

Chazen Study Tour:

ECUADOR : QUITO & GALAPAGOS





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Q&A

Quiz Time!
What is the
name of this
fancy bird?



At 9,350 feet,
what is the
highest (official)
capital city?

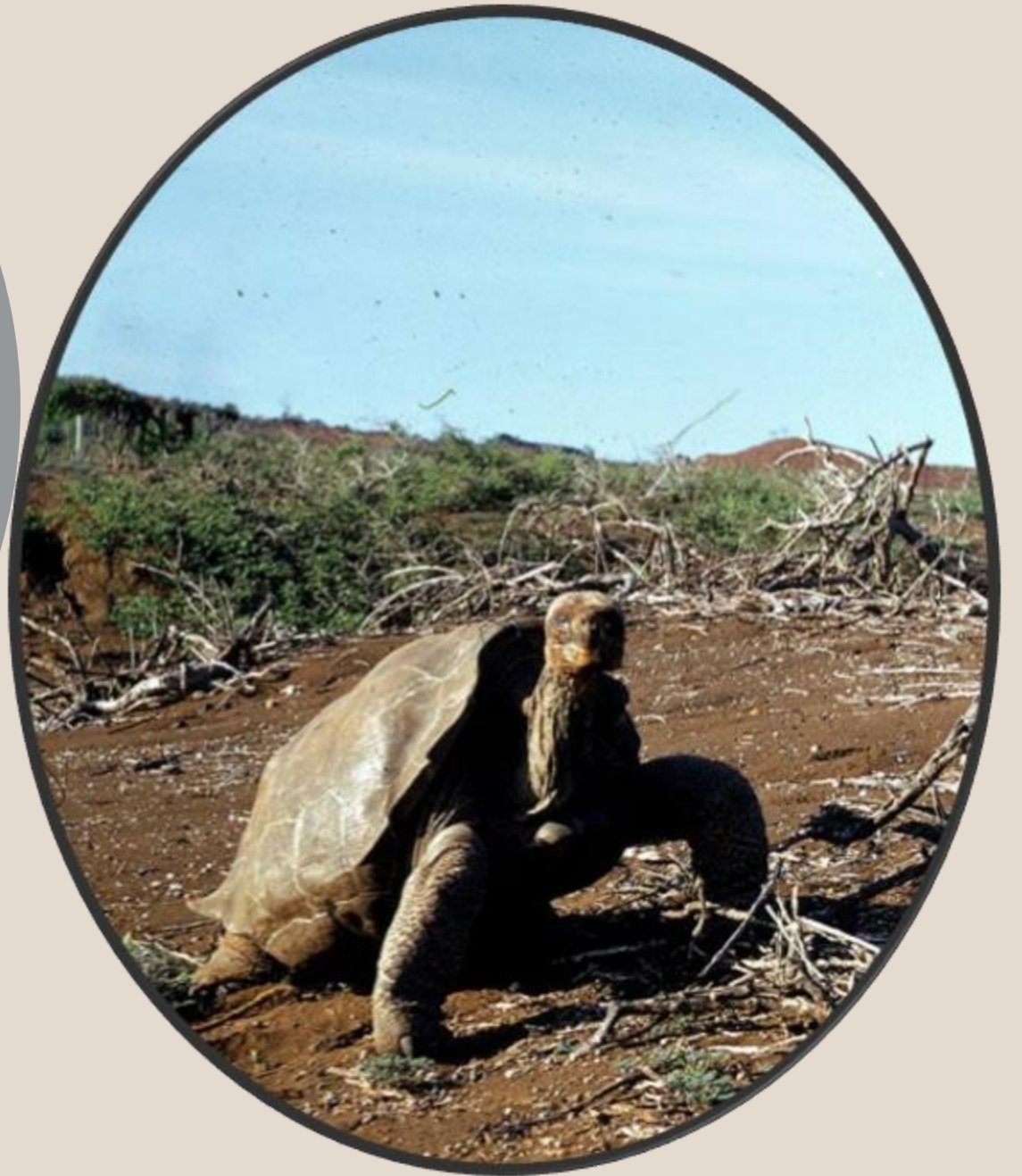


What is this called?



What is the name of
this Tortoise?

