

**GALAPAGOS ADVENTURE CRUISE
ON M/C PETREL
ISABELA AND FERNANDINA**



**30 WILDLAND
ADVENTURES**

Itinerary Overview

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1	Wed	QUITO	La Casona		Arrive Quito
2	Thu	QUITO	La Casona	BL	Quito City tour + Mitad del Mundo Equatorial Marker
3	Fri	GALAPAGOS ISLANDS	M/C Petrel	BLD	Fly to the Galapagos. Afternoon visit to North Seymour Island
4	Sat	ISABELA/ FERNANDINA	M/C Petrel	BLD	Punta Vicente Roca, Punta Espinosa
5	Sun	ISABELA	M/C Petrel	BLD	Tagus Cove, Urbina Bay
6	Mon	ISABELA	M/C Petrel	BLD	Elizabeth Bay, Punta Moreno
7	Tue	ISABELA	M/C Petrel	BLD	Volcan Sierra Negra, wetlands, breeding center
8	Wed	QUITO / DEPARTURE		B	Charles Darwin Station, return to Quito, international departure

Itinerary in Detail

DAY 1: ARRIVE QUITO

Arrive in Quito and transfer to Patio Andaluz, a beautifully refurbished colonial mansion in the heart of the historic center. Overnight at **Patio Andaluz**.

Please Note: We can also accommodate our travelers with arrival and departure from Guayaquil on the delta of the broad Rio Guayas. Please inquire for rates and details

DAY 2: QUITO

You begin your Ecuador vacation with a tour of colonial Quito, including the bustling Independence Plaza, the dazzling gold-leafed altars of La Compania Church, and the impressive San Francisco Church. Visit the Mitad del Mundo Equatorial marker and ethnographic village and museum for a fun and informative examination of the curiosities of life on the Equator. You will enjoy lunch al fresco at a lively café in the colonial square. Overnight at **Patio Andaluz**. [BL]

DAY 3: ARRIVAL GALAPAGOS ISLANDS / NORTH SEYMOUR

Private transfer in the morning to the domestic airport for the flight to the Galapagos. Upon arrival meet your naturalist guide for the short ride to the M/C Petrel. Get underway immediately to North Seymour Island, where you have a dry landing on the rocky coastline. Explore with your naturalist guide, observing colonies of blue-footed boobies and Magnificent frigatebirds, with their brilliant red throat patches. The first snorkeling opportunity of the trip happens here! Enjoy playing tag with sea lions and discovering the submarine world of the Galapagos Reserve, second only to the Great Barrier Reef in size. Overnight onboard the **M/C Petrel**. [BLD]

DAY 4: ISABELA / FERNANDINA

Following breakfast, your morning outing is a Zodiac exploration of Punta Vicente Roca, where the remnants of an ancient volcano form two turquoise pools, with a bay protected from ocean swells and perfect for snorkeling. The upwelling of the cold currents here allows visitors the chance to observe the rich marine life sustained by the nutrients brought to the surface. A partially submerged cave is a perfect perching site for masked and blue-footed boobies, as well as unique flightless cormorants. The caving of Volcan Ecuador, the Islands' 6th largest volcano, allows a cutaway view of the inner caldera. After lunch, you cross the Bolivar Channel where you often spot whales and dolphins riding the bow wave. Here lies Fernandina, the youngest and most volcanically active of the islands. A dry landing on Punta Espinosa puts us among countless marine iguanas, the largest colony in Galapagos. Recent lava flows formed by an active volcano stretch their way around the coast. Observe sea lion harems with resident bulls carefully guarding their territory. Flightless Cormorants build their nests on the point and Galapagos Hawks soar overhead. Overnight onboard the **M/C Petrel**. [BLD]

DAY 5: ISABELA

Begin your day with a dry landing at Tagus Cove. Six volcanoes flowing together formed Isabela, the largest Island in Galapagos. During the walk, you discover a salt-water lagoon, a scenic overlook with a spectacular view of the surrounding ocean and neighboring islands, lava fields, and volcanic formations. Graffiti dating back to the 1800's is scrawled on the rocky cliffs. Explore the Coves by Zodiac or by sea kayaks to find Galapagos penguins. Following lunch and repositioning, you wade ashore to your landing spot at the base of Alcedo Volcano, at Urbina Bay. Here you find 4 miles of exposed coastal seabed and remnants of marine life, brought to the surface during a dramatic uplift in 1954, following a volcanic eruption. The marine remains of coral skeletons, some of them waist-high, are seen here. You may observe nesting brown pelicans and flightless cormorants, as well as giant marine iguanas which also inhabit this area. End this excursion with snorkeling before climbing back into the Zodiacs and off to the yacht for refreshments. Overnight onboard the **M/C Petrel**. [BLD]

