



## **GALAPAGOS HONEYMOON SAFARI**

**DAY 1**

**ARRIVAL IN QUITO**

**WEDNESDAY**

Arrival Transfer: Arrival at Quito Airport. Meet your guide outside of customs. Transfer to your hotel.

Rich in history, Quito is the second highest capital city in the world, founded in 1534 by Spanish Conquistador Sebastian de Benalcazar. For nearly three centuries, the arts and intellectual societies flourished under Spanish colonial rule until 1809, when Quito established the first self-governing junta in the colonies. Liberator Simon Bolivar led the country as part of the Republic of Greater Colombia until 1830, when the Republic of Ecuador announced its independence with the adoption of the Constitution signed in Riobamba. Due to the city's preservation of its blended past, UNESCO declared Quito one of the "world's cultural heritage sites" in 1978.



An old Mansion built at the turn of the last Century has been completely restored in order to achieve the former splendor of the Ecuadorian Republican era. The Mansion used to be the home of an Ecuadorian Tobacco Tycoon, who entertained his guests



and buyers lavishly in the large spaces on the Ground Floor, while he and his family utilized the First Floor as their private residence.

Boutique Hotel Mansion del Angel overlooks the well known Alameda Park and when passing through the park, the Historical Part of Downtown Quito may be reached within 10 minutes. The park is also the home of the first Astronomic Observatory. A very detailed restoration took place and now the building houses fifteen large, spacious and luxurious rooms and suites. No two are alike, each one different in size, color scheme and decoration. In addition to an inviting Reception Area, a beautiful and comfortable Salon for relaxation is available, where complimentary Afternoon Tea is served.

**Mansion del Angel Boutique Hotel**

**No meals**

**DAY 2**  
**THURSDAY**

**QUITO /PAPALLACTA/ QUITO**

The Andes are a lively mountain range and its many volcanoes offer spectacular Thermal Springs all over the country. Today, your honeymoon in Ecuador will start with a very relaxing day at Papallacta Thermal Springs, located at the foot of the Antisana Volcano. Driving towards the Cinnamon Road that took the Conquistadores to El Dorado you will be able to admire the scenery of one of the highest roads in Ecuador, where sometimes condors can be spotted on a lucky day!!

The many pools of volcanic water offer curative sulfate alkaline thermal waters, which are said to offer many medicinal benefits. A massage for the couple is included at the beautiful cozy spa of the resort.

Lunch at the Papallacta thermal springs resort and return to Quito in the afternoon.

**Mansion del Angel Boutique Hotel**

**B,L**

**DAY 3**  
**FRIDAY**

**QUITO**

After breakfast, join us on city tour of Colonial Quito. This morning sightseeing demonstrates some of the reasons why Ecuador's capital has earned its honor as a world cultural site. Marvel at the city's ornate churches such as the Cathedral, La Compañía de Jesus and San Francisco, and experience a long history of local culture in Quito's "Old Town". Rich in art treasures, fine woodcarvings and altars of gold leaf, the churches are historical icons of Quito.

Drive north to the Middle of the World, where you will be able to straddle both hemispheres at once. Visit the Inti Ñan Museum (where you will see samples of how life was in the pre-Hispanic times and will experience demonstration on gravity at the



Equator). We will give each participant a diploma to certify that they have been at the Middle of the World!!!

Return to your hotel after lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

In the evening a very special dinner will be offered at a local restaurant.

#### **SPECIAL EVENT**

*Meet a couple of mimes as you walk towards the restaurant. They who will offer a toast with a local cocktail to the newly wed couple.*

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**B, L, D**

#### **DAY 4**

**QUITO / GALAPAGOS**

SATURDAY

After breakfast an inspector from the Galapagos National Park will come to the hotel to check all luggages prior to their transfer to the airport. This is a normal procedure that all passengers need to comply with at the airport. However, we will do it exclusively at the hotel, which allows us to offer a later transfer to the airport.

The flight from Quito (via Guayaquil) to the Galapagos Islands takes approximately 2.5 hours. Upon arrival at Baltra Airport, you will be met by your guides, who will escort you on a short bus ride to the harbor. Motorized dinghies, known locally as "pangas" will transport you to the Eclipse, where the captain and crew will welcome you aboard. After departure there will be a briefing, lunch and a safety drill.

Saturday Afternoon: Las Bachas Beach – Santa Cruz Island

Las Bachas Beach is located in the north of Santa Cruz. Its soft, white sand is derived from decomposed coral, making it a favorite nesting site for sea turtles. Behind the beach there is a small brackish water lagoon, where it is possible to observe flamingos and other coastal birds, such as black-necked stilts and whimbrels.

