

The Galapagos Experience

- Choice A: 7 Days/6 Nights** – Quito (2), Galapagos Cruise (3), Guayaquil (1)
Choice B: 8 Days/7 Nights – Quito (2), Galapagos Cruise (4), Guayaquil (1)
Choice C: 11 Days/10 Nights – Quito (2), Galapagos Cruise (7), Guayaquil (1)
Choice D: 10 Days/9 Nights – Quito (3), Galapagos Cruise (3), Santa Cruz, Galapagos Island (2), Guayaquil(1)



Located some 600 miles from the Ecuadorian Coast, the magical islands of the Galapagos provide a unique invitation to discover the very essence of nature itself. Explore moon-like landscapes and mist-covered volcanic peaks, see beaches of green and red sand, and discover some of our planet's most intriguing wildlife – penguins, sea lions, sea birds, flamingos, marine and land reptiles. Untouched for centuries, the creatures of the Galapagos seemingly have never learned to fear man. It is with great pleasure that Tourlite invites you to explore this hidden refuge, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Included Highlights

- Round trip air transportation from Miami to Quito/ Guayaquil
- Round trip air transportation Quito/Guayaquil to Baltra or San Cristobal, Galapagos
- All transfers and baggage handling at airports and hotels
- 2 Nights hotel accommodations at your choice of hotels in Quito including buffet breakfast daily
- Half-day city tour of Quito
- Your choice of 3, 4 or 7 Night Cruises including cabin accommodations, all meals and snacks, shore excursions, guide services and snorkeling equipment
- 1 Night hotel accommodation in Guayaquil including buffet breakfast
- **TOURLITE INTERNATIONAL** document wallet, luggage tags and travel tips booklet
- The services of local guides
- Hotel service charges and taxes

Choice D:

- All services of Choice A plus
- 1 additional night in Quito
 - Full-day Cotopaxi National Park with "Chiva Express" including lunch
 - 3 Night Cruise is on board the M/V Santa Cruz
 - 2 Nights hotel accommodation at the Finch Bay Eco Hotel in Santa Cruz, Galapagos Island including all meals
 - Guided visit to Charles Darwin Research Station



Ecuador Amazon



Guayaquil



Blue Footed Boobies



Ecuador Turtle

Choice A, B, C:

Day 1 USA/Quito

Depart the USA via flight en route to Quito, Ecuador. Upon arrival in Quito, Tourlite representatives will assist you in the transfer to your hotel.

Day 2 Quito

Today, stroll cobble-stoned streets and visit busy plazas en route to old colonial center of Independence Plaza. View the elegant cathedrals of San Francisco, La Compania and San Augustin, Quito's oldest monastery. See the Legislative Palace (Congress) and enjoy the view of the city and the snow-capped mountains from Panecillo Hill. (B)

Day 3 Quito/ Baltra or San Cristobal/Cruise

Today fly to either the Galapagos Island of Baltra or San Cristobal (Island will depend on Cruise ship). Upon arrival Tourlite representatives will transfer you to your ship for your 3, 4 or 7-night cruise. See descriptions on pages 26 and 27. (B,L,D)

Days 6, 7 or 10 Disembark Cruise Baltra or San Cristobal/Guayaquil

Today, transfer to the airport for the flight to Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city. On arrival, Tourlite representatives will assist you in the transfer to your hotel.

Day 7, 8 or 11 Guayaquil/USA

Today, you will be transferred to the airport for your connecting flight to the USA and home. (B)

Choice D:

Day 1 USA/Quito

Depart the USA via flight en route to Quito, Ecuador. Upon arrival in Quito, Tourlite representatives will assist you in the transfer to your hotel.

Day 2 Quito

Full day Cotopaxi National Park with the "Chiva Express". Depart Quito on an excursion.

