

Ecuador – Galapagos Islands Itineraries A & B



Trip Summary

Welcome to Darwin's natural laboratory! Venture each day from your 20-passenger luxury yacht with a skilled naturalist to a new island and get up close and personal with the stunning terrain and fearless exotic creatures that make Galápagos their home. Walk volcanic trails and protected highlands and marvel at lava bombs, spatter cones, cinder cones and lava tubes on a hike to the top of an inactive volcano. Come nose to nose with a 600-pound, 150-year-old tortoise, snorkel alongside warm-water penguins and watch as a blue-footed booby dances in courtship. Return each night to a delectable meal and a restful night's sleep in the comfort of your signature yacht.

Itinerary A: Beaches and Bays

Day 1: Quito or Guayaquil / Galápagos – San Cristóbal Island

Upon arrival in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, San Cristobal Island, our guides will be waiting for you to escort you to your vessel • After a short bus ride and Zodiac transfer to the yacht anchored in the bay, you'll get your cabin assignment and be treated to a delicious buffet lunch • You will be required to participate in a brief safety drill and choose your snorkel equipment • Before the yacht pulls anchor, you'll return to San Cristobal to explore El Junco Lake • Spanish for "sedge", El Junco is the caldera of an extinct volcano and only sizable fresh water lake in the Galapagos • Upon your return to the yacht, the Captain and crew will welcome you on board with a cocktail, and a briefing of the next day's activities • Tonight, enjoy meeting your fellow passengers as our staff treats you to a multi-course dinner, complete with complimentary wine • *Overnight Letty, Theory, or Origin by Ecoventura (L, D)*

Day 2: Punta Pitt / Cerro Brujo – San Cristóbal Island

You'll start your exploration today with a Zodiac ride to look for wildlife at Cerro Brujo, which translates to Wizard Hill • Your guide will point out the wide variety of birds soaring around you, from brown pelicans and brown noddy terns to blue-footed boobies dive-bombing the water around you as they fish • After the Zodiac tour, you'll be able to take in the gorgeous coral sand beach at your own pace • Take a peaceful walk along the beach, swim with sea lions or you have the option to paddle board or kayak • This is a good opportunity to become familiar with your snorkeling gear from the beach before deep-water snorkeling later on • Return to the yacht for a buffet lunch and afternoon break before going ashore at Punta Pitt for a hike • This is considered one of the best sites for bird-watching, primarily because it is the only place where you'll see all three species of boobies: the blue-footed, the red-footed, and the Nazca • Your guides will also point out frigates, swallow-tailed gulls, storm petrels, brown pelicans • At the conclusion of the hike, a Zodiac will transfer you back to the boat for a briefing and dinner • At Pitt Rock, we can snorkel with sea lions and colorful fish such as King Angel and Surgeon fish • As the yacht sets sail, choose from a selection of guide books or fiction in the library, or climb to the top deck for a gorgeous view of "Sleeping Lion" at sunset • *Overnight Letty, Theory, or Origin by Ecoventura (B, L, D)*

Day 3: Punta Suarez / Gardner Bay – Española Island

This morning you'll land at Punta Suarez on Española (Hood) Island • Your guides will point out the large number of endemic species living here, such as the waved albatross • These gorgeous birds spend the first several years of their lives in the open ocean and return to land to mate • As you walk, take care not to step on the marine iguanas sunbathing on the dark rocks • Follow the trail to the dramatic ocean blow hole and watch for colorful sally light-foot crabs crawling along the shoreline •



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We also find Darwin's Finches, Hood mockingbirds, Galapagos Doves, red-billed tropicbirds, Galapagos Hawks, Nazca boobies and swallow-tailed gulls, the only nocturnal gull in the world • After lunch, you'll have the option to snorkel at Tortuga Rock and explore the caves covered with invertebrates • Disembark at Gardner Bay, site of a beautiful white-sand beach where colonies of sea lions dot the shoreline • Here you'll have the option to snorkel from the beach, kayak or paddle-board, or simply walk along the beach, sunbathe or search out the Darwin Finches, Española mockingbird and Galapagos hawks • After the activities, return to the yacht for a briefing and dinner • *Overnight Letty, Theory, or Origin by Ecoventura (B, L, D)*

