



M/Y KONTIKI WAYRA - A LUXURY PRIVATE YATCH EXPERIENCE

SPONDYLUS EXPEDITION

Five Days / Four Nights

Sunday Departures from Manta

DAY 1: SUNDAY - MANTA - AYANGUE

Our discovery journey of coastal Ecuador starts in Manta, one of the most important ports in the country and a strategic location for tourism in Manabí. This beach city is internationally known for its fishing industry, whose star product, tuna, is exported all over the world. Our shuttle will take you to Manta's port authority (TPM), from where we will board M/Y Kontiki Wayra for check-in and a welcome drink. Our concierge will introduce you to our crew members, go over the yacht areas and assign the staterooms that will become home for the next 5 days. In the evening, we will enjoy a welcome dinner hosted by our executive chef onboard. Overnight sailing to Ayangue

Meals: Welcome dinner

DAY 2: MONDAY AYANGUE - MACHALILLA NATIONAL PARK

We start day 2 at Ayangue, a small coastal town also known as the Pool of the Pacific because of its calm waters. After breakfast onboard, we will depart in one of our tenders to nearby islet El Pelado for a snorkeling

expedition. This is a unique opportunity to swim with the local community of sea lions and explore the submarine secrets of the area. From June until October, this also becomes a privileged location to see humpback whales closely. By noon we will return to the yacht for marine activities in the ocean club and lunch onboard. After lunch we will disembark at the beach of Ayangue and after a short beach walk we will arrive at a charming place where we will learn about the Valdivia culture. This is a millenary culture that maintains intact its pottery tradition, inherited from the pre-Inca Valdivia culture (4500 B.C.). We will learn about the techniques and materials used in making ancestral pieces as we make our own handcraft in a beautiful “experience in clay”. We will return to the yacht for dinner. Sailing to Machalilla National Park
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 3: TUESDAY MACHALILLA NATIONAL PARK - ISLA DE LA PLATA

After a hearty breakfast, we will disembark in Machalilla National Park where a land transfer will take us to Agua Blanca. This small community houses archeological pieces from one of the oldest civilizations in South America, the Manteño Culture, which dates to the year 1500 A.C. Temples, country houses, typical ancient squares and other archeological remains are some of the treasures in Agua Blanca. A short walk through its forest will show us butterflies, hummingbirds, and local trees such as the algarrobos. During our visit, we will celebrate an ancestral ritual of purification and gratitude, that will connect us with nature and with ourselves, accompanied by the guidance of the shamans of the community. Return to the yacht for lunch. In the afternoon we will enjoy a private beach experience in the islets of Machalilla National Park and will enjoy diverse marine activities such as snorkel, paddleboard, kayak, or swim in our beach club which includes an oceanic pool, a water slide, Sea Bobs, etc. We will go back to the yacht to enjoy a beautiful sunset and dinner on the main deck. Sailing to Isla de la Plata
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner



DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY ISLA DE LA PLATA - PACOCHE / SAN LORENZO

After breakfast, we will start our activities with a wet landing in Isla de la Plata, which belongs to Machalilla National Park. Isla de la Plata holds beautiful natural treasures and a walk through its trails will take us to nesting areas of Blue Footed Boobies, Masked Boobies and Frigatebirds. After our land exploration, we will go back to the yacht for lunch. In the afternoon we will do a guided underwater snorkeling expedition to learn about the marine ecosystem on the island. We will be able to see a variety of marine species including giant stingrays, whale sharks, and turtles. During mating season, June to October, we will be able to see from the distance humpback whales that come to warmer waters to mate and give birth.

Scuba diving is available upon request at the time of booking. In the afternoon we will enjoy a sunset party* with the freshest seafood of the area and our signature cocktails. Sailing to Pacoche / San Lorenzo
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY : 5 THURSDAY - PACOCHE / SAN LORENZO / MANTA

After breakfast onboard, we will disembark in the harbor of Manta where a land transfer will take us to the Refuge of Coastal Marine Wildlife Pacoche. Our first visit is to the tropical humid forest where we will hike through one of its trails to take a look at the community of howling monkeys who live in the middle of its exuberant vegetation. Afterwards, we will go to San Lorenzo, one of the largest nesting spots for marine turtles in Ecuador, if we are lucky, we will get to see baby turtles on their way to the ocean during hatching season. We will enjoy a special gastronomic experience in San Lorenzo using the Manabita ancestral oven. After lunch, we will learn about the toquilla straw hat tradition with a local family of weavers from Pile. The small town of Pile is known for the community of artisan weavers responsible for making the finest and most expensive Toquilla straw hats in the world. We will be able to see firsthand how the hats are made. Incorrectly known as Panama Hats, the Toquilla Straw Hat was designated in 2012 as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of the World.

Check- out and transfer to Manta's airport for your flight to your next destination or a hotel in Manta for overnight.

TOUR RATES INCLUDE

- Accommodation in the luxury stateroom of your choice with 2 twin beds or 1 king bed dressed in sustainably sourced cotton.
- All land and sea expeditions are led by our two expert naturalist guides, daily briefings about the excursions and other valuable information.
- Transfers and access to all natural reserves, beaches, and protected areas. All gear for water activities: wetsuits, kayaks, SUPs, snorkeling equipment. All facilities on board: Jacuzzi, fitness center, sunbeds, and beach towels. Kontiki shuttle from hotel to port of Manta for check in and boarding.
- All meals and snacks are prepared fresh daily by our onboard chefs with local organic produce using a balanced mix of traditional and modern techniques. Menu variations are available upon request.
- All-in-land gastronomic experiences beautifully set up by our crew in unique natural locations, following the traditional cuisine of the destination.
- All soft beverages, an assortment of wine, beer and other spirits, classic and signature cocktails, freshly ground local coffee and organic teas.
- Unlimited Wi-Fi onboard, air conditioning, a/v entertainment and automated lighting, shades, and audio systems in each stateroom.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Roundtrip international airfare to Quito or Guayaquil.
- Local flights from Quito or Guayaquil to Manta.
- Hotel accommodation the night before the expedition in Manta.
- Fine wine and spirits, available on demand at a cost.
- Pre and Post experiences stays are not included.
- Gratuities to crew and guides.

