

FAMILY TOURS

PERU

The Niños Incas Family Tour

14 night itinerary:

Lima – 2 nights

Amazon – 3 nights

Sacred Valley – 4 nights

Machu Picchu – 1 night

Cusco – 3 night

Lima – 1 night

Add Inca Trail to Machu Picchu



Exploring the Amazon Rainforest

Days 1-2 Depart on a direct flight to Lima, arriving in the evening and staying for two nights. Full day city tour tailored entirely to your family interests. (B)

Days 3-5 Flight over the Andean mountains to the Amazon basin. On arrival you will be taken to the pier on the Tambopata river to board a motorised canoe for the journey to your Amazon Lodge staying for three nights in thatched-roof wooden bungalows with netting and private facilities. You will have daily exciting excursions with an expert guide to discover the living rainforest and local village life. (B,L,D)

Days 6-9 Fly to Cusco, high in the mountains and transfer to the “Sacred Valley of the Incas” staying for four nights in the heartland of the Inca Empire. Full day tour to Chinchero local market, Moray ruins, Maras pre-Inca salt pans, the



Guided Walking

fortress of Ollantaytambo, Pisac and sunset at the ruins overlooking the valley. Opportunity for walks in the countryside, rafting and horse riding. (B)

Day 10 We take the Vistadome train to Machu Picchu, and a guided tour of the archaeological site of this fascinating Inca complex, staying for 1 night in a hotel in the valley below. (B)

Days 11-16 Time to explore the ruins some more before taking the Vistadome train and bus back to Cusco, the centre of the ancient Inca empire, staying for 3 nights. Guided tour of Cusco based on your family’s interests, including markets, cathedrals, the huge Inca fortress of Sacsayhuaman and Kenko outside the city. You will also have time to explore at leisure. **Day 14** fly to Lima for one night before taking your overnight flight home (B) arriving on Day 16.

Exploring Andean mountain landscapes, ancient civilisations and new cultures. With good hotels, trains and short internal flights, Peru offers an amazing adventure, in a country of living history full of exciting activities for all the family to enjoy.



Magnificent setting of Machu Picchu

INCA TRAIL TREKKING

ALTERNATIVE - 3 additional nights

Days 10-13 Transfer to the start the Inca trail, joining a group accompanied by an expert local guide, porters and cook including tents and camping for 3 nights. You walk up steps through sub-tropical jungle and alongside small running streams to reach a steep pass with magnificent mountain views, all the time learning about Inca society and the nature around you from your guide. On the final

morning you have a very early morning start to reach the Sun Gate, in time for sunrise to view Machu Picchu emerge through a gap in the clouds. Guided tour of the site and staying 1 night in a hotel in the valley below. (B,L,D)

Days 14-19 The same as the description for Days 11 to 16 from the main tour, now arriving home on Day 19. Contact us for a bespoke tour with any variations you may wish to make.

ECUADOR & GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

The Galápagos Islands are a wonderful place to get close to wildlife, while enjoying the adventure of a cruise in remote Pacific islands. Daily activities include spotting friendly wildlife, swimming and kayaking. These yachts have family departures specially designed to take good care of young sailors.



The Niños Galápagos Family Tour

11 night itinerary:
Quito - 4 nights
Galápagos Island - 7 nights

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Days 1-4 Depart on a daytime flight to Quito via Madrid. On arrival you will be met by your guide and taken to your hotel, where you will stay for four nights, before having a briefing and introductory walk with your guide. Next day you will have a tour of the city based on your family's interests, including the old colonial centre and the **Gold Museum**, with the opportunity to visit the many stone-paved squares, impressive churches, convents and palaces which were built by the Spanish during their imperial rule. You will also have a day free to explore and ride the cable car up the side of the Pichincha volcano for magnificent views over the city. (B)

Day 3 Tour of the Andean towns and Otavalo Market. Strolling around Otavalo on market day is a festival for the eyes. You will see people selling textiles, jewellery, hats, native art and woolen jumpers, as well as all kinds of exotic fruit and vegetables. A chance to try your haggling skills with the merchants.