Day 4: Punta Cormorant / Champion / Post Office Bay – Floreana Island

Step ashore at Punta Cormorant's olive-sand beach with the sounds of sea lions, lava herons, yellow-crowned night herons and blue-footed boobies as you walk around Floreana (Charles) Island • As you walk to a brackish lagoon, home to Bahama ducks, common stilts, Galapagos flycatchers and bright pink flamingos, the guides will point out the rich variety of plant life, including morning glories, cut-leaf daisies, mangroves (black, red and white), *palo verde* and *Scalesia* • The trail leads to a beach where sea turtles lay their eggs in the powdery sand dunes and sting rays swim in the shallow water • Don't miss the opportunity to snorkel at Devil's Crown or Champion Islet, a shallow sunken crater colonized by a brilliant array of colorful fish and coral, white-tipped sharks, sea turtles, spotted eagle rays and sea stars • Return to the yacht for a BBQ lunch served on deck, weather permitting • In the afternoon, you'll be able to participate in a thrilling Galapagos tradition • Floreana is home to Post Office Bay, the site where English whaling vessels erected a post barrel in the late 18th century • When you drop a postcard in the barrel, no postage is required • You'll search through the postcards left by previous visitors, and if you see one addressed to a location near your home, you may choose to take it with you and deliver it in person • Similarly, your note will be delivered by future visitors • Postcards will be provided on board by your guides • Take a Zodiac excursion at Baroness Point to look for sea turtles and rays • If you have an underwater camera, you'll be busy snapping photos of sea stars and a brilliant array of colorful fish • Return to the yacht for a briefing followed by dinner • *Overnight Letty, Theory, or Origin by Ecoventura (B, L, D)*

Day 5: Puerto Ayora / Highlands / CCFL (Darwin Station) – Santa Cruz Island

When you look outside this morning, your view will be completely different from the last few days • A harbor full of boats is bustling with activity at Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island, a town with a population of 24,000 • You'll travel by bus to a higher altitude with beautiful geological formations including the lava tunnels at El Mirador and Los Gemelos (the twins), a pair of massive craters • The highlight of the morning is a visit to a privately-owned ranch where tortoises roam free • These slow-moving giants can grow to be over 500 pounds! • Lunch will be served back on board the yacht, and in the afternoon you'll learn about the most famous visitor to the Galapagos - Charles Darwin - as well as current conservation efforts, when you visit the Centro de Crianza Fausto Llerena formerly known as the Charles Darwin Research Center • Visit the exhibit honoring Lonesome George, whose death marked the extinction of his species of tortoise from Pinta Island • There's another story with a happier ending: Diego, a tortoise from the San Diego zoo, brought his species back from the brink of extinction by fathering hundreds of offspring • You'll have free time to explore the town as you walk back to the main dock • If you're looking for a souvenir, this is the perfect time • Stop at the artisan chocolate shop to select a truffle, with dozens of flavor options, or visit an art gallery for a painting or ceramic piece • Along the way there will be cafes with coffee, ice cream and internet, and you'll have the option to stay on land for dinner with transfers provided by Zodiac • Otherwise, return

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to the yacht for the usual delicious multi-course dinner • Today's daily briefing will be held in the afternoon to allow for extra time in the evening • *Overnight Letty, Theory, or Origin by Ecoventura (B, L, D)*

