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Immerse yourself in the unique ecosystems that inspired Charles Darwin on this unequaled 10-day Galápagos journey, a singular experience with a bounty of wildlife. Encounter the natural splendor of eight islands, including San Cristóbal, Genovesa, North Seymour, Santiago, Fernandina, Santa Cruz, Santa Fé and Española islands.

Each day offers an abundance of the intriguing fauna and flora found on the relatively untouched Galápagos Islands. Enjoy included shore excursions, from guided Zodiac cruises to hiking and snorkeling with the expedition team. Climb Prince Philip's Steps to marvel at sprawling vistas on Genovesa Island, search for spectacular birds on North Seymour Island and discover Santiago Island's beautiful Sullivan Bay. Explore Mangle Point, a nesting site for flightless cormorants; walk with giant tortoises in the lush Santa Cruz highlands and swim alongside playful sea lions near Española Island. Also, visit a remarkable breeding center dedicated to the preservation of the endangered Galápagos giant tortoise.

Natural history is alive in this kaleidoscopic country, where mystical landscapes and rare land animals reveal the secrets of evolution!

Front cover: *Sea Lion mother and cub*

This page: *Blue-footed boobies*



Flightless cormorant searching for food underwater



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Dear Zoo Supporters,

Join us for this extraordinary voyage and share in the wonder of Charles Darwin's revolutionary observations of this remarkable world unto itself. Experience the astounding biodiversity of the UNESCO-inscribed Galápagos archipelago, preserved much as it was when Spanish colonists arrived in 1535. Home to unique reptiles, birds, plants and aquatic life, Darwin's "living laboratory of evolution" continues to inspire the thrill of original discovery in every visitor.

These legendary islands, each with its own ecosystem, teem with endemic flora and fauna, including the flightless cormorant and the marine iguana, without the threat of large land-based predators. The wildlife is uniquely receptive to up-close human company. Only here can you almost touch spiny-backed iguanas and snorkel alongside playful seals.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered six-star, all-suite SILVER ORIGIN. This exquisite ship was designed specifically to navigate the hard-to-reach Galápagos archipelago and features a team of expert Ecuadorian guides, Zodiacs and unparalleled luxury. Certified onboard naturalists share their insights during excursions into this extraordinary biome.

All island excursions and activities are included, creating an immersive Galápagos cruise experience. This carefully designed itinerary features the emblematic species and landscapes that define the Galápagos Islands' fragile ecosystem. Complement your cruise with the exclusive Quito Pre-Program Option or the Post-Program Option, combining the fabled Machu Picchu, the Inca citadel of Cuzco, and the breathtaking Sacred Valley. Reserve now while space is still available.

See you out there!



Pamela Reed Sanchez
CEO and President
Seneca Park Zoo Society

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BREEDING GIANT TORTOISES - A SUCCESS STORY

The Galapaguera de Cerro Colorado on San Cristóbal Island is a tortoise reserve, sanctuary and breeding center. Established in the early 2000s by the Galápagos National Park Service, the center is dedicated to the preservation and breeding of the endangered giant tortoise.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, the Galápagos giant tortoises were subject to overexploitation for food by sailors and pirates. Today, their main threats are invasive species, habitat loss, the illegal wildlife trade and poaching. Similar to centers found on Santa Cruz and Isabela islands, the goal of the Galapaguera de Cerro Colorado is to enhance the survival rate of hatchlings in the wild, thus increasing the island's tortoise population.

Resident tortoises and their hatchlings live in the sanctuary's semi-natural habitats. While adults can roam throughout the reserve, free to wallow in mud pools, baby tortoises live in protected breeding enclosures. Once juveniles are large enough to survive, typically at around five years old, they are re-introduced into the wild.

Through enriching exhibits and informative presentations, visitors can learn about the history and biology of the giant tortoises as well as the conservation efforts and challenges faced in protecting them.





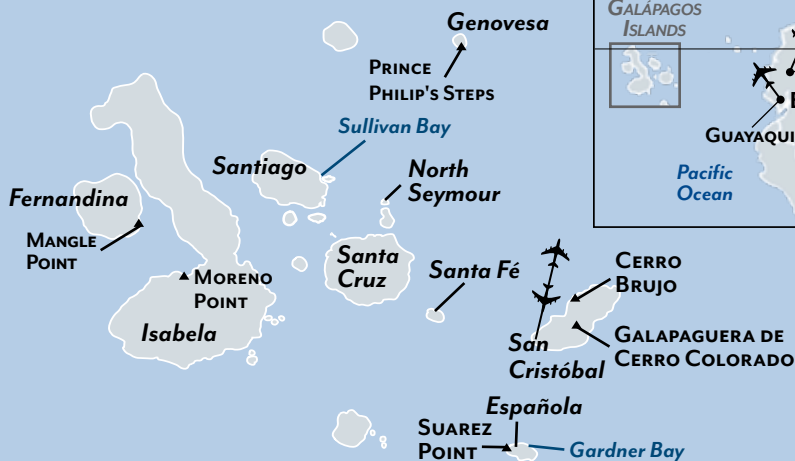
THE INCOMPARABLE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

