This converted colonial mansion has just 6 luxury rooms and four suites. Recommended.

The Equator
A visit to the equator monument at Mitad del Mundo (Middle of the World), just 26 km north of the capital, is a popular excursion. Thousands of tourists pose for photos straddling the yellow equator line – as determined by French expedition under Charles-Marie de la Condamine in 1736. In fact, latitude 00°00’00” is actually about 240m out. The nearby interactive Intiñan Solar Museum is said to be built on the true equator but even this is disputed with modern GPS instruments.

The Napo Wildlife Center
This award-winning lodge provides full board and a range of excursions and activities including excellent bird-watching, a 40m viewing tower, forest trails and parrot clay-licks. It is operated by and for the Kichwa Añangu Community.

The lodge has just 20 comfortable cabins with private bathrooms, mosquito netting and screened windows. There is a hybrid solar and diesel electricity system with silent generators. Cabins have plenty of sockets for charging equipment.

Tren Crucero
The Tren Crucero is a four-day/four-night cultural journey from Quito to Guayaquil by road and railway, with stops en route at local markets, artisan workshops and to visit local communities. The journey includes travelling on the most spectacular zig-zag switchback descent from the Andes towards the coastal plains, known as the Devil’s Nose.

Accommodation is included at first class hotels on the Tren Crucero but you can upgrade to the Gold Crucero to stay at fabulous hotels and lovely old haciendas.
DAY 8: Quito – Riobamba
Travel by train through the Avenue of the Volcanoes. At Bolice, near Cotopaxi, there’s an opportunity to take a short hike.
Continue to Urbina, the highest point on the journey at 3595m (11,800 ft), where there may be a chance to meet Baltazar Ushcar.
On arrival at Riobamba transfer to the delightful La Andaluza.

Baltazar Ushca: The last iceman of Ecuador.
For well over half a century Baltazar Ushcar has been climbing up Ecuador’s highest mountain to collect ice from the Chimborazo glacier, just as his father and grandfather did before him. It takes Ushca four hours to reach the glacier and along the way he weaves baskets from grass, with which to carry the ice back. He sells it at the local market in a tradition which dates back to the Spanish conquest.
Once there were many such ice collectors but modern refrigeration methods have put paid to that. Ushca tells his story to Tren Crucero passengers to help supplement his income.

DAY 9: Riobamba - Bucay
Travel by steam train from Riobamba to Colta and continue by diesel engine to Guamote, a traditional indigenous markets in the Andes.
Travelling south we reach the spectacular Devil’s Nose with its switchback descent from the Andes towards the coastal plains to reach Bucay.
Overnight Hotel d’Franco.

The Devil’s Nose
For many years at the end of the 19th Century it was thought that it could never be done but the railway line connecting Quito at an altitude of 2850m (9350ft) up in the Andes with the port of Guayaquil (6m; 20ft) is a complex and remarkable feat of engineering. The line opened in 1908.
The most dramatic section is unquestionably the 12km stretch known as the Devil’s Nose, dropping 500m on a steep incline on a track carved out of the sheer mountainside. You might even call it a devilishly good combination of drama and beauty.

DAY 10: Bucay - Guayaquil
The journey from Bucay passes through rice, sugar cane and banana plantations. At Naranjito there a chance to learn about the growing and harvesting of the cocoa bean.
The last part of the journey, from Yaguachi to Durán station, is once again by steam engine.
Overnight at Hotel Oro Verde.

DAY 11: Guayaquil
Departure transfer to airport

EXTENSIONS
For an extension to the Galapagos Islands or to add on a few extra days at a luxury hideaway, please contact our office.
This itinerary can also be combined with Machu Picchu in Peru or with Cartagena in Colombia.