

# RUTAS NEWS

## Rewarding & Unique Travel Adventures in South America

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### Hola amigos!

Happy Friday! I hope you guys have been well. I am finally back in Sydney after a long break in South America visiting family, travelling and of course also participating in TravelMart. It was lovely to see so many of you at TravelMart Quito. I hope it was very productive for you and you enjoyed the Ecuadorian hospitality.

Before 2013 finishes, I would like to visit you one more time to give you some updates about my partners as well as presenting you some other new products that I just signed for 2014. See you soon :)

### Ecoventura News

#### 7 day/ 6 night cruise option (Sunday to Saturday)

Passengers can disembark on Saturday in Baltra for a shorter, 6 night cruise. This is available on **ALL seasonal** and most peak departure dates. The 6-night rate is a 10% discount off the 7 night cruise rate and cannot be combined with any other promotional or child discounts.

#### Two week combination EFL & Galapagos SKY Promotion:

Take 5% discount on both weeks when you book two consecutive weeks back to back on EFL, applicable any week excluding holiday weeks.

#### New marketing material now available:

Our newly designed unbranded web site [www.galapagosconnection.com](http://www.galapagosconnection.com) is now live. You can download our latest and best images here with the log in: username: [Ecoventura](#) and password: [Galapagos](#)



### Rainforest Expeditions

**Refugio Amazonas—Closed for maintenance:** Refugio Amazonas will be closed from 21st January to 21st February 2014.

**Great for families with kids!** - Refugio Amazonas has opened a new Children's Playground that has a fully renovated environment for the convenience of parents and children, it is connected directly to the system of bridges Refugio Amazonas has, so parents no longer have to go down to stairs. We also have expanded the existing playhouse giving the kids more space and built a roof deck area so parents can comfortably have a drink while watching their children enjoy the playground. This lodge is definitely the perfect option for travelling with kids!

**Tambopata Research Centre (TRC)—**Tourists coming up from Refugio Amazonas to TRC can now have an additional free stop at the Chunchu clay lick between 12-2 pm when there is the best activity. Therefore visitors now see BOTH clay licks at TRC:

### Hotel Las Torres - Patagonia

#### Torres del Paine named the 8th Wonder of the World!

After receiving 5 million votes on VirtualTourist.com from visitors across the world, the national park Torres del Paine has been named the "8th Wonder of the World" by the site, beating out more than 300 entries from 50 countries in a contest launched earlier this year.

Torres del Paine has become known as a hikers' paradise where visitors can traverse through a remote environment unlike any other. This last year, the national park received 15% more visitors than previous years with more than 139,000 trekkers. However, this amazing destination is not just for hikers; with its unique location at the base of Las Torres del Paine massif, **Hotel Las Torres** offers a wide variety of activities catering for all travellers. Have a look at these half day excursions <http://www.lastorres.com/excursion/half-day/> specially designed for senior travellers, couples travelling with kids or just those passengers who want to take it easy.

