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# Galapagos Discovery: The Nat Hab Experience

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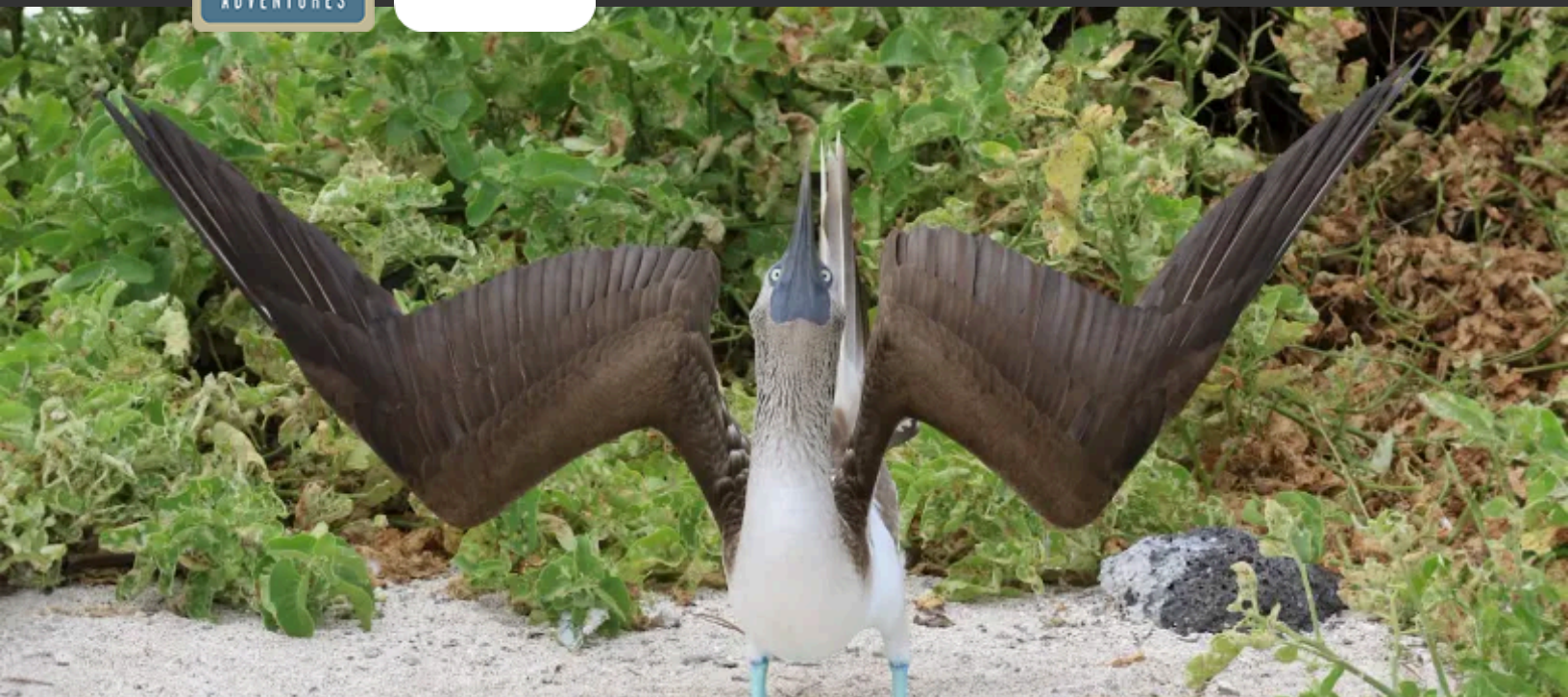
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## Trip Details:

### Days

10 Days /  
Year-Round

### Price

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Six hundred miles off the coast of Ecuador in the open ocean, a volcanic archipelago straddles the equator. The Galapagos Islands, forged of black lava and named for the giant tortoises that are among their most noted inhabitants, are like no other place on Earth. Home to a profuse array of unique wildlife, the islands offer an immersion in nature that feels primeval. Iguanas and blue-footed boobies share the beaches with us, unfazed by our presence. Giant tortoises amble through our private camp, their golden eyes looking out from wizened faces. Inquisitive sea lions play with us in the clear turquoise water, as Galapagos penguins dart by and sea turtles glide past. Author Herman Melville, who visited the islands in 1841, shortly after Darwin's momentous visit, called them the "Enchanted Isles"—an apt moniker for a realm that remains otherworldly, even today.

## Trip Highlights

**Our Galapagos adventure is an immersive exploration, with a full week in the islands aboard a privately chartered small ship carrying just 14–16 guests**

**Snorkel with sea lions, swim with turtles, sunbathe with iguanas, scout for whales and stay in wild tortoise terrain at our Tortoise Camp—a Nat Hab exclusive!**

**Each group is led by two Expedition Leaders—the Galapagos' most highly trained naturalist guides—for the best guide-to-guest ratio in the islands**





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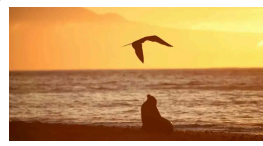
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# Galapagos Discovery: The Nat Hab Experience Itineraries

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## M/C Natural Habitat Petrel Eastern Itinerary

Enjoy all the amenities of our 115-foot luxury motor catamaran *Petrel* as we explore Española, Floreana, Bartolome, Genovesa and Santiago—plus a night at our private Tortoise Camp on Santa Cruz.



## M/C Natural Habitat Petrel Western Itinerary

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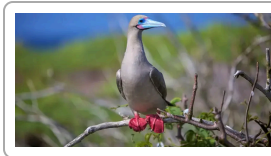
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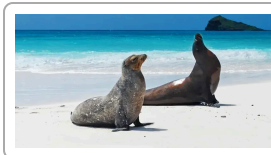
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Our 125-foot chartered luxury motor yacht is your base for discovering the western Galapagos including North Seymour, Genovesa, Isabela, Floreana and more! Includes a night at our private Tortoise Camp on Santa Cruz.



### **S/C Nemo III Eastern Itinerary**

From our sporty 75-foot deluxe catamaran, explore a fascinating sampler of islands including Española, Floreana, Bartolome and more! Plus a night at our Tortoise Camp on Santa Cruz.



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Aboard our deluxe 75-foot catamaran, explore less-visited Genovesa, teeming with seabirds, Santiago, Isabela and Fernandina, and spend a night at our private Tortoise Camp on Santa Cruz.



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#### Day 9

Santiago—Puerto Egas /  
Buccaneer Cove

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### **Day 4: Española—Gardner Bay / Punta Suarez**

Our first port of call is the island of Española, one of the most prolific wildlife sites in the Galapagos. In the morning, we visit an excellent snorkeling site off Gardner Islet with a colorful diversity of sealife and caves to explore by panga. Later, we land at Gardner Bay, with its long stretch of white sandy beach usually half-covered by a large colony of sea lions. Swim with them right from the beach, or relax on the powdery sand where curious mockingbirds sometimes peck at our sandals. Cruising around to the other side of the island, we step ashore at Punta Suarez, where we find the greatest number of endemic species in Galapagos. From April to December, the huge waved albatross, found only on Española, performs its raucous mating ritual. Colonies of blue-footed boobies show off for potential mates while red-billed tropicbirds take shelter on the cliff walls. We also find Darwin's finches, Galapagos doves, Galapagos hawks, and a unique subspecies of red and green marine iguana endemic to this island.

### **Day 5: Floreana—Punta Cormorant / Devil's Crown / Post Office Bay**

This morning we land at Punta Cormorant on Floreana, one of the few populated islands in the Galapagos. Following a trail through a Palo Santo forest to a brackish lagoon, we find pintail ducks, common stilts and bright pink flamingos. As we wind our way past a rich variety of plants, we reach a beach of fine sand where sea turtles lay eggs in the dunes, and rays swim in the shallow water. Later, we snorkel at Devil's Crown, an eroded volcanic cone that is a roosting site for boobies, pelicans and frigatebirds. Here, we drift-snorkel with the current above the sunken craters colonized by a brilliant array of corals and colorful fish. Rays, sea turtles and reef sharks are also frequent visitors.

Floreana's rich human history is filled with intrigue, including tales of pirates who once hid out here. At Post Office Bay, we learn about a relic of this colorful past, the "Post Office Barrel." Established by British whalers in 1793, it's still a means for travelers to leave mail for personal delivery via visitors passing through. Here at the bay, we can snorkel right from the beach in search of sea turtles, paddle a kayak or take a panga ride to look for turtles and sea lions, and enjoy a walk through a prickly pear forest.



### Day 6: Santa Cruz—Tortoise Breeding Center / Nat Hab's Private Tortoise Camp

Land at Santa Cruz this morning where our day begins in Puerto Ayora, the island's main town. Here, we visit the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center, the world-famous tortoise-rearing center managed in a partnership between Galapagos National Park and the Charles Darwin Research Station. Learn about efforts by international scientists, guides, rangers and park managers to research and conserve the unique habitats and species of the UNESCO World Heritage Site that is the Galapagos. At the tortoise-rearing facility, view the protection pens where tiny hatchlings are bred to increase the depleted tortoise population, a central focus of the station's conservation mission. To date, more than 5,000 tortoises bred at the center have been released into the wild.

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But the real treat of a stay here is our proximity to wild tortoises, which are attracted to the area's lush vegetation, including our Scalesia forest restoration zone. Since 2022, Nat Hab and our guests have planted more than 1,000 of this important tree, endemic to the islands and habitat for myriad diverse plants and animals. However, invasive species and historical deforestation threatens the Scalesia forests, making their conservation a high priority. Tortoises are most commonly seen in camp from July through February. From March to June, we make an excursion to a nearby tortoise reserve for closer views, as they migrate seasonally to a lower elevation. *Please note: At times, Tortoise Camp may be closed due to poor weather conditions.*

### Day 7: Santa Cruz / Bartolome—Pinnacle Rock

We continue our exploration of Santa Cruz this morning, in search of more giant tortoises. During the season when they are rare in camp, we visit a tortoise reserve in the highlands to spend more time with these amiable reptiles. This afternoon, we return to the *Petrel* and sail on to tiny Bartolome, where we snorkel with penguins around the base of Pinnacle Rock. Gentle white-tipped reef sharks, sea turtles and stingrays are also common sightings. A climb to the island's highest point offers 360-degree views as we pass intriguing geological formations such as spatter cones, tuff cones and lava tubes along the way. From the summit, a panorama unfolds of the surrounding islands and Pinnacle Rock, famously shown in the 2003 film *Master and Commander*. Those who prefer not to hike can take a panga ride along the shoreline, watching for rays and reef sharks just below the surface.



