

**GALAPAGOS ADVENTURE CRUISE
ON THE M/Y CORAL
EASTERN ISLANDS**



30 WILDLAND
WILD YEARS ADVENTURES

Itinerary Overview

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3	Wed	GALAPAGOS ISLANDS	Coral	BLD	Fly to San Cristobal Island, visit Cerro Colorado tortoise center
4	Thu	SAN CRISTOBAL	Coral	BLD	Cerro Brujo, Punta Pitt
5	Fri	ESPANOLA	Coral	BLD	Punta Suarez, Gardner Bay
6	Sat	FLOREANA	Coral	BLD	Punta Cormorant, Post Office Bay
7	Sun	SANTA CRUZ ISLAND, QUITO	Swissotel	B	El Chato tortoise reserve, fly to Quito; international departure

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DAY 1: ARRIVE QUITO

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DAY 3: FLY TO GALAPAGOS, CERRO COLORADO TORTOISE CENTER

Transfer this morning onboard a special private shuttle operated by the Coral yacht company. En route to the Quito airport, the representative will prepare you and fellow Coral passengers for the check-in at the airport as well as what to expect upon arrival to the Galapagos Islands. Any questions you may have regarding the procedures, the Islands themselves, or the yacht will be fully explained during transit. Once you reach the Galapagos airport, meet your naturalist guide and set off to visit the tortoise breeding center on San Cristobal. Learn about the efforts to return these gentle giants to their native habitat. Return to the yacht at sunset for your briefing followed by dinner. Overnight on the **Coral**. **[BLD]**

DAY 4: SAN CRISTOBAL

This morning you visit Cerro Brujo, a beautiful white powder-sand beach, said to be one of the most spectacular in Galapagos. Here you have an opportunity to snorkel 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 on the **Coral**. **[BLD]**

DAY 5: ESPANOLA

Following breakfast, you have a dry landing at Punta Suarez, where you witness 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 (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. This afternoon, you have a wet landing at Gardner Bay. 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. Passengers are also permitted to use the kayaks at this particular site. Return to the yacht at sunset for dinner and your naturalists' presentations. Overnight on the **Coral**. **[BLD]**

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 powder 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 Champion Islet. 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 leave a post card and to pick up any mail from your home area. Overnight on the **Coral**. **[BLD]**

DAY 7: SANTA CRUZ / DISEMBARKATION / RETURN TO QUITO

This morning you travel into the Santa Cruz highlands to El Chato tortoise reserve. This lush environment is the perfect opportunity to see giant Galapagos tortoises in their natural habitat. Later, your guide returns you to the airport for your mainland flight today. Arrive in Quito and remain at the airport for international connections later this evening. **[B]**

END OF SERVICES

Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives. We strongly recommend extending your stay on mainland Ecuador to explore the many beautiful aspects of this country – from charming indigenous villages and colonial haciendas to awe-inspiring cloud forests and Amazon rainforest lodges. Ecuador has something for everyone and every interest! Call us for details

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6	Sat	SANTIAGO	Coral	BLD	Puerto Egas, Bahia Sullivan
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DAY 4: ISABELA / FERNANDINA

Today you begin your exploration of Isabela, the largest and one of the most intriguing islands in the entire Galapagos archipelago. It is comprised of 6 volcanoes, 2 of which are still active. The most recent eruption of Cerro Azul was in 1999. Punta Vicente Roca is a promontory with two protected coves on either side. Due to its location in one of the richest of all marine habitats, snorkeling here will reward you with opportunities to see a wide variety of sealife such as red-lipped batfish, sea horses, frogfish, nudibranches, and octopi. It is also common to see sea dolphin pods as well as sea lions. A Zodiac ride along the rugged coast will allow you to observe Noddies, pelicans, Galapagos penguins, and flightless cormorants. From May to December, the whale-watching opportunities are at their peak in these waters. Return to the yacht for lunch and repositioning to your next destination, the neighboring island of Fernandina, the youngest and most pristine Island in Galapagos. Keep your eyes peeled for whales and dolphins which are often spotted in the cold waters of the Bolivar Channel. Your visit is to Punta Espinoza, where 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. Here you carefully observe sea lion harems with resident bulls jealously guarding their territory. Flightless cormorants, one of the most unique of Galapagos species, build their nests on the point and Galapagos hawks soar overhead, and Galapagos penguins hurl themselves into the water to feed. Overnight on the **Coral**. [BLD]

DAY 5: ISABELA

On your morning excursion, set off for Bahia Urbina, a volcanic black sand beach, where during a hike inland you may observe giant tortoises, land iguanas, and the flightless cormorant. Returning to the beach, don your snorkeling gear and plunge into the surf to seek sea turtles, sea lions, and a vast variety of tropical fish. Your naturalist will also point out an uplifted coral reef, lifted from its ocean home during a 1954 volcanic eruption. Following lunch onboard, you have a dry landing at Tagus Cove on Isabela. During your walk, you discover a salt-water lagoon, a scenic overlook with a spectacular view of the surrounding ocean and neighboring islands, lava fields, and ancient volcanic formations. Graffiti dating back to the 1800’s is scrawled on the rocky cliffs. Explore the coves by Zodiac seeking Galapagos penguins, boobies, or don snorkeling gear and plunge into the deep water here for a closer look at the underwater life. Overnight on the **Coral**. [BLD]

DAY 6: SANTIAGO

This morning, experience a wet landing at the Salt Mines, so called due to the history dating to the 1683 visit of William Ambrose Cowley. This site became an important stop for buccaneers to replenish ship supplies of water from a lagoon, salt from a crater lake, and fresh meat in the form of tortoises. Following a trail of volcanic ash and basaltic rock, reach the shoreline and tidal pool areas frequented by fur seals, Sally Lightfoot crabs, and other denizens of these unique habitats. This afternoon, a wet landing at Sullivan Bay is an opportunity for close examination of the Galapagos Islands' volcanic history. Hike over lava flows and other geologic formations, ending with a chance to cool off in the ocean before returning to the yacht. Overnight on the **Coral**. **[BLD]**

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Rise early on this last day to board a vehicle to the Santa Cruz highlands and a visit to "El Chato" Reserve. Giant tortoises may be found here in their natural habitat, as well as Vermillion flycatcher, ground finches, Paint-Billed Crakes, Yellow warblers, and more. This is a wonderful opportunity to sum up and contrast the various habitats and ecosystems you have seen on this voyage. Your guide returns you to the airport for your mainland flight today. Arrive in Quito and remain at the airport for international departures later this evening. **[B]**

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Accommodations



SWISSOTEL, QUITO

Swissôtel offers elegant accommodation in Quito's affluent commercial and residential district. It features 2 pools, tennis and squash courts, as well as a spa with jacuzzi and massage treatments. Featuring wood accents and Egyptian cotton linens, rooms at Swissôtel Quito are bright, air conditioned, and equipped with free Wi-Fi access. They all come with cable TV channels, minibar, and in-room safe. Six on-site restaurants offer a range of dishes from renowned French, Swiss and Japanese culinary traditions. Quito's beautiful Old Town district is 3 km from the Swissôtel.



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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. Holiday departures will carry an additional \$225 supplement

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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