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## GALAPAGOS ISLANDS WILDERNESS CRUISE PACKAGE

Join us for this unforgettable wildlife expedition through one of the most diverse and stunningly beautiful marine environments in the world! With your local naturalist guide you spend eight exciting days cruising these islands, snorkeling with colorful fish and taking short day hikes through one of the world's greatest wildlife and volcanic island environments! This privately chartered yacht is limited to twenty women. Don't miss this special opportunity and one of our most popular trips!

No trip to the Galapagos Islands would be complete without a visit to the Amazon Rainforest! Therefore we've designed these extension options: your choice of 4 or 5 Days in an Ecuadorian **Rainforest Jungle Lodge**, enjoying dugout canoe tours led by local experts, traditional cuisine and private baths perched high in your jungle cabins. OR, continue cruising, this time along the Napo River on a **Rainforest River Cruise**!

### Trip Dates: 2018-19 Departures

**Cruise Departures: Sunday to Sunday 7 Nights and 8 Days**

**\*\*Ask about Family Departures**

**Full In-country Package per person: High Season July 1 – August 31**

**2018 PACKAGE RATES: 8 DAY / 7 NIGHTS (Non Holiday Weeks)**

| 7 NIGHTS     | DOUBLE  | TRIPLE | SINGLE |
|--------------|---------|--------|--------|
| IGUANA DECK  | \$ 5770 | \$5560 | \$9397 |
| BOOBY DECK   | \$ 6065 |        |        |
| DOLPHIN DECK | \$ 6695 |        |        |

**Package include: High Season In-country flight to Galapagos, Park Fees, Transit Card, 2 nights lodging pre & post cruise (Quito) & four airport transfers.**

**Note: rates may change based on pre-post lodging.**

**\*\*Cruise route depends on departure dates of the cruise.**

**DAY 1** Flight from USA to Quito, Ecuador. Shuttle to Hotel. (Meals on your own)



along the rugged shoreline. Observe sea lion harems with resident bulls carefully guarding their territory. Flightless Cormorants build their nest on the point and Galapagos Hawks fly overhead. There is a chance to snorkel here with sea turtles. After lunch, we cross the Bolivar Channel where we often spot whales and dolphins riding the bow wave. We disembark at Urbina Bay, ISABELA, where we find four miles of its coastal seabed, with marine life exposed due to a dramatic uplift in 1954 when the volcano erupted. The marine remnants of coral skeletons, some of them waist-high, are visited after a wet landing on the beach. Urbina is home to the very large and colorful Galapagos land iguanas, occasionally giant tortoises, Darwin Finches. Brown Pelicans and Flightless Cormorants also nest here. Giant Marine Iguanas are seen along the coast. You may encounter penguins while snorkeling here. At Punta Vicente Roca, a Zodiac ride offers an incredible view of the tuff walls, we can enter the wave-sculpted cave and find sea turtle who frequent this area. You may spot the dorsal fin of a Mola Mola, an odd looking giant sun fish. Return to the yacht for briefing and dinner. (BLD)

#### **DAY 6 THURSDAY**

We visit Elizabeth Bay, ISABELA by zodiac starting with a visit to a secluded cove, lined with large red mangrove trees. Here, turtles, rays, and shore birds can be seen. We motor to the rocky islets known as "Las Marielas", where a colony of nesting Penguins, Flightless Cormorants and giant Marine Iguanas are found. Isabela was created when six volcanoes flowed together and formed the largest Island in Galapagos. We have a dry landing at Tagus Cove, located on the western Island of ISABELA and a favorite anchorage for pirates and whalers over the centuries. Old graffiti dating back to the 1800's is written on the rocky cliffs. Explore the Coves by Zodiac or kayak to find Galapagos Penguins, Boobies, Pelicans and other seabirds. An uphill hike brings us to a salt-water lagoon, a scenic overlook with a spectacular view of the ocean, lava fields and volcanic formations. An excellent snorkeling site is offered from the zodiac or take out a Kayak and explore the shoreline. After dinner, a sky full of stars beckons to go on deck and observe the galaxy while crossing the equator for the last time. (BLD)

