

ECUADOR - CAMILA



TRIP CODE

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DEPARTURE

Selected Saturdays

DURATION

8 Days

LOCATIONS

Ecuador, Galapagos  
Islands



INTRODUCTION

As you cruise between the islands on this 8-day adventure aboard the Camila, you will discover not only the exotic wildlife of the Galapagos Islands, but also the spectacular scenery. From volcanic cones to lava tubes, from lagoons to white and red sandy beaches, you will be amazed by the beauty and diversity of the archipelago. Then there is the plethora of fascinating wildlife ranging from turtles to giant tortoises, lava lizards to sea lions, red and blue-footed boobies to Darwin's finches and magnificent frigatebirds. Hike along trails, swim and snorkel in the clear waters and cruise in pangas and kayaks on this Galapagos discovery.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrival to San Cristobal Airport with transfer to

Welcome to the Galapagos Islands aboard the M/T Camila. The guide and crew will greet you and show you to your accommodations upon your arrival. Afterwards, the guide and cruise manager will hold a short briefing on all safety and emergency protocols, different areas of the vessel and the normal routine of the itinerary. PM: San Cristobal - Lobos Island/Kicker Rock Lobos Island is aptly named after the many sea lions that reside here resting and playing along the rocky shores. It is also home to many different birds like pelicans, frigate birds and their nests, yellow warblers and more. Within the small channel the waters are very clear, making it easy to find sea turtles, sea lions, stingrays and perhaps even white-tipped sharks.



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DAY 2: San Cristobal - Pitt Point

When arriving to Pitt Point, it will feel almost like you've landed on an extraterrestrial planet. You can see the many different developments over time of how volcanic activity formed this island. A hike up to the top beholds amazing views of the surrounding waters. Watch out for blue-footed boobie nests on the ground and keep an eye out for the red-footed boobies nesting in the trees once you reach the top of the island. PM: San Cristobal - Witch Hill Passing by on a panga your guide and crew will show you amazing rock formations formed by the passing of time and erosion of the sea. You'll finally arrive to a beautiful white sandy beach to spend the time swimming or basking in the sun. Frolic with sea lions who may swim by playfully or take a walk down the entire beach and back.



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### DAY 3: Española - Suarez Point

This is the only nesting site in Galapagos where the Waved Albatross nests. They come back only once a year to meet the same mate, year after year. They spend the rest of the year at sea. Apart from these amazing birds are the Galapagos Hawks that can be seen and the amazing formations and blow hole on the other side of the island, reached by a hike. PM: Española - Gardner Bay / Osborn Islet Gardner Bay is an excellent place to see sea lions lounging on the beach while mockingbirds get up close to see if they can steal water or crumbs. Over time, the mockingbird must have been offered water or food from tourists and now they have no fear of walking on your things or landing very close to you. It is so important not to feed or touch the animals. It can disrupt their normal behaviors and threaten their future.



### DAY 4: Santa Cruz - Bachas Beach

Bachas beach has beautiful green and blue waters that contrast along the surf of the black lava shores. In the air various shore birds fly searching for food. On the shore you can explore the sand dunes and find a salt water lagoon with greater pink flamingos. PM: Bartolome Island This island is well known for its incredible remnants of volcano cones and distinct terrain such as Pinnacle Rock. A hike will lead you up to the top of a lookout point to see all of Sullivan Bay. You might be able to see lava lizards and various sea birds flying above.



### DAY 5: Rabida Island

This visitor site is quite different from others as it has a very distinct and red fine gravel beach due to the iron content. Snorkeling can be done here with spectacular sights of tropical fish. Visitors like to walk along the beach taking in the sights and also visiting the black lagoon with pink flamingos. PM: Santiago Island - Egas Port This visitor site is also known as James Bay, it is home to Galapagos hawks, lava lizards and the trails lead to a coastline with gorgeous tide pools full of fauna. Fur seals, different from the common sea lions can also be seen here.



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### DAY 6: Genovesa - Darwin Bay

A white sand coral beach leads the way to a hiking trail through mangroves filled with many different species of land birds and other famous species like blue-footed and red-footed boobies and swallow tailed gulls. Towards the end of the hike are tidal pools where you can find sea lions swimming playfully and finally a spectacular view off a cliff. PM: Genovesa - El Barranco El Barranco is also known as Prince Philip's Steps. It is an extraordinary site on the flatter area of the island in Darwin's Bay. Be prepared to make your way up a rocky crevasse, then enjoy the easy trail to spectacular views. This is one of the few visitor sites where all three boobie species can be seen, as well as the short-eared owl.



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### DAY 7: Mosquera Islet

Located between the islands of Baltra and North Seymour lays a reef made of coral. This was the result of volcanic uprising making the islet only 160 meters across at its narrowest width. It has one of the largest populations of sea lions and is home to many shorebirds. On occasion, orcas can be seen hunting off the shoreline. PM: Santa Cruz: Highlands The highlands are located in the northern part of Santa Cruz and can reach elevations up to 1500 meters. This area is rich with hills, ferns, volcanoes and wildlife. A great contrast to the molten lava harden beaches and rocky areas of other islands already seen. It is home to giant tortoises, mockingbirds, finches and many other species.



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### DAY 8: North Seymour

Explore the rocky coast of North Seymour passing colonies of blue-footed boobies and magnificent frigatebirds. The island was formed by a series of submarine lava expelled from the ocean floor, carrying with it layers of sediment uplifted by the tectonic activity. The island is mostly characterized by the arid vegetation. Transfer to Airport The only visit you will have on this day is to the Interpretation Center. Afterwards, you will have time to gather your belongings and then the guide and cruise manager will thank you for your time. Then, you will be transferred to the airport and your cruise will come to an end.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Standard
<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>All shore excursions  All meals throughout the cruise  Regular soft drinks and juices  Champagne reception  Use of Kayaks  Snorkelling gear and wetsuits  Galapagos National Park certified guide</p> <p><b>Exclusions</b>  Tips for crew/guide  Alcoholic beverages  Plastic bottled beverages  Personal expenses  Roundtrip airfare to Galapagos  Galapagos National Park Fee (USD\$100 per person subject to change)  Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD\$20 per person subject to change)</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request
<b>Notes</b>	Contact us for more details
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Season and availability

## SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.

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- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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