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sion along the Avenue of the Volcanoes with spectacular views of the Andes Mountains. Enjoy the ecosystems of the park's windswept moors surrounding the Cotapaxi Volcano. On the way back, 'ride the roof' of the Chiva Express, a colorful one coach train, like a bus on tracks, for the ride back (B,L)

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Day 4 Quito/ San Cristobal/ Cruise

Today fly to the Galapagos Island of San Cristobal. Upon arrival Tourlite representatives will transfer you to your ship for your 3-night cruise on board the Santa Cruz. (B,D)

Day 5 & 6 Galapagos Islands Cruising

2 days sailing the Galapagos Islands, including Espanola (Hood)/Floreaana (Charles) and Fernandina (Narborough)/Isabela (Albemarle). (B,L,D)

Day 7 Cruise / Finch Bay Eco Hotel

Morning transfer to the island of Santa Cruz, where you will travel by bus from the north to the south shores of the island and check-in at Finch Bay Eco hotel. After lunch visit the famous Charles Darwin Research Station and the town of Puerto Ayora. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Santa Cruz, Galapagos Islands (Finch Bay Eco Hotel)

Finch Bay Eco hotel setting is right at the shoreline. Mangroves host an array of wildlife and right from the start, Darwin's finches dominate the landscape. Your optional outings today include a list of activities that allow you to have a "Galapagos a la carte" adventure, such as, ocean kayaking, hiking, mountain biking or swimming. (B,L,D)

Day 9 Santa Cruz/Baltra/ Guayaquil

Today, transfer from Santa Cruz Island to Baltra Island for your flight to Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city. On arrival, Tourlite representatives will assist you in the transfer to your hotel. (B)

Day 10 Guayaquil/USA

Today, you will be transferred to the airport for your connecting flight to the USA and home. (B)

OPTIONAL DAY TOURS FROM QUITO

Half Day Middle of the World Tour \$45 pp
Visit to the Equatorial Monument, the very center of the world at latitude 0 (degrees) and stand with a foot on either hemisphere at the middle of the world.

Full Day Otavalo Indian Market Tour \$110 pp
Travel to northern Ecuador and the province of Imbabura, home to the Otavalo Indians. (L)

Full Day Otavalo Indigenous & Chaski Antawa \$178 pp (Operates Tue & Sat)
The Chaski Antawa Train (messenger train) rides on the railroad built at the beginning of the 20th century connecting the northern highlands with the tropical coast. From Ibarra, the train climbs

down to the warm, dry valley of Ambuqui, going through sugar cane plantations, magical landscapes, and tunnels, and crossing bridges that span large canyons and gullies. Other sites include Otavalo and its famous indigenous craft market. (L)

Full Day Chiva Express- Cotopaxi National Park \$105 pp (Operates Mon, Wed, Fri)
Depart Quito on an excursion along the Avenue of the Volcanoes with spectacular views of the Andes Mountains. Enjoy the ecosystems of the park's windswept moors surrounding the Cotapaxi Volcano. "Ride the roof" of the Chiva Express, a colorful one coach train, like a bus on tracks (L)

Please note: Extra nights in Quito will be required when adding the above optional day tours and extensions. Optional Pre and Post Trip Extensions available, see page 35.



2008/2009 Dates & Rates (Weekly Departures)

Tours are air-inclusive / locally hosted. Prices based on per person, double occupancy.