**M.V. Eclipse**

**B,L,D**

#### **DAY 5**

**GALAPAGOS**

SUNDAY

Puerto Egas (James Bay) is located on the northwest side of Santiago. The landing is on a black beach with eroded rock formations in the background. The trail crosses the dry interior, where the remains of a salt mining enterprise can still be seen, and then continues along the coast. Tidal pools are home to a variety of invertebrate organisms, including sea urchins, octopus and starfish. The trail leads to the Fur Seals Grottos, one of the only places in the islands where they can be seen. After the



walk, you will have time to swim or snorkel off the beach, where you will see sea lions, fish and maybe some turtles and reef sharks.

Sunday Afternoon: Bartolome Island

Bartolome is a small island that has two visitor sites. At the first site, you can swim and snorkel around Pinnacle Rock, where penguins are usually seen. Back on board for a quick change of clothes and then it is a short dinghy ride to a dry landing for a climb to the highest point on the island. On the way up, you will encounter different volcanic formations, including spatter and tuff cones, lava flow and lava tubes. From the summit you will have a wonderful view of Sullivan Bay.

**M.V. Eclipse**

**B,L,D**

**DAY 6**

**GALAPAGOS**

MONDAY

The name Cerro Dragon (Dragon Hill) stems from the fact that it was one of the few sites on Santa Cruz Island where a healthy population of land iguanas were found in 1975. After landing at a pier, a hike takes you to a salt water lagoon behind the beach, frequented by common stilts, pintail ducks and occasionally flamingos. A short walk up the hill leads you to a land iguana nesting site, with breathtaking views of the bay. You will have the chance to go swimming after the walk.

Monday Afternoon: Rabida Island

Rabida is a small island with red volcanic rocks surrounding a beautiful red sand beach, where there is a colony of sea lions and a pelican nesting site. The trail leads to a salt water lagoon where shore birds can be seen. Rabida is considered to be one of the best snorkeling sites in the Galapagos Islands, and you will also have the opportunity to go kayaking.

**M.V. Eclipse**

**B,L,D**

**DAY 7**

**GALAPAGOS**

TUESDAY

Tagus Cove was historically used as an anchoring place for pirates, buccaneers and whalers. Here you will see the names of hundreds of ships painted on the high ridges (a practice now forbidden). Depending on the season, you will go hiking, snorkeling or kayaking. On the hike, the trail goes through an area of vegetation and the volcanic landscape of Darwin Volcano. At the top of the trail, you will enjoy an incredible view of the whole cove and Darwin Lake.

The morning activity is followed by a panga ride, where you will have the opportunity to see a large number of blue-footed boobies perched on the ledges of the cliffs, as well as marine iguanas, penguins, brown pelicans, brown nobby terns and swallow-



tailed gulls. While exploring the channel between Fernandina and Isabela Islands, we sometimes encounter dolphins and whales.

Tuesday Afternoon: Elizabeth Bay – Isabela Island

Elizabeth Bay is one of the furthest points of the Galapagos that we will visit on our cruise. We will enter a sheltered cove – a wonderful mangrove ecosystem that is a refuge for sea turtles and rays.

**M.V. Eclipse**

**B,L,D**

**DAY 8**

**GALAPAGOS**

**WEDNESDAY**

Fernandina last erupted in 2009. La Cumbre Volcano dominates the landscape, with lava fields stretching towards the ocean from its base. Punta Espinosa is a narrow piece of land where some of the most unique Galapagos species can be seen, including the flightless cormorant, Galapagos snakes, marine iguanas, penguins and the Galapagos hawk.

Afternoon: Punta Vicente Roca – Isabela Island

Punta Vicente Roca is a wonderful deep-water snorkeling site, where you can usually see turtles as well as all kinds of fish. For those that don't snorkel, you can go on a panga ride, which will give you the opportunity to study some of the Galapagos' spectacular geological rock formations. Nazca boobies, pelicans, swallow-tailed gulls, marine iguanas, flightless cormorants and penguins are often seen in the area.

**M.V. Eclipse**

**B,L,D**

**DAY 9**

**GALAPAGOS**

**THURSDAY**

On your visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station you will gain insight into the huge efforts being made by scientists, guides, rangers and park managers to preserve this UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will see the famous Galapagos tortoises that are the islands' namesake. After the visit you will have some free time to explore the town of Puerto Ayora.

Afternoon: Santa Cruz Highlands – Santa Cruz Island

From Puerto Ayora you will travel by bus to the lush, green highlands of Santa Cruz, where you will visit a tortoise reserve to search for giant tortoises in their natural surroundings. You will have the opportunity to walk through lava tunnels so take a flashlight if you have one. Optional activities such as biking, relaxing on the beach or just strolling in town are available.

**M.V. Eclipse**

**B,L,D**

**DAY 10****GALAPAGOS****Friday**

Gardner Bay offers the chance to enjoy a wonderful white sandy beach. It is home to one of the most important colonies of sea lions, and it is also a nesting site for sea turtles. After the beach time you will have a chance to deep water snorkel from the panga, or go kayaking.

