

Your GALAPAGOS VOYAGE

EXPLORING DARWIN'S ENCHANTED ISLES

There's no more intimate an experience with nature than International Expeditions' Galapagos Voyage aboard the *Evolution*. Accompanied by only the highest-rated naturalists, experience the unrivaled access and adventure offered by IE's small-ship voyage. Standing on the lava of Fernandina with a vista of volcanoes; snorkeling with a friendly sea lion; or sitting in a lush field on Santa Cruz watching the giant tortoises graze — these are the moments of sheer wonder you expect on this small-ship adventure with the World Leader in Nature Travel.



IE guest Pam Boyd and the *M/V Evolution* in Tagus Cove

SKIP THE CROWDS on *Our* INTIMATE GALAPAGOS VOYAGE

Our Ship: Carrying a maximum of just 32 guests, the spacious *M/V Evolution* is large enough for comfort while still allowing us to visit islands not open to larger ships.

Small Group: The Galapagos are a treasure meant to be experienced with a small-group of true nature lovers — not 100 "tourists." Our small group size ensures you enjoy ample time and attention as you explore.

Highest-Rated Guides: You'll learn from a local guide and an expedition leader who are passionate about the islands and licensed at the highest level (level 3) by Galapagos National Park.

Explore More & See More: IE's in-depth exploration of nine islands offers more than a typical "tourist overview" — we expose you to the greatest variety of wildlife.



Great frigatebird on North Seymour Island



IE guest Maria Paz Salas with a giant tortoise



IE CFO Elaine Woolsey and her daughters pose with a sea lion



Sally Lightfoot crab



“The entire voyage was amazing, breathtaking, perfect! Boli and Alex were professional, knowledgeable and fun. Their passion and love for the islands was evident... and they showed great patience for our 5,000 questions!”

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10-DAY VOYAGE ITINERARY

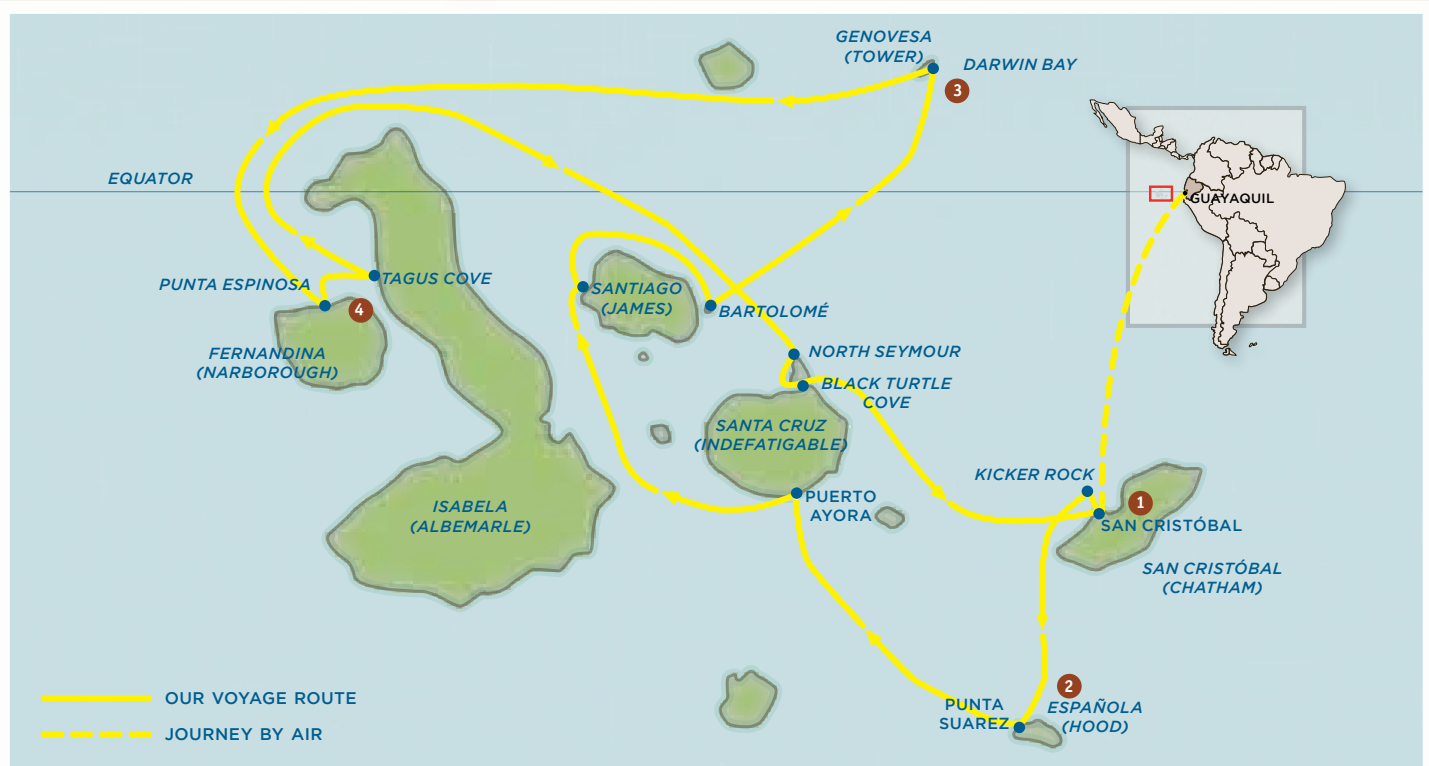
Day 1 • Friday U.S. / Guayaquil Fly to Guayaquil, Ecuador, and transfer to the Oro Verde Hotel. (Meals Aloft)

