

ROMANTIC GALAPAGOS AND ANDES ADVENTURE ON THE M/V ORIGIN SOUTHERN ISLANDS



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Itinerary Overview

Enjoy an active and adventurous holiday in the Galapagos Islands and Ecuadorian mainland while experiencing exquisitely romantic surroundings. Discover the capital city of Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, based from an elegantly rustic hacienda on the hillsides high above the city lights. Cast away aboard one of our most luxurious yachts in the iconic Galapagos Islands! The newest and most elegant 20 passenger yacht the Galapagos has ever seen debuted February 2016. The M/V Origin comes to us from a family with long seafaring history in the Galapagos Islands, wedding an extraordinary level of comfort, cuisine, and expertise to the highest goals of sustainability. From the Concierge service to top-notch naturalist guides, to state-of-the-art equipment and furnishings, the Origin brings a new understanding of "evolution" to the Galapagos Islands! Finally, escape to a romantic getaway in the Andes, tucked away at an authentic working estancia, beautifully refurbished to reflect its elegant 16th century roots. Hike the estancia's trails, saddle up for a horseback ride, visit charming villages and colorful indigenous markets. You will never want to leave!

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4	Monday	SAN CRISTOBAL	M/V Origin	BLD	Cerro Brujo and Punta Pitt
5	Tuesday	ESPANOLA	M/V Origin	BLD	Punta Suarez and Gardner Bay
6	Wednesday	FLOREANA	M/V Origin	BLD	Punta Cormorant, Devil's Crown, Post Office Bay
7	Thursday	SANTA CRUZ	M/V Origin	BLD	Highlands, Charles Darwin Station
8	Friday	BARTOLOME / SANTA CRUZ	M/V Origin	BLD	Pinnacle Rock, Black Turtle Cove or Sombrero Chino
9	Saturday	SOUTH PLAZA / NORTH SEYMOUR	M/V Origin	BLD	Opuntia cactus forest
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DAY 4: SAN CRISTOBAL

This morning you visit Cerro Brujo, a breathtaking white power-sand beach, said to be one of the most spectacular in Galapagos. Here you have an opportunity to snorkel or kayak directly from the beach, where you may spot turtles or flamingos. Following lunch onboard and repositioning of the vessel, you visit the northeast tip of San Cristobal, Punta Pitt. This is a tuff formation that serves as a nesting site for many sea birds including blue footed, Nazca and red-footed boobies, frigatebirds, swallow-tailed gulls, and storm petrels. Punta Pitt is considered to be a first-class site for birders, so don't forget your binoculars! Overnight onboard the **M/V Origin**.

DAY 5: ESPANOLA

Following breakfast, you have a dry landing at Punta Suarez, where you witness the highest rate of endemic species in the 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 (formerly masked) boobies busily care for their young. Stunning swallow-tailed gulls are the only nocturnal gulls in the world. Red-billed tropicbirds take shelter under the cliffs. You also find 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 colorings. Colorful sally light-foot crabs crawl along the shoreline near the dramatic "blow hole". This is the scene most people envision when they decide to visit Galapagos. During lunch, you motor to the other side of the Island.

After a wet landing at Gardner Bay, you'll walk along seemingly endless stretches of this white sandy beach where you'll find large colonies of sea lions. There is no 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. Your expert naturalist guides can point you to an excellent snorkeling site off Gardner Islet with colorful diversity of sea life near Tortuga Rock or caves covered with invertebrates. You are also permitted to use the kayaks here. Return to the yacht at sunset for dinner and your naturalists' presentations. Overnight onboard the **M/V Origin**.

DAY 6: FLOREANA

This morning you step ashore at Punta Cormorant on Floreana, one of the few populated islands in the Galapagos. Floreana presents a rich history with mystery and intrigues worthy of a novel. 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. Your guide will help identify a rich variety of plants including morning glories, cutleaf daisies, palo verdes, and scalesia, all while approaching a beach with power soft sand. 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, a shallow sunken crater colonized by a brilliant array of colorful fish and coral.

This afternoon you visit Post Office Bay, perhaps not the most scenic, but probably 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 mail a post card home with a Galapagos stamp! Overnight onboard the **M/V Origin**.

