

ECUADOR - SOUTH & EAST ISLANDS | EDEN



TRIP CODE

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DURATION

8 Days

LOCATIONS

Ecuador, Galapagos Islands



INTRODUCTION

Sail around the south and east islands of the spectacular Galapagos archipelago and be introduced to some of the incredible species that thrive here and that inspired the works of Charles Darwin. Snorkel at Devil's Crown, amongst the sea lions at Isla Lobos and at Kicker Rock, one of the most stunning landmarks of the Galapagos. Explore Espanola, one of the oldest islands of the archipelago and South Plaza, one of the smallest. Walk through Opuntia forests where endemic land iguanas and tropicbirds can be found and visit the highlands of Santa Cruz, home to underground lava tunnels, volcanic tubes, the Galapagos giant tortoise and barn owls that sometimes roost here.

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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Standard



Price Dependent upon

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Accommodation Internal Flights All shore excursions All meals throughout the cruise (7 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 5 dinners) Galapagos National Park Certified Guide Snorkelling equipment and wetsuits **Exclusions** USD\$100 Galapagos National Park Fee (must be paid in cash on arrival at Galapagos) USD\$20 Transit Control Card (must be paid in cash at Inclusions Quito Airport) International or domestic flights to or within South America, unless specified Transfers not mentioned in the itinerary Airport arrival or departure taxes Passport, visa, reciprocity and vaccination charges Travel insurance or emergency evacuation charges Hotels and meals not included in itinerary Optional excursions not included in the itinerary All items of a personal nature Gratuities Visas **Difficulty Rating** 2 (light adventure) Available upon request **Single Surcharge** Notes Contact us for more details

SUSTAINABILITY

Season and availability

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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