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### Day 8: Genovesa—Darwin Bay / Prince Philip's Steps

Genovesa Island, also called Tower, is a collapsed shield volcano whose flooded caldera attracts vast numbers of pelagic seabirds that gather here to breed and nest. Inside the submerged crater thousands of great frigatebirds, red-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, Galapagos storm petrels and yellow-crowned night herons create a cacophony of squawks. We anchor at Darwin Bay, formed thousands of years ago after the collapse of the volcano's roof. Surrounded by vertical cliffs, the bay is an ideal breeding site for the more than 1 million birds that congregate on Genovesa. This morning, we have opportunities to kayak and snorkel in Darwin Bay before moving on to our second landing at El Barranco, also known as Prince Philip's Steps. This steep path with stairs carved into the rock leads to a plateau full of birdlife within a Palo Santo forest. Walk among colonies of great frigatebirds and Nazca boobies to a lava field where storm petrels nest in underground lava tubes. We may also see Galapagos doves, mockingbirds and perhaps an endemic short-eared owl.

### Day 9: Santiago—Puerto Egas / Buccaneer Cove

At Puerto Egas on Santiago, we make an early-morning landing on a black sand beach with eroded rock formations. Following a trail across the dry interior, observe the remains of a salt mining enterprise before continuing along the coast. Birdlife abounds, with great blue herons, lava herons, oystercatchers, yellow-crowned night herons and seasonal shorebirds on display. In the lava grottos we find a colony of Galapagos fur seals, one of the only places in the Galapagos where we see these endemic animals from land. Afterward, there's time to swim or snorkel from the beach with the resident sea lions. Snorkeling at Buccaneer Cove, which was once a refuge for British pirates, offers a glimpse of underwater rock formations, sea turtles, rays and reef sharks.

### Day 10: Santa Cruz—Black Turtle Cove / Baltra—Disembark / Quito / Depart

Returning to Santa Cruz this morning, we visit Black Turtle Cove, a sheltered lagoon on the north coast of the island. Take a panga ride to explore the shimmering turquoise water, hoping to see white-tipped reef sharks, rays and sea turtles. And then, it's time to return to Baltra where we say goodbye to the captain and crew of the *Natural Habitat Petrel* and our Expedition Leaders. Transfer to the airport for our flight to the mainland, and on arrival at the Quito airport, a transfer is included to our hotel just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport in time for your departing flight.

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Isabela—Elizabeth Bay / Punta  
Moreno

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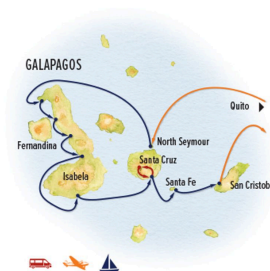
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### Day 4: Isabela—Punta Vicente Roca / Fernandina—Punta Espinoza

Isabela is our destination today, the largest of the Galapagos Islands. Shaped like a seahorse, it was created when six volcanoes flowed together. Beginning at Punta Vicente Roca, take a panga ride along a shoreline brimming with wildlife, and time permitting, we'll snorkel at a spot where we frequently see sea turtles. Chances are good to spot Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, blue-footed boobies, brown noddies and Galapagos fur seals. After lunch, *Natural Habitat Petrel* crosses the Bolivar Channel en route to Fernandina, the youngest of the Galapagos islands. From the deck, keep an eye out for whales and dolphins, often on view in the passage.

Fernandina has one of the most dynamic and pristine ecosystems on Earth, displaying vivid evidence of recent volcanic activity. Eruptions in 2018 sent lava flowing all the way to the sea, providing a stark backdrop for wildlife viewing. We land at Punta Espinoza, where a surprising variety of life flourishes on the rope-like pahoehoe lava: flightless cormorants nest on the rocks and huge colonies of marine iguanas bask in the sun, while Galapagos hawks soar overhead. Bright orange Sally Lightfoot crabs pepper the black rocks at water's edge, contrasting with the turquoise sea. When conditions permit, a snorkeling excursion offers a chance to see sea turtles and submerged marine iguanas feeding on algae.

### Day 5: Isabela—Tagus Cove / Urbina Bay

Back on Isabela, spend the morning in Tagus Cove where we find graffiti dating to the 1800s, when pirates and whalers carved their ship names into the rock above a historic anchorage. Look for flightless cormorants on the shoreline and Galapagos penguins below the surface as we snorkel. Then, choose between two activities: a hike among the volcanic tuff cones for a closer look at the island's geological history, with views of Darwin's Lagoon, or a panga ride to look for blue-footed boobies perched on the cliff ledges, as well as brown pelicans, brown noddies and flightless cormorants. We will also have a chance to paddle a kayak along this scenic cove to admire the wildlife perched on the rocks at eye level. At Urbina Bay this afternoon, witness one of the best examples of geological uplift in the archipelago, a phenomenon that occurs when molten rock beneath the surface suddenly shifts. In 1954, the shoreline was heaved upward nearly 15 feet, exposing coral and stranding marine organisms above the water on what is now the shore. Urbina is home to nesting sea turtles and a colony of some of the islands' largest land iguanas. We also look for Galapagos tortoises and a variety of Darwin's finches.





### Day 6: Isabela—Elizabeth Bay / Punta Moreno

On the southern side of Isabela, *Natural Habitat Petrel* enters Elizabeth Bay to explore a sprinkling of islets, a lagoon frequented by sea turtles, and surrounding red and black mangroves. On a panga ride, search for resting and feeding sea turtles along with lava herons, Galapagos penguins, rays and flightless cormorants. Sailing west to Punta Moreno, we observe several endemic species on the seemingly barren lava flows. The point is located between two volcanoes, Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul, and we step ashore to walk atop the hardened lava. At first glance, the corrugated rock landscape appears lifeless. However, the hard black surface is dotted with numerous shallow lagoons that harbor a wide variety of birdlife. Commonly seen species include flamingos, paint-billed crakes and white-cheeked pintails. We also see endemic Galapagos flora taking root on this young, barren lava flow, including giant candelabra cactus, Palo Santo trees, carob trees and lichens. The protected waters of Moreno Bay are surrounded by mangroves—ideal habitat for sea turtles, which we may spy as we snorkel.

### Day 7: Isabela—Puerto Villamil / Sierra Negra Volcano

Isabela, the archipelago's largest island, is also one of the youngest, and a marvelous world within itself. The laid-back island town of Puerto Villamil is our base for a choice of engaging activity options today. Wander trails through the wetlands located just outside town, comprised of lagoons, swamps, and mangroves that are home to a variety of bird species such as common stilts, whimbrels, white-cheeked pintail ducks, gallinules and other shorebirds. For a more adventurous option, take a guided hike up Sierra Negra, a large shield volcano that is one of the most active in the Galapagos. From the rim, peer into the black expanse of the vast caldera, the second-largest in the world at 6 miles across, which lies a thousand feet below. Along the trail, keep an eye out for Darwin's finches, flycatchers and mockingbirds, and if we're lucky, we might spy a Galapagos hawk.



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Spend the morning exploring a network of subterranean lava tubes and caverns adjacent to Tortoise Camp—one lava tunnel is large enough for our whole group to assemble inside. Returning to the *Natural Habitat Petrel*, we have lunch aboard as we sail for Santa Fe. Surrounded by a turquoise lagoon, this ancient island, dating back 4.5 million years, has one of the largest varieties of endemic Galapagos wildlife in the archipelago. On a short hike through a forest of giant prickly pear cacti, look for the land iguanas that wait patiently underneath for fruit to drop. Either snorkeling or paddling, we explore a small islet surrounded by great reef diversity, then set out for a cruise along Santa Fe's north coast. Along this expanse, large cliffs and sea caves are used by many seabird species for nesting and roosting, as well as by basking green sea turtles and sea lions.



### **Day 10: San Cristobal—Isla Lobos/ Disembark / Quito / Depart**

This morning we make a landing at Isla Lobos, where we take a short panga ride along the shore to observe a frigatebird colony and walk inland to greet the resident sea lion colony and hopefully some blue-footed boobies. Once we reach San Cristobal, where we disembark, it's time to say farewell to the Galapagos Islands and fly back to the mainland, landing at the airport in Quito. On arrival, we transfer to our nearby hotel, just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport for your homeward flight.

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San Cristobal—Punta Pitt / Cerro  
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Santa Cruz — Darwin Station /  
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### Day 7

Nat Hab's Tortoise Camp / South  
Plaza

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Rabida / Sombrero Chino

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### Day 3: Quito / Baltra, Galapagos Islands—Embark *Tip Top IV* / North Seymour

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After lunch aboard, we make our first landing at North Seymour, a small geological uplift known for its prolific seabird populations and numerous land iguanas. On a mellow walk, we follow a trail among swallow-tailed gulls, blue footed boobies and the Galapagos' largest colony of magnificent frigatebirds. As we stroll along the beach, we find marine iguanas and sea lions bodysurfing the northerly swells.



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### Day 4: Española—Punta Suarez / Gardner Bay

Española holds some of the most prolific wildlife in the Galapagos. Hiking on the headlands of Punta Suarez, we witness abundant birdlife, hoping to see Hood mockingbirds, blue-footed boobies, nesting swallow-tailed gulls and Galapagos hawks. Española is also the world's main nesting site for the huge waved albatross, with a wingspan of 7-8 feet. Return to our yacht for lunch aboard as we sail to Gardner Bay. Next, we do some deep-water snorkeling at one of the offshore islets in Gardner Bay, looking for abundant tropical fish, rays and marine turtles. Ashore, an idyllic white sand beach awaits, where sea lions and Pacific green sea turtles often frequent the rocky shoreline. Our first paddling excursion will take place along the island's north shore, following a cliff formed by eroded cinder cones and layers of old basalt where we observe giant cacti and many different bird species at sunset.

### Day 5: San Cristobal—Punta Pitt / Cerro Brujo

This morning we call at one of the archipelago's oldest islands, San Cristobal, for a visit to Punta Pitt. Located on the easternmost side of the Galapagos, Punta Pitt is one of the only places where red-footed, blue-footed and Nazca boobies are all found in the same place. Look for all three as we hike among volcanic rock formations and ascend to the top for expansive views. Then it's time to explore the world beneath the sea on a deepwater snorkel among many colorful fishes.