Hint: he was the last
Pinta Island Tortoise



What was the first
UNESCO world
heritage site?

Bonus: what was
the second?



Your Leadership Team



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Why Ecuador

- Rich, diverse industries
- Exploring Conservation and Growing Enterprises
- History and Nature
- Unique learning opportunities
 - Sustainability & conservation economics (Galápagos)
 - Climate/energy transition and finance in an emerging market (Quito)
 - Ag value chains: cacao farms to premium chocolate; floriculture: rose farms & export logistics
 - Policy, community impact, and social-enterprise models



Tentative Company Visits

- Agriculture:
 - Learn about floriculture at a rose farm
 - Explore the chocolate value chain at a cacao farm
- Energy
 - Study Ecuador's use of clean and traditional sources
- Corporates in Ecuador
 - Banking and consulting
- NGOs and ecotourism in the Galapagos
 - Learn how businesses operate in one of the most heavily regulated environments on earth



Proposed Cultural Activities

Santa Cruz Island



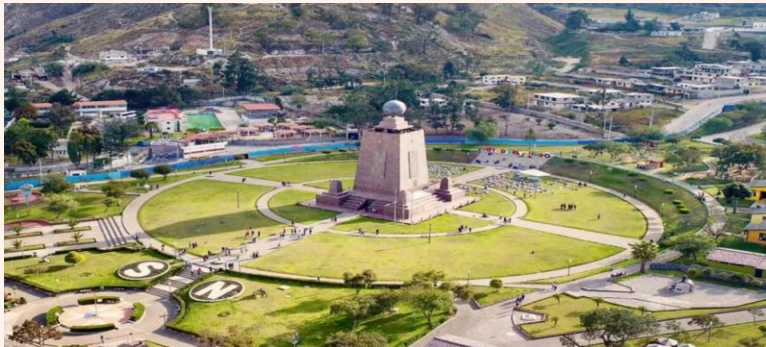
Tortoise Natural Reserve



Tour of Quito



Visit the Equatorial Line



Charles Darwin Station



Los Gemelos Craters



Travel Considerations

- 17 open spots
- Matching through Chazen Tours Matching site
- Company visits are **mandatory** and you *must attend the entire tour*
- Successful match will receive e-mail to pay \$1,000 non-refundable deposit within 48 hours of offer email
- Check your calendars for conflicts (block week, recruiting, non-MBA classes, weddings, etc.)! Non-exceptional circumstances will forfeit their deposit
- No significant others/shadowing

Visas Considerations

- <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ec/2020/06/30/lista-de-paises-que-deben-presentar-visa-al-ingresar-al-ecuador/>
- Note: The countries on the list in the link above may have a hard time obtaining a visa. If your country is listed, we sadly recommend ranking another trip.
- The travel agency noted that citizens from **India, China, and Nigeria** have been completely unable to obtain visas.

Tentative Itinerary

DATE	ACTIVITY
Saturday, January 10, 2025	Group Arrives to Ecuador, Welcome Dinner
Sunday, January 11, 2025	Quito City Tour, Visit the Equatorial Line
Monday, January 12, 2025	Business Visits in Quito (Market Expert Visits)
Tuesday, January 13, 2025	Business Visits in Quito (Industry Specific Visits)
Wednesday, January 14, 2025	Business Visits in Quito (Industry Specific Visits)
Thursday, January 15, 2025	Fly to Galapagos
Friday, January 16, 2025	Visit Tortoise Natural Reserve Visit Charles Darwin Station
Saturday, January 17, 2025	Private boat charter to Isabella Island for hiking and snorkeling
Sunday, January 18, 2025	Visit Los Gemelos Craters and farewell dinner
Monday, January 19, 2025	International Departure (on your own)

Details and Logistics

ESTIMATED BUDGET \$3100-\$3405

Includes:

- Flights from Quito to Galapagos
- Lodging
- Group meals
- 2 cultural activities in Quito
- 3 activities in the Galapagos

Does not include:

- Flights to/from Ecuador
- Optional add-on in the Galapagos

Other information:

- We will be staying at an eco- resort in the Galapagos; the tour will end in the Galapagos – you are responsible for securing your flight back to Quito/NYC



Thank you