Days 5-11 Flight out to the Galápagos Islands, located right on the equator, to board the **Eric** or **Letty** yachts. (Please refer to page 136) The Galápagos Islands have inspired botanists and nature-lovers alike. **Charles Darwin** visited in 1835 and declared them "remarkable; it seems to be a little world within itself." These volcanic islands are flourishing with endemic species of plants, fish and reptiles that evolved separately on each island, giving them distinct characteristics. The wildlife is remarkably tame and unafraid of visitors so you can get close to marine and land iguanas, blue- and red-footed boobies, and the giant tortoises of Santa Cruz. Swimming with playful sea lions can be one of the main highlights for children and adults alike. (B,L,D)

Day 12 Transfer to the airport for the flight to **Guayaquil** on the mainland, connecting with your overnight flight to home via Madrid, arriving on **Day 13**.



Family Galápagos Cruises

Family departures are ideal for those travelling with children aged 7 to 12 and teenagers. The tame wildlife is fascinating and educational. The yacht itself can be a special attraction. Anyone is welcome to visit the bridge, learn to tie nautical knots with the Captain, learn about navigation as well as the working of the ship. Family departures have a childrens' menu, board games, and a dedicated child-friendly **Naturalist Guide** experienced in speaking about the islands' wildlife from the child's point of view. Some yachts also have star-gazing nights and kayaking trips.

Other Yachts with Family Departures :



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GUIDE PRICES

Departures every day throughout the year

No. of travellers	Sharing Double	Sharing Triple
The Niños Incas Family Tour		
High Season	£3593	£3444
Low Season	£3355	£3206

The Niños Galápagos Family Tour		
High Season	£4960	£4817
Low Season	£4660	£4517

Children aged 7 to 11 years have a reduction of 20% when sharing a room. Prices include all flights to/from the UK and internal, Accommodation, Breakfast and Meals (B,L,D), Entrance fees, Transport, Transfers and Guided Excursions as described in the itinerary. Prices for Single rooms, New Year, Christmas and Easter are available on request. SEASONS - High: 28Jun - 15Aug, 29Nov - 28Dec Low: 29Dec - 27Jun, 16Aug - 28Nov



Ninos Family Tours

What is included:

Niños Galápagos, Niños Amazon, Niños Inca and Niños Maya Tours.

- Depart every week throughout the year on a day of your choice, subject to availability.
- Best value is to travel in the Half Term School holidays in October and May. Easter costs less than July/August, and the Christmas/ New Year holiday period has the highest cost.
- Our representatives at each destination will provide you with support, information, help and assistance.
- Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

MEXICO

The Niños Mayas Family Tour

14 night itinerary:

Cancún - 2 nights

Chichén-Itzá - 2 nights

Uxmal - 2 nights

Mérida - 3 nights

Riviera Maya Beach - 5 nights

Pristine sandy beaches and a wealth of cultures are ideal for families. Direct, non-stop flights make travel easy, and kids will love the sun, sand and huge ancient pyramids.

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Mayan pyramid at Chichén-Itzá

Days 1-2 Depart London Gatwick on a direct non-stop, daytime flight to **Cancún**. On arrival you will be met and taken to a hotel on the beach for two nights with one full day to swim and unwind. (B)

Days 3-4 You will collect your self drive car, ready for your Mexican adventure! Drive to **Chichén-Itzá** and stay for two nights to explore the magnificent Mayan pyramids and ancient buildings where they practiced human sacrifice and observed the movement of the heavens. (B)

Days 5-6 Drive to **Uxmal**, staying for two nights. The buildings are in the 'Puuc' style and all feature unique finely carved façades in magnificent stucco. Time to

explore the site, visit the area or drive as far as Chetumal. (B)

Days 7-9 Drive to **Mérida** staying for three nights. Two days to explore the historic, aristocratic city, the cathedral, the famous Paseo de Montejo and the colonial "Zocalo" main square with gardens, where local people and families go for a stroll, ideal for watching the world go by. (B)

Days 10-15 Drive to **Cancún** visiting Izamal and Dzitnup, the sacrificial lake. Return the car to the airport and you will be taken to **Playa del Carmen**, staying at the Mahekal Beach Resort for 5 nights on Half Board. (B,D) The hotel has comfortable

rooms, a swimming pool, extensive gardens, restaurant, bar and is right on the beach. Further details and images of the hotel on page 159. Optional excursions to swim with dolphins, visit **Tulum** ruins, snorkel at Xel-Ha and enjoy the beach in front of the hotel. Afternoon transfer to Cancún airport for the return flight home arriving on Day 16.