Day 6: Bartolomé / Exploration Around Santa Cruz – Santa Cruz Island

When you wake up this morning, you'll be in solitude once again, with no other boats in sight • You'll have two options for a morning activity • Today's hike is a challenge, with about 400 wooden steps winding around Bartolome island, ending in a gorgeous panoramic view of Pinnacle Rock • If you'd rather skip the hike, enjoy a Zodiac ride around the island and look for penguins • Crystal clear water beckons you to wade in from the beach • Snorkel with schools of tropical fish, white-tipped reef sharks and Galapagos Penguins • Return to the vessel for lunch on board • The itinerary for the remainder of your day will vary depending on your yacht, but all visitors will enjoy lovely views and some of the Galapagos' renowned wildlife • Guests on the *Origin* go ashore at Sombrero Chino (Chinese Hat), a small island off the southern tip of Santiago that owes its name to its shape • Sea lions await on the beach, and as you explore, you'll see marine iguanas and oystercatchers • Guests on *Theory* visit Playa las Bachas, (Spanish for barges) on the northern side of Santa Cruz • You'll also have a wonderful opportunity for snorkeling after exploring interior lagoons with vivid flamingos • Guests on the *Letty* have a Zodiac excursion at Caleta Tortuga Negra (Black Turtle Cove) through a series of coves and inlets surrounded by mangroves • You'll navigate slowly along the shoreline, listening for the telltale deep inhale of a sea turtle and watching for the wings of a school of golden rays • *Overnight Letty, Theory, or Origin by Ecoventura (B, L, D)*

Day 7: South Plaza / North Seymour – Santa Cruz Island

This morning you'll start out at South Plaza, a small islet with tall cliffs and a trail with a variety of plants and animals • This island's species of "Opuntia" or prickly pear cactus has been decimated by invasive species, so you'll see young plants surrounded by nets to protect them • Look for nests for a variety of birds, such as swallow-tailed gulls, shearwaters, small ground finches, and red-billed tropicbirds • This geological uplift is home to a colony of bachelor sea lions, with dominant bulls in various stages of recovery from battles over prime beach territory • You'll also have an opportunity to see land iguanas up close, and your guides will describe what differentiates them from marine iguanas.

During lunch, you'll sail to North Seymour Island, where a spectacular sight awaits: frigate birds with red sacs on their chests inflated, seeking mates • At the height of mating season, you'll be surrounded by dozens, but no matter what time of year you visit, there will be individuals seeking mates • The Galapagos Islands are home to two different species of frigates, Great and Magnificent, and your guides will teach you to identify the difference • You'll have a final opportunity to snorkel in deeper water • Look for sharks, sea lions, and starfish, along with a variety of tropical fish • Before dinner, the captain and crew will join you for a champagne toast to celebrate a wonderful week of exploring during the Captain's farewell party, and you'll receive detailed instructions for disembarking the next morning, followed by dinner and a special presentation from your guides where you come to realize your week in paradise has almost come to an end! • *Overnight Letty, Theory, or Origin by Ecoventura (B, L, D)*

Day 8: Galápagos / Guayaquil / Quito – San Cristóbal Island

This morning you'll disembark the yacht after breakfast • As a perfect way to sum up the trip, you'll visit the Interpretation Center on San Cristobal to discover more about the human history of the



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Galapagos Islands • There's also a paved trail where you can enjoy a brief walk before a bus ride to town • You'll have some free time for last-minute photos or a coffee before your transfer to the airport • It's a quick flight back to the mainland, but you'll be bringing lifelong memories with you! • (B)

Itinerary B: Volcanic Wonders

Day 1: Quito or Guayaquil / Galápagos – San Cristobal Island

Upon arrival to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno on San Cristobal Island, you are met at the airport and transferred by bus and then Zodiac to the yacht anchored in the bay • After a welcome briefing and safety drill, a delicious buffet lunch is served on board • In the afternoon, travel to Cerro Colorado to visit *Centro de Crianza Jacinto Gordillo* (La Galapaguera) where the national park has established a breeding program for giant tortoises in their natural habitat • At the visitor center, learn about the origin and evolution of tortoises, as well as threats from introduced animals • Along the trail, watch for the San Cristobal mockingbird and Calandrinia plant, both endemic to this island • Return to the vessel for a briefing followed by our Captain's welcome cocktail party and dinner prepared by our chefs • *Overnight Letty, Theory, or Origin by Ecoventura (L, D)*