DAY 6: ISABELA

This morning, your excursion is a zodiac ride to Elizabeth Bay. You begin with a visit to a secluded cove, lined with large red mangrove trees sheltering turtles, rays, and shore birds. Motoring to the rocky islets known as “Las Marielas,” you find a colony of nesting penguins, flightless cormorants, and giant marine iguanas. During lunch, the vessel transits to the southwestern portion of Isabela, to Punta Moreno. From here, you observe penguins and shore birds, including great blue herons, along the beautiful rocky shores. Entering an area of mangroves, your guides point out oysters nesting at the base of trees. Later, you make a dry landing where the terrain is rough and the lava fields are stark. This almost prehistoric landscape is interspersed with lagoons containing abundant wildlife, including pintail ducks and flamingos. There are several lava cactus and other pioneering plants here, including an unusual species of Scalesia. Overnight onboard the **M/C Petrel. [BLD]**

DAY 7: ISABELA

Located in the Southwest portion of Isabela are Sierra Negra and Chico Volcanoes, considered the oldest and largest volcanoes on Isabela. From the town of Puerto Villamil, you travel to Santo Tomas, then to the rim of the caldera. Enroute, you traverse a lava field through a series of craters and fumaroles until you reach Volcan Chico. Keep an eye peeled for the vermilion flycatcher, Galapagos martins, whimbrels, egrets, Galapagos Hawks, and possibly the dark-billed cuckoo. This afternoon you visit the Galapagos Tortoise breeding center on Isabela. Overnight onboard the **M/C Petrel. [BLD]**

DAY 8: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND / RETURN TO QUITO / International Departure

This last morning will be spent at the Charles Darwin Research Station, where ongoing breeding programs seek to repopulate islands with giant Galapagos tortoise species that were greatly reduced by whalers and other visitors to the Galapagos in past times. Continue on to the Baltra airport for your flight back to Quito. Remain at the Quito airport for international departure this evening. **[B]**

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END OF SERVICES

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**GALAPAGOS ADVENTURE CRUISE
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CENTRAL ISLANDS**



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4	Thu	SOUTH PLAZA / SANTA FE	M/C Petrel	BLD	Walk on South Plaza island, short hike on Santa Fe Island
5	Fri	SAN CRISTOBAL	M/C Petrel	BLD	Isla Lobos, La Galapaguera, Interpretation Center
6	Sat	ESPANOLA	M/C Petrel	BLD	Gardner Bay, Punta Suarez
7	Sun	FLOREANA	M/C Petrel	BLD	Punta Cormorant, Devil's Crown, Post Office Bay
8	Mon	SANTA CRUZ / INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE	M/C Petrel	BLD	Charles Darwin Station, flight to Quito; international departure

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DAY 3: ARRIVAL GALAPAGOS ISLANDS / SANTA CRUZ HIGHLANDS RESERVE

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the Galapagos Islands. Upon arrival meet your guide for a drive into the verdant highlands to a reserve populated by wild tortoises. The scenery gradually changes as you wind your way through all seven vegetation zones found in Galapagos. Here you encounter giant tortoises in their natural habitat. You visit Los Gemelos, Spanish for “The Twins,” a pair of large pit craters, and habitat for the brilliant red male vermilion flycatcher. A special treat is a stop at “the tunnels,” the largest lava tubes found in Galapagos, and eye-popping evidence of the Islands’ volcanic origins. Transfer to the yacht for check-in and welcoming celebration. Overnight onboard the **M/C Petrel**. [BLD]



DAY 4: SOUTH PLAZA / SANTA FE

Your first morning in the Galapagos begins with a visit to South Plaza, one of the smallest yet richest islands in the archipelago. Only 426 feet wide, it was formed from uplifted seabed, giving it a tilted tabletop quality. The turquoise waters of the channel contrast brilliantly with the black lava of the shoreline, with rocks speckled with bright orange Sally Lightfoot crabs. Further up the shore a carpet of scarlet ice plant (*Sesuvium*) serves as ground cover for a grove of prickly-pear cactus. Yellow-gray land iguanas sit beneath, waiting patiently for pears to drop. The trail gradually follows the tilt of the island to cliffs that overlook the ocean to the South, where swallow-tailed gulls nest. Red-billed tropic birds, Nazca and blue-footed boobies ride the windy currents. The overlook is a great place for spotting large marine life, including manta rays. Surf pounds an inlet at the western corner of the island, where a colony of male sea lions makes their home at a bachelor’s site.