Tulum Beach

COSTA RICA

The Niños Arenal Family Tour

14 night itinerary:

San José - 4 nights

Arenal - 3 nights

Monteverde - 3 nights

Esterillos Beach - 4 nights

A fantastic destination for families, with many exciting activities, good lodges, sightseeing and discoveries.



Arenal Volcano

Days 1-4 Departure on the direct flight to **San José**. Transfer to your hotel, with gardens, tennis court, bicycles and swimming pools, for 4 nights. Full day tour visiting Irazu Volcano, Orosi Valley and Lankester Gardens, and an exciting ride on the aerial tram into the rainforest canopy for amazing views. One day free. (B)

Days 5-7 Transfer to **Arenal** for 3 nights with two tours hiking in the park by the impressive active volcano and dip in the Tabacon hot springs. (B)

Days 8-10 Transfer to **Monteverde** staying for 3 nights, with two full days to explore the Cloud Forest Reserve, perfect for learning about birds and wildlife. (B)

Days 11-15 Transfer to the coast staying at **Playa Esterillos** for 4 nights, located halfway between the surfer's paradise of Playa Jaco and Manuel Antonio National Park, perfect for relaxing but also with the option of walks and activities to suit all the family. (B) Transfer to **San José** for your direct overnight flight home arriving Day 16.



Birdwatching in the Cloudforest

Costa Rica's National Parks







BRAZIL

The Niños Amazonas Family Tour

14 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro - 3 nights

Manaus - 2 night

Amazon - 3 nights

Salvador da Bahia - 2 nights

Praia do Forte Beach - 4 nights

Adventure, cosmopolitan cities, history and a tropical beach resort with activities.

Day 1 Departure on a direct non-stop flight to **Rio de Janeiro**. Your guide and transport will meet you and take you to your hotel for three nights. Once you have checked in you will have a briefing and introductory walking tour with your guide to show you the area. (B)

Days 2-3 Full day with private guide and transport to explore Rio, including the Christ the Redeemer statue at Corcovado Mountain for a magnificent panoramic view of bay, lagoon, the beaches and the massive granite peaks that dwarf the city's buildings. The tour will be personalised to suit your own family's interests. (B)

Days 4-5 Flight to **Manaus**, in the heart of the Amazon staying for two nights. Morning tour of the city's bustling, vibrant market full of a wide variety of tropical fish, exotic fruits and vegetables direct from the jungle, as well as the Opera House and unique river port. (B)

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The Niños Mayas Family Tour		
High Season	£2789	£2569
Low Season	£2359	£2139
The Niños Arenal Family Tour		
High Season	£3081	£2894
Low Season	£2663	£2476
The Niños Amazonas Family Tour		
High Season	£4213	£4088
Low Season	£3999	£3874

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Days 6-8 Journey to your **Amazon Lodge** for 3 nights deep in the rainforest, crossing the mighty **Amazon river** where the dark water of Rio Negro, meets the silt-laden waters of the Solimões River. Travel by road and motorised canoe to the lodge, gradually seeing fewer people and isolated farms, reaching areas of pristine rainforest with dense tree canopy and few trails. We have daily guided excursions to walk in the forest, visit local communities, a family house and, at night, take a trip by canoe to spot caimans. There is also the opportunity to spend one night in hammocks under a basic shelter deeper in the forest. (B,L,D)

Days 9-10 Return to the airport and fly to **Salvador da Bahia**, staying for two nights. The city is the root of **Brazilian identity** with Portuguese colonial history and architecture, blending with African culture, art, music and dance. Next day tour the city including the colourful Pelourinho district with its narrow cobbled streets lined with fine colonial houses painted in pastel shades, municipal market and numerous churches. (B)

Days 11-15 Transfer to the beach staying at **Praia do Forte Resort** for four nights on half board. Further information and photographs on page 61. The hotel is surrounded by 30 hectares of gardens and coconut groves, right on 12 km of semi-deserted white sand beaches. There is a lake, river, swimming pools, tennis courts, games rooms, a gym, a beach volleyball court and a children's club with minders, bar and restaurants. Nearby, a small, charming fishing village is home to the Tamar Turtle Preservation Project, and has a few restaurants, bars and art shops. Transfer to the airport and overnight flight back home arriving on **Day 16**. (B,D)

Rio's Lagoon



Praia do Forte Eco-Resort