This afternoon we land at Cerro Brujo, or "Wizard Hill." This ancient tuff cone on San Cristobal sits next to an expanse of powdery white sand that's home to a large colony of Galapagos sea lions, as well as blue-footed boobies, pelicans, egrets and marine iguanas. After a walk on the beach to scout for sea lions, with a chance to swim, too, we paddle kayaks along the shoreline of Cerro Brujo, observing tunnels and caves eroded by the relentless action of the waves. At every turn, our discoveries are enhanced by the in-depth knowledge of our Expedition Leaders, who are expert naturalists on the flora and fauna of the Galapagos. Back aboard the *Tip Top IV*, we sail on to Kicker Rock, a dramatic volcanic tuff cone that rises 300 feet above the ocean's surface. Circumnavigating the rock, look for marine life as we watch the setting sun sink behind the horizon.



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### Day 6: Santa Cruz — Darwin Station / Puerto Ayora / Nat Hab's Tortoise Camp

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After lunch on board the *Tip Top IV*, we have a bit of time to wander around Puerto Ayora before ascending into the misty highlands of Santa Cruz where Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp awaits. The camp's exclusive setting offers a rare opportunity to spend a night in wild tortoise habitat, and these ancient, gentle reptiles that are the archipelago's namesake often wander right through camp. Accommodations are in safari-style walk-in tents on raised platforms and treehouses with views of the ocean. While rustic, they offer comfortable amenities, including real beds and en suite facilities.

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### Day 7: Nat Hab's Tortoise Camp / South Plaza

Spend the morning exploring a network of subterranean lava tubes and caverns adjacent to Tortoise Camp—one of which is large enough to accommodate our entire group! Return to the *Tip Top IV* for lunch as we sail to South Plaza, one of the smallest islands in the archipelago that formed by the geologic uplift of the ocean floor. By contrast, volcanic activity gave rise to most of the Galapagos Islands. Home to a diverse array of flora and fauna, South Plaza island is carpeted with the endemic, low-growing succulent *Sesuvium*, commonly known as sea purslane, which transforms into vibrant shades of orange and purple during the dry season. Prickly pear cactus dot the terrain, providing sustenance for the island's large population of land iguanas. These reptiles, the smallest iguanas in the archipelago, coexist and interbreed with marine iguanas, resulting in a rare hybrid species found nowhere else. Seabird colonies thrive on the island's cliffs, including the nesting red-billed tropicbirds, swallow-tailed gulls, Nazca boobies and blue footed boobies. A colony of about 1,000 sea lions also make their home on South Plaza's sandy beaches.





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### Day 8: Bartolome / Sullivan Bay

Landing at Bartolome, we go ashore to climb to the island's highest point for 360° views, passing intriguing geological formations along the path including spatter cones, tuff cones and lava tubes. From the summit, a panorama unfolds of the surrounding islands and Pinnacle Rock, famously shown in the 2003 film *Master and Commander*. Some of the best snorkeling in the Galapagos awaits around the base of this ancient, submerged volcano. This underwater playground is home to huge schools of fish permanently under attack by Galapagos penguins. Gentle, white-tipped reef sharks, sea turtles and stingrays are also common sightings.

At nearby Sullivan Bay on the east coast of Santiago, we continue our underwater exploration with another snorkeling outing, then take a dramatic walk along a new lava field to observe the hardy new plants that have managed to take root on the barren rock, like the lava cactus. The lava here is the pahoehoe type, which resembles smooth ropes. Those who wish may choose a panga ride on the bay instead, exploring the spectacular volcanic formations, relatively recent lava flows and unique geological scenery.

### Day 9: Rabida / Sombrero Chino

In Rabida, we make a wet landing on the beach of maroon-colored sand. Marine iguanas and sea lions are often seen resting in the shade of the caves nearby. Rabida is one of the best places to see pelicans, blue-footed and Nazca boobies on the cliffs above. Behind the beach is a shallow saltwater lagoon that is a seasonal feeding and breeding area for flamingos. These large pink birds feed for hours each day, primarily on pink shrimp larvae that give them their color. While we don't always see flamingos, we reliably spot pintail ducks and common stilts that also feed in the lagoon. Following a short trail inland through opuntia cactus, Palo Santo trees and scrubby bushes, we find terrestrial birds such as finches, Galapagos doves, yellow warblers and mockingbirds. Our visit to Rabida often ends with swimming and snorkeling, which are very good here. Late this afternoon we'll explore the shoreline of Rabida in our kayaks to admire the red cliffs as we scout for fur seals, boobies and marine turtles.

We continue to Sombrero Chino, a small island off the coast of Santiago, which really does look like a Chinese hat! A paddling excursion here reveals more of the Galapagos' fascinating marine life and striking geology, as we witness the delicate lava and spatter cones on the island's surface. The small channel of turquoise water provides a beautiful snorkeling site, particularly along the Santiago coast where it is possible to see sharks, sea lions, penguins and rays.



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### Day 10: Santa Cruz—Las Bachas / Baltra—Disembark / Quito / Depart

One final outing remains early this morning, an optional sunrise stroll to Las Bachas, a pristine white sand beach with shimmering turquoise waters and black volcanic rocks. Known for its diverse wildlife, the beach is one of the main nesting sites for turtles. Look for flamingos feeding in the brackish water ponds behind the beach, and scout for crabs, blue-footed boobies, pelicans, marine iguanas and more. Then, all too soon, our time in the Enchanted Isles comes to a close as we return to Baltra where we say goodbye to the *Tip Top IV*, her captain and crew, and our Expedition Leaders. Transfer to the airport to board our flight to the mainland, then upon arrival at the Quito airport, a transfer is included to our hotel just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport in time for your departing flight.

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A photograph of three hikers posing on a rocky beach. A woman on the left wears a white long-sleeved shirt, a large backpack, and light-colored pants. A man in the center wears a light-colored jacket, a patterned neck gaiter, and a cap with sunglasses. A woman on the right wears a green jacket, a cap with sunglasses, and light-colored pants. They are all smiling and crouching on a sandy beach with large dark rocks in the background.

## M/Y Tip Top IV Western Itinerary

Quito, Ecuador

## Exploring Historic Quito

Quito / Baltra, Galapagos Islands  
—Embark Tip Top IV / Black Turtle  
Cove

Genovesa

Santa Cruz—Darwin Station /  
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### Itinerary At A Glance

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Isabela—Urbina Bay / Punta Moreno

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This morning our Expedition Leaders provide an orientation to our kayaks, helping us get fitted to our boats and reviewing paddling techniques. Our first chance to paddle awaits as we visit Genovesa, or Tower Island, a collapsed shield volcano that attracts literally millions of seabirds that come here to breed and nest. Paddling our kayaks inside the flooded crater, we are surrounded by red-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, storm petrels and yellow-crowned night herons that rend the air with a cacophony of squawks. Surrounded by vertical cliffs of the collapsed caldera, Darwin Bay is an ideal breeding site for the birds that congregate on Genovesa, including red-billed tropic birds and Galapagos shearwaters that nest in holes in the lava walls.

Our first landing is at Darwin Bay Beach, following a trail into lush mangroves where red-footed boobies nest. We may also see nesting colonies of great frigatebird, Nazca booby and huge numbers of breeding swallow-tailed gull pairs. After our walk, snorkel from the beach, where plenty of sea lions loll in the sun, and look for rays and sea turtles commonly on view beneath the surface. This afternoon, we visit El Barranco, also known as Prince Phillip's Steps, a steep path with stairs carved into the rock that leads to a plateau full of birdlife within a Palo Santo forest. Walk among colonies of great frigatebirds and Nazca boobies to a lava field where storm petrels nest in underground lava tubes. We may also see Galapagos doves, mockingbirds and perhaps an endemic short-eared owl.



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### Day 6: Santa Cruz Highlands / El Eden

Search for more giant tortoises this morning before we return to the *Tip Top IV* for lunch and sail on to El Eden, a restricted islet located just off Santa Cruz Island. An ancient, eroded volcano, the islet is comprised of layers upon layers of volcanic ash cemented over eons of time, with a small volcanic sand beach. The steep slopes of the old tuff cone are completely covered in Palo Santo trees and opuntia cacti that make up the bulk of the dry forest in the Galapagos archipelago. Exploring by panga, we get a close view of the islet, with the picturesque backdrop of Santa Cruz behind it. Along the shore we may encounter flocks of seabirds resting alongside marine iguanas. Since the islet's northern side faces the open ocean, it also attracts pelagic birds such as the elegant Nazca booby and red-billed tropicbird. The opposite side of the island is sheltered by Santa Cruz, creating calm sea conditions for birdwatching from the panga. We may see blue-footed boobies, brown pelicans, various herons, and occasionally we spot a small colony of Galapagos sea lions alongside marine iguanas as we soak up the peace of this serene environment surrounded by mangroves.



### Day 7: Isabela—Tagus Cove / Elizabeth Bay

As we navigate the Bolivar Channel to reach Isabela, the largest island in the Galapagos, our day begins at sunrise, keeping watch on deck for whales and dolphins. Anchoring at Tagus Cove, we set out to explore by kayak, finding penguins, pelicans and graffiti dating to the 1800s when the names of ships were carved into the rock above a historic anchorage for pirates and whalers. Another snorkeling opportunity awaits, perhaps with a chance to frolic again with young sea lions. Inside the submerged volcanic cone, we find saltwater Darwin Lake. On the southern side of Isabela, *Tip Top IV* enters Elizabeth Bay to explore a sprinkling of islets, a lagoon frequented by sea turtles, and surrounding red and black mangroves. On a panga ride, search for resting and feeding sea turtles along with lava herons, Galapagos penguins, rays and flightless cormorants.

### Day 8: Isabela—Urbina Bay / Punta Moreno

At Urbina Bay this morning, step onto a black sand beach to witness one of the best examples of geological uplift in the Galapagos, a phenomenon that occurs when molten rock beneath the surface suddenly shifts. In 1954, the coastline was driven three-quarters of a mile out to sea, exposing coral and stranding marine organisms on what is now the shore. Urbina Bay is home to a colony of some of the largest land iguanas in the islands, plus the iconic Galapagos tortoise. We may also see bright yellow Darwin's cotton flowers here, unique to the archipelago.

This afternoon we land at Punta Moreno, a point located between two volcanoes, Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul, where we step ashore to walk atop the hardened lava. At first glance, the corrugated rock landscape appears lifeless. However, the ropy black surface is dotted with numerous coastal lagoons harboring a wide variety of birdlife. Commonly seen species include flamingos, paint-billed crakes, white-cheeked pintails and herons. We also see endemic Galapagos flora taking root on this young, barren lava flow, including giant opuntia cactus, Palo Santo trees and lichens. The protected waters of Moreno Bay are surrounded by mangroves, creating perfect habitat for sea turtles, which we may spot from the pangas or as we snorkel. Cormorants may also be on view along the shoreline as well.