Following lunch, you visit Santa Fe Island, offering one of the more beautiful and sheltered coves in the islands. Its turquoise lagoon is protected by a peninsula of tiny islets forming an ideal anchorage. Geologically it is one of the oldest islands in the archipelago. A wet landing on a sandy white beach brings us close to one of many sea lion colonies. Galapagos hawks are often easily approached, perched atop salt bushes. The giant prickly pear cactus found here live up to their name, with tree-sized trunks! Our goal is to spot one of the large species of land iguana endemic to Santa Fe. Beige to chocolate brown in color with dragon-like spines, these big iguanas truly resemble dinosaurs. After the hike, there is nothing more inviting than a swim in the calm waters of the bay. Overnight onboard the **M/C Petrel. [BLD]**



DAY 5: SAN CRISTOBAL

This morning visit Isla Lobos, named for the sea lions who inhabit the beaches and waters surrounding the island. Walk through the frolicking and barking creatures while they socialize. This basaltic island is also an important nesting site for blue-footed boobies, offering an excellent opportunity to observe their comical stiff-legged mating dance and “sky pointing” behaviors. Following your hike, a refreshing swim with the playful namesakes of the island is the perfect end to the visit, before returning to the vessel for lunch and cruising to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. Visit La Galapaguera tortoise breeding center established by the National Park. Along the trail, you find the San Cristobal (Chatham) mockingbird and

Calandrinia plant, both endemic to this island. Observe the terrestrial tortoises living in their natural habitat and learn about their origin, evolution and threats by introduced animals. Overnight onboard the **M/C Petrel. [BLD]**

DAY 6: ESPANOLA

This morning, you begin with a wet landing at Gardner Bay. Walk along seemingly endless stretches of white sandy beach where you’ll find large colonies of sea lions. There is no designated trail to follow so this is a chance to explore and discover Galapagos Hawks, Darwin’s Finches, or a Hood Mockingbird. Swim with sea lions from the beach, ask your naturalist guide for their favorite snorkeling spot, or take out one of the kayaks.

Following lunch is a dry landing at Punta Suarez, where you find the highest rate of endemic species in Galapagos. Sea lions noisily greet you as you land on “their” beach. Curious Hood mockingbirds peck at your shoelaces. From April to November, the waved albatross, found only on Espanola, perform their wild mating ritual. Colonies of blue-footed boobies engage in “sky-pointing” to show off for potential mates. Nazca boobies busily care for their young. You also look for swallow-tailed gulls, red-billed tropicbirds, Darwin’s Finches, Galapagos Doves, and Galapagos Hawks. Here you may observe a



unique species of marine iguana identified with traces of red and green coloring. Colorful Sally Lightfoot crabs crawl along the shoreline near the dramatic blow hole. Overnight onboard the **M/C Petrel. [BLD]**



DAY 7: FLOREANA

Set foot on a green-sand beach alive with the sounds of sea lions. Follow a trail to a brackish lagoon, home of the pintail ducks, common stilts, and the pinkest Flamingos in the world. Sea turtles lay their eggs in the sand dunes and brilliantly-colored rays swim in the shallow water. After the walk, you have an opportunity to snorkel at Devil's Crown, perhaps the best snorkeling site in the Galapagos, not only for its scenic allure, but the range of dazzling reef dwellers, such as Surgeonfish, Parrotfish, King angelfish, perhaps even the elusive Moorish Idol, along with White-tipped reef sharks, sea turtles, or possibly Manta or Spotted Eagle rays. Floreana is perhaps one of the most intriguing islands in the archipelago for its mysterious human history, and you'll stop at Post Office

Bay, perhaps the most famous site in Galapagos. Here you visit a post barrel, originally put into use in the late 18th Century by sailors onboard English whaling vessels. You are invited to leave a post card and to pick up any mail from your home area. Overnight onboard the **M/C Petrel**. **[BLD]**

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Additional fees (THESE CHARGES WILL APPEAR AS SEPARATE LINE ITEMS ON YOUR INVOICE)