Day 2: Prince Philip's Steps / Darwin Bay – Genovesa Island

Spend the entire day on Genovesa (Tower) Island, one of the most spectacular places in Galapagos for bird species • Land at Prince Philip's Steps, where red-footed boobies nest in palo santo trees, Nazca boobies nest near the trail, and storm petrels gather in large numbers in an open lava field • With luck, you may see the elusive short-eared owl • Return to the vessel for a BBQ lunch on the sun deck • Choose to explore the cliffs up close from a kayak or stand-up paddle board • Look for the red-billed tropic bird hiding in the crevices or snorkel in deeper water from the Zodiac • Land at Darwin Bay, a coral sand beach where swallow-tailed and lava gulls gather near the tide pools • Enter a forest of *Opuntia* cactus and mangroves where colonies of great frigate birds nest, the males inflating their red-throated pouches to attract females as they fly overhead • Choose to relax on the beach or swim with sea lions in these northern warmer waters • Return to the yacht for a briefing followed by dinner • Out on deck, the sky is illuminated with stars • *Overnight Letty, Theory, or Origin by Ecoventura (B, L, D)*

Day 3: Las Bachas / Cerro Dragon – Santa Cruz Island

Today we visit Las Bachas, (Spanish for barges) on the northern side of Santa Cruz • Explore the long stretch of a white sand beach and the interior lagoons populated by greater flamingo • Then take the opportunity for some wonderful snorkeling from the beach • Return to the yacht for lunch • This afternoon, step ashore on Cerro Dragon (Dragon Hill) for a majestic view of the bay and the island landscape covered in opuntia cactus, palo santo and muyuyo (*Cordia letea*) • The trail also offers excellent opportunities to see Darwin's finches, Galapagos flycatchers, yellow warblers, Audubon shearwater, as well as the endemic land iguanas, that were once part of the Station's breeding program • In the saltwater lagoon, pink flamingos feed alongside other birds such as stilts, pintail ducks and sandpipers • After the briefing and dinner, we sail toward the western islands and cross the equator for the second time • *Overnight Letty, Theory, or Origin by Ecoventura (B, L, D)*

Day 4: Punta Vicente Roca / Urbina Bay – Isabela Island

This morning we visit Punta Vicente Roca on a Zodiac ride offering an incredible view of the tuff walls, where we can enter the wave-sculpted cave • There is an excellent chance to snorkel here and find

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penguins and sea turtles that frequent this area • During lunch, we sail through the Bolivar Channel • Take a seat on deck to view the dramatic scenery and watch for whales and dolphins riding the bow wave, and occasionally the Mola-Mola, an odd looking giant sun fish • Disembark at Urbina Bay on Isabela Island, where four miles of coastal seabed were exposed due to a dramatic uplift during a volcanic eruption in 1954 • See the remnants of coral skeletons, some of them waist-high, and keep an eye out for the very large and colorful Galapagos land iguanas, as well as marine iguanas, Darwin's finches, brown pelicans, flightless cormorants, and the occasional giant tortoise • Return to the vessel for briefing and dinner • A sky full of stars beckons to go on deck and observe the galaxy • *Overnight Letty, Theory, or Origin by Ecoventura (B, L, D)*