An astonishing vision of life completely devoid of human presence, the Galápagos Islands represent a truly unique environment. Located six hundred miles off the coast of Ecuador, the archipelago's isolation combined with the nutrient-rich waters of the Humboldt Current have created one of the world's richest marine ecosystems. Darwin's "living laboratory," the Galápagos Islands spurred the naturalist's paradigm-shifting work, *On the Origin of the Species*. Published in 1859, his speculations on natural selection in the role of "aboriginal creations, found nowhere else," inspired one of the most revolutionary scientific theories in history. One of the first and most treasured UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the Galápagos sustains an astounding number of endemic species which continue to thrive with the absence of natural predators.



INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).



10-DAY/9-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City/ Quito, Ecuador

Day 1

Depart home city and fly to Quito. Upon arrival, transfer to the JW MARRIOT QUITO hotel.

Quito/San Cristóbal, Galápagos Islands/Embark

Day 2

(an inflatable Zodiac) to shore and ascend Prince Phillip's Steps to take in impressive views at the top. Expect to see colonies of Nazca boobies, frigatebirds and storm petrels during your walk. Next, discover the horseshoe-shaped Darwin Bay, where a beautiful white-sand beach makes a cozy playground

the rocky landscape, marveling at myriad blue-footed boobies, magnificent frigate birds and land iguanas, camouflaged against the arid scrub. Back on board, settle in for lunch while cruising to Sullivan Bay, located on Santiago Island. Get a glimpse into the island's storied geologic history while strolling by surreal rock formations and pahoehoe lava flows, slow-moving lava with low viscosity and a billowy surface. Sullivan Bay is also known for its expansive coral-sand beach and clear waters, where sea turtles and tropical fish flourish. (B,L,D)



Land iguana

Fernandina Island/ Isabela Island

Day 5

Young Fernandina Island is one of the world's most volcanically active spots and, since the island is free of introduced species, it is also one of Earth's most pristine island ecosystems. While exploring Mangle Point, look for evidence of black lava flows and admire the high density of marine iguanas, sea lions, Sally Lightfoot crabs, hawks and penguins. It is also one of the few places in the Galápagos to spy the flightless cormorant, an unusual bird who forgot how to fly. Continue to spectacular Isabela Island to photograph lava flows and inviting turquoise lagoons. Isabela's first visitors were pirates and whalers, who used the island to restock supplies and even hide treasure. During your panga ride to Moreno Point, watch for

Fly to San Cristóbal to embark the SILVER ORIGIN. San Cristóbal, one of the oldest islands in the archipelago, emerged from the sea approximately 2.4 million years ago. After boarding, settle in your stateroom; then gather for a Captain's Welcome Reception at the end of the day. (B,L,R,D)

Genovesa Island

Day 3

Anchor in sight of Genovesa Island, home to the largest colony of red-footed boobies. Here, nutrient-rich, cold waters provide excellent nesting sites for large bird colonies. Ride aboard a panga

for snoozing sea lions and scampering Sally Lightfoot crabs. You may see frigatebirds, red-footed boobies, herons, finches and mockingbirds, which are abundant on the island. Continue your adventure by snorkeling or swimming, sharing the bay with green sea turtles, sharks, rays and schools of colorful fish. (B,L,D)

North Seymour Island/ Santiago Island

Day 4

North Seymour Island was named after Lord Hugh Seymour, a British Royal Navy officer. Embark on a guided nature hike across



curious penguins and shorebirds. A guided hike passes by mangroves, crystal tide pool and green lagoons, where you may see pink flamingoes and white-cheeked pintails. Isabela also offers sanctuary to more wild giant tortoises than all of the other Galápagos Islands combined! (B,L,D)

Santa Cruz Island/ Santa Fé Island

Day 6

Spend part of the day on Santa Cruz Island. Travel from the arid, sunny coast to the mist-shrouded highlands. Here, free-roaming giant tortoises live in their natural environment. After lunch on board, cruise near the picturesque bay of Santa Fé. This unique landscape provides a habitat for *Opuntia cacti* and endemic Barrington land iguanas with their eye-catching yellowish-orange coloration. You may see these peculiar creatures basking themselves in the sun or munching on the blossoms

of prickly pear cactus. After exploring on foot, cool off with a swim or snorkel. Friendly sea lions approach snorkelers while turtles, sharks, sting rays and colorful fish can be seen. (B,L,D)

Española Island

Day 7

Española Island, the southernmost island of the archipelago, is the breeding site of the unique waved albatrosses. You might witness these special birds launching themselves into the air currents from the high cliffs. Visit Gardner Bay, a sprawling stretch of pristine white sand, and Suarez Point, where albatrosses fly overhead. (B,L,D)

