

# The Galapagos Islands





Feel the thrill of encountering the flora and fauna that famously inspired Darwin—and in his footsteps, generations of nature lovers. Undiscovered by Europeans until the 16th century, the Galapagos Islands hold a central position in modern scientific and evolutionary history. Observe with remarkable proximity the diversity of endemic species such as the Nazca, red- and blue-footed boobies; giant tortoises; Sant Fe land iguanas; and the famous Darwin's finches.

Discover the myriad of aquatic wildlife in the clear waters of the world's second largest marine reserve. Snorkel with sea lions, colorful tropical fish, and sea turtles—or observe them through a glass bottom boat. Explore secluded inlets and stroll sweeping white coral beaches such as Darwin Bay, where among tidal pools, pass by colonies of various bird species. Visit dramatic and historic places, including the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, the perfect habitat to see the Galapagos Giant Tortoise, and Puerto Egas on Santiago Island, the site of a former salt mine and where you're most likely to see the Galapagos fur seal.

You won't want to miss this unforgettable learning adventure. We expect our limited space will fill up quickly. Please make your reservation as soon as possible to guarantee your spot!

## June 12 - 19, 2021

Day 1: En Route from U.S. / Arrive in Quito, Ecuador

Day 2: Quito Historic Tour

Day 3: Quito / Flight to Baltra / Santa Cruz: Highlands , Puerto Ayora – Embarkation

Day 4: Santiago: Puerto Egas | Chinese Hat Islet

Day 5: Genovesa: Darwin Bay | Prince Philip's Steps

Day 6: Santa Fe / Santa Cruz: Punta Carrion

Day 7: Baltra – Disembarkation / Flight to Guayaquil, Ecuador

Day 8: Guayaquil / Depart for U.S.





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#### **Program Highlights**

♦ During a full day tour of Quito, marvel at the gold leaf interior of the Jesuit Church of La Compañía—a fine example of the mix of European influences and indigenous art called the Baroque school of Quito; enjoy a lunch of Ecuadorian specialties; and view a curated collection of pre-Columbian art.

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- ♦ Visit dramatic and historic places, including the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, the perfect habitat to see the Galapagos Giant Tortoise, and Cerro Brujo, one of the first sites visited by Charles Darwin.

#### What's included:

A welcome reception in Quito,

7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners including a farewell dinner;

All excursions and presentations;

Complimentary use of kayaks, paddle boards, shorty wet suits, and snorkeling equipment;

Galapagos National Park entrance fee and transit card;

Internal air travel (from Quito to the islands on day 3, and return to Guayaquil on day 7);

Gratuities to local guides, drivers in Quito and Guayaquil, and hotel porters;

Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times. All hotel accommodations throughout subject to change

### **Optional Extensions**

## Pre-Tour Mashpi Lodge Post-Tour Machu Picchu





Your Ship: Isabela II

The 40-guest capacity of *Isabela II* provides 21 staterooms with spacious, comfortable accommodations and en suite facilities

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Standard Cabin \$4,995 Classic Double \$5,695 Classic Twin \$5,995 Master Suite \$7,395 Single (Standard) \$7,995

Per person, based on double occupancy Does not include international air

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