Quito:		Dann Carlton				Swissotel			
Guayaquil:		Hampton Inn				Hilton Colon			
USA Departures	Cruises	Low	High	SGL Low	SGL High	Low	High	SGL Low	SGL High
CHOICE A	3 Day								
Friday	CORAL II	\$2569	\$2629	\$3819	\$3929	\$2719	\$2779	\$4069	\$4179
Friday	CORAL I	2569	2629	3819	3929	2719	2779	4069	4179
Saturday	LEGEND	2829	2929	4289	4469	2979	3079	4539	4719
Wednesday	SANTA CRUZ	2839	3099	4199	4349	2989	3249	4459	4589
Monday	GALAPAGOS EXP. II	2839	2939	4589	4799	2979	3079	4839	5049
CHOICE B	4 Day								
Monday	CORAL II	2999	3069	4599	4719	3149	3219	4839	4969
Monday	CORAL I	2999	3069	4599	4719	3149	3219	4839	4969
Tuesday	LEGEND	3329	3459	5189	5419	3469	3599	5439	5669
Saturday	SANTA CRUZ	3339	3599	5079	5199	3479	3749	5329	5459
Thursday	GALAPAGOS EXP. II	3329	3469	5579	5859	3469	3599	5829	6099
CHOICE C	7 Day								
Friday	ERIC/FLAMINGO I/LETTY	4459	4459	6399	6399	4599	4599	6649	6649
Fri./Mon.	CORAL II	4229	4429	6799	7159	4369	4569	7049	7399
Fri./Mon.	CORAL I	4229	4429	6799	7159	4369	4569	7039	7399
Sat./Tues.	LEGEND	4599	4799	7469	7829	4739	4939	7719	8079
Mon./Thu.	GALAPAGOS EXP. II	4599	4839	8139	8589	4749	4979	8389	8839
Sat./Wed.	SANTA CRUZ	4839	5099	7679	7799	4979	5249	7929	8059
Friday	EVOLUTION	5869	5869	9529	9599	5999	5999	9779	9779
Sunday	YACHT ISABELLA II	5529	5799	7899	8029	5679	5939	8149	8279
CHOICE D	3 Day								
Tuesday	SANTA CRUZ	4219	6799	4489	6939	4429	7159	4699	7289

For Low/High Season Dates see cruise itinerary Pages 26 & 27.

Does not include US Govt Fees, taxes, Sept 11 security fee and Ecuadorian departure tax of approx. \$75 p.p.. Fuel Surcharge of up to \$110 p.p. are included. Weekend travel in either direction add \$25 weekend surcharge. Airfare surcharge: Holiday Dec 10-24 \$350, Peak Jun 18-Aug 15 + Dec 25-Dec 31 \$120. Galapagos Cruise fuel surcharges are additional and vary depending the cruise & cruise line utilized from \$70-\$250 p.p. Add'l taxes to be paid locally, Ecuadorian tax \$30. Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee of \$110 is additional and to be paid LOCALLY. Land Only Deduct: \$580 (USA/UIO & GYE/USA).

(A \$100 p.p. fee will be charged on Land Only bookings for arrival & departure transfers)
Cruise accommodations are based on Standard cabin Coral I & II, Superior Outside cabin Galapagos Legend, Main Deck Standard Santa Cruz, Standard Yacht Isabella II, Classic Suite Galapagos Explorer II, Iguana Deck Eric-Flamingo & Letty, Cabins D1-D4 & C5 on Evolution.
Sequence of Itinerary may vary.

New York add \$85
Los Angeles . . . add \$155
Other U.S. City
Add-ons, see page 66



M/Y ERIC, FLAMINGO & LETTY

Yachts with identical characteristics. A seasoned captain, 8 dedicated crew members, and 2 experienced English-speaking naturalist guides attend to the details of the 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 wooden boats locally called pangas ferry passengers to shore for Island visits. Extensively renovated in 2004, these 20-passenger first class motor-yachts are 83' long with 24' beams. All 10 cabins are fully a/c, private bathroom, fresh, hot-and-cold-water shower, a roomy closet, overhead storage, separate climate controls, intercom system, bottled water and toiletries. They yachts feature public spaces, dining room, well-stocked bar, conference area with television, DVD, stereo/CD equipment, and book and video library. All cruises include all meals, beverages (mineral water, soda or juice), wet suits, kayaks and snorkeling equipment.

