

## ECUADOR - MC PETREL



### INTRODUCTION

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

Imagine yourself walking amongst prehistoric-looking marine iguanas, albatross nesting colonies, lumbering giant tortoises, baby sea turtles hatching or flamingos. Swim and snorkel with playful sea lions, speedy penguins, sea turtles and a myriad of spectacularly colourful fish. Get on board the MC Petrel and experience Galapagos Islands as its best!

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Baltra Island & Santa Cruz Island

You will arrive at Baltra 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. In the Afternoon continue to Santa Cruz Island. Here at the Highlands, you can walk along a path, observing the hills, ferns, volcanoes, and rich wildlife. This area is home to giant tortoises, forest, mockingbirds, Bahama ducklings, White-cheeked Pintail ducklings, Darwin finches, and many other species.



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5 Days

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### DAY 2: Santiago Island & Bartholomew Island

Located southeast of Santiago Island, Sullivan Bay is of great geological interest. The area is covered by Pahoehoe lava flows combined with A'A lava. Home of the famous Pinnacle Rock, Bartholomew consists of an extinct volcano with a variety of red, orange, black and even green volcanic formations. A trail of stairs leads to the summit of the volcano, boasting one of the best views of the islands. The beach is perfect for snorkeling and possible sightings of the Galapagos Penguin.



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### DAY 3: Genovesa Island

This morning wet landing at Darwin Bay. This white-sand coral beach heads a half mile trail (.75km) that winds through mangroves filled with land birds. Nazca Boobies, Red-footed Boobies, and Swallow-tailed Gulls can be spotted here. Further down the path are tidal pools where sea lions swim playfully. At the end is a spectacular view off a cliff. After lunch dry landing at Prince Phillip's Steps. Also known as El Barranco, Prince Phillip's Steps' steep, rocky paths leads up to a high cliff-face. A marvellous view can be appreciated from here. This site is also home to Palo Santo vegetation as well as Red-footed Boobies, Short-eared Lava Owls, Galapagos Swallows, and Galapagos Doves



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### DAY 4: Santiago Island

Also known as James Bay, Egas Port is home to the curious Galapagos Hawks and Quick-footed Galapagos Lava Lizards. Espumilla Beach is a popular place for marine iguanas and Sally Lightfoot Crabs. The crabs attract the hunting herons, performing the dance of predator and prey. With an abundance of marine life including octopi, moray eel, and shark, snorkeling is highly recommended. Afterwards head to Buccaneer Cove on the Northwestern side of Santiago Island.



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### DAY 5: Santa Cruz Island

Carrion Point creates a sheltered lagoon with beautiful, turquoise water. During this visit you can snorkel and see a variety of fish, rays and perhaps the harmless white-tip reef sharks. The point is on the north coast of Santa Cruz Island at the entrance of Channel of Itabaca. Please keep in mind that on departures days, your morning visit will be early and short since we need to be prepared before heading back toward the airport for your returning flight to Ecuador's mainland.



## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Standard
<b>Inclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shipboard accommodation</li> <li>All meals whilst on board including snacks</li> <li>All shore excursions</li> <li>Guiding and lectures by Galapagos Naturalist Guide</li> <li>Use of snorkelling gear and wetsuits</li> <li>Use of Kayaks</li> <li>Champagne reception</li> <li>Welcome courtesy</li> </ul> <p><b>Exclusions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return airfares from mainland Ecuador</li> <li>Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee (US\$100 per person subject to change)</li> <li>Galapagos Transit Control Card (US\$20 per person subject to change)</li> <li>Visa fees (if applicable)</li> <li>Gratuities for guide/crew</li> <li>Personal expenses such as laundry, on board communication (telephone calls, faxes, email)</li> <li>Optional activities whilst on board</li> </ul>
<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

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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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