San Cristóbal Island

Day 8

The Galapaguera de Cerro Colorado is vital in safeguarding the preservation of the endangered Galápagos giant tortoise. See baby tortoises in protected breeding enclosures and adult tortoises roaming freely. Learn about the center's

remarkable conservation and research efforts as well as the repatriation programs that are saving subspecies of tortoises from extinction. Continue to the secluded Cerro Brujo, an eroded tuff cone that is also known as Witch Hill. The area teems with wildlife and visitors will enjoy blue-footed boobies, great blue herons and finches. The calm waters offer opportunities to see sea turtles, rays, sea lions and tropical fish. Enjoy the Captain's Farewell Reception at the end of the day and raise a toast to your epic Galápagos adventure! (B,L,R,D)

San Cristóbal Island/ Disembark/Guayaquil/ Return to Home City

Days 9 and Day 10

Disembark the ship on San Cristóbal and fly to Guayaquil. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before an overnight flight back to your home city. Arrive home the next day. (B)

Galápagos penguins





SILVER ORIGIN With state-of-the-art technology designed for the Galápagos Islands, the SILVER ORIGIN is the most elegant, sustainable ship to explore this unique ecosystem. Discover the wonder of these islands in luxury with onboard amenities not found anywhere else. Immerse yourself in the rare flora and fauna of the Galápagos with the interactive Basecamp hub of discovery. In addition to the included Zodiac excursions and marine activities, enjoy gourmet farm-to-table Ecuadorian recipes made with the freshest local ingredients, accompanied by regional wines in the ship's restaurant and grill. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages, 24-hour in-suite service and unlimited Wi-Fi access are also available throughout the cruise.



2024 DEPARTURE DATE: November 8 to 17 (Embarkation: November 9)

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <i>per person, based on double occupancy, excluding taxes</i>	Early Booking Rate through May 20, 2024	Rates after May 20, 2024
Classic Veranda Suite	Floor to ceiling sliding doors with veranda and sitting area. <i>Deck 5, midship to forward.</i>	\$13,995	\$15,550
Superior Veranda Suite	Private veranda with horizon balcony and sitting area. <i>Deck 6, midship to forward.</i>	\$14,995	\$16,660
Deluxe Veranda Suite	Private veranda with horizon balcony and sitting area. <i>Deck 6, aft.</i>	\$15,895	\$17,660
Medallion Suite	Private veranda with horizon balcony and sitting area. <i>Deck 6, forward.</i>	\$19,295	\$21,440
Silver Suite	Large veranda with patio furniture, floor-to-ceiling glass doors and living room with sitting area. <i>Deck 5, forward.</i>	\$22,495	\$24,995
Royal Suite	Large veranda with patio furniture, floor-to-ceiling glass doors and living room with sitting area. <i>Deck 5, aft.</i>	\$25,595	\$28,440
Grand Suite	Large veranda with patio furniture, floor-to-ceiling glass doors and living room with sitting area and separate dining area. <i>Deck 5, aft.</i>	\$29,095	\$32,330
Owner Suite	Large veranda with patio furniture and floor to ceiling glass doors, living room with sitting area and separate dining area. <i>Deck 6, aft.</i>	\$33,895	\$37,660

BONUS SAVINGS! Pay in full at the time of booking to receive additional savings. Bookings made inside 121 days prior to departure are not eligible for this discount. Please call for details.

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.

Port taxes are an additional \$130 per person. Customers will be notified of any fuel surcharge fee prior to final payment.

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PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Quito

November 6 to 8, 2024 (Tour Begins: November 6)

Explore the UNESCO treasures, rich indigenous traditions and contemporary verve of Quito, South America's most beguiling capital city. Walk the streets of the Old Town, where Spanish colonial grandeur and pre-Columbian rituals coalesce in a panoply of Baroque cathedrals, ornate palaces and lively plazas. Uncover Quito's artistic soul along La Ronda, one of the city's oldest streets, and visit a local chocolatier. Experience the Middle of the World and stand with one foot in each hemisphere. Accommodations are for three nights in the five-star JW MARRIOTT HOTEL QUITO.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: **\$875**

Price per person, based on single occupancy: **\$1,095**



POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley

November 16 to 22, 2024 (Tour Ends: November 22)

Explore Peru's UNESCO-inscribed archaeological treasures on this tour featuring Machu Picchu, Cuzco, the Sacred Valley and Lima. Journey by train to the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu, cradled by the soaring Andes Mountains. In the historical Inca capital of Cuzco, see the stone fortress of Sacsayhuamán and architecture that provides a mix of pre-Columbian and colonial influences. Admire the spectacular sites of the Sacred Valley, including the fortress of Ollantaytambo, which stands as a lasting testimony to the Inca Empire. Cap off the journey in Lima with a tour of its historical center. Enjoy deluxe accommodations in Urubamba, Machu Picchu, Cuzco and Lima.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: **\$3,685**

Price per person, based on single occupancy: **\$4,675**

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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