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TOUR
11 DAYS

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\$2785
Double occupancy

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GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

QUITO CITY TOUR

DAILY EXCURSIONS
DURING THE CRUISE

VISIT OF THE
CHARLES DARWIN
RESEARCH STATION



The Galapagos Islands are renowned for their unique wildlife. You can swim with sea lions, float eye-to-eye with penguins or stand beside a blue-footed booby as it feeds its young – within a barren, volcanic landscape that is peerless in its haunting beauty. Spread out over 50,000 sq km of the Pacific Ocean, the archipelago comprises 13 main islands and six smaller ones.

Day 1 Quito (Saturday) • Upon arrival in Quito assistance and transfer to your hotel.

Hotel: Mercure or similar (2 nights)

Day 2 Quito (Sunday) • Tour of colonial downtown Quito, first city to be included on UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage list in 1978. Afterwards visit the "Middle of the World" monument. (B)

Day 3 Quito • Galapagos: Baltra • North Seymour (Monday) • Transfer to the airport for your flight to Galapagos. Board the M/V Galapagos Legend for a 3, 4 or 7-night cruise. (3 and 7-night cruises start on Monday and 4-night cruise starts on Thursday). Departure for North Seymour in the afternoon. (B/L/D)

Day 4 Galapagos: Santa Cruz • Floreana (Tuesday) (Itinerary for 3 or 7-night cruise) Santa Cruz: Walk to a saltwater lagoon behind the beach, where, on occasion, many pink flamingos can be observed. This trail leads up to Dragon Hill, which offers a lovely view of the bay. Floreana: Hike from the black mangrove beds to a large, brackish lagoon, which holds one of the biggest flamingo populations in the Galapagos. (B/L/D)

Day 5 Galapagos: Espanola • San Cristobal (Wednesday) (Itinerary for 3 or 7-night cruise) Espanola: Along with the sea lion colonies, this is a very important site for bird watching. You will visit the famous blowhole, where water shoots into the air about 23 m (75ft). San Cristóbal: Dry landing at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. You will visit the San Cristóbal breeding centre and learn about the National Park's breeding program for the giant tortoises. (B/L/D)

Day 6 Galapagos: Santa Cruz • Baltra • Bartolomé (Thursday) (Itinerary for 3 or 7-night cruise) Santa Cruz: Opportunity to snorkel and see a variety of fish and rays. Return to the Galapagos Legend. (Check-out for passengers of the 3-night cruise and transfer to the airport. Flight to Quito and continue itinerary on Day 10). Passengers of the 4-night cruise will be picked up at Baltra airport and transferred to the M/V Galapagos Legend. Passengers of the 7-night cruise remain on board. (Itinerary for 4 or 7-night cruise) Bartolomé: During the hike to the summit, travellers will often see colonies of marine iguanas, lava lizards and various cacti. (B/L/D)

Day 7 Galapagos: Isabela • Fernandina (Friday) (Itinerary for 4 or 7-night cruise) Isabela: Depending on the season, you may be able to observe giant tortoises, land iguanas and flightless cormorants. Fernandina: You will see the biggest marine iguanas mingling with sally-light foot crabs, as well as flightless cormorants nesting sites and Galapagos penguins. (B/L/D)

Day 8 Galapagos: Santiago • Rabida (Saturday) (Itinerary for 4 or 7-night cruise) Santiago: You can observe hunting herons, great blue herons, lava herons, yellow-crowned night herons and oyster catchers. Possibility to swim and snorkel. Rabida: The volcano-formed beach is dark red and frequented by sea lions. It's considered the geographic centre of Galapagos because it has the most diverse volcanic rocks on the Islands. (B/L/D)

Day 9 Galapagos: Santa Cruz (Sunday) (Itinerary for 4 or 7-night cruise) Santa Cruz: Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, staffed with international scientists conducting biological research and conservation projects. Here you can admire the giant tortoises that are part of the breeding program. Afterwards trek through the highlands of Santa Cruz. (B/L/D)

Day 10 Galapagos: Santa Cruz • Baltra • Guayaquil (Monday) (Itinerary for 4 or 7-night cruise) Santa Cruz: On Bachas Beach you will encounter many sea birds, marine iguanas, sea turtles and have the opportunity to swim off the white sand beach. Return to the Galapagos Legend, check out and transfer to Baltra's airport. Return flight to Guayaquil. Transfer to your hotel. (B)
Hotel: Oro Verde or similar.

Day 11 Guayaquil (Tuesday) Transfer to the airport. (B)

TOUR INCLUSIONS : *Transportation* • Domestic flights Quito – Baltra – Guayaquil in economy class • Transport in air conditioned vehicles • **Guides** • English speaking local guides • **Hotels and meals** • Superior accommodation in Quito and Guayaquil • Superior exterior cabin during the cruise • Breakfasts in Quito and Guayaquil, full board during the cruise (drinks excluded) • **Visits and excursions** • As per itinerary.

NOT INCLUDED : International air transportation • Galapagos National Park Tax: +/- USD 100 • Beverages • Gratuities to hotel personnel, guides, drivers and crew members • Local Airport taxes: +/- USD 41.

Price per person • Double occupancy			
	with 3-night cruise	with 4-night cruise	with 7-night cruise
April 1 - 30, 2010	\$ 2 899	\$ 3 525	\$ 5 229
May 1 - June 30, 2010	\$ 2 785	\$ 3 375	\$ 4 989
July 1 - September 2, 2010	\$ 2 899	\$ 3 525	\$ 5 229
September 3 - 30, 2010	\$ 2 785	\$ 3 375	\$ 4 989
October 1 - 31, 2010	\$ 2 899	\$ 3 525	\$ 5 229
Single supplement			On request
<i>Seasonal surcharges may apply</i>			