DAY 7: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

Today travel via local "chiva" bus to the verdant highlands of Santa Cruz. The scenery gradually changes as you make your way through seven vegetation zones found in the Galapagos Islands. Visit a tortoise reserve, "La Primicias," where you may observe the giant tortoises in their natural habitat. Next travel to the "Los Gamelos" twin pit craters and prime habitat to the vermilion flycatcher, a brilliant red streak of feathers in the greenery. Following lunch, visit the famous Charles Darwin Research Station, where scientists keep breeding corrals of all species of tortoises found on the islands. You may see brand new hatchlings as well as juvenile tortoises not yet ready to be released into the wild. This evening, you have the option to remain in the town of Puerto Ayora to experience the nightlife and restaurants available there, or return to the yacht for dinner. Zodiacs will be available for transfers through the evening. Overnight onboard the **M/V Origin**.

DAY 8: BARTOLOME / SANTA CRUZ

Following breakfast, you visit Bartolome, a landscape reminiscent of walking on the moon. While inhospitable to most plants and animals, this young island is breathtaking in its stark beauty. After a dry landing, climb 30 minutes up stairs leading to the summit of a once active volcano. Along the way, you pause to marvel at lava bombs, spatter cones, and cinder cones. From the top of the wooden stairs, gaze out across the island for a panoramic view of the island and iconic "Pinnacle Rock", an eroded tuff cone. Down below, crystal clear water is an invitation to snorkel from the beach or Zodiac with schools of tropical fish and Galapagos Penguins. After lunch, visit Las Bachas (The Barges) Beach, a long stretch of soft white sand and lagoons which provide habitat for the Greater Flamingo. Snorkeling here from the beach is a great passenger favorite. Later, a wet landing at Sombrero Chino presents you with sea lion colonies, and after a short hike, the trail gives way to lava fields and tubes. Here you will find marine iguanas and opportunities to snorkel with penguins. Overnight onboard the **M/V Origin**.

DAY 9: SOUTH PLAZA / NORTH SEYMOUR

This morning's visit is to South Plaza, a small geological uplift with tall cliffs offering spectacular views. After a dry landing, the trails lead us through Prickly Pear cactus or Opuntia and Sesuvium. Here you find the Galapagos land iguana feeding on the cactus leaves. Toward the end of the hill, you encounter a colony of bachelor sea lions. The dominant bulls will likely be in various stages of recovery from battles lost over prime beach territory. You also find swallow tailed gulls, shearwaters, and red-billed tropicbirds who build their nests along the cliffs.

This afternoon, you have a dry landing at North Seymour, a small geological uplift. Here you may observe Swallow-tailed gulls, Blue-footed boobies, and the endemic land iguanas. Visit the largest colony of Magnificent frigatebirds found in the Galapagos. Back on board the yacht; enjoy the Captain's Farewell cocktail followed by dinner and a briefing. Overnight onboard the **M/V Origin**.

DAY 10: MAINLAND ECUADOR / ANDEAN HIGHLANDS

After a morning visit to the San Cristobal Interpretation Center, your guide returns you to the airport for your mainland flight **[Avianca #1637 Galapagos/Quito 12:30-17:00]**. Upon arrival, meet your guide and driver for transfer directly to the beautiful and serene Andean highlands. Tiny villages dot the hillsides, herds of goat, sheep, and llamas graze peacefully under blue skies. Your destination for this day is one of the area's most famous and elegantly restored colonial-era haciendas, set amidst verdant gardens and forests. Overnight at **Hacienda Zuleta**.

DAY 11: ANDEAN HIGHLANDS

Hacienda Zuleta, the former home of Ecuadorian President Galo Plaza Lasso, is an authentic working estancia. You will see the activity all around you, as workers go about their duties of a typical ranch - milking the cows, tending the organic gardens, and training the beautiful horses that are available for the guests' pleasure as well as the chagras' (Ecuadorian cowboys) needs. Today, you may visit the internationally recognized "Condor Huasi Project," the only condor reintroduction and rehabilitation project recognized by the Ecuador Andes Condor protection agency. You may also visit the earthen mounds of the pre-Incan Caranqui people, the best-preserved relics of this culture in all of Ecuador. Closer to the hacienda itself, the cheese-making facility is a delicious tour, and the embroidery workshop offers a look at the exquisite work of the talented women of the community. Optional activities (some will have additional charges) may include horseback riding or mountain biking through the many trails of Zuleta, amidst the fragrant eucalyptus groves, the soaring Andes in the distance. Overnight at **Hacienda Zuleta**.