Day 2 • Saturday Guayaquil / San Cristóbal / Cerro Brujo We fly to the Galapagos Islands and board the *Evolution*. Sail out to Kicker Rock — a tuft cone formation jutting 500 feet from the Pacific. Boobies, pelicans and frigatebirds can be found along the cliffs. Visit

Cerro Brujo, where we see ample birdlife, including boobies, yellow warblers and finches, and interact with playful sea lions on a sunset stroll along the white-sand beach. (B,L,D)

Day 3 • Sunday Española Island: Punta Suarez and Gardner Bay Enjoy a *panga* ride along the cliffs with our guides before wading ashore to Punta Suarez through a sea lion colony. Walk along the cliffs looking for Galapagos doves,

waved albatrosses, Galapagos hawks, Hood mockingbirds and the red-colored race of marine iguana en route to Española’s blowhole, where waves spout 90 feet into the air. After a relaxing lunch, swim or snorkel in the waters off Gardner Bay, or you may simply bring along your camera or a book. Our naturalist guides will be along to answer questions as you bird watch, or to point out fish and rays while snorkeling. (B,L,D)



DARWIN'S ENCHANTED ISLES: **1** The capital of Galapagos, San Cristóbal is your first exposure to the friendly sea lions. **2** Española, the oldest island, is home to thousands of nesting sea birds. **3** Anchored just 1° north of the Equator, swim with sea turtles and enjoy the prolific birdlife of Genovesa. **4** The “babies” of Galapagos, Fernandina and Isabela are still volcanically active.

Day 4 • Monday Santa Cruz Island
Begin in the forested highlands looking for giant tortoises. Spend the morning with these gentle giants, with ample opportunity to photograph the tortoises in their verdant habitat. Before a picnic lunch, visit “Los Gemelos,” a pair of giant sink-holes where we may spot vermilion flycatchers. Stop for a quick snack featuring chocolate bread. Head

back to Puerto Ayora to the Charles Darwin Research Station, learning about the vital work being done to study and preserve Galapagos wildlife. There is time to stroll through town before returning to the *Evolution*. (B,L,D)

Day 5 • Tuesday Santiago Island / Bartolomé Island Santiago is an excellent place to spot finches, doves,

hawks and iguanas. The rocky shores and cliffs of James Bay form a grotto, the perfect place to find fur seals. During an *al fresco* lunch aboard the *Evolution*, spot remnants of pirate activity in Buccaneer’s Cove. Don’t miss swimming and snorkeling — today is your best chance to spot penguins in the cool waters! In the afternoon, we visit Bartolomé Island, hiking to the