### Day 9: Floreana—Punta Cormorant / Post Office Bay

This morning we land at Punta Cormorant on Floreana, one of the few populated islands in the Galapagos. Following a trail through a Palo Santo forest to a brackish lagoon, look for pintail ducks, common stilts and bright pink flamingos. As we wind our way past a wide variety of plants, we reach a beach of fine sand where sea turtles lay eggs in the dunes and rays swim in the shallow water. Back aboard ship, we sail a short distance to Champion Islet just offshore, one of the best drift-snorkel spots in the Galapagos. As the current floats us past the steep walls of this submerged volcanic crater, we spy large schools of fish and bright corals as we're followed by playful young sea lions.

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### Day 10: Mosquera Islet / Baltra / Disembark / Quito / Depart

A small, flat, sandy islet nearly devoid of vegetation, Mosquera sits in the channel between Baltra and North Seymour and has one of the largest sea lion populations in the Galapagos. Depending on the tide, we will either walk or explore by panga. The islet hosts a variety of bird species, including the rare Lava Gull and a range of coastal birds. Watch for colorful Sally Lightfoot Crabs on the beach.

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Santa Cruz—Darwin Station / Nat Hab's Private Tortoise Camp

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Santa Cruz Highlands / Santa Fe

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### Day 3: Baltra, Galapagos Islands / North Seymour

Rise early for the return transfer to Quito airport, where we board our flight, which has a short layover in Guayaquil due to scheduling and logistical constraints, to the Galapagos Islands. Our second Expedition Leader meets us as we land on the island of Baltra, then transfer to the jetty to board the *Nemo III*. This deluxe motor-sailing catamaran will be our home base for the next week as we cruise among the islands. Our first landing awaits on North Seymour, a small geological uplift where we follow a trail that leads us to swallow-tailed gulls, blue-footed boobies and endemic land iguanas. North Seymour is also home to the largest colony of magnificent frigatebirds in the Galapagos. Strolling along the beach, we're likely to see marine iguanas and sea lions in the northerly swells. Back aboard the *Nemo III*, our Expedition Leaders offer a briefing about tomorrow's activities, followed by sunset cocktails and dinner.



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### Day 4: Isla Lobos / Kicker Rock / San Cristobal—Cerro Brujo

On Isla Lobos this morning, our adventures begin with a walk over the rocks to look for blue-footed boobies, nesting frigatebirds and endemic lava lizards from San Cristobal. Returning to our catamaran, don snorkel gear for a shallow-water swim with the resident sea lion colony and marine iguanas, followed by a short ride by panga (motorized inflatable raft) along the shoreline to look at a frigatebird colony. This afternoon we land at Cerro Brujo, or "Wizard Hill." This ancient volcanic tuff cone on San Cristobal sits next to an expanse of powdery white sand that's home to a large colony of Galapagos sea lions as well as blue-footed boobies, pelicans, egrets and marine iguanas. After a walk on the beach to scout for sea lions, we have a chance to swim with them, too. At every turn, our discoveries are enhanced by the in-depth knowledge of our Expedition Leaders, who are expert naturalists on the flora and fauna of the Galapagos. Back aboard the *Nemo III* once more, sail on to Kicker Rock, a dramatic volcanic tuff cone that rises 300 feet above the ocean's surface. Circumnavigating the rock, look for marine life as we watch the sun sink below the horizon.

### Day 5: Española—Gardner Bay / Punta Suarez

Española is one of the most prolific wildlife sites in the Galapagos. Along the island's north shore this morning, follow a cliff formed by eroded cinder cones and layers of old basalt where we observe giant cacti and many different bird species. Next, we do some deep-water snorkeling at one of the offshore islets in Gardner Bay, looking for abundant tropical fish, rays and marine turtles. Ashore, an idyllic white sand beach awaits, where sea lions laze by the dozens and Pacific green sea turtles frequent the rocky part of the shoreline. Return to our catamaran for lunch aboard as we sail to Punta Suarez. Hiking on the headlands, we witness abundant birdlife, hoping to see Hood mockingbirds, blue-footed boobies, nesting swallow-tailed gulls and Galapagos hawks. Española is also the world's main nesting site for the huge waved albatross, with a wingspan of 7–8 feet.





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After some time to explore town, followed by lunch back on board the boat, we ascend into the misty highlands of Santa Cruz to reach Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp. This exclusive setting offers a rare opportunity to spend a night in wild tortoise habitat, and these ancient, gentle reptiles that are the archipelago's namesake often wander right through camp. Accommodations are in safari-style raised platform tents and treehouses with views of the ocean. While rustic, they offer comfortable amenities, including real beds and private en suite facilities.

But the real treat of a stay here is our proximity to wild tortoises, which are attracted to the area's lush vegetation, including our Scalesia forest restoration zone. Since 2022, Nat Hab and our guests have planted more than 1,000 of this important tree, endemic to the islands and habitat for myriad diverse plants and animals. However, invasive species and historical deforestation threatens the Scalesia forests, making their conservation a high priority. Tortoises are most commonly seen in camp from July through February. From March to June, we make an excursion to a nearby tortoise reserve for closer views, as they migrate seasonally to a lower elevation. *Please note: At times, Tortoise Camp may be closed due to poor weather conditions.*



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### Day 8: Santa Cruz Highlands / Santa Fe

Spend the morning exploring a network of subterranean lava tubes and caverns adjacent to Tortoise Camp. Returning to *Nemo III*, we'll have lunch aboard and sail for Santa Fe. On a short hike through a forest of prickly pear cacti, look for the endemic land iguanas that wait patiently underneath for fruit to drop. Returning to our catamaran, we explore a small islet surrounded by great reef diversity, then set out for a cruise along the north coast. Along this expanse, large cliffs and sea caves are used by many species of marine birds for nesting and roosting—as well as by basking green sea turtles and sea lions.

### Day 9: Bartolome / Sombrero Chino

Sail on to Bartolome and climb to the island's highest point for 360-degree views, passing intriguing geological formations along the path including spatter cones, tuff cones and lava tubes. From the summit, a panorama unfolds of the surrounding islands and Pinnacle Rock, famously shown in the 2003 film *Master and Commander*. Some of the best snorkeling in the Galapagos awaits around the base of this ancient submerged volcano. It's an underwater playground that's home to huge schools of fish permanently under attack by Galapagos penguins. Gentle white-tipped reef sharks, sea turtles and stingrays are also common sightings.

Then continue to Sombrero Chino, a small island off the coast of Santiago, which really does look like a Chinese hat! A paddling excursion here reveals more of the Galapagos' fascinating marine life and striking geology, as we witness the delicate lava and spatter cones on the island's surface. The small channel of turquoise water provides a beautiful snorkeling site, particularly along the Santiago coast where it is possible to see sharks, sea lions, penguins and rays.

### Day 10: Daphne Major / Baltra—Disembark / Quito / Depart

Just off Santa Cruz lies Daphne Major, which we circumnavigate. One of two small volcanic islands (along with Daphne Minor) that are a haven for multiple bird species, Daphne Major is formed of a tuff crater. It's a noted location for bird research, especially on finches. Two Princeton University scientists have been conducting longitudinal studies over more than three decades, observing subtle evolutionary processes at work. Blue-footed boobies nest in the interior of the crater, while masked boobies nest on the sides of the cone and along the crater's edge. All too soon, our time in the Enchanted Isles comes to a close as we return to Baltra where we say goodbye to the *Nemo III*, her crew and our Expedition Leaders. From Baltra, we board our flight to the mainland. Upon arrival at the Quito airport, transfer to our nearby hotel, just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport for your homeward flight.

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Santa Cruz Highlands / Darwin Station

### Day 7

Isabela—Punta Moreno / Urbina Bay

## S/C Nemo III Western Itinerary

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### Day 1: Quito, Ecuador

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## Discovering Our Planet Together

### Itinerary At A Glance

#### Day 8

Fernandina—Punta Espinoza /  
Isabela—Tagus Cove

#### Day 9

Santiago—Puerto Egas /  
Buccaneer Cove

#### Day 10

Black Turtle Cove / Baltra—  
Disembark / Quito / Depart

### Day 2: Exploring Quito

After breakfast, embark on a full day of discovery in Ecuador's capital. Heralded as Latin America's best-preserved colonial city, Quito's Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with cobblestone lanes, elegant plazas and monuments, and ornate gilded churches. On a guided city tour, take in a panorama of the city and surrounding volcanic peaks from Panecillo Hill, visit the 16th-century Church and Convent of San Francisco, and wander through San Francisco Square. Marvel at the baroque splendor of La Compañía Church with its gleaming gold-leaf interior, and survey Independence Plaza, the original center of Quito from which we view the Archbishop's Palace, Cathedral and Presidential Palace.

We also visit an artisanal chocolate shop featuring products handmade from Ecuador's finest cacao and we'll do a chocolate tasting. Ethically cultivated by a women's cooperative using traditional organic techniques, this rare cacao is prized by the great chocolatiers of the world for its heady aroma and unique flavor. Following lunch, the afternoon is at leisure to explore the city further on your own or visit the shops near our hotel, where you can purchase locally crafted goods ranging from hats to wooden toys. This evening, we gather for a welcome dinner with one of our Expedition Leaders.

### Day 3: Baltra, Galapagos Islands / Santa Cruz—Las Bachas

We rise early to make the return transfer to the Quito airport, where we board our flight, which has a short layover in Guayaquil due to scheduling and logistical constraints, to the Galapagos this morning. Our second Expedition Leader meets us as we land on the island of Baltra, then we transfer to the jetty to board to the *Nemo III*. This first-class sailing catamaran will be our home base for the next week as we explore among the islands. We soon set off for Las Bachas, a beautiful white sand beach on Santa Cruz. The azure water reveals a kaleidoscope of fish, while the powdered coral sand is a favorite nesting site for green sea turtles, and pink flamingos often dot the saltwater lagoons. Back aboard the *Nemo III*, our Expedition Leaders offer a briefing about tomorrow's activities, followed by cocktails and dinner.



### Day 4: Genovesa

Genovesa, or Tower Island, is a collapsed shield volcano that attracts literally millions of seabirds that come here to breed and nest. Paddling our kayaks inside the flooded crater, we are surrounded by red-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, storm petrels and yellow-crowned night herons that rend the air with a cacophony of squawks. Surrounded by vertical cliffs of the collapsed caldera, Darwin Bay is an ideal breeding site for the birds that congregate on Genovesa, including red-billed tropicbirds and shearwaters that nest in holes in the lava walls.

