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### **Adventure Vacations in Bhutan, Peru & Galapagos from USTOA**

In-depth discoveries are part of the adventure on experiential vacations offered by members of the United States Tour Operators Association. "There is a traditional misconception that tours are sedentary and involve long days on motorcoaches. USTOA members offer a gamut of tours and vacation arrangements with many different experiences for all types of travelers, including those with a taste for the adventurous and people looking for authentic travel," says USTOA President Terry Dale.

The following examples provide a glimpse of the many types of adventure vacations available.

#### **Bhutan by Foot: 10 days/9 nights**

Got adventure in your sole? If you've got 10 days, why not hop on a plane and head over to the Himalayas. Country Walkers' "Bhutan: Kingdom in the Himalayas" offers a walking tour including all meals, accommodation, and local guides beginning at \$5,298 per person. Available through November 18, 2011 the tour must be booked by October 8. Air fare is additional. For details, contact [www.countrywalkers.com](http://www.countrywalkers.com) or phone 800-464-9255

#### **Peru's Amazon by ship: 10 days/ 8 nights**

Experience a 10-day Amazon River Cruise in Peru, voted one of the hottest up and coming destinations by USTOA members. On International Expeditions' "Amazon Voyage aboard La Amatista," travelers get a true taste of Peru, including piranha fishing; a turtle hatchling release; paddling dugout canoes; and swimming in the Amazon. The more adventurous can take nighttime rainforest walks; and go on a nighttime caiman search aboard a skiff. A visit to a local village and school, attending a village ceremony with a shaman; a chance to learn to play traditional Peruvian instruments, cooking demonstrations of traditional Peruvian food, and a visit of Colonial Lima enhance the experience. Two naturalist guides and an expedition leader accompany the cruise tour. Valid for travel through December 31, 2011, the tour is priced from \$3,148. Included are 8-nights' accommodations, 23 meals, activities, arrival and departure transfers and more. Air fare is additional. Visit [www.ietravel.com/amazon](http://www.ietravel.com/amazon) or phone 800-633-4734 for more information.

#### **Wildlife Conservation in the Galapagos: 9 days/8 nights**

Travelers can focus on nature and conservation on a 9 day/8 night "SITA's Ecuador & the Galapagos Island" cruise tour. The tour provides an opportunity to work with the Otavalo indigenous people, and to study with Rangers at the UNESCO World Heritage Galapagos National Park, a UNESCO world Heritage site. Included are first class accommodations in a Superior Cabin, most meals, private arrival and

departure transfers, private sightseeing with English speaking guides in Ecuador, shore excursions and local airfare. The tour, which visits Quito, Otavalo, Baltra, and the Galapagos Islands is priced at \$3,265 per person for booking through December 21 and travel through December 31. Air fare is additional. For more information phone 800-421-5643, or visit [www.sitatours.com](http://www.sitatours.com)

#### More Information

Airfare on all programs is additional.

All prices are based on double occupancy. Restrictions and additional security fees, departure and local taxes and fees may apply. Prices may vary based on departure date.

For more information on adventure-oriented vacations visit: [www.USTOA.com](http://www.USTOA.com), or [www.USTOA.travel](http://www.USTOA.travel). USTOA member companies have met the travel industry's highest standards, including participation in the association's Travelers Assistance Program, which among other things protects consumer payments up to \$1 million in case the company goes out of business.

USTOA is the premier association of companies providing vacation packages, tours, and custom travel itineraries for more than 11 million people yearly.

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