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EXPEDITION CRUISES

Beaches and Bays of the Galápagos

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DAYS CITIES GUESTS (MAX)

Exploring the pristine beaches and bays of the Galápagos archipelago, this expedition cruises a southern and central route through Española, Floreana, Bartholome and North Seymour islands, among others. Step aboard our exclusive Ecoventura adventure yachts to experience eight days of attentive Relais & Châteaux hospitality and the most intimate guest-to-staff ratio in the region. Along the way, A&K’s renowned Expedition Team reveals the islands’ endemic wild species with a host of exciting snorkeling, kayaking, Zodiac and shore excursions.

- ✦ Begin with a pre-cruise stay at the JW Marriott Hotel Quito
✦ Cruise the Galápagos Islands’ southern and central routes for eight days aboard one of our Ecoventura adventure yachts, the most exclusive charter vessels in the islands
- ✦ Savor exceptional Relais & Châteaux dining and hospitality onboard, an Ecoventura exclusive in the Galápagos Islands
✦ Explore by land and sea as our Expedition Team leads the way with exciting snorkeling, kayaking, Zodiac and shore excursions
- ✦ Hike Punta Pitt, one of the few sites where you can spot blue-footed, red-footed and Nazca boobies at the same time
✦ Snorkel with playful sea lions and schools of king angelfish off the shores of Floreana Island
- ✦ Spot penguins as they swim, dive and groom along the rocks of Bartolomé Island
✦ Broaden your horizons with the Expedition Team’s onboard enrichment program of nature lectures, stargazing sessions and more

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10 DAYS | JANUARY 22 - OCTOBER 29
FROM - | 20 GUESTS



Day 1 | Arrive Quito, Ecuador – Golden Grandeur in the Andes

High atop El Panecillo hill, a tall statue of the Virgin Mary smiles over Quito's gleaming baroque churches and huddled roofs. Between cobblestone squares and steep hillsides, Ecuador's traditional mountain culture still thrives here: pre-Columbian treasures fill the city's museums, chefs put modern spins on ancient ingredients and venerable market traders are always ready with the perfect, sage-scented remedy.

 JW MARRIOTT QUITO

Day 2 | Quito – Colonial and Pre-Columbian Legacies

Step into the beautiful, beating heart of Quito on a guided tour of the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In this grid of bustling, steep streets, see some of its most iconic sights, including the opulent Iglesia de la Compañía de Jesús (Church of the Society of Jesus), its walls groaning with over seven tons of gold. This evening, head to the Mindalae Museum to explore Ecuador's Indigenous cultures and take in a traditional music performance. Cap off your night with dinner at a scenic rooftop restaurant.


 JW MARRIOTT QUITO

 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 3 | San Cristobal Island – In the Footsteps of Darwin

Catch your charter flight to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the capital of the Galápagos Islands and San Cristóbal's main port. Although merely a few hundred miles from the mainland, the Galápagos Islands may feel even further away in reality; modern life has largely skirted this group of volcanic, windswept pearls, still every bit as wild and wondrous as when Charles Darwin set foot here in the 1830s. The wildlife he observed so carefully is still the main draw of any adventure here. Colorful Sally Lightfoot crabs and lumbering iguanas, curious boobies and a score of famous finches: many of them are found nowhere else, highly adapted to life on these lonely, elemental islands. Hop aboard a Zodiac for the brisk ride to your luxurious adventure yacht anchored in the bay. Then, sail to León Dormido (Kicker Rock), a remnant of a tuff cone formation rising some 500 feet from the ocean. Blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies and frigatebirds are a common sight along these cliffs.


 THEORY

 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 4 | San Cristobal Island – Cerro Brujo and Punta Pitt

Watch for iconic Galápagos wildlife at Cerro Brujo, an eroding tuff cone formation with a breathtaking white coral beach, expansive views and excellent bird watching. Stroll along the beach, swim with sea lions, paddleboard or kayak. Later, go ashore at Punta Pitt, a nesting site for all three types of booby, both frigate species, swallow-tailed gulls, storm petrels, and shearwater and brown pelicans. Stay on land to do some birdwatching or dive in to snorkel with the resident sea lions.