Day 5: Punta Espinoza – Fernandina Island / Tagus Cove – Isabela Island

This morning's stop is at Punta Espinoza on Fernandina, the youngest and most pristine Island in Galapagos, with no introduced animals • Recent lava flows formed by an active volcano stretch their way around the coast • Observe sea lion harems with resident bulls carefully guarding their territory and hundreds of marine Iguanas, the largest colony in Galapagos, basking in the sun along the rugged shoreline • Out on the point, the Flightless Cormorants build their nests close to shore since they lost their ability to fly • There is a chance to snorkel here with large sea turtles that frequent this area before returning to the yacht for lunch • Go ashore on Tagus Cove, a favorite anchorage for pirates and whalers over the centuries • Sections of the rocky cliffs are covered with graffiti dating back to the 1800s • An uphill hike leads to a saltwater lagoon and a scenic overlook with a spectacular view of the ocean, lava fields and volcanic formations • Take advantage of the secluded cove and explore the shoreline by kayak or stand up paddle board in search of Galapagos penguins, boobies, pelicans and other seabirds • Return to the yacht for briefing and dinner as we cross the Equator for the last time and get a visit from King Neptune! • *Overnight Letty, Theory, or Origin by Ecoventura (B, L, D)*

Day 6: Rabida Island / Puerto Egas / Black Turtle Cove – Santiago Island

This morning, disembark on Rabida (Jervis), a small island considered the geographic center of Galapagos because its volcanic rocks are the most diversified in the archipelago • Follow the trail to a saltwater lagoon where greater flamingos migrate, keeping an eye out for marine iguanas, mockingbirds, yellow warblers and Darwin's finches • Afterwards, do not miss the opportunity to snorkel with a colony of sea lions and rays • Guests on the *Theory & Letty* visit Puerto Egas on Santiago (James) Island and stroll along the shoreline 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 • The 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 chance to snorkel from the beach • After lunch, take a seat on deck to view the dramatic landscape and dolphins that are often spotted here • Guests on the *Origin* have a Zodiac excursion at Caleta Tortuga Negra (Black Turtle Cove) through a series of coves and inlets surrounded by mangroves • View pairs of mating sea turtles (Sept to Feb), white-tipped reef sharks and golden cow-nosed rays • We return to the vessel for the Captain's Farewell cocktail party and dinner as well as a special presentation by your guides • *Overnight Letty, Theory, or Origin by Ecoventura (B, L, D)*

Day 7: Puerto Ayora / Highlands / CCFL (Darwin Station) – Santa Cruz Island

Disembark at Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island, the social heart of the Galapagos, with a population of 24,000 humans • Travel by bus to the highlands, passing through all seven vegetation zones found in



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Galapagos • Visit Rancho El Manzanillo, a privately-owned hacienda where giant tortoises roam in their natural habitat • Stop at the lava tunnels, so large you can walk through them, and visit Los Gemelos, (The Twins), a pair of large craters • Return to the yacht for lunch on board • Guests on the *Origin & Theory* have lunch at the Royal Palm Hotel in the highlands • This afternoon, visit the Centro de Crianza Fausto Llerena (formerly Charles Darwin Research Station) • Visit the tortoise corals and the breeding center with hatchlings and miniature tortoises that will be repatriated when grown • Visit a new exhibit honoring Lonesome George, a worldwide icon of conservation as the last surviving tortoise from Pinta Island that tragically died of natural causes • We stop at a local chocolate shop to learn how high quality Arriba cacao is produced in Ecuador • Stroll through town to shop for souvenirs or stop at an internet café or museum to stimulate the local economy • Return to the yacht for dinner or, if you wish, remain ashore on your own at a local restaurant • Zodiac shuttles from the yachts to the main dock will be offered throughout the evening • *Overnight Letty, Theory, or Origin by Ecoventura (B, L, D)*

Day 8: Galápagos / Guayaquil / Quito – San Cristóbal Island

This morning we disembark and travel by bus to *Cerro Tijeretas* (Frigatebird Hill), where you find nesting colonies of both species of frigate birds (Great and Magnificent), as well lava lizards, medium ground finch and San Cristobal mockingbird • Walk along the trail to Punta Carola for scenic views • Guests on the *Letty* visit Isla Lobos • Afterwards, we spend time in port before heading to the airport for your flight back to the mainland • (B)

**This trip is operated in partnership with Ecoventura.*

***Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, ocean, weather, trail, and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures and/or Ecoventura.*

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Activities

Hiking: 1 to 2 miles per hike, easy to moderate terrain.