CRUISE ITINERARY

- Sunday:** San Cristobal / Cerro Brujo / Leon Dormido
- Monday:** Darwin Bay / Prince Phillip's Steps, Tower
- Tuesday:** Bachas Beach / North Seymour
- Wednesday:** Tagus Cove, Isabela / Punta Espinoza, Fernandina
- Thursday:** Puerto Egas, Santiago / Bartolome
- Friday:** Darwin Station / Highlands, Santa Cruz
- Saturday:** Gardner Bay / Punta Suarez, Espanola (Hood)
- Sunday:** Interpretation Center / San Cristobal

7 nights Cruise (Sun to Sun)

Cruise accommodations based on standard outside cabins, Iguana Deck.

Low/High Season: January 01 - December 3

Itinerary is subject to change without notice depending on the Park schedules.



M/Y ISABELA II

This 40-passenger yacht, with 20 outside cabins plus an owners suite, is a luxurious yacht cruising the Galapagos, and offers an elegant yet casual atmosphere for experiencing the full adventure of the Islands. The yacht is fully a/c; all cabins are spacious and have private bathrooms. Its three public decks offer the amenities of a larger vessel, including bar-salon, dining room and sun deck. The library contains a variety of books on Galapagos and Ecuador, as well as excellent nature and conservation videos.

CRUISE ITINERARY

- Tuesday:** Baltra Island, North Seymour Island
- Wednesday:** Gardner Bay, Hood Island / Punta Suarez, Hood Island
- Thursday:** Point Cormorant, Floreana Island / Post Office Bay, Floreana Island
- Friday:** Santa Cruz Island
- Saturday:** Darwin Bay, Tower Island / Prince Phillip's Steps, Tower Island
- Sunday:** Isabela Island / Punta Espinoza, Fernandina Island
- Monday:** Puerto Egas, James Island / Bartolome Island
- Tuesday:** Baltra Island

Cruise accommodations based on outside cabins, Cabin Deck.

Low Season: January 06 – April 06 / April 15 – December 21

High Season: April 07 – 14 / December 22 – January 05

Itinerary is subject to change without notice depending on the Park schedules.



M/Y CORAL I

This Deluxe Mega Yacht has 18 spacious cabins, for up to 36 passengers, decorated with a marine style taste. There is plenty of room for storage, and even better, all beds in all cabins are lower and they can be arranged as matrimonial, as well as single and twin beds. The M/Y Coral I outside decks are fantastic. You can also enjoy a drink at the Jacuzzi while sailing from one island to another.

M/Y CORAL II

This Deluxe Yacht is an elegant, classic, and charming Motor Yacht for 20 passengers. It is perfect for explorers who want to feel the islands with privacy and supreme comfort; its cruising speed allows having less time in traveling and more time on visiting the islands. The outside decks (in the front and on the top of the boat) give you the opportunity to have a fresh and cool air flow while the yacht is sailing.



CRUISE ITINERARY

- Wednesday:** Baltra Airport / Dragon Hill, Santa Cruz Island
 - Thursday:** Rabida Island (Jervis), Egas Port, Santiago Island
 - Friday:** Espinoza Point, Fernandina Island / Tagus Cove, Isabela Island
 - Saturday:** Bartolome Island, Black Turtle Cove, Santa Cruz Island
 - Sunday:** Charles Darwin Station, Santa Cruz Island / Baltra Airport / Highlands
 - Monday:** Suarez Point & Gardner Bay, Espanola Island
 - Tuesday:** Cormorant Point, Floreana Island / Champion & Post Office
 - Wednesday:** North Seymour Island / Baltra Airport
- 3 nights Cruise (Sun to Wed), 4 nights Cruise (Wed to Sun), 7 nights Cruise (Sun to Sun or Wed to Wed)

Coral I Cruise accommodations based on Outside Standard Cabin.

Coral II Cruise accommodations based on Outside Standard Cabin.

Low Season: Jan 8 - 21 / Mar 1 - 12 / May 1 - Jun 30 / Sep 3 - 30 / Nov 26 - Dec 16

High Season: Jan 1 - 7 / Jan 22 - Feb 28 / Mar 13 - Apr 30 / Jul 1 - Sep 2 / Oct 1 - Nov 25 / Dec 17 - 31

Itinerary is subject to change without notice depending on the Park schedules.