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Day 5 | Espanola Island – Punta Suarez and Gardner Bay

Home to the highest concentration of endemic species in the Galápagos, Española Island's Punta Suarez beckons you ashore to encounter a diversity of species found nowhere else on Earth. Later, snorkel with Gardner Bay's sea lions, explore the bay's islets by kayak or relax on a beautiful white-sand beach. Tonight, do a bit of stargazing beneath an incredible equatorial sky.


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Day 6 | Floreana Island – Punta Cormorant and Post Office Bay

One of the few populated isles in the Galápagos chain, Floreana boasts a rich and intriguing history. Head to Punta Cormorant to snorkel Devil's Crown or Champion, a shallow sunken crater colonized by a brilliant array of colorful fish and coral, oceanic whitetip sharks, sea turtles, spotted eagle rays and sea stars. Later, visit Post Office Bay, the former site of a post barrel used by English whalers in the late 18th century.


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Day 7 | Santa Cruz Island – Into the Highlands

Awake in Santa Cruz's lively harbor of Academy Bay. Go ashore at Ayora Point and ascend through the seven vegetation zones of the Galápagos, making your way into the highlands to encounter giant tortoises at a private farm. Back on board, set out to see "the tunnels" — the largest lava tubes found in the Galápagos. Then head to the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn about ongoing conservation efforts and visit the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center, a vital resource harboring various species of giant tortoise. Spend the rest of the day relaxing onboard, capping off your night with a trip to shore for dinner in Santa Cruz.


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 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 8 | Santa Cruz and Bartolome Islands – Playa Las Bachas and Pinnacle Rock

Drop anchor on the northern side of Santa Cruz Island to visit Playa Las Bachas (Bachas Beach), home to bright pink flamingos that feed on the interior lagoons. Snorkel offshore or stroll along the long, glittering white sand beach. Next, cruise to Bartolomé Island. Featured prominently in the 2003 blockbuster Master and Commander, Bartolomé is easily distinguished by its towering basalt spire, Pinnacle Rock. Here, the hauntingly barren landscape steals the spotlight, as the volcanic terrain is largely inhospitable to plants and animals. After a dry landing, climb the summit of a once-active volcano for amazing views. Then, swim or snorkel crystal-clear waters amid schools of tropical fish and Galápagos penguins. Return to your yacht for dinner and an insightful lecture on Charles Darwin's legacy.


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Day 9 | South Plaza and North Seymour Islands – Realm of Iguanas and Frigatebirds

Among the smallest of the Galápagos Islands, South Plaza is also known as the "red island" due to its brightly tinged sesuvium (seasonal flowering ice plants). Come ashore to watch as Galápagos land iguanas munch on the lowlying leaves of a succulent forest while Nazca and blue-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls and red-billed tropicbirds jockey for position along the water's edge. Next, sail to North Seymour Island to encounter frigatebirds as they puff out their red chests in search of mates. Take one last opportunity to snorkel the deeper waters offshore, home to sharks, rays, sea turtles and vibrant schools of fish. Back on board, gather for the Captain's farewell celebration.

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Day 10 | Depart Guayaquil or Quito – One Last Glimpse

Disembark your yacht on San Cristóbal to visit the local Interpretation Center. Later today, catch your charter flight to Guayaquil or Quito to connect with your homeward departure. Or, extend your Galápagos adventure with our Volcanic Wonders expedition.

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 BREAKFAST

DATES & PRICES

Plan Your Trip for 2027

Engaging onboard lectures and workshops from our acclaimed Expedition Team

Zodiac and shore excursions led by naturalist driver guides

Relais & Chateaux dining and hospitality onboard

Airport Meet and Greet with Transfers

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All gratuities, port charges and taxes

Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service

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Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

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Theory

As the only Galápagos vessels accepted into the esteemed Relais Chateaux collection, A&K's Ecoventura adventure yachts offer the most exclusive and intimate cruising experience in the islands. The adventure yachts accommodate 20 guests in 10 spacious staterooms, each with panoramic windows and modern decor. Onboard amenities include wet bars, large sun decks, Jacuzzis and fitness centers. The vessels also offer Wi-Fi, hairdryers and laundry service. English is the official language on board. Guests dine on world-class, local cuisine prepared fresh daily by professional on-board chefs. Origin, Theory and Evolve offer the finest Galápagos Islands cruise experiences, bar none.