Blue-footed boobies



Nose-to-nose with a sea lion



Pinnacle Rock on Bartolomé Island



? DID YOU KNOW? The Galapagos, isolated in the Pacific, have never been connected to any other land mass. They are the product of powerful volcanic forces. As molten rock from deep beneath the surface meets the Nazca Plate on which the islands rest, lava rises to the surface through faults and fissures, creating “hot spots” and forming new islands.

top of a dormant volcano for a dramatic panorama of lava flows, neighboring islands and the jagged Pinnacle Rock. Our *panga* drivers will take “non-hikers” along the coast to see penguins and a superb volcanic landscape. (B,L,D)

Day 6 • Wednesday Genovesa (Tower) Island: Darwin Bay

Exploring outlying Genovesa Island feels like walking through a private wildlife sanctuary. Genovesa harbors one of the most diverse bird populations in the Galapagos, including red-footed boobies, swallow-tailed and lava gulls, and red-billed tropicbirds. We may also spot short-eared

owls as they hunt tiny storm petrels. During our full day on the island, we climb Prince Philip’s Steps and hike through a Palo Santo forest before visiting Darwin Bay to kayak, swim or snorkel in the caldera of this partially eroded volcano. (B,L,D)

Day 7 • Thursday Fernandina Island: Punta Espinosa / Isabela Island: Tagus Cove

Explore the *aa* and *pahoehoe* lava fields of Punta Espinosa, where we are apt to spot flightless cormorants and some of the largest marine iguanas. Wind our way past lava cacti and around the island to a cove used as a “nursery” for sea turtles to raise their

young. Fernandina is the youngest and most volcanically active island in Galapagos. From Punta Espinosa, we enjoy a vista of active volcanoes. Cross the Bolivar Channel, watching for whales and dolphins. As our ship sails to Isabela, enjoy a “power siesta” and prepare to explore Tagus Cove, where you can snorkel with sea lions, sea turtles and penguins. Then hike uphill for a breathtaking view of Darwin’s Lake or enjoy a *panga* ride with our knowledgeable naturalists along the cliffs, seeing blue-footed boobies, pelicans, penguins and brown noddy terns. (B,L,D)



YOUR KIND OF CROWD: Our small group size aboard the *Evolution* ensures that the only crowds you'll encounter in Galapagos are the swarms of basking sea lions, masses of marine iguanas and abundant birdlife.

Day 8 • Friday North Seymour Island / Black Turtle Cove Visit North Seymour Island, a good nesting site for frigatebirds and the best place to spot colorful land iguanas. Blue-footed boobies perform their comical courtship dance in the open areas. We take a *panga* ride through Black Turtle Cove, drifting silently through this area of mangroves, home to sea turtles, rays and white-tipped reef sharks. Tonight enjoy a

festive farewell dinner aboard the *Evolution*. (B,L,D)

Days 9 & 10 • Saturday & Sunday San Cristóbal Island / Guayaquil / U.S. We return to San Cristóbal and visit the Interpretation Center. Fly to Guayaquil, where we have time to relax at our hotel. Sunday we fly to the U.S. and connect with flights home. (Day 9: B,L Aloft; Day 10: B,L Aloft)

+ COMBINE WITH MACHU PICCHU

Make the most of your time in South America by combining a journey to Machu Picchu with your Galapagos Voyage!

- Day 1 **U.S. / Lima**
- Day 2 **Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley**
- Day 3 **Machu Picchu**
- Day 4 **Machu Picchu**
- Day 5 **Machu Picchu / Ollantaytambo / Sacsayhuamán / Cusco**
- Day 6 **Cusco**
- Day 7 **Cusco / Lima / Guayaquil**
- Day 8 **Lima / Guayaquil**
- Day 9 **Guayaquil / San Cristobal / Cerro Brujo**

See page 21 or visit our Web site to learn more.

EXPLORE ONLINE



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Visit our Web site to meet our naturalists, check out the *Evolution's* deck plan and learn about our conservation efforts. Also learn about our extensions to **Guayaquil, Quito and Otavalo Market** or **Machu Picchu** (pgs. 21-24) You can also customize extensions throughout Ecuador.