Our first landing is at El Barranco, also known as Prince Phillip's Steps, a steep path with stairs carved into the rock that leads to a plateau full of birdlife within a Palo Santo forest. We walk among colonies of great frigatebirds and Nazca boobies to a lava field where storm petrels nest in underground lava tubes. We may also see Galapagos doves, mockingbirds and perhaps an endemic short-eared owl.

After lunch aboard we continue to Darwin Bay Beach following a trail into lush mangroves where red-footed boobies nest. We may also see nesting colonies of common frigatebird, Nazca booby and huge numbers of breeding swallow-tailed seagulls. After the walk, we snorkel from the beach, where plenty of local sea lions loll in the sun, and sightings of rays and sea turtles are common below the water's surface.





### Day 5: Sullivan Bay / Santa Cruz—Nat Hab's Tortoise Camp

Awake this morning to the orange light of sunrise glowing on the volcanic craters of Santiago Island. This morning we visit Sullivan Bay on the east coast of Santiago, known for its spectacular volcanic formations, relatively recent lava flows and unique geological scenery. The lava here is the pahoehoe type, which resembles smooth ropes. Few plants have been able to take root on the barren rock, and we admire the hardy pioneers that have, like the lava cactus.

This afternoon we set sail for Santa Cruz. Here, we leave our boat behind temporarily to ascend into the misty highlands. Soon, we arrive at Nat Hab's exclusive Tortoise Camp to spend the night. Accommodations are in safari-style raised platform tents and treehouses with views of the ocean. While rustic, they offer comfortable amenities, including real beds and private en suite facilities. But the real treat of a stay here is our proximity to wild tortoises, which are attracted to the area's lush vegetation, including our Scalesia forest restoration zone. Since 2022, Nat Hab and our guests have planted more than 1,000 of this important tree, endemic to the islands and habitat for myriad diverse plants and animals. However, invasive species and historical deforestation threatens the Scalesia forests, making their conservation a high priority. Tortoises are most commonly seen in camp from July through February. From March to June, we make an excursion to a nearby tortoise reserve for closer views, as they migrate seasonally to a lower elevation. Nearby, we can also explore a network of subterranean lava tubes and caverns.

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### Day 6: Santa Cruz Highlands / Darwin Station

Spend the morning exploring the highlands, in search of more giant tortoises. During the season when tortoises are rare in camp, we visit either El Manzanillo or El Chato tortoise reserve to view more tortoises in the wild. Continue to Puerto Ayora, the main town on Santa Cruz, where we visit the world-famous giant tortoise rearing center at Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, international scientists conduct studies dedicated to conserving the unique habitats and species of the Galapagos. At the facility we visit the protection pens where hatchlings are bred to help increase the depleted tortoise population, a central part of the missions for both the research station and Galapagos National Park. You'll also have a bit of free time on your own in town, where you'll find a nice selection of shops, cafes and seaside bars.



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### Day 7: Isabela—Punta Moreno / Urbina Bay

This morning we land at Punta Moreno on Isabela, the largest island in the Galapagos. The point is located between two volcanoes, Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul, and we step ashore to walk atop the hardened lava. At first glance, the corrugated rock landscape appears lifeless. However, the ropy black surface is dotted with numerous coastal lagoons harboring a wide variety of birdlife. Commonly seen species include flamingos, paint-billed cranes, white-cheeked pintails and herons. We also see endemic Galapagos flora taking root on this young, barren lava flow, including giant opuntia cactus, Palo Santo trees, carob trees and lichens. The protected waters of Moreno Bay are surrounded by mangroves, creating perfect habitat for sea turtles, which we may spot from the pangas or as we snorkel. We may also see cormorants along the shoreline while we're exploring by panga.

At Urbina Bay this afternoon, step onto a black sand beach to witness one of the best examples of geological uplift in the Galapagos, a phenomenon that occurs when molten rock beneath the surface suddenly shifts. In 1954 the shoreline was uplifted, exposing 1.6 square miles of shoreline. The coastline was driven three-quarters of a mile farther out to sea, exposing coral and stranding marine organisms on what is now shore. Urbina is home to a colony of some of the largest land iguanas in the islands and the iconic Galapagos tortoise, and we may also see bright yellow Darwin's cotton flowers here, unique to the archipelago.

### Day 8: Fernandina—Punta Espinoza / Isabela—Tagus Cove

This morning we awake at Fernandina, the youngest and most active volcano in the Galapagos, erupting most recently in 2018. The rippling pahoehoe lava at Punta Espinoza is a stark backdrop for the surprising variety of life that flourishes here: flightless cormorants nest on the rocks, Galapagos hawks soar overhead, sea lions sprawl on the beach, and huge colonies of marine iguanas bask in the sun. Bright orange Sally Lightfoot crabs pepper the black rocks at water's edge, a vivid counterpoint to the aquamarine sea. A snorkeling excursion offers a good chance to see sea turtles and submerged marine iguanas feeding on algae. Fernandina is home to a number of rare and unique Galapagos species such as the flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguin, Galapagos hawk and Galapagos snake, among others. We'll also see fascinating lava cactus, which grows on young lava flows with virtually no water.

As we cross the Bolivar Channel to reach Isabela this afternoon, keep watch for whales and dolphins. Anchoring at Tagus Cove, we set out in search of penguins, pelicans and graffiti dating to the 1800s when the names of ships were carved into the rock above a historic anchorage for pirates and whalers. Another snorkeling opportunity awaits, perhaps with a chance to frolic again with young sea lions. Inside the submerged volcanic cone we find saltwater Darwin Lake.



### Day 9: Santiago—Puerto Egas / Buccaneer Cove

At Puerto Egas on Santiago, one of the most volcanically active islands in the Galapagos, we make a morning landing on a black sand beach with eroded rock formations. The trail crosses the dry interior where remains of a salt mining enterprise are still visible, and continues along the coast. Tide pools are home to a variety of marine life, including sea urchins, octopus, sponges and sea stars. Birdlife abounds, with great blue herons, lava herons, oystercatchers, yellow-crowned night herons, Galapagos doves, finches, mockingbirds and seasonal shorebirds. In the lava grottos we find a colony of Galapagos fur seals, one of the only places in the islands where these endemic animals are on view from land. After our walk, there may be time to swim or snorkel off the beach with the resident sea lions, and we may also see turtles, rays and reef sharks.

This afternoon, sea conditions permitting, we visit Buccaneer's Cove. Formerly a safe haven for pirates, whalers and sailors in the 18th and 19th centuries, it is a scenic site with impressive tuff cliffs and a dark reddish-purple sand beach. We have a chance to possibly do some deep-water snorkeling here or kayak.

### Day 10: Black Turtle Cove / Baltra—Disembark / Quito / Depart

Returning to Santa Cruz this morning, we visit Black Turtle Cove, a sheltered lagoon on the north coast of the island. Take a panga ride to explore the shimmering turquoise water, hoping to see white-tipped reef sharks, rays and sea turtles. Too soon, our time in the Enchanted Isles comes to a close as we return to Baltra and say goodbye to the *Nemo III*, her crew and our Expedition Leaders. From Baltra, we board our flight back to the mainland. Upon arrival at the Quito airport, transfer to our nearby hotel, just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport for your homeward flight.

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A group of three hikers, two women and one man, are posing for a photo on a sandy beach with large dark rocks in the background. The woman on the left is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, a dark backpack, and light-colored pants. The man in the center is wearing a light-colored jacket, a blue beanie, and a patterned neck gaiter. The woman on the right is wearing a green jacket, a grey cap, and light-colored pants. They are all smiling and looking at the camera.

## M/Y Tip Top II Eastern Itinerary

Quito, Ecuador

## Exploring Historic Quito

Fly to Baltra, Galapagos Islands /  
Board Tip Top II / Santa Cruz—  
Bachas Beach

Genovesa

Santa Cruz—Tortoise Breeding Center / Nat Hab's Tortoise Camp

Nat Hab's Tortoise Camp / Santa Fe

Floreana—Post Office Bay / Punta Cormorant

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### Itinerary At A Glance

#### Day 8

Española—Punta Suarez /  
Gardner Bay

#### Day 9

San Cristobal—Cerro Brujo / Isla  
Lobos

#### Day 10

Santa Cruz—Black Turtle Cove /  
Baltra—Disembark / Fly to Quito

### Day 2: Exploring Historic Quito

With your Expedition Leader at the helm, embark on a full day of discovery in Ecuador's capital. Heralded as Latin America's best-preserved colonial city, Quito's Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with cobblestone lanes, elegant plazas and monuments, and ornate gilded churches. On a guided tour, take in a panorama of the city and surrounding volcanic peaks, visit the 16th-century Church and Convent of San Francisco, and wander through San Francisco Square. Marvel at the baroque splendor of La Compañía Church with its gleaming gold-leaf interior, and survey Independence Plaza, the original center of Quito from which we view the Archbishop's Palace, Cathedral and Presidential Palace. We also visit an artisanal chocolate shop featuring products handmade from Ecuador's finest aromatic cacao. Ethically cultivated by a women's cooperative using traditional organic techniques, this rare cacao is prized by the great chocolatiers of the world for its heady aroma and unique flavor. We'll do a chocolate tasting, pairing different varieties with craft beer also made of cacao. Following lunch, the afternoon is at leisure to explore the city further on your own or visit the traditional workshops along La Ronda, one of Quito's oldest streets, where artisans craft everything from hats to wooden toys. This evening, we gather for a welcome dinner with one of our Expedition Leaders.

### Day 3: Fly to Baltra, Galapagos Islands / Board *Tip Top II* / Santa Cruz—Bachas Beach

Rise early for our return transfer to Quito airport, where we board our flight to the Galapagos this morning, via Guayaquil. Our second Expedition Leader meets us as we land on the island of Baltra, then we transfer to the jetty to board our small ship, *Tip Top II*. This first-class motor catamaran will be our home base for the next week as we explore a diverse sampler of the islands. It's soon time to set off for Las Bachas, a beautiful white sand beach on the island of Santa Cruz. Snorkeling in the azure water reveals a kaleidoscope of fish, while the powdered coral sand is a favorite nesting site for green sea turtles, and pink flamingos often dot the saltwater lagoons. Back aboard *Tip Top II*, our Expedition Leaders offer a briefing about tomorrow's activities, followed by sunset cocktails and dinner.