#### **DAY 7 FRIDAY**

We stroll along the shoreline at Puerto Egas, SANTIAGO (James) looking for octopus, starfish and other sea life caught in the tide pools. At low tide, catch a glimpse of marine iguanas as they feed on exposed green algae. Watch for great blue herons, lava herons, American oystercatchers and yellow-crowned night herons. Our walk ends at the grottos, deep pools of clear water where we encounter fur sea lions once on the verge of extinction. Before returning to the yacht, there is a snorkeling opportunity. After lunch, take a seat on deck to view the dramatic landscape and dolphins that are often spotted here. We disembark on RABIDA (Jervis), located near James Island. Rabida is considered the geographic center of Galapagos because this island sports the most diversified volcanic rocks. The dark red sand beach originated from the high content of iron in the volcanic stones. While strolling along the trail, you may find marine iguanas, mocking birds, yellow warblers and several species of Darwin Finches leading to a salt water lagoon where Greater Flamingos migrate. After the walk, there is not-to-miss snorkeling option with a large colony of sea lions. We return to the yacht for the Captain's Farewell cocktail party and dinner as well as a special slide show presentation by your guides. (BLD)

#### **DAY 8 SATURDAY**

We travel by bus to the highlands of SANTA CRUZ Island. The scenery gradually changes as we wind our way through all seven vegetation zones found in Galapagos. Here, we visit the tortoise reserve at "Las Primicias" one of the private farms in the highlands where we encounter giant tortoises in their natural habitat. We stop at "the tunnels", the largest lava tubes found in Galapagos. Look out for the bright red male vermilion flycatcher. After lunch, we will have our last briefing. Today we visit the Centro de Crianza Fausto Llerena aka Charles Darwin Research Station. See all three tortoise corals and the breeding center with new hatchlings and miniature tortoises not yet ready to be repatriated. Scientists from all over the globe work at the station and conduct biological research from anatomy to zoology. We stop at Van Straelen Hall where there are exhibits and a short video presentation. Visitors can see the tortoise and land iguana corrals. Puerto Ayora is the social heart of the islands with the largest population of 24,000 inhabitants. This evening you have the option to return to your yacht for a buffet

dinner or remain in town on your own account. Those who return to the yacht will be provided zodiacs to return to town to shop for souvenirs or stop at an internet café. Zodiacs will be provided for your return to the yachts. (BLD)

**DAY 9 SUNDAY**

We visit the Interpretation Center opened on San Cristobal Island in 1999, by bus. Here we gain a more complete understanding of the natural and human history of the Islands. Afterwards, we spend some time in port before heading to the airport for our flight back to the mainland. Departs before noon. (BL)

**DAY 10**

Breakfast at Hotel. Return flights to USA. (B)

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|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
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| <b>BOOBY DECK</b>   | <b>\$ 5939</b> |               |               |
| <b>DOLPHIN DECK</b> | <b>\$ 6579</b> |               |               |

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| <b>Total Costs</b> ☐          | <b>Deposit</b> ☐                       | <b>In Country Flight</b> | <b>Trip Dates</b> ☐ | <b>Group Size</b> ☐ | <b>Difficulty</b> ☐           | <b>Activities</b> ☐                                     |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>See outline below</b><br>☐ | <b>\$750</b><br>(\$300 non-refundable) | <b>Included</b>          | <b>2018-19</b><br>☐ | <b>20 max.</b> ☐    | <b>No Experience Needed</b> ☐ | <b>Cruise, Hiking, Wildlife, Snorkeling, Kayaking</b> ☐ |



## A FEW IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT YOUR TRIP...Read carefully

**Full package includes:** All meals as indicated on itinerary (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner), 7 night/8 day Cruise, non-alcoholic beverages, purified water, Captain's welcome and farewell cocktail, guide services, shore excursions, use of wet suits, snorkeling equipment and sea kayaks, transfers in the Islands between the airport and dock, Galapagos Park fee, Tourist Card, in-country round trip flight from Quito (flight rate less from Guayaquil), expert naturalist guides, two nights lodging in Quito, two breakfasts and 4 airport transfers in Quito.

**Not Included in your Trip Fee:** International airfare, airport departure tax (should be paid with purchase of ticket); alcoholic beverages onboard; any meals not indicated on itinerary; gratuities to guides and crew (\$200 recommended for an 8-day cruise); items of a personal nature.

