



Exclusive tour of the most iconic places on the Galapagos Islands

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Experience the Galapagos Islands as no tourist can. Join Jocotoco researchers for a week on an exclusive, behind-the-scenes tour not available to the public. See the Galapagos Petrel, a Critically Endangered sea bird whose nesting burrows are accessible by hiking up into the remote volcanic highlands of our Los Petreles Reserve on San Cristóbal. Hike on Española to see nesting colonies of the magnificent and Critically Endangered Waved Albatross. With a wingspan of more than two and a half meters, it is the largest bird in the Galapagos, often spending years at sea and only returning to land to breed. Visit Floreana, where Jocotoco is rewilding the island by reintroducing iconic species that disappeared generations ago, including the Floreana Giant Tortoise (once thought to be extinct) and the Floreana Mockingbird. You'll also have a VIP visit to the giant tortoise breeding center on Santa Cruz. This experience is for one-two people and should be arranged for June 2025.

Starting Bid: \$15,000





Namesake Lizard: The humble honor to name an entirely new and recently discovered species of lizard

There are few places on earth where it is still possible to discover new species unknown to science. Jocotoco's Canandé Reserve in the Ecuadorian Chocó is one of those places, so extraordinarily biodiverse that researchers come across new species every time they venture into the field. There are few honors more distinctive and lasting than naming a new species. Jocotoco is offering the coveted opportunity to honor a family member, friend, mentor, or conservation hero by naming an entirely new species of lizard recently discovered in Canandé after them. Thank you to Alejandro Arteaga for offering this opportunity.

Starting Bid: \$10,000





For seasoned adventure seekers: Venture out into the remote highlands of the Andean páramo with a local expert trekker

The High Andes of Ecuador feature prominently in the history of biodiversity conservation, described by Humboldt in the 18th century and drawing biologists, climbers, and other adventure seekers over the centuries since then. Few guides know more about the high alpine páramos than Jocotoco's President Antonio Paez, who will lead the winning bidder on a trek through Jocotoco's Chakana Reserve near the Antisana Volcano National Park, with chances to see Andean Condors, Spectacled Bears, and unrivaled views of Ecuador's volcanoes and snow-capped mountains. While only a day hike, this adventure will create memories to last a lifetime. It is not for the faint of heart, with high altitude conditions and colder temperatures. This guided tour is for up to three people.

Starting Bid: \$2,500

Dinner for two at QUITU

Enjoy dinner for two with the 8-course tasting menu at one of Ecuador's finest restaurants, QUITU, owned by world famous chef Juan Sebastián Pérez. The chef uses local, seasonal ingredients, from the land and the sea, to craft a new dining experience every time you visit. Use this the next time you are in Quito before you visit Jocotoco's reserves!

Starting Bid: \$100

Painting of the Jocotoco Antpitta

Most of you know our origin story, the discovery of the Jocotoco Antpitta in a cloud forest in southern Ecuador. That forest was disappearing, so we protected it. You can take home a recently commissioned painting of the Jocotoco Antpitta. This is from the exact same spot of the first discovery, and could be the same bird, or one of its children or grandchildren.

Starting bid: \$500





Notes on Auction Items

Even if you can't attend the event, you can bid on auction items by contacting the Director of Jocotoco US, Jajeane Rose, at jajeane.rose@jocotoco.org or calling 1 (716) 247-1255.

International flights to Ecuador and the Galapagos are not included as part of the auction items. The Galapagos Islands experience is all-inclusive - we will take you to several islands and manage all of your hotel accommodations and meals. For the guided Andean páramo trek, Jocotoco will pick you up from your hotel and take care of you the rest of the day, but the winning bidder should book their own hotel. Our partners at Jocotours can help arrange all of your travel needs.

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