Sea Kayaking: No experience necessary.

Snorkeling: Equipment provided, no experience necessary.

Boating: Inflatable Zodiac touring with naturalist guide.

Standup Paddleboarding: No experience necessary.

Discovery: The rugged volcanic landscape of the Galápagos Islands offers truly exceptional encounters with wildlife. Venture out each day with a skilled naturalist on foot, in kayaks, and motorized panga (Zodiac) to witness an astounding variety of exotic creatures that have never learned to fear human contact. This is an active tour, quite different from most Galápagos adventures. Did you know that there are three species of boobies in the Galapagos Islands: Blue-footed, Red-footed, and Nazca boobies – all of which you might observe at Punta Pitt? Were you aware that some of Galapagos' volcanoes are still active today with occasional eruptions and seismic activity? Why do you think the Galapagos Islands were designated as Whale and Shark Sanctuary in 1990? If you're lucky when you're snorkeling, you'll catch a glimpse of a white-tipped Galápagos shark, known to spend most of its time resting in caves during the day, it comes out at night to feast on octopus, spiny lobsters, crab and many types of fish. A mangrove, a tree that has adapted to growing in the inhospitable tidal zone between the land and the sea, provides valuable nursery areas for juvenile fish and crustaceans. Come explore these magnificent islands with their amazing wildlife with the leaders in adventure travel!

Our Partner – Ecoventura

Austin Adventures is proudly offering this trip in conjunction with our Ecuadorian partner Ecoventura. Each year, Ecoventura carries thousands of nature enthusiasts to the Galápagos Islands. As Ecoventura enters its second decade of operation, we reflect back to 1990 when boat builders outfitted their first two 20- passenger vessels, *Eric* and *Flamingo*. In 1994 they launched their third sister yacht, *Letty*. In 2001 they launched the *MV Galapagos Sky*, a custom-designed dive live-aboard. In 2016 Ecoventura introduced their premium class yacht, *Origin*, making her debut in January, 2016. In 2019, Ecoventura added yet another state-of-the-art luxury cruise vessel to its fleet in March 2019, the *Theory*. Clearly, Ecoventura holds a solid reputation for delivering personalized service, value and a high level of guest satisfaction. Ecoventura's participation in the Smart Voyager environmental certification program ensures that all vessels, passengers and crewmembers commit to preserve the Galápagos National Park and to respect the fragile ecosystem that, worldwide, is recognized as a "living laboratory of evolution." Offering unmatched comfort and safety, Ecoventura, delivers the enchantment of the Galápagos with a dedication to details that will make your journey fun, comfortable and truly rewarding.



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Distinctive Accommodations

Suggested Pre-Cruise/Quito: Rincon de Puenbo or Hotel Le Parc

Suggested Pre-Cruise/Guayaquil: Hotel Oro Verde or Hotel del Parque

Cruise: *Letty by Ecoventura* – First Class Yacht

Ecoventura's signature fleet includes one expedition yacht custom-designed for Galapagos cruising: the *Letty*. Built in 1991 and refurbished annually, this superior first-class yacht accommodates no more than 20 guests and features three decks of spacious staterooms with polished teak interiors trimmed with shiny brass fittings. Accommodations include ten double outside-facing cabins with a window or porthole view, one double bed or two twin lower beds, fully air-conditioned with private bathroom (hot and cold water showers), bio-degradable soap/shampoo dispensers, hair dryer, closet, drawers, intercom and separate climate controls for your comfort. There's a dining room, well-stocked bar and conference area with a flat screen TV, library and panoramic picture windows. Or you can relax in a lounge chair on the sun deck, enjoying sea breezes and a sky full of stars.