#### Day 4: Genovesa

Today we visit Genovesa, also called Tower Island, a collapsed shield volcano that attracts millions of seabirds that come here to breed and nest. Paddling our kayaks inside the flooded crater, we are surrounded by red-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, storm petrels and yellow-crowned night herons that rend the air with a cacophony of squawks. Surrounded by the vertical cliffs of the collapsed caldera, Darwin Bay is an ideal breeding site for the birds that congregate on Genovesa, including red-billed tropic birds and Galapagos shearwaters that nest in holes in the lava walls.

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### Day 5: Santa Cruz—Tortoise Breeding Center / Nat Hab's Tortoise Camp

Santa Cruz is our destination this morning. Begin with a visit to Puerto Ayora, the main town on Santa Cruz, to tour the world-famous giant tortoise-rearing center run in tandem by Galapagos National Park and the Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, international scientists conduct research dedicated to conserving the unique habitats and species of the Galapagos. At the facility, visit the protection pens where hatchlings are bred to increase depleted tortoise populations, a central mission for both the research station and the national park. To date, more than 5,000 tortoises bred at the station have been released into the wild.

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### Day 6: Nat Hab's Tortoise Camp / Santa Fe

Spend the morning exploring a network of subterranean lava tubes and caverns adjacent to Tortoise Camp. Return to *Tip Top II* and have lunch aboard as we sail for Santa Fe. On a short hike through a forest of prickly pear cacti, look for the endemic land iguanas that wait patiently underneath for fruit to drop. Returning to our luxury catamaran, we explore a small islet surrounded by reef filled with tremendous biodiversity.



### Day 7: Floreana—Post Office Bay / Punta Cormorant

This morning we land at Post Office Bay on Floreana. The island's rich cultural history is filled with intrigue, including tales of pirates who once hid out here. One relic of this colorful past is the "Post Office Barrel," established by British whalers in 1793, where travelers still leave mail for personal delivery via visitors passing through. After a short snorkel to look for sea turtles, we paddle around the mangrove-lined shores of Post Office Bay where large bull sea lions patrol the rocky terrain and reddish-colored marine iguanas bask near the tree cacti.

In the afternoon, we head to Champion Islet just offshore, one of the best drift-snorkel spots in the Galapagos. As the current floats us past the steep walls of this submerged volcanic crater, we spy large schools of fish and bright corals as we're followed by playful young sea lions. Later at Punta Cormorant, follow a trail through a Palo Santo forest to a brackish lagoon to look for pintail ducks, common stilts and bright pink flamingos. As we wind our way past a wide variety of plants, we reach a beach of fine sand where sea turtles lay eggs in the dunes and rays swim in the shallow water.

### Day 8: Española—Punta Suarez / Gardner Bay

Española is one of the most prolific wildlife sites in the Galapagos. Along the island's north shore this morning, follow a cliff formed by eroded cinder cones and layers of old basalt where we observe giant cacti and many different bird species. Early this morning, hiking on the headlands of Española, we witness abundant birdlife with good chances to see Hood mockingbirds, blue-footed boobies, nesting swallow-tailed gulls and Galapagos hawks. Española is also the world's main nesting site for the huge waved albatross, with a wingspan of 7–8 feet.

*Tip Top II* then navigates to Gardner Bay where we can do some deep-water snorkeling at one of the offshore islets, looking for abundant tropical fish, rays, marine turtles and possibly gentle hammerhead sharks. Ashore, an idyllic white sand beach awaits, where sea lions laze by the dozens and Pacific green sea turtles frequent the rocky part of the shoreline.



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### Day 9: San Cristobal—Cerro Brujo / Isla Lobos

This morning we land at Cerro Brujo, or "Wizard Hill." This ancient volcanic tuff cone on San Cristobal sits next to an expanse of powdery white sand that's home to a large colony of Galapagos sea lions as well as blue-footed boobies, pelicans and marine iguanas. After a walk on the beach to scout for sea lions, we have another chance to swim. At every turn, our discoveries are enhanced by the in-depth knowledge of our Expedition Leaders, who are expert naturalists on the flora and fauna of the Galapagos.

Back aboard *Tip Top II*, sail on to Kicker Rock, a dramatic volcanic tuff cone that rises 300 feet above the ocean's surface. Look for marine life as we circumnavigate the rock. Continuing to Isla Lobos this afternoon, our adventures begin with a walk over the rocks to look for blue-footed boobies, nesting frigatebirds and endemic lava lizards from San Cristobal. Returning to our catamaran, we take a panga ride along the shoreline to enjoy views of the resident sea lion colony and marine iguanas. Back on board, it's time for cocktails and our farewell dinner.

### Day 10: Santa Cruz—Black Turtle Cove / Baltra—Disembark / Fly to Quito

Returning to Santa Cruz this morning, we visit Black Turtle Cove, a sheltered lagoon on the north coast of the island. On a panga ride through the shimmering turquoise water, look for white-tipped reef sharks, rays and sea turtles. Then it's time to cruise on to Baltra where we disembark the *Tip Top II*, saying farewell to the captain and crew and our Expedition Leaders before transferring to the airport for our flight to the mainland. On arrival at the Quito airport, a transfer is included to our hotel just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport in time for your departing flight.

*Our goal is to provide you with an exceptional, life-enhancing adventure. To achieve it, our Expedition Leaders are empowered to make reasonable changes to itineraries while a trip is underway. These decisions might be made to more closely follow the movements of wildlife, to accommodate extreme weather, to take advantage of unexpected opportunities, or generally to improve overall guest experience. For this reason, the above itinerary should be considered a general outline of your trip, but it is subject to change. After all, the very definition of adventure is "an exciting or remarkable undertaking involving the unknown."*

*In addition, weather conditions in the Galapagos can change without notice and will dictate where and when we can travel. Please be aware that we may adapt our schedule to take advantage of these changes, and local conditions, inclement weather or Galapagos regulations may prevent us from participating in any part of this itinerary, including the optional camping excursion.*



A photograph of three hikers posing on a rocky beach. On the left, a woman with dark hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, a dark backpack, and light-colored pants, is crouching and smiling. In the center, a man wearing a light-colored jacket, a patterned neck gaiter, sunglasses on his head, and a backpack is crouching and smiling. On the right, a woman wearing a green jacket, a light-colored cap, sunglasses, and light-colored pants is crouching and smiling. They are all looking towards the camera. The background shows a rocky shoreline, the ocean, and a cloudy sky.

## M/Y Tip Top II Western Itinerary

Santiago—Puerto Egas /  
Bartolome

## Day 1: Quito, Ecuador

Upon arrival at the airport in Quito, you are met by our local representative and transferred to the historic Old Town city center about an hour away. Settle into your boutique hotel in the heart of the colonial quarter and enjoy dinner on your own this evening.







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### Itinerary At A Glance

#### Day 8

Sombrero Chino / Santa Cruz—  
Dragon Hill

#### Day 9

Santa Cruz—Tortoise Breeding  
Center / Nat Hab's Tortoise Camp

#### Day 10

Santa Cruz—Nat Hab's Tortoise  
Camp / Baltra—Disembark / Fly to  
Quito

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With your Expedition Leader at the helm, embark on a full day of discovery in Ecuador's capital. Heralded as Latin America's best-preserved colonial city, Quito's Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with cobblestone lanes, elegant plazas and monuments, and ornate gilded churches. On a guided tour, take in a panorama of the city and surrounding volcanic peaks, visit the 16th-century Church and Convent of San Francisco, and wander through San Francisco Square. Marvel at the baroque splendor of La Compañía Church with its gleaming gold-leaf interior, and survey Independence Plaza, the original center of Quito from which we view the Archbishop's Palace, Cathedral and Presidential Palace. We also visit an artisanal chocolate shop featuring products handmade from Ecuador's finest aromatic cacao. Ethically cultivated by a women's cooperative using traditional organic techniques, this rare cacao is prized by the great chocolatiers of the world for its heady aroma and unique flavor. We'll do a chocolate tasting, pairing different varieties with craft beer also made of cacao. Following lunch, the afternoon is at leisure to explore the city further on your own or visit the traditional workshops along La Ronda, one of Quito's oldest streets, where artisans craft everything from hats to wooden toys. This evening, we gather for a welcome dinner with one of our Expedition Leaders.

### Day 3: Fly to Baltra, Galapagos Islands / Board Tip Top II / Mosquera Islet

Rise early for our return transfer to Quito airport, where we board our flight to the Galapagos this morning, via Guayaquil. Our second Expedition Leader meets us as we land on the island of Baltra, then we transfer to the jetty to board our small ship, *Tip Top II*. This first-class motor catamaran will be our home base for the next week as we explore a diverse sampler of the islands. We're soon off for Mosquera Islet, with a wet landing on the shore following lunch. The islet is a reef of rocks and coral, created by a geological uprising, with an inviting white sand beach and tide pools. Observe colonies of sea lions, brown pelicans, blue-footed boobies and Sally light-foot crabs—the contrast between these bright orange crabs atop the black lava is striking. Back aboard *Tip Top II*, our Expedition Leaders offer a briefing about tomorrow's activities, followed by cocktails and dinner.



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### Day 4: Santiago—Sullivan Bay / Rabida

Our first landing is at Sullivan Bay on the east coast of nearby Santiago, known for its spectacular volcanic formations, relatively recent lava flows and unique geological scenery. The lava here is the pahoehoe type, which resembles smooth ropes. Few plants have been able to take root on the barren rock, and we admire the hardy pioneers that have, like the lava cactus. We will also have the opportunity to snorkel along this dramatic shoreline looking for reef fish.

Continue to Rabida Island where we have a wet landing on Rabida, going ashore to walk and observe marine iguanas, sea lions and brown pelicans. Just a short distance away on foot, we reach a small saltwater lagoon where we are likely to see some shorebirds. There's another chance to snorkel, too, and we follow the shoreline looking for sea lions, crustaceans and reef fish.

### Day 5: Fernandina—Punta Espinosa / Isabela—Elizabeth Bay

This morning we awake at Fernandina, the youngest and most active volcano in the Galapagos, erupting most recently in 2018. The rippling pahoehoe lava at Punta Espinosa is a stark backdrop for the surprising variety of life that flourishes here: flightless cormorants nest on the rocks, Galapagos hawks soar overhead, sea lions sprawl on the beach, and huge colonies of marine iguanas bask in the sun. Bright orange Sally Lightfoot crabs pepper the black lava rocks at water's edge, a vivid counterpoint to the aquamarine sea. A snorkeling excursion offers a good chance to see sea turtles and submerged marine iguanas feeding on algae. Fernandina is home to a number of rare and unique Galapagos species such as the flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguin, Galapagos hawk and Galapagos snake, among others. We'll also see fascinating lava cactus, which grows on young lava flows with virtually no water.

