



<u>INTRODUCTION</u>

This 10 Day Galapagos Island adventure is the perfect way to experience the very best of the islands. On board the Endeavour II you will have the opportunity to visit the archipelago's varied islands and habitats. Experience the incredible diversity of wildlife and natural landscapes. Create unforgettable memories with your fellow passengers as you break new ground, encountering new species like Galapagos penguins, tortoise, flightless cormorants & marine iguanas. Snorkel and kayak in some of the most pristine waters in all of Latin America. This is a truly incredible experience.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Guayaquil

Guayaquil is Ecuador's largest city and main port. Resettled in 1547 as a commercial ship yard and port to the service of the Spanish Crown, it has served as the main point of Ecuador's economy. It has been the location of great revolutions and insurgencies through its history, being recognized as the first Ecuadorian city that become definitely independent from Spain in 1820. Accommodation for the evening will be at the Hotel del Parque (or something similar).



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DAY 2: Embarkation in Guayaguil

You will take a morning flight to the Galapagos. From here you will be transferred to the ship where you will be welcomed by your naturalist staff and crew.



DAY 3: Galapagos Islands - Day 3 to 8

During your time in the Galapagos you will have the opportunity to visit a umber of islands. The few are just some of the islands you may visit: Santa Cruz - Call at Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both the Galápagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station. Head to the lush, green highlands to see giant tortoises roaming in the wild. North Seymour - Encounter nesting frigatebirds, plus land and marine iguanas, and enjoy a beautiful coastal walk. Isabela - Toast crossing the Equator at Volcán Ecuador, northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye open for whales and dolphins as you ply these rich waters, once the haunt of whalers and pirates. Fernandina - One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, it's the youngest and most pristine island in Galápagos—and home to the strange flightless cormorant and the largest marine iguanas.



DAY 9: Disembarkation in Guayaquil

In the morning you will disembark your ship. Take this time to say farewell to your crew and fellow passengers, reflecting on the incredible experiences you have shared together. Return by air to Guayaquil.



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DAY 10: Depart Guayaguil

This morning you will depart from Guayaquil. The day can be spent at your own leisure, you may choose to add on other items to this itinerary r organise to book flights home.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS Accommodation Cabin on board ship Shipboard accommodation All meals whilst on-board including snacks All shore excursions Guiding and lectures by Galapagos Naturalist Guide English-speaking expedition team **EXCLUSIONS** Return airfares from mainland Ecuador Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee (US\$100 per Inclusions person subject to change) Galapagos Transit Control Card (US\$20 per person subject to change) Visa fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Beverages (other than coffee and tea) Personal expenses such as laundry, on-board communication (telephone calls, faxes, email service) Gratuities for the crew Optional Activities whilst on-board **Difficulty Rating** 2 (light adventure) **Single Surcharge** Available upon request, contact us for more details. Park entrance fees are subject to change without prior **Notes** notice. **Price Dependent upon** Departure date, seasonality & 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 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.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore remain 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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