



MSU Alumni Association Presents:

The Galapagos Islands – Northern Itinerary

From \$4,995* (with optional Mashpi Lodge pre-tour: \$1,595* and optional Machu Picchu post-tour: from \$3,695* + \$740 internal airfare)

Feel the thrill of encountering the flora and fauna that famously inspired Darwin—and in his footsteps, generations of nature lovers. Undiscovered by Europeans until the 16th century, the Galapagos Islands hold a central position in modern scientific and evolutionary history. In a place where human presence is relatively minimal, take the opportunity to observe and photograph these remarkable species up close—either sitting quietly to watch blue-footed boobies or snorkeling with inquisitive and playful sea lions.



Program Highlights

- During a full day tour of Quito, marvel at the gold leaf interior of the Jesuit Church of La Compañía—a fine example of the mix of European influences and indigenous art called the Baroque school of Quito; enjoy a lunch of Ecuadorian specialties; and view a unique collection of pre-Columbian art.
- Observe with remarkable proximity the diversity of endemic species such as the Nazca, red- and blue-footed boobies; giant tortoises; Santa Fe land iguanas; and the famous Darwin's finches.
- Discover the myriad of aquatic wildlife in the clear waters of the world's second largest marine reserve.
- Snorkel with sea lions, colorful tropical fish, and sea turtles—or observe them through a glass bottom boat.
- Explore secluded inlets and stroll sweeping white coral beaches such as Darwin Bay, where among tidal pools, pass by colonies of various bird species.
- Visit the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, the perfect habitat to see the Galapagos Giant Tortoise, and Puerto Egas on Santiago Island—the site of a former salt mine and where you're most likely to see the Galapagos fur seal.
- **What's included:** 2 nights at the 5-star Casa Gangotena hotel in Quito prior to embarkation and 1 night at Wyndham Guayaquil after disembarkation; 4 nights aboard the *Isabela II*, with exploration by panga or glass-bottom boat, naturalist-led hikes and excursions, and evening lectures; a welcome reception in Quito, 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners (served with house wine), including a farewell dinner; all excursions and presentations; complimentary use of kayaks, paddle boards, shorty wetsuits, and snorkeling equipment; Galapagos National Park entrance fee and transit card; internal airfare (from Quito to the islands on day 3, and return to Guayaquil on day 7); gratuities to local guides, hotel porters, and drivers in Quito, the Galapagos Islands, and Guayaquil; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Your Itinerary

Day 1: En Route from U.S. / Arrive in Quito, Ecuador

Day 2: Quito

Day 3: Quito / Flight to Baltra / Santa Cruz: Highlands / Puerto Ayora – Embarkation

Day 4: Santiago: Puerto Egas / Chinese Hat Islet

Day 5: Genovesa: Prince Philip's Steps / Darwin Bay

Day 6: Santa Fe / Santa Cruz: Punta Carrion

Day 7: Baltra – Disembarkation / Flight to Guayaquil, Ecuador

Day 8: Guayaquil / Depart for U.S.



*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Internal airfare between the mainland and the Galapagos Islands on Days 3 and 7 is included. Airfare otherwise not included.

All program details, dates, and pricing as subject to change.