Following our visit to Fernandina, we will navigate for a couple of hours to reach the southern side of Isabela where *Tip Top II* enters Elizabeth Bay to explore a sprinkling of islets, a lagoon frequented by sea turtles, and surrounding red and black mangroves. On a panga ride, search for resting and feeding sea turtles along with lava herons, Galapagos penguins, rays and flightless cormorants.



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### Day 6: Isabela—Urbina Bay / Tagus Cove

Spend the morning at Urbina Bay to witness one of the best examples of geological uplift in the archipelago, a phenomenon that occurs when molten rock beneath the surface suddenly shifts. In 1954, the shoreline was heaved upward nearly 15 feet, exposing coral and stranding marine organisms above the water on what is now the shore. Urbina is home to nesting sea turtles and a colony of some of the islands' largest land iguanas. We also look for Galapagos tortoises and a variety of Darwin's finches.

Continue north to Tagus Cove for lunch where we find graffiti from the 1800s, when pirates and whalers carved their ship names into the rock above a historic anchorage. Look for flightless cormorants on the shoreline and Galapagos penguins below the surface as we snorkel. Then, choose between two activities: a hike among the volcanic tuff cones for a closer look at the island's geological history, with views of Darwin's Lagoon, or a panga ride to look for blue-footed boobies perched on the cliff ledges, as well as brown pelicans, brown noddies and flightless cormorants. We also have a chance to paddle a kayak along this scenic cove to admire the wildlife perched on the rocks at eye level.

### Day 7: Santiago—Puerto Egas / Bartolome

At Puerto Egas on Santiago, one of the most volcanically active islands in the Galapagos, we make a morning landing on a black sand beach with eroded rock formations. The trail crosses the dry interior where remnants of a salt mining enterprise are still visible, then continues along the coast. Tide pools are home to a variety of marine life, including sea urchins, octopus, sponges and sea stars. Birdlife abounds, with great blue herons, lava herons, oystercatchers, yellow-crowned night herons, Galapagos doves, finches, mockingbirds and seasonal shorebirds. In the lava grottos we find a colony of Galapagos fur seals, one of the only places in the islands where these endemic animals are on view from land. After our walk, there may be time to swim or snorkel off the beach with the resident sea lions, and we may also see turtles, rays and reef sharks.

*Tip Top II* continues navigating to Bartolome where we climb to the island's highest point for 360° views. Along the path, we pass intriguing geological formations including spatter cones, tuff cones and lava tubes. From the summit, a panorama unfolds of the surrounding islands and Pinnacle Rock, famously shown in the 2003 film *Master and Commander*. Some of the best snorkeling in the Galapagos awaits around the base of this ancient submerged volcano. It's an underwater playground that's home to huge schools of fish permanently under attack by Galapagos penguins. Gentle white-tipped reef sharks, sea turtles and stingrays are also common sightings.



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### Day 8: Sombrero Chino / Santa Cruz—Dragon Hill

Make a wet landing this morning on Sombrero Chino, which really does look like a Chinese hat! On this small island off the coast of Santiago, we see many creatures on the rocky shoreline and in the water, including Galapagos penguins, eagle rays, sea lions and marine iguanas. This is an excellent snorkeling site, and there's time to explore the undersea as well as to swim or kayak. After lunch back aboard our ship, make a dry landing on Dragon Hill to observe land iguanas. We'll walk to a hypersaline lagoon (saltier than the ocean), where we may observe flamingos, common stilts, pintail ducks and other bird species.

### Day 9: Santa Cruz—Tortoise Breeding Center / Nat Hab's Tortoise Camp

On Santa Cruz this morning, we begin in Puerto Ayora, the island's main town, to visit the world-famous giant tortoise-rearing center run in tandem by Galapagos National Park and the Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, international scientists conduct research dedicated to conserving the unique habitats and species of the Galapagos. At the facility, visit the protection pens where hatchlings are bred to help increase depleted tortoise populations, a central mission for both the research station and the national park. To date, more than 5,000 tortoises bred at the station have been released into the wild.

After some free time to explore town, followed by lunch back on board the *Tip Top II*, we leave the ship behind to drive into the misty highlands of Santa Cruz where Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp awaits. This exclusive setting offers a rare opportunity to spend a night in wild tortoise habitat, and these ancient, gentle reptiles that are the archipelago's namesake often wander right through camp. Accommodations are in safari-style raised platform tents and charming treehouses with views of the ocean. While rustic, they offer comfortable amenities, including real beds and private en suite facilities. But the true treat of a stay here is our proximity to wild tortoises, which are attracted to the area's lush vegetation. They are most commonly seen in camp from July through February. From March to June, we make an excursion to a nearby tortoise reserve for closer views, as the animals migrate seasonally to a lower elevation.

*Please note: At times, Tortoise Camp may be closed due to poor weather conditions, in which case we will remain aboard Tip Top II for the night, though all sightseeing inclusions will remain the same.*



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### Day 10: Santa Cruz—Nat Hab's Tortoise Camp / Baltra—Disembark / Fly to Quito

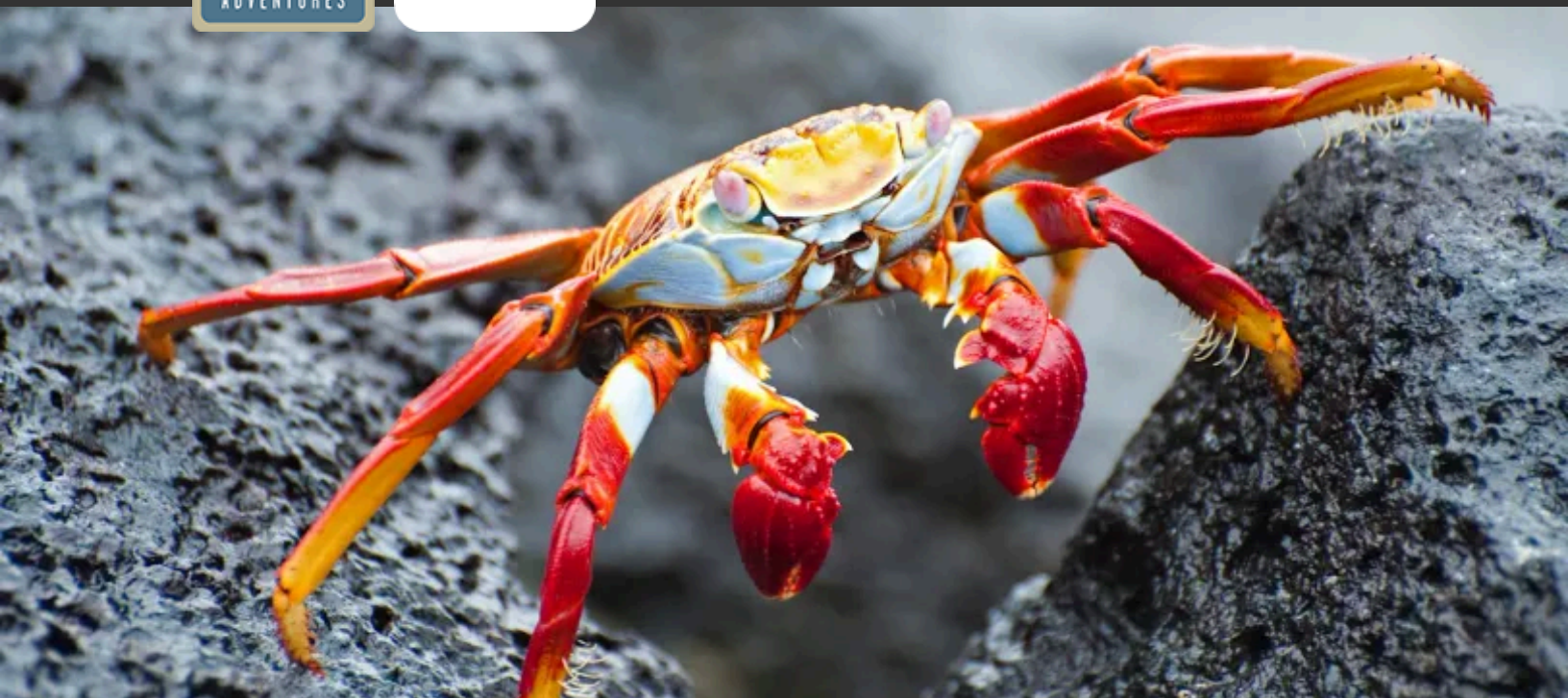
Waking up in the peaceful highland environs of Tortoise Camp, we realize our time in the Enchanted Isles is coming to a close all too soon. Descend the mountainside by van to reach our vessel, then cruise aboard *Tip Top II* one last time as we return to Baltra and say goodbye to the ship, her crew and our Expedition Leaders. From Baltra, we board our flight back to the mainland. Upon arrival at the Quito airport, transfer to our nearby hotel, just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport for your homeward flight.

*Our goal is to provide you with an exceptional, life-enhancing adventure. To achieve that goal, our Expedition Leaders are empowered to make reasonable changes to itineraries while a trip is underway. These decisions might be made to more closely follow the movements of wildlife, to accommodate extreme weather, to take advantage of unexpected opportunities, or generally to improve overall guest experience. For this reason, the above itinerary should be considered a general outline of your trip, but it is subject to change. After all, the very definition of adventure is "an exciting experience or undertaking involving the unknown." In addition, weather conditions in the Galapagos can change without notice and will dictate where and when we can travel. Please be aware that we may adapt our schedule to take advantage of these changes, and local conditions, inclement weather or Galapagos regulations may prevent us from participating in any part of this itinerary, including the optional Tortoise Camp excursion.*





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#### Accommodation Details:

M/C Natural Habitat Petrel

M/Y Tip Top IV

M/C Tip Top II

S/C Nemo III

Nat Hab's Tortoise Camp

Patio Andaluz

Wyndham Quito Airport

For detailed descriptions, visit  
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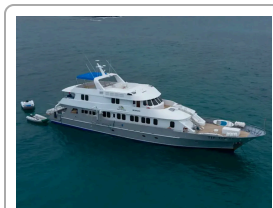
## Galapagos Discovery: The Nat Hab Experience Accommodations

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#### M/C Natural Habitat Petrel

This 115-foot motorized luxury catamaran for 16 guests is designed with contemporary flair and spares no comfort. Named after a seabird common to Galapagos, the *Petrel*, like its namesake, is elegant and swift at sea.