M/V SANTA CRUZ

This 90 passenger, 46-cabin ship, was completely renovated in 1998, redesigned and refurbished inside and out. The SANTA CRUZ has gained worldwide recognition for its excellent standards,

including superb service, expert crew, knowledgeable multilingual naturalist/guides and menus that feature international cuisine and celebrated Ecuadorian dishes. The ship features a Sun Deck with a bar and Jacuzzi, along with the observation platform for dolphin and whale watching. The dining room, lounge and bar are elegantly appointed, as is the well stocked library/reading room. The entire ship is air-conditioned.

CRUISE ITINERARY

- Friday:** Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (San Cristóbal (Chatham) Island)
- Saturday:** Punta Suarez (Española (Hood) Island) / Punta Cormorant (Floreana Island)
- Sunday:** Urbina Bay (Isabela Island) / Punta Espinoza (Fernandina Island)
- Monday:** Baltra (South Seymour) Island / Cerro Dragón (Dragon Hill) (Santa Cruz Island)
- Tuesday:** Bartolomé Island / Puerto Egas (Santiago (James) Island)
- Wednesday:** Rabida Island (Jervis) / Puerto Ayora (Santa Cruz Island)
- Thursday:** Highlands of Santa Cruz Island / North Seymour Island
- Friday:** Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (San Cristóbal (Chatham) Island)

3 nights Cruise (Fri to Mon), 4 nights Cruise (Mon to Fri), 7 nights Cruise (Mon to Mon or Fri to Fri)

Cruise accommodations based on standard outside cabins, Main Deck.

Low Season: January 05 – April 05 / April 14 – December 20

High Season: April 06 – 13 / December 21 – January 05

Itinerary is subject to change without notice depending on the Park schedules.



M/V LEGEND

This luxury expeditions vessel accommodates 100 passengers with 4 Luxurious Legend Suites, 25 Junior suites and 17 superior cabins, with ocean views. The social areas offer the amenities of a luxury cruiser and the privacy of

a small ship. Outdoor facilities include a sun deck and pool, Fisherman's Bar, Broad observation decks and al fresco dining areas. There are evening live shows with folkloric music. There is a well stocked library with books and videos and a Kids corner equipped with soft padding and stuffed animals.

CRUISE ITINERARY

- Monday:** Airport (Baltra) / Chinese Hat
- Tuesday:** Dragon Hill - Venice (Santa Cruz) / Cormorant Point (Floreana)
- Wednesday:** Suarez Point (Española) / Breeding Center or La Galapaguera (San Cristobal)
- Thursday:** North Seymour / Airport (Baltra) / Bartolomé Island
- Friday:** Urbina Bay (Isabela) / Espinosa Point (Santiago)
- Saturday:** Egas Port, Santiago Island / Rabida, Jervis
- Sunday:** Charles Darwin Station & Highlands, Santa Cruz Island
- Monday:** Bachas Beach, Santa Cruz Island / Baltra Airport

3 nights Cruise (Mon to Thu), 4 nights Cruise (Thu to Mon), 7 nights Cruise (Mon to Mon or Thu to Thu)

Cruise accommodations based on Superior Outside Cabins, Ocean Deck.

Low Season: Jan 8 - 21 / Mar 1 - 12 / May 1 - Jun 30 / Sep 3 - 30 / Nov 26 - Dec 16

High Season: Jan 1 - 7 / Jan 22 - Feb 28 / Mar 13 - Apr 30 / Jul 1 - Sep 2 / Oct 1 - Nov 25 / Dec 17 - 31

Itinerary is subject to change without notice depending on the Park schedules.