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After a delicious breakfast, visit the world-famous indigenous market at Otavalo. These traditional meeting points have been a vital link of the highland Indian cultures since pre-Incan times. This is a magnificent opportunity to witness native peoples, traditional clothing, animals, flowers, fruits, vegetables, and hand crafted goods displayed in colorful arrays. The afternoon allows a delicious homestyle lunch at Huarmi Maqui, a local women's weaving cooperative, where you can learn all about the process, from carding of the wool to dyeing, to creating beautiful wearable art. Time permitting, your guide leads you on an exhilarating hike to Laguna Cuicocha, a crater lake on the flanks of Volcan Cotacachi, offering spectacular views of the surrounding peaks and rolling farmland below. Return to the Quito airport area where you can enjoy a relaxing dinner at a nearby hosteria before your international departure this evening (dinner not included in price).

END OF SERVICES

Actual routes in the Galapagos and activities may vary, the Captain always has final word. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives, based on availability. Please Note: The mainland portion of this trip may be operated with any yacht of your choosing. The price, dates and itinerary will vary.

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- 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

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5	Tuesday	SANTA CRUZ	M/V Origin	BLD	Tortuga Negro, Cerro Dragon
6	Wednesday	FERNANDINA / ISABELA	M/V Origin	BLD	Punta Espinosa, Urbina Bay
7	Thursday	ISABELA	M/V Origin	BLD	Elizabeth Bay, Tagus Cove
8	Friday	SANTIAGO / RABIDA	M/V Origin	BLD	Puerto Egas
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DAY 4: GENOVESA

You spend the entire day on Genovesa (Tower), considered to be one of the most spectacular Islands in Galapagos for bird species. This morning, you have a wet-landing at Darwin Bay, a coral sand beach where swallow-tailed and lava gulls gather near the tide pools. Enter a forest of *Optuntia* cactus and mangroves where colonies of great frigate birds nest. In a dramatic display, the earthbound males inflate their red-throated pouches to attract females as they fly overhead. The trail leads through a rich inter tidal zone where your naturalist guide helps you identify a wide diversity of wildlife. After the walk, you can swim and snorkel from the beach with sea lions in these warmer northern waters. Following lunch, you will have a dry landing at Prince Philip's Steps which takes you to the forest of Palo Santo trees, where red-footed boobies nest. Striking Nazca (formerly masked) boobies nest near the trail. In an open lava field, observe large numbers of storm petrels, and if you are lucky, you will see the elusive short-eared owl. Following the walk, kayaks are available for paddling along the shoreline. Look for the beautiful red-billed tropic bird usually found in the crevices. Returning to the Origin, you set sail early to motor to the western islands. Enjoy your naturalists' briefing followed by dinner. Overnight onboard the **M/V Origin**.

DAY 5: SANTA CRUZ

Disembarking this morning onto the Zodiacs, visit Caleta Tortuga Negro (Black Turtle Cove). The Zodiacs maneuver through a series of coves and inlets surrounded by mangrove swamps. Here you may observe pairs of mating sea turtles, white-tipped reef sharks, and golden rays. Following lunch, visit Cerro Dragon on the northern tip of Santa Cruz Island. Along the trail, you find Darwin finches, Galapagos flycatchers, Yellow warblers, Audubon shearwater, and the brilliantly colored endemic land iguanas. You may also observe the Greater flamingo feeding in saltwater lagoons, as well as stilts, pintail ducks, sandpipers, and more. The view from the summit of the hill is lovely, taking in the vast forest of opuntia cactus and fragrant palo santo trees. Overnight onboard the **M/V Origin**.

DAY 6: FERNANDINA / ISABELA

This morning, you have a semi-wet landing at Punta Espinoza, Fernandina; the youngest and most pristine Island in Galapagos. Recent lava flows formed by an active volcano stretch their way around the coast. Hundreds of marine iguanas, the largest colony in Galapagos, bask in the sun along the rugged shoreline. Observe sea lion harems with resident bulls carefully guarding their territory. Flightless Cormorants build their nests on the point and Galapagos Hawks soar overhead. After lunch, disembark at the base of Alcedo Volano, 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 visited after a wet landing on the beach. You may observe nesting brown pelicans and flightless cormorants here, as well as giant marine iguanas which also inhabit this area. Later cross the Bolivar Channel where you often spot whales and dolphins riding the bow wave. Overnight onboard the **M/V Origin**.