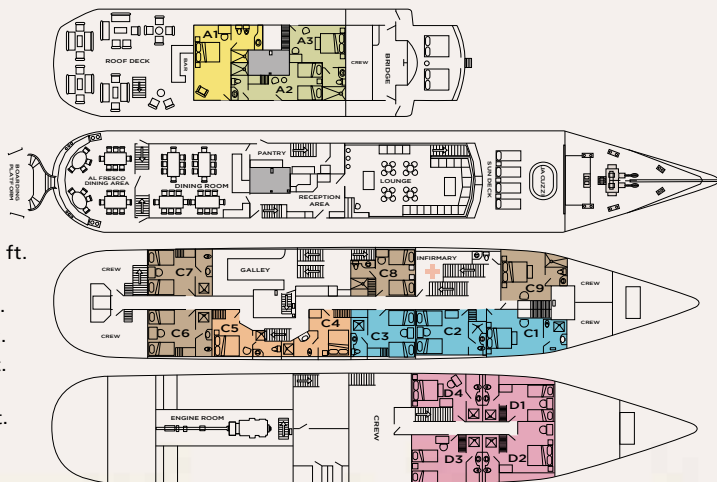
SHIP DETAILS: *M/V Evolution*

While the intimate *Evolution* may carry just 32 guests, she features a great deal of public space, including a comfortable lounge for briefings by our naturalists, a canopied bar perfect for enjoying a drink on deck, and a sun deck to relax between excursions. Your air-conditioned cabin is the perfect haven, featuring private facilities and ample storage space. And whether in the dining room or *al fresco* dining area, each meal boasts international and traditional Ecuadorian cuisine, fresh fruit and sumptuous desserts.

Ship's Registry: Ecuador
 Staff & Crew: 16
 Ship Length: 204 ft.
 Ship Width: 29 ft.

Cabin Sizes

- A1: 263 sq. ft.
- A2 & A3: approx. 198 sq. ft.
- C1-C3: approx. 183 sq. ft.
- C4-C5: approx. 143 sq. ft.
- C6-C9: approx. 183 sq. ft.
- D1-D4: approx. 178 sq. ft.



10 DAYS FROM \$4,798

2011 DEPARTURES

Jan 7	Jul 8, 22 ^F , 29 ^F
Feb 4, 18	Aug 12
Mar 4, 18	Sep 30
Apr 1, 15	Oct 14, 28
May 13 ^P , 27	Nov 11, 25 ^P
Jun 10, 17	Dec 23

Cabins C4-C5 & D1-D4 . . . \$4,798; \$5,198 (Dec)
 Cabins C1-C3 & C6-C9 . . . \$5,298; \$5,698 (Dec)
 Cabins A2 & A3 \$5,698; \$6,098 (Dec)
 Cabin A1 \$5,998; \$6,398 (Dec)
 Prices above are per person, double occupancy

Single Occupancy

C4-C5 & D1-D4 \$5,998; \$6,498 (Dec)

No Single Supplement on Select Departures!

Plus In-Country Airfare: \$410

In-country airfare is subject to change and must be purchased through International Expeditions.

\$500 discount for kids 7-18

2012 DEPARTURES

Subject to change
Please call for pricing

Jan 20	May 11, 25 ^P	Sep 28
Feb 3, 17	Jun 15, 29	Oct 12, 26
Mar 16, 23	Jul 6, 20 ^F , 27 ^F	Nov 9, 23 ^P
Apr 6, 27	Aug 10	Dec 21

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- \$110 Galapagos National Park tax & transit fees (subject to change)
- Snorkeling gear & shorty wetsuits
- Visits to nine islands
- Kayaks
- Daily shore excursions, interpretive walks, swimming, snorkeling, hiking & panga rides
- All bottled water
- Seven nights on the *Evolution*
- Full educational program, including lectures on history, ecology & marine life and field interpretation
- Hotel accommodations pre- and post-voyage
- Arrival & departure transfers
- 23 meals (and lots of snacks)
- Tips to porters & to waiters for included meals
- Two Level 3 naturalists