GALAPAGOS EXPLORER II

Built in 1990, the Galapagos Explorer II is the newest and most elegant of the vessels cruising the Galapagos' waters. Designed to provide both comfort and scientific information to 100 passengers visiting the Galapagos National Park, this vessel travels up to the

remotest islands of the Archipelago. All suites are ocean view with a/c, full-length wardrobes, marble baths, Flat screen TV, and a refrigerated bar and satellite telephone. The ship's facilities include a boutique, library, piano lounge, restaurant with complementary drinks with meals, pool, Jacuzzi and 24 hour medical service.

CRUISE ITINERARY

- Wednesday:** San Cristobal / Playa Ochoa, San Cristóbal
 - Thursday:** Punta Suárez, Española /Santa Cruz , Charles Darwin Station and Puerto Ayora Town visit
 - Friday:** Charles Darwin Station, El Barranco, Genovesa
 - Saturday:** Bachas beach, Santa Cruz / Baltra / Cerro Dragan, Santa Cruz
 - Sunday:** Bartholomé /Puerto Egas, Santiago
 - Monday:** Punta Espinoza, Fernandina /Punta Vicente Roca, Isabela
 - Tuesday:** Seymour Norte/Highlands and Lava tunnels, Santa Cruz
 - Wednesday:** Loberia or El Junco, San Cristobal
- 3 nights Cruise (Wed to Sat), 4 nights Cruise (Sat to Wed), 7 nights Cruise (Wed to Wed or Sat to Sat)

Cruise accommodations based on outside Classic Suite, Magellan or Columbus Deck.

Low Season: Jan 08 - 14 / May 01 - Jun 15 / Nov 24 - Dec 15

High Season: an 01 - 07 / Jan 15 - Apr 30 / Jun 16 - Nov 23 / Dec 16 - 31

Itinerary is subject to change without notice depending on the Park schedules.

The Galapagos Islands

Baltra: Baltra has one of the two airports in the Islands. Baltra is currently an Ecuadorian naval base. The Airport is just a short bus ride from the harbor where your cruises start.

San Cristobal: The easternmost island of the Galapagos and home to its second airport. The southwestern half of this island is inhabited and is formed by an extinct volcano. The other half of the island contrasts dramatically, with flat, dry and harsh environments. The San Cristobal Interpretation Center presents a complete and documented history of the Galapagos, its ecosystems, flora and fauna.

Genovesa: Site of Darwin Bay and home of the swallow-tailed and lava gulls, nesting frigate birds. At Prince Philip's Steps see red-footed boobies, storm petrels and short eared owls.

Fernandina: Along its shoreline, view hundreds of marine iguanas basking in the sun. Flightless cormorants build their nests on the point and often Galapagos hawks fly overhead.

Isabela: The largest of the Galapagos islands, created by intense volcanic activity. A boat ride reveals marine life, Galapagos penguins, great views of the lava fields and volcanic formations.

Bartolome: Climb to the summit of a once active volcano for a panoramic

view including famous "Pinnacle Rock." Swim and snorkel the crystal-clear waters amongst schools of fish.

South Plaza: The low-lying northern coast is home to breeding colonies of sea lions. The sheer cliffs provide shelter for swallow-tailed gulls and beautiful red-billed tropic birds.

Santa Cruz: Home to the Charles Darwin Research Center; staffed by international scientists engaged in research. Here, you can have your picture taken with giant tortoises. Stroll through the small town of Puerto Ayora to buy souvenirs and mail postcards.

Floreana: One of the few populated islands in the Galapagos. Land on a beach with green sand and view sea lions and sea birds. Follow the trail to a lagoon to see pink flamingos, pintail ducks and common stilts and later; visit the small settlement of Puerto Velasco Ibarra.

Española: An island loaded with wildlife where you can see sea lions, curious mockingbirds, the waived albatross, colonies of masked and blue-footed boobies, Darwin finches and Galapagos doves and hawks.

Santa Fe: A haven for sea lions, lava lizards and land iguanas. The cliffs are home to a variety of birds including swallow-tailed gulls and petrels.