

## ECUADOR - ISABELA II



### INTRODUCTION

Explore some of the most beautiful islands in the Gal  pagos aboard the Isabella II. Begin your journey on Santa Cruz Island, the most populous in the archipelago. Explore the highlands of the islands with their lush vegetation before venturing down to the world-famous Charles Darwin Research Station to meet giant tortoises face to face. Sail south to the island of Floreana, and visit Post Office Bay and Cormorant Point, both full of life and history. Cruise west to Espa  ola Island, with its remarkable visitor site (a favourite of many visitors): Punta Su  irez. Wander along the rugged coastline, home to hundreds of marine iguanas, sealions, marine birds, and even albatross (at certain times of year). San Crist  bal Island is next, the capital of the Gal  pagos Province. Explore the northern shores of the island, visiting the fascinating sites of Punta Pitt and Cerro Brujo, taking you back to the young Charles Darwin's visit of 1835. End the journey at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. Sailing aboard the Isabela II will ensure your Gal  pagos experience is memorable.

#### The Isabela II Experience

An intimate yacht experience awaits those on board the Isabela II, as it takes you throughout the untamed wilderness of the Galapagos Islands. Admiring the colourful multitudes of marine life from the glass-bottom boat, kayaking through the turquoise waters and relaxing in the on-board jacuzzi are just some of the incredible experiences that you can choose to make the most of your adventure whilst cruising through this equatorial wildlife haven.

The Yacht Isabela II offers only a few numbers of cabins, that will make you feel convivial whilst on board as crew take care of your maximum comfort. Let yourself taste delicious meals and make full use of all on board facilities including; a fitness room, jacuzzi, outside deck and bar. Off board guided excursions including snorkelling, kayaking or paddle boarding will enable you to discover the unique flora and fauna of the Galapagos.

Isabela II also offers a [7 day cruise](#)

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### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Baltra / Santa Cruz

Friday: Baltra Airport / Charles Darwin Research Station (Santa Cruz Island) We arrive at Baltra Airport and transfer to the Itabaca Channel to take a ferry across to Santa Cruz Island. A 30-minute bus ride takes us to a restaurant in the Highlands of Santa Cruz Island to enjoy lunch, and then continue to Puerto Ayora. Charles Darwin Research Station After driving down from the highlands, we visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and the giant tortoise pens within an impressive giant prickly-pear cactus forest home to many land birds. These are the headquarters of scientific investigation, conservation and the National Park administration. Late afternoon stroll along the main street of Puerto Ayora before embarking on Yacht Isabela II. Expedition plan review, Captain's welcome cocktail and dinner.



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#### DAY 2: Floreana

Saturday: Post Office Bay & Baroness Cove/Cormorant Point (Floreana Island) After breakfast, we land at Post Office Bay to visit the historic barrel that has been serving as a post office in the archipelago for over two centuries. Snorkelling off the beach. Cormorant Point (Floreana Island) Our visit to Punta Cormorant takes in an olivine-crystal beach for an easy walk by a brackish water lagoon where bird species like greater flamingos may be observed. On the other side of the island, we come to a white-sand beach where sea turtles come out at night to nest. We can usually snorkel at "Champion Islet" site, panga ride or ride in our glass-bottom boat.



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### DAY 3: Española

**Sunday: Punta Suárez/Gardner Bay (Española Island)** Our morning outing at Punta Suárez provides an exciting walk on lava/boulder terrain to visit its unique sea bird colonies, including the waved albatrosses (April - January), boobies, swallow-tail gulls, and the famous "blowhole". Also, look for red-green-black marine iguanas. Back on board for lunch. Gardner Bay (Española Island) In the afternoon, we set down at this beautiful, white coral beach for a short walk to observe the sea lions, mockingbirds, finches or enjoy the beach. There is great snorkelling in this area, or else there's time to kayak, panga ride or ride the glass-bottom boat.



### DAY 4: San Cristobal

**Monday: Punta Pitt/Cerro Brujo (San Cristóbal Island)** In the morning, we land on the eastern tip of the island. The trail that ascends from the beach provides spectacular views of the shoreline and is the only site in the Galápagos where the three species of boobies can be found together, as well as the two frigate species, plus a colony of bachelor sea lions. After the walk, if conditions are favourable, there is a chance to swim, kayak or snorkel from the beach or a panga ride. Cerro Brujo (San Cristóbal Island) In the afternoon following lunch on board, a dinghy ride along the shores of tuff-stone layers takes us to Cerro Brujo's expansive, white coralline beach, great for walking, with rewarding birdwatching with good views of seabirds and shore birds. Also, look out for Galápagos sea lions. These are the same shores that Charles Darwin walked upon, back in September 1835. After the walk, there is a chance to swim and snorkel.



### DAY 5: San Cristobal

**Tuesday: Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (San Cristóbal- Chatham Island)** After breakfast, we depart to pier and airport for our flight back to the mainland.



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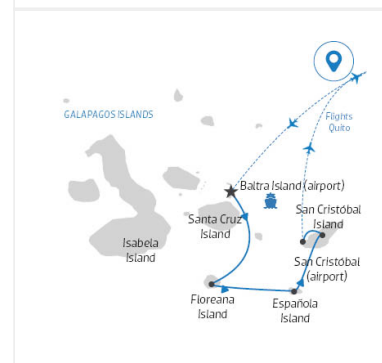
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### INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Standard
<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>All accommodation on board the Isabella II  All meals on board  All shore excursions  Guiding and lectures by Galapagos naturalist guides  Snorkelling gear  Transfers</p> <p><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)  Beverages (other than tea and coffee)  Personal expenses such as laundry, on-board communication  Gratuities for the crew  Optional activities whilst on-board  Wetsuits</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	1 (easy)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
<b>Notes</b>	Please note National park Entrance Fees are subject to change without prior notice.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Departure date, season and availability.

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### SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are

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paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

The Isabela II follows a number of sustainability initiatives in line with general Galapagos National Park Policy. Fuel consumption is minimised, reusable water bottles are given to all passengers, waste water treatment and minimised consumption help reduce environmental impact when cruising the pristine. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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