- Roundtrip airfare Quito – Galapagos (\$560 per person adult, \$385 per child 11 and under - **subject to change**)
- Galapagos National Park fees (Currently \$100 per person adult, \$50 per child 11 and under)
- INGALA Ecuadorian transit fee (Currently \$20 per person)

INCLUDED SERVICES

- All guided tours and excursions
- English-speaking certified naturalist guides
- Captain's Champagne reception
- Kayaks, snorkeling gear, wetsuits onboard the *M/C Petrel*
- Airport-hotel transfers, land and sea transportation
- 7 nights accommodation as indicated
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Wildland Adventures travel consultation and pre-departure services

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- International airfare
- Tips and gratuities
- Drinks, alcoholic beverages, and meals other than listed above
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Any other items not mentioned above

NOTE: For Galapagos travelers, please be advised that due to weather conditions, vessel operation, and Galapagos Park management, **cruise itineraries are subject to change**. All yacht operators reserve the right to change vessels prior to departure due to maintenance or replacement. On very rare occasions when this occurs passengers will be transferred to another vessel and cabin of comparable or better class (comfort, services, amenities, equipment, etc.) at no extra charge.

Accommodations



PATIO ANDALUZ, QUITO

Situated in the heart of Quito's colonial center, Patio Andaluz holds centuries of Ecuadorian history within its elegant walls. With a maximum capacity of 63 guests, the hotel retains an intimate atmosphere coupled with impeccable service and modern amenities. This lovely hotel provides 21 standard rooms and 11 suites all with luxury toiletries, hair dryers and in-room safes. The on-site restaurant, El Rincón de Cantuña, specializes in national and Spanish cuisine and classic international dishes. Enjoy your Ecuador holidays at the tapas bar, artisan shop or library as well. All of Quito's most popular highlights, including Independence Square, the Cathedral, and Carondelet Palace, are conveniently located nearby.



M/C PETREL

One of the newest vessels in the Galapagos Islands, the Motor Catamaran Petrel offers deluxe accommodations and an outstanding crew, all dedicated to insuring the best Galapagos experience. Each luxury cabin features a private balcony, public areas include a Jacuzzi, Sun Deck with bar. Complimentary kayaks, wetsuits and snorkeling gear insure your optimum experience, both on land and in the water! Guests can choose between 2 spacious suites (463 sq ft) or 6 staterooms (323 sq ft), convertible from Queen to twin beds, and 1 cabin for solo occupancy.

Booking your Wildland Adventure

HOW TO RESERVE A TRIP

You can book online using our [Reserve a Trip form](#) or by calling 1-800-345-4453. Your space on a trip is confirmed once we receive your reservation form and initial trip deposit. All travelers must sign and submit a [Release of Liability](#).

Deposit requirements are as follows:*

- \$1000 per person for all trips the Galapagos. This deposit is non-refundable.

*Some trips require additional non-refundable deposits, especially when yachts have been chartered, or if permits to visit archaeological or wildlife sites have been purchased in advance.

CUSTOM TRAVEL

This trip isn't exactly what you're looking for? We are happy to design a private custom itinerary to accommodate your travel dates, interests and style of accommodations. Call us at 1-800-345-4453, send an email to info@wildland.com, or use the Ask The Program Director button on our website.

PAYMENTS, CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Full payment of the trip balance is due 90 days prior to departure. If you must cancel before departure, money will be returned less the cancellation fees charged by WA Inc. plus any additional non-refundable cancellation fees and payments already advanced to airlines, hotels and local operators:

Wildland Adventures Cancellation Fees:

<u>Days Prior to Departure</u>	<u>Fee</u>
61 or more	Initial deposit amount
31-60 days	50% of costs
30 or less	100% of costs

No partial refunds are possible for any unused portion of your trip. Penalties on airline tickets are subject to the individual air carrier's rules and regulations. Departure is defined as the date of the first flight, or the trip departure date as indicated on our *Trip Schedule*, whichever comes first. Cancellation fees are based on the date your written notification is received at WA Inc.

PRE-DEPARTURE SERVICES

Upon receipt of your deposit and completed reservation form, we will send you a comprehensive Pre-departure Dossier. This contains important information to help you prepare including immunizations, visas, trip insurance, packing checklist, reading list, maps, cross-cultural information, optional trip extensions and more. You will receive a final trip packet including Final Reminders and local contact information in your destination 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

REFERENCES AND QUESTIONS

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