

Ecuador and the Galápagos: *Exploring Islands – Exploring Cultures* May 20 – 31, 2004

The Galápagos Islands – consisting of thirteen major islands, six minor ones, and scores of islets – lie about 600 miles off Ecuador’s Pacific coast. The islands remain suspended in time with giant tortoises, colorful iguanas, and beautiful lavascapes that feature flora and fauna found nowhere else on earth. Sea lions frolic unconcerned by human presence. There are frigatebirds, flightless cormorants, waved albatross, the endearing blue-footed boobies, and much more.



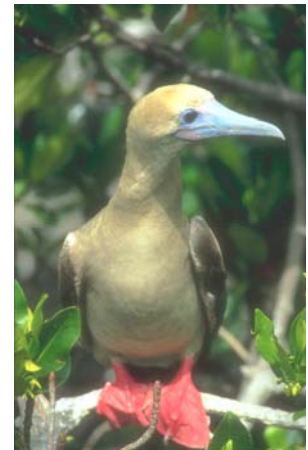
The Galápagos Islands are fascinating, not only for their great variety of unusual plants and animals but also for their historical importance as the original site of Charles Darwin’s observations on speciation. Today they represent a unique and critical ecosystem that is changing under the influence of humans. You will also spend four nights on the mainland as you discover Quito, the capital city, and surrounding areas. Most of Ecuador was part of the Incan Empire until falling to Spanish conquistadors in 1532. During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, Quito became famous as an art center. There are no finer examples of colonial period architecture, sculpture and painting than that produced in Ecuador during that time. Because of its historical significance, Quito is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Four Night Land Package Includes:

- Deluxe hotel accommodations: In Quito, 5-star Hilton Colon (three nights) and in Imbabura, The Hoseria Cusin, a luxury Country Inn (one night)
- All breakfasts, all lunches, all dinners except one
- Private coach for all transfers, sightseeing and travelling to Imbabura
- Quito City Tour and Otavalo Market visit
- English speaking local guides throughout

Eight Day Cruise Includes:

- Ecoventura’s 20 passenger first class motor yacht, custom-designed exclusively for Galápagos excursions
- All meals and excursions to the islands: Espanola, Tower, Fernandina, Isabela, Bartolome, Santiago, Santa Cruz, North Seymour, South Plaza and San Cristobal.
- Two naturalist guides aboard ship
- Intimate and less rigid experience than large ships; more up-close and personal
- Visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station
- Galápagos Island entrance fee of \$100
- Roundtrip air flights from Quito to Galápagos Island (\$369)



Please note: Your package does not include gratuities for drivers and guides on the land tours or naturalist guides on the yacht, personal expenses, alcoholic beverages, Ecuador departure tax (ca. \$25), optional Trip Cancellation/Health Insurance (details sent upon deposit).

Package Price: Per person based on double occupancy with air out of Indianapolis (<i>Other gateway cities available upon request</i>)		Early Booking Price <i>Until January 15th</i> Land / Cruise / Air	Regular Price <i>After January 15th</i> Land / Cruise / Air
<i>Category</i>	<i>Description</i>		
Iguana Deck	Twin beds and portholes	\$3,840	\$3,940
Booby Deck	One double bed and picture windows	\$3,960	\$4,060
Dolphin Deck	Twin beds or one double bed and picture windows	\$4,060	\$4,160

Singles are available upon request for a supplement of \$1,775. Ground only package is available with an air credit for \$600.



Your Instructors: **Bill Chaney** is an award-winning professor in the department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University. He teaches courses in Global Forestry, Conservation of Natural Resources and Tree Biology. A native of Texas, Bill is an avid bird watcher and outdoorsman. He has taught numerous credit study tour courses for Purdue University to Europe, South and Central America, and Africa. **Joann Chaney** is Executive Director and co-owner of Global Tracks. She has directed Educational Travel Programs at Purdue University for ten years and has planned and led dozens of study tour courses all over the world. Her degrees are in Arts & Crafts and Art Education.

Cabins are limited!! Deposit NOW to guarantee your cabin selection!!
 \$500 per person deposit, refundable until January 20, 2004. Final payment due March 15, 2004

For questions and itinerary details, check our website at www.globaltracks.org
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