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# Ecuador



53rd International Eucharistic Congress

September 6th to 16th, 2024

(11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS)

English & French bilingual pilgrimage

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## 53rd International Eucharistic Congress

A great meeting awaits us in 2024 in Quito. This South American metropolis filled with history and culture will host the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress from September 08 to 15. Perched at an altitude of over 2800 meters, at the foot of a volcano, this Ecuadorian capital is sure to charm you. Join us for this unique event, held every three or four years. An event rich in spirituality, discovery and connection.

During the congress, several conferences, discussion groups, prayer times, processions and cultural events will be held in different parts of the city.

### Highlights

- Opening ceremony and opening mass
- Eucharistic adoration evening
- Daily prayer times, workshops and discussions

### The plus

- Guided tour of Quito with an English-speaking guide
- Congress registration service
- Optional post-tour to Galapagos Island





## Your spiritual guides



### Father Emanuel Zetino

Born in Montreal of a Guatemalan family, he did all his training in Montreal and was ordained a diocesan priest on May 17, 2019. His experience with the French, English, Latin American and Italian communities in the diocese make him a priest very close to the multicultural reality of the Church in Montreal. After three years as vicar at the Cathedral Basilica of Mary Queen of the World in Montreal, he has been parish priest of Sainte-Marguerite Bourgeoys parish on Nuns' Island since September 2022.



### Archbishop Brian Joseph Dunn

Archbishop Dunn, born in St. John's, Newfoundland, on January 8, 1955, was ordained a priest on August 28, 1980. After serving in various parishes, he pursued studies in Canon Law, completing his Doctoral studies in 1991. He became Bishop of Antigonish on January 25, 2010. Pope Francis appointed him Coadjutor Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth on April 13, 2019, and he assumed the role of Archbishop on November 27, 2020, succeeding Archbishop Mancini.

## Your trip profile



### Christian pilgrimage

The origin of these packages lies in the Christian tradition, and they are often accompanied by a theologically trained priest or companion. The program includes the possibility of attending mass every day (free of charge).



### Cultural trip

These trips allow you to discover sites of particular cultural and historical interest (museums, archaeological sites, historical monuments, religious heritage), take part in important cultural events or meet the local population to learn more about their culture.



### New



# Itinerary

## **DAY 1 | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024 DEPARTURE FROM MONTREAL - QUITO**

Depart Montreal for Quito on American Airlines or similar. Arrival and check-in at your hotel.

## **DAY 2 | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 QUITO**

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a guided tour of Quito with an English-speaking guide. This charming UNESCO World Heritage city will allow you to immerse yourself in the local history and culture. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure before taking part in this extraordinary congress, which starts tomorrow! Overnight at Hotel Ibis or similar

## **DAYS 3 to 10 | FROM SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8 TO SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

### **53RD INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

Conferences, workshops, discussion groups, prayer times, processions and cultural events are offered at various locations around the city. Your Spiritours guide will be on hand to assist and accompany you. Overnight accommodation at Hotel Ibis or similar.

## **DAY 11 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 QUITO - MONTREAL**

After breakfast, drive to Quito airport for your return flight to Montreal.

*\*\*\*Itinerary subject to change \*\*\**



# Galapagos Islands extension

prices and registration to be announced

## DAY 11 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 QUITO - ISLANDS GALAPAGOS - BALTRA - ISLAND SANTA CRUZ - PUERTO AYORA

Flight from Quito to the Galapagos archipelago (approx. 3 hours).

Arrival at Baltra Island airport, welcome by guide, land and sea transfer to Santa Cruz Island. Stop at the island's Twin Craters, then visit a semi-wild Galapagos tortoise reserve and lava tunnels. Lunch.

Transfer by land to your hotel in Puerto Ayora, the largest city in the Galapagos.

Rest of the afternoon to get to know the town, enjoy its Academy Bay, see the first sea lions, pelicans, frigate birds, marine iguanas... take a dip in the Pacific Ocean at the small beach near the Darwin station.