Afternoon: Punta Suarez – Española Island

Punta Suarez is one of the most popular and attractive sites in the Galapagos. Due to its isolation from other islands, it has a high proportion of endemic fauna. A few steps inland from the landing site, groups of Española marine iguanas bask in the sun. Further inland, Nazca and blue-footed boobies nest almost on the trail, Galapagos doves peck around unaware of visitors and finches go about their business. The trail continues towards a blowhole, which is a fissure in the lava where water spurts high into the air like a geyser. The cracks in the cliffs are home to swallow-tailed gulls and red-billed tropicbirds. Further up the cliff in an area of low-lying trees you will find waved albatrosses nesting. The 10,000 to 12,000 pairs of albatrosses on Española represent the entire population of this species on the planet. They perform one of the most spectacular courtship rituals of the animal world.

**M.V. Eclipse****B,L,D****DAY 11****GALAPAGOS / QUITO****Saturday**

Black Turtle Cove is one of the most beautiful marine sites in Galapagos. It is a complex maze of tranquil salt-water inlets, surrounded by three different species of mangrove. Its waters are a resting site for sea turtles, rays and sharks. This site is only accessible by panga.

After your early morning visit you will be transferred to Baltra airport to board your return flight to Quito. Upon arrival in Quito, you will be transferred to your hotel.

What better way to finish your trip to this fascinating country than with a Horse and Carriage ride through the colonial streets of Quito?

**Mansion del Angel Boutique Hotel****B**



**DAY 12**  
**Sunday**

**QUITO / USA**

You will be transferred to the airport to board your homebound flight.

**END OF OUR SERVICES - BON VOYAGE!**

### **2011 RATES**

#### PACKAGE RATES PER PERSON IN DOUBLE CABIN

<b>CRUISE AND LAND SERVICE PACKAGE</b>		<b>Regular Season Rate p/p in US\$</b>
<b>Deluxe Staterooms</b>	Boat Deck, Cabins 17-20 / Queens & Triples	7.470
<b>Superior Staterooms</b>	Boat Deck, Cabins 21-28 / Twins & Doubles	7.050
<b>Staterooms</b>	Main Deck, Cabins 3-15 / Twins & Doubles	6.520

Regular season rates apply for all departures from January 01 to August 27 and our December 17, 24 and 31 sailings.

#### PACKAGE RATES PER PERSON IN DOUBLE CABIN

<b>CRUISE AND LAND SERVICE PACKAGE</b>		<b>Low Season Rate p/p in US\$</b>
<b>Deluxe Staterooms</b>	Boat Deck, Cabins 17-20 / Queens & Triples	7.120
<b>Superior Staterooms</b>	Boat Deck, Cabins 21-28 / Twins & Doubles	6.720
<b>Staterooms</b>	Main Deck, Cabins 3-15 / Twins & Doubles	6.220

Low season rates apply for all departures from October 01 to November 26 plus our December 03 and 10 sailings.

### **INCLUSIONS:**

#### **LAND PROGRAM:**

- All meals as indicated in itinerary
- Round trip transfers from/to airport by private vehicle
- Private sightseeing with English-speaking guides
- Accommodation based on double occupancy
- Porterage and handling of two pieces of luggage per person
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Hotel taxes and service charges on quoted services
- 1 hour relaxation massage at Papallacta Thermal Springs
- Special honeymoon decoration in hotel room with roses, wine, candles and fruit



**GALAPAGOS CRUISE:**

- All meals
- All soft drinks and juices
- All shore excursions with English-speaking naturalist guides
- Shared transfers between the airport and the dock in Baltra
- VIP lounge at the airport on outbound flights
- Use of snorkelling equipment and wetsuits
- Champagne, chocolates and fruit in your cabin
- Complimentary one-time fully stocked minibar in Deluxe Staterooms

**EXCLUSIONS:**

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**LAND PROGRAM:**

- International flights
- Cost of obtaining a passport or visa
- International airport taxes
- VIP lounge at Quito Airport
- Communications costs, such as phone calls and faxes
- Drinks
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- Any items of a personal nature including laundry services
- Any items not included in inclusions

**GALAPAGOS CRUISE:**

- Air tickets Quito - Galapagos Islands - Quito (starting from US\$361 per adult in low season)
- Galapagos National Park Entrance fee US\$100 per adult
- Tourist transit card TCT at US\$10 per person for adults and children
- Guide and crew gratuities
- Alcoholic beverages
- Personal expenses including laundry services

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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- Prices are in US Dollars, per person
- Cruise prices, air tickets, National Park entrance fee and TCT are subject to change without prior notice in the event of circumstances beyond our control