

## ECUADOR - MC PETREL



### INTRODUCTION

Get on board the MC Petrel and enjoy an ecological wonderland of largely endemic wildlife. The Galapagos islands inspired Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection long before the cruise ships arrived. Dotting the Pacific 960km off the Ecuador coast, this archipelago of 19 volcanic islands is noted for its fearless wildlife, a natural response to the lack of large predators.

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: San Cristobal Island

You will arrive at San Cristobal Island in the morning. You will be shown to your cabin where you will have some time to settle in before lunch and a welcome briefing. A visitor site in the southeast part of San Cristobal Island that can be reached in roughly one hour by road from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. On the trees and shrubs surrounding the site, you may see land birds like warbler, finches and mockingbirds, and on the trails, Giant Tortoises.



NO IMAGE  
AVAILABLE

#### TRIP CODE

ECTSP4D

#### DEPARTURE

Enquire for exact departure dates

#### DURATION

4 Days

#### LOCATIONS

Ecuador, Galapagos Islands



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## DAY 2: Española Island

Gardner Bay, on the eastern side of the island, is the breeding site of nearly all of the world’s 12,000 pairs of Waved Albatrosses. It has an ample white sandy beach with a myriad of sea lions, perfect for relaxing. Its rocky shores make this site a great place for diving and snorkeling. After landing, you can walk across a lovely white sand beach amongst a busy sea lion colony or dive into the water to swim with sea lion pups. This small island is a marine visit where you can enjoy fantastic snorkeling and swimming. Afterwards you will continue to Suarez Point.



## DAY 3: Floreana Island

This site hosts a large flamingo lagoon where other birds such as common stilts, White-cheeked Pintails can also be seen. In the afternoon visit Devil’s Crown - One of the best snorkeling sites in the Galapagos. The coral reef in the middle is perfect for attracting marine life. Snorkelers enjoy the variety of marine life and exciting currents that rush through the crown, creating an exhilarating experience. Continue to Post Office Bay after that.



## DAY 4: Santa Cruz Island

The Charles Darwin Research Station is home to turtles ranging from 3-inches (new hatchlings) to 4-feet long. Here you have the chance to learn more about these fascinating animals before heading back toward the airport for your returning flight to Ecuador’s mainland.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

**Accommodation** Standard

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<b>Inclusions</b>	Shipboard accommodation All meals whilst on board including snacks All shore excursions Guiding and lectures by Galapagos Naturalist Guide Use of snorkelling gear and wetsuits Use of Kayaks Champagne reception Welcome courtesy <b>Exclusions</b> Return airfares from mainland Ecuador Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee (US\$100 per person subject to change) Galapagos Transit Control Card (US\$20 per person subject to change) Visa fees (if applicable) Gratuities for guide/crew Personal expenses such as laundry, on board communication (telephone calls, faxes, email) Optional activities whilst on board
<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

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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.