Dinner on your own. Overnight at a 2\*/3\* hotel.

## DAY 12 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 PUERTO AYORA - ISLAND PINZON

Lunch at the hotel.

Transfer by land to the port of Baltra, then boat excursion to Pinzón Island. Visit on foot with a naturalist guide, discovering the island's fauna and seabirds. Dinner on board. Transfer to Fe Beach on Santa Cruz Island. Swimming and snorkeling. Return to Puerto Ayora.

Overnight at the same hotel.

## DAYS 13 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

### ISLAND SANTA CRUZ - ISLAND ISABELA - PUERTO VILLAMIL - TINTORERAS

After lunch, sail to Isabela Island, the largest in the archipelago. Arrive at the small town of Puerto Villamil, situated on a superb beach.

Transfer to your hotel, followed by a visit to the pink flamingo lagoon and the Galapagos and/or Humedales turtle breeding center. Dinner at a local restaurant.

And snorkel excursion to the Tintoreras site (meaning harmless white-tailed sharks).

Overnight at a 2\*/3\* hotel close to the beach.

## DAY 14 | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 ISLAND SANTA CRUZ - STATION DARWIN - BALTRA - RETOUR À QUITO

Visit to the Charles Darwin Scientific Station.

Ground and maritime transfer to Baltra Airport. Flight back to Quito.

Overnight stay at the Ibis hotel in Quito or similar.

## DAY 15 | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 QUITO - MONTREAL

After breakfast, drive to Quito Airport for your return flight to Montreal.

*\*\*\*Itinerary subject to change \*\*\**





## Informations

### Price

**Book early (before May 6th) WITH congress registration:**  
**\$ 3,155 /pers. (double occupancy)**

100\$ early-booking discount for registrations received before May 6, 2024.

**Book early (before May 6th) without congress registration: \$ 2,860 /pers. (double occupancy)**

**Regular price WITH congress registration: \$ 3,255 /pers. (double occupancy)**

**Regular price without congress registration: \$ 2,960 /pers. (double occupancy)**

**Single room supplement : + 550 \$ / pers.**

**Galapagos Islands extension supplement: +\$2,299 per person (double/triple occupancy) +\$489 per person (single occupancy)**

\*Spiritours offers the possibility of pairing, but exceptionally, Spiritours cannot assume the additional costs for single occupancy if we are unable to pair you.

\* All prices are based on the exchange rate on August 1, 2023.

### THE PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Return flight Montreal-Quito with American Airlines or similar
- 10 nights accommodation in 3-stars hotel
- Hotel breakfasts
- Tour of Quito with English-speaking guides and entrance fees included
- Round-trip airport transfers with English-speaking guide and driver
- Services of a spiritual leader
- All taxes.
- The extensions includes: round-trip flights between Quito and the Galapagos, 4 nights in 2\*/3\* hotels in double or triple occupancy, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, all visits mentioned in the itinerary, English-speaking naturalist guides, transfers with Spanish-speaking drivers, boat transfer between Santa Cruz and Isabela Islands, snorkeling with equipment.

### THE PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Travel insurance
- Tips and personal expenses
- The contribution to the Compensation Fund for Clients of Travel Agents of the OPC is 0.10% (currently free of charge).

### THE EXTENSION DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Galápagos National Park entrance fee of USD 100 (to be paid in cash upon arrival)
- Transit card fee of USD 20 per person (to be paid in cash at the airport)
- Other meals, services, beverages, etc.
- French-speaking guide or interpreter available upon request at an additional cost

### Registration

#### Trip Registration deadline:

**June 6, 2024**

(60 days before departure or when the maximum number of passengers has been reached). It is possible to register after this date, but a supplement may apply.

#### To Register

You can register on our website (see top right of the trip web page) or download and fill in the PDF form and send it to us with your \$750 deposit. Please register as soon as possible, as places are limited. Please enclose a photocopy of your passport with your registration (international travel only).

**\*Please note that our registration service to the congress is upon request.**

#### Travel insurance

For travel insurance, contact us to find out your premium.