**Special Note:** Depending on your flight origin in the USA, you may need to depart one day earlier than scheduled, making the trip eleven days instead of ten days. Some flight routes, primarily West Coast, may require an overnight in Miami, Florida.

**Solo Travellers:** For passengers who are traveling solo and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay for a single cabin 90 days prior to your departure from the USA.

**Single Cabins:** The single cabin rate is based on best available cabin at the time of sailing and cabins are assigned by Adventure Associates 1 week prior to departure. On average, single travellers are assigned to Iguana cabins, but it is possible depending on the boat's fill to be placed in a Booby or even Dolphin deck cabin.

**How is the food:** The food is excellent and healthy: Start each day with a casual breakfast buffet including fresh, exotic fruit juices, eggs, toast, café con leche, fresh yogurt and cereals. At lunch, enjoy a buffet of crisp salads, pastas, assorted vegetables, fresh produce, meats, and fish all creatively prepared. Unwind quickly in the evening with creamy soups, ceviches, grilled seafood, roasted potato salad, unique desserts, and other delicacies both Ecuadorian and international.

**About our crew:** A seasoned captain, 8 dedicated crewmembers, and two experienced, English-speaking naturalist guides attend to the details of your Galapagos cruise. Each naturalist takes a group of no more than 10 passengers on all shore excursions and shares extensive insights into the Islands' diverse wildlife. Small zodiac-style boats locally called pangas ferry passengers to shore for Island visits.

### Temperature Chart

| Jan                          | Feb | Mar | Apr | May  | June | July | Aug  | Sept | Oct  | Nov | Dec |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|
| MAXIMUM AIR TEMP (in °F)     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 84                           | 86  | 88  | 86  | 82   | 78   | 76   | 74   | 76   | 77   | 78  | 80  |
| MINIMUM AIR TEMP             |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 70                           | 74  | 74  | 72  | 72   | 68   | 66   | 64   | 62   | 64   | 66  | 68  |
| AVERAGE SEA TEMPERATURE      |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 74                           | 76  | 76  | 76  | 74   | 74   | 72   | 66   | 68   | 70   | 72  | 74  |
| AVERAGE RAINFALL (in inches) |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |
| 1.0                          | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 0.75 | 0.25 | 0.5  | 0.25 | 0.5  | 0.25 | 0.5 | 0.5 |

**Transportation/Flight Arrangements:** Please consult with Adventure Associates as you prepare your flight arrangements for the best time of arrival/departure.

**Trip & Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that travel insurance be purchased immediately following your registration. The insurance protects you and your money from late cancellations, accidents or illness in remote areas, emergency evacuation, and loss of baggage, airline flight changes and other unexpected delays. The particular programs we recommend (Allianz or Travelex) will cover "preexisting" conditions if you purchase full coverage within fourteen (14) or twenty-one (21) days following your registration. Information available upon request.

**How to Register:** If you have not downloaded an application form, please contact our office for a complete registration packet. Complete the application form and return it to our office along with the appropriate deposit. Upon receipt of your application, we will send you a confirmation and details about your pre-trip preparation.

**Payment Schedule:** We accept personal checks, Visa and MasterCard.

Deposit: \$750 / \$1,250 Single (\$300 non-refundable)

Second Installment due 6 months prior to departure: \$1200

Full payment due: 90 days prior to departure

Single cabin payment due for unmatched solo travelers: 90 Days prior to departure

**Cancellation & Refund Policy**

If you must cancel prior to departure, the following fee will be assessed based upon our receipt of your written cancellation request:

Days Prior to Departure (trip destination)

180 days or more.....\$300

179-150 days .....\$500

149-120 days .....Deposit

119-90 days.....\$1250

89 -1 days.....100% fee

No partial refunds are possible for any unused portion of your trip.

Penalties on airline tickets are subject to the individual air carrier's rules and regulations. Departure is defined as the date of the first flight, or the trip departure date as indicated on our Trip Schedule, whichever comes first.

Once a trip has been confirmed, medical circumstances will not be considered as exceptions to our cancellation policy. However, if you have purchased a comprehensive Travel Insurance plan that covers cancellation, you may be able to retrieve some of the funds.



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