



### TRIP CODE

ECTSCA4

### **DEPARTURE**

Selected Saturdays

### **DURATION**

4 Days

### LOCATIONS

Ecuador, Galapagos Islands



# **INTRODUCTION**

### **BOOK AND SAVE: Up to 20%\* off select departures**

The Galapagos Islands are one of the world's most remote, unique and remarkable destinations and this 4-day cruise introduces you to some of the wonders of the eastern part of the archipelago. Sail between the islands of San Cristobal, Espanola and Santa Cruz aboard the beautiful trimaran, the M/T Camila. Encounter the sea lions of Lobos Island, snorkel with turtles and rays, see a nesting site of the waved albatross at Suarez Point and marvel at the blue and green waters and flamingos of Bachas Beach. This is a great introduction to the islands made famous by Charles Darwin.

# **ITINERARY**



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, vellow 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.





### 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.



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### 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. 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 with Haugan Cruises. Then, you will be transferred to the airport and your cruise will come to an end.



# **INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

Accommodation

Standard



Inclusions	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 Exclusions 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)
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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# **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.
- 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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