#### Nb of participants

Minimum 20 - Maximum 50

#### Required documentation

All Canadian travellers to Ecuador must be in possession of a **passport valid for at least six months beyond the expected date of return.**

#### For further information, please contact

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# Terms & Conditions

## Deposit and payment

A deposit of \$750 for air travel or 25% of the total amount for bus travel is required at the time of booking, as well as the cancellation insurance premium, if desired. The balance must be paid in full at least 60 days before departure for air travel and 45 days before departure for bus travel. In the event of late final payment, please note that the reservation will be automatically cancelled, incurring the cancellation fees mentioned above.

**Important note:** certain trips and special events may be subject to special booking, deposit and final payment conditions.

## Cancellation fees

### For international and/or air travel

Up to 60 days before departure: \$750 penalty

Less than 60 days before departure: no refund

### For travel within the province of Quebec and/or by coach

Up to 45 days before departure: 25% of the total amount

45 to 21 days before departure: 50% of the total amount

Less than 21 days before departure: no refund

### Change fees

100\$ penalty (name change, change of return date and any other significant change).

Less than 60 days, any change will be considered a cancellation.

### Extension (deviation)

You must request this in writing, and there will be a change fee + difference in price for the return ticket at the daily rate. The return must be from the same airport as the group.

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Spiritours reserves the right to cancel a trip if the number of participants is not reached by the deadline. A full refund will represent final settlement with the passenger. Spiritours also reserves the right to extend the deadline to 45 days prior to departure, or to change travel dates or airlines if necessary. If for reasons of force majeure the trip must be suspended by Spiritours, the latter reserves the right to postpone to later dates or to cancel, but will not be liable for non-refundable sums already paid to suppliers. Spiritours cannot be held responsible for any difficulties between the authorities of a country and a member of the group who has not complied with the laws, customs, regulations and traditions of the host country.

## Insurance

Travelers are advised to take out trip cancellation insurance in case, of major reasons (illness, injury or death of themselves or a family member), they have to cancel their trip before departure or change the itinerary en route. We also strongly recommend that you take out medical insurance. The cost of insurance is non-refundable under any circumstances.

Travellers should consult their insurance contract for details of the nature of the cover, the risks insured, the exclusions, limitations and reductions in cover, and the cancellation procedures contained in the insurance product.

## Claim

You must notify the Spiritours representative of any claim as soon as possible. When abroad, you must immediately contact your travel companion or the hotel management so that the situation can be rectified.

## Indicated prices

Unless otherwise indicated, all prices are in Canadian dollars. Prices are subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure in the event of a fuel price increase imposed by the carrier or an exchange rate increase of more than 5% since the date of publication of the trip price. If the change in the price of your trip is equal to or greater than 7% of the original price, you may request a refund or exchange your trip for a similar one.

## Responsibility of Spiritours

Spiritours cannot be held responsible for acts, omissions, errors or events, losses, damage or accidents during the trip, nor for delays or cancellations due to a transportation company. Spiritours cannot be held responsible for any damage suffered by the traveller due to illness, injury, loss, inconvenience or anxiety. Spiritours also declines all responsibility for any damage resulting from government action, political unrest, strikes or acts of God. Spiritours will not make any refunds under any circumstances for premature return or non-completion of a portion of a tour, nor for services not used by travelers. Spiritours' liability for failure to provide any service or benefit described herein is limited to the cost of such service or benefit.

## Responsibility of the traveller

It is the traveler's responsibility to find out about the entry and exit requirements of the country he/she plans to visit. In the event that the traveler does not possess the required documentation, he/she may be refused passage by the authorities.

The traveler agrees to accept any reasonable instructions relating to the package issued while the passenger is abroad. In the event that a passenger engages in conduct prejudicial to other travellers or service providers, and persists in such conduct despite a formal warning from the service provider or its representative, the passenger will be expelled from the group and will be liable for all costs incurred as a result of such conduct, including any additional costs the passenger may incur for accommodation, food and transportation.