Cruise: *Origin & Theory by Ecoventura* – Luxury Yachts

Ecoventura's sister yachts, *Origin & Theory* take luxury cruising to the next level. Sleek, stylish and modern spaces make you feel like you are on board a luxury boutique hotel. Every element of these yachts have been designed for comfort, safety and sustainability. From spacious staterooms with panoramic windows to world-class cuisine, the *Origin* and *Theory* offer unforgettable cruising experiences matched only by the incomparable nature of the islands they visit. The experienced 14-member Ecuadorian crew includes a high-level Captain, a full time concierge, and two naturalist guides (one for every ten guests) and the lowest guide to guest ratio in Galapagos. The outstanding naturalists delight in sharing their knowledge and passion – with just 20 guests, there is nothing to get in the way of your personal experience of one of the most memorable places on Earth! It's a good thing there's so much to see and do in the Galapagos, or you might never leave the comfort of your stateroom. Observe the marine environment with excursions by Zodiac, glass-bottom boat, snorkeling, stand up paddle board or kayak. Along with large windows providing expansive ocean views, the ten staterooms are roomy and inviting, with individual climate control, plush bedding, private modern bathrooms, plenty of storage space and other luxury amenities. Relax in the Jacuzzi hot tub for up to six guests or work out in the fitness center equipped with a treadmill, elliptical, free weights, yoga mats, and more.

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Arrivals and Departures

Please arrive in Quito or Guayaquil no later than the evening prior to your cruise (we recommend arriving a minimum of two nights to allow for potential flight delays and misconnection). Flights to Galapagos for Ecoventura's passengers are serviced by AVIANCA Airlines from Quito and Guayaquil. On the day of departure, please be at the airport in Quito or Guayaquil two hours prior to departure for check-in. Please look for the Ecoventura representative at the AVIANCA Airline ticket counter to collect your boarding pass, transit card (if prepaid) and get assistance with check in.

On your last day, head to the airport for a flight back to the mainland (departing San Cristobal at 12:30 pm, arriving in Guayaquil at 3:25 pm – flight schedule subject to change) • Transfer to your hotel in Guayaquil or continue the flight on to Quito (arriving at 5:00 pm) to connect with your departing flight to the U.S. If you would like assistance in arranging your pre or post cruise details, please contact your Austin Adventures trip consultant (800.575.1540).

Trip Price

Call for pricing.

Trip Length

8 days /7 nights

2020 Dates

Departing weekly, call for availability.

Host City

Quito, Ecuador – Airport code: UIO

Guayaquil, Ecuador – Airport code: GYE

Reservations & Availability

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$750 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Holiday departures and custom programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Cabin accommodation on board.
- All breakfasts, lunches, and dinners, snacks and refreshments.
- Non-alcoholic beverages and filtered water throughout cruise / House wine and beer with dinner.
- Fully trained, bilingual professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Guided shore excursions.
- Use of snorkeling equipment, wet suits, sea kayaks and standup paddleboards.
- Transports between the airport and dock in Galapagos.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt & luggage tags.
- Pre-departure and packing information.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to guides & crew.
- Transfer to Quito or Guayaquil airport from your pre-trip hotel.
- Airfare to Galapagos and airfare fuel surcharge.
- Galapagos Entrance Fee & Transit Card.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses & purchases on board / from boutique.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.

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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you.

Child Age and Pricing on Family Adventures

Family Adventures are suitable for children 7 years old and up (6 years and older for our Costa Rica and Yellowstone Family Adventures). Children who share a room with one or more adults may receive reduced rates. The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is 16 years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 90 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 60-89 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 0-59 days before trip departure – No refund is given

** Holiday departure deposit and cancellation policy varies. Please call your adventure consultant for details.*

*** There is a service charge of \$50.00 per person for airline tickets to Galapagos cancelled 29 to 7 days prior to departure. From 7 days to the day of departure, there is no refund for the airfare, park entrance fee or transit card.*

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.