DAY 7: 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. You motor to the rocky islets known as "Las Marielas," where a colony of nesting penguins, flightless cormorants, and giant marine iguanas may be found. This afternoon, you have 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 in one of our sea kayaks to find Galapagos penguins, boobies, pelicans, and other seabirds. An excellent snorkeling opportunity is offered here after the walk. Following the evening's briefing and dinner, a sky full of stars draws us out on deck to observe the galaxy. Overnight onboard the **M/V Origin**.

DAY 8: SANTIAGO / RABIDA

This morning, you have a wet landing at Puerto Egas, Santiago. Stroll with your naturalist guide along the shoreline looking for octopus, starfish, and other sea life caught in the tide pools. At low tide, catch a glimpse of marine iguanas as they feed on exposed green algae. Watch for great blue herons, lava herons, American oystercatchers, and yellow-crowned night herons. Your walk ends at the grottos, deep pools of clear water where you encounter fur sea lions once on the verge of extinction. Before returning to the yacht, there is a snorkeling opportunity with opportunities to view massive numbers of brilliant tropical fish. As an alternative, you may use the kayaks to explore the marine environment and residents without getting wet.

Following lunch this afternoon, you disembark on Rabida Island, located off Santiago. Rabida sports the most diversified volcanic rocks of all the islands and is considered the geographic center of Galapagos. The dark red sand beach originated from the erosion of volcanic stones. Follow a trail leading to a salt-water lagoon, and hopefully observe Greater Flamingos as they feed. Brown Pelicans also nest in the mangroves at the far side of the lagoon. Following the walk, the snorkeling is excellent at the beach. Overnight onboard the **M/V Origin**.

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Accommodations



HACIENDA RUMILOMA, QUITO

Hacienda Rumiloma is an oasis of rustic luxury. This romantic hacienda lies within acres of primary and secondary Andean forest on the slopes of Pichincha Volcano with trails and a small river where llamas graze. Each guest cabin is its own home filled with a mix of antiques, art and collectables from the far corners of Ecuador. The guest rooms feature potbellied stoves, fluffy down covers, and spectacular bath rooms all housed within hand crafted walls of adobe and stone. All have cozy sitting rooms, bedrooms with terraces or indoor gardens, and the best views anywhere in Quito.



HOTEL PLAZA GRANDE, QUITO

Ideally situated on Quito's historic central plaza, this luxury boutique hotel offers first class amenities and services. With only 15 rooms, the multi-lingual staff is attentive and ready to assist. Spacious rooms, many with views of the spectacular architectural gems nearby, feature premium bed linens, in-room safe, bathrobes, hair dryer, flat-panel HDTV, free Wi-Fi, mini-bar, and jetted bathtub. The hotel's fine-dining restaurant offers excellent continental cuisine, but you are mere steps away from lively cafes and restaurants in the central square and neighborhood beyond.



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For the most discerning travelers, the Origin features seasoned crew members, two top-notch naturalist guides, a concierge service, gourmet meals with wine, indoor and al fresco dining, open bar policy, sun deck with Jacuzzi, wet bar, BBQ, and spacious social areas. Ten luxury cabins, each 140 sq ft, offer safety deposit box, panoramic windows, and top grade linens. Each cabin has Apple TV with pre-loaded films, Espresso and tea set-up, bathrobes, and luxury biodegradable soaps and shampoo.



HACIENDA ZULETA, OTAVALO

This country home, nestled on 4,000 acres of working estancia, offers tranquility and authenticity in the spectacular Andean mountains. Fifteen beautifully decorated rooms feature fire places and open onto garden or mountain views, some with access to private gardens, terraces or a courtyard where brilliant hummingbirds feed. Mountain biking and horseback riding are ideal ways to explore the lush landscape, exploring the Andean Condor rehabilitation facilities or pre-Incan Caranqui ruins from 700AD.

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:*

- \$1,000 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

Have any questions or concerns? Call us a 1-800-345-4453 or email info@wildland.com. We're here to help and are happy to provide you with references from previous Wildland travelers.

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