#### M/Y Tip Top IV

One of the finest yachts in the Galapagos, the bright and airy *Tip Top IV* accommodates up to 16 guests and features a spacious 775-square-foot outdoor sun deck lounge.



#### M/C Tip Top II

The 104-foot-long *Tip Top II* is a first-class motor catamaran built for cruising the Galapagos Islands. A spacious interior accommodates up to 16 guests in nine cabins, across two decks.



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### S/C Nemo III

Up to 14 guests will enjoy an intimate exploration of the Galapagos aboard this 75-foot deluxe motorsailing catamaran, with a classic, sporty style that perfectly complements your island adventure.



### Nat Hab's Tortoise Camp

Exclusively for Nat Hab guests! Perched high on a hillside overlooking the Pacific Ocean, our private camp features elevated safari-style tents and treehouses set amid native habitat for wild tortoises.



### Patio Andaluz

Located in the heart of Quito Antiguo, the city's beautifully preserved colonial Old Town, this elegant boutique hotel occupying an original 16th-century home exudes historic charm.



### Wyndham Quito Airport

Just minutes from Quito's international airport, this ultra-modern new hotel offers a tranquil layover retreat, with striking design elements, a gym and spa, and guest rooms with every convenience.



## All Galapagos Tours Are Not the Same! Why Choose Us?

The Galapagos Islands are one of the world's premier nature travel destinations, and deservedly so: there may be no better place on Earth for close encounters with wildlife than this remote archipelago that's home to an assortment of unique and gentle creatures found nowhere else. For nature photographers, capturing close-up images of wildlife is the ultimate travel photography experience. It's thus essential to experience the islands in a way that affords intimate interactions with wildlife, with personalized interpretation by top naturalist guides—something you don't get with large cruise ships or less-qualified guides. With Nat Hab, you're assured a superior Galapagos adventure!

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### Small Groups Ensure Intimate Nature Encounters

With just 14–16 guests aboard our private chartered yachts, and each departure led by two highly trained, national park-certified Nat Hab Expedition Leaders, you'll explore the Galapagos in a small group with no more than 7–8 other travelers.

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### The Best Guide-to-Guest Ratio in the Galapagos

The typical ratio is 16 or 20 guests to one naturalist guide—that's what most boat tours in the Galapagos provide. Our ratio is 7 to 8 guests per guide. *This makes a big difference!* It allows us to explore in a more intimate context, and we can offer different activities at the same time: for instance, one group can snorkel while the other opts for a panga ride. And with two Expedition Leaders, you get a full interpretive experience: a naturalist guide accompanies each panga when we go out with two smaller boats for close-up exploring.

3

### Private Chartered Yachts Keep Operations Within Our Control

Rather than sending you through a local ship-owner who takes bookings from many sources, we run every element of our Galapagos trips—from meeting you on arrival in Quito through the chartering of our small ships to escorting you to the Quito airport for your homeward flight. Only by managing each step of our operations can we ensure that your trip is superlative—and we don't settle for less!

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### An Exclusive Stay at Our Private Tortoise Camp on Santa Cruz

For Nat Hab guests alone, we offer the chance to spend a night at our private **Tortoise Camp** in the highlands of Santa Cruz, where wild tortoises roam freely over this remote parcel of private land overlooking the distant Pacific Ocean. Unique accommodations, rustic but comfortable, are in raised safari-style canvas tents and elevated treehouses (all en suite), surrounded by nature, with a communal dining room and lounge space warmed by a log fireplace.



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### The World's Finest Naturalist Guides

Natural Habitat Adventures is known worldwide for employing the highest-quality guides in the industry. Our group of elite Galapagos Expedition Leaders averages more than 15 years' guiding experience each. Additionally, they receive training and resources from WWF's world-renowned scientists. Our philosophy on this is pretty simple: A nature adventure is only as good as the guide, so we simply must provide the best! **See Expedition Leader bios** and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

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### Secluded Snorkeling Experiences

Snorkeling is the highlight for many Galapagos visitors. Inquisitive sea lions, sea turtles, penguins and schools of vividly colored fish provide endless excitement in the islands' clear waters. But it can be disappointing if you're traveling aboard a big ship to find dozens of fellow snorkelers surrounding you, interfering with your experience. In our small groups accompanied by two Expedition Leaders, marine life is front and center, and you're the sole audience.

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### Kayaking & Paddleboarding for Close-Up Wildlife Encounters

Come eye to eye with a sea turtle as you paddle a kayak, and look down at a marine iguana gliding past from your perch on a stand-up paddleboard: our chartered yachts are equipped with all the special modes of exploration to get you as close as possible to the captivating creatures of the Galapagos. And of course, our ships carry Zodiacs, too, so we can get close to wildlife on shore from our inflatable motorized rafts.

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### The Itinerary Makes a Difference

As WWF's conservation travel partner, we're privileged to have some of the world's top wildlife biologists helping us develop our nature adventures. WWF is especially active in the Galapagos, and our itineraries are specifically designed to provide our small groups with the best close-up wildlife viewing experiences in the most personalized manner possible.

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### Experience More of Ecuador with a Stay in Quito

Ecuador, though small in size, is one of the world's most geographically and culturally diverse countries. As a complement to your Galapagos immersion, we include a guided visit to Quito—a richer cultural experience than just flying in and out of Guayaquil, as many trips do. Experience a slice of Ecuador that is distinctly different from what you'll encounter in the Galapagos as you explore Quito's complex colonial history, including its well-preserved 16th-century Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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### Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Outstanding Galapagos Experience

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee, clearly stating that we will meet the lofty expectations we set in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.



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### **Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey**

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

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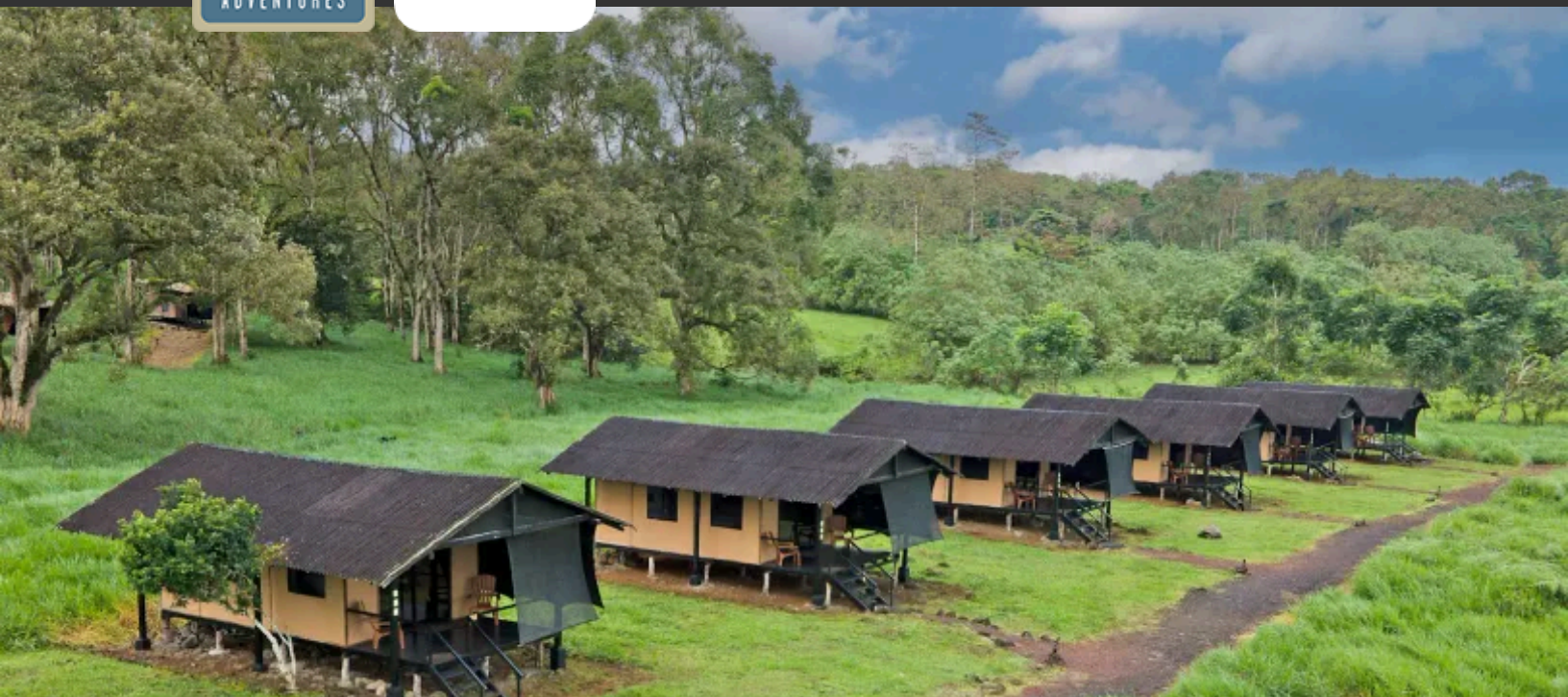
### **Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner**

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel as well as the exceptional quality of our worldwide adventures, World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has named Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!





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Aug 27, 2025	Sep 5, 2025	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
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## Dates & Pricing Summary:

**Prices:**  
From \$8395  
(+Air/park fees)

**Group Size:**  
Limited to 16  
Travelers

**Physical Requirements:**

Departure	Return	Notes
Dec 9, 2026	Dec 18, 2026	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Dec 16, 2026	Dec 25, 2026	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Dec 16, 2026	Dec 25, 2026	M/Y Tip Top IV   Western Itinerary
Dec 18, 2026	Dec 27, 2026	S/C Nemo III   Eastern Itinerary
Dec 23, 2026	Jan 1, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Dec 23, 2026	Jan 1, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Eastern Itinerary
Dec 30, 2026	Jan 8, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary

## 2027 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jan 6, 2027	Jan 15, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Jan 6, 2027	Jan 15, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Jan 6, 2027	Jan 15, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Eastern Itinerary
Jan 13, 2027	Jan 22, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Jan 13, 2027	Jan 22, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Eastern Itinerary
Jan 20, 2027	Jan 29, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Jan 20, 2027	Jan 29, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Jan 20, 2027	Jan 29, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Eastern Itinerary
Jan 27, 2027	Feb 5, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Jan 27, 2027	Feb 5, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Eastern Itinerary
Feb 3, 2027	Feb 12, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Feb 3, 2027	Feb 12, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Eastern Itinerary
Feb 10, 2027	Feb 19, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Feb 10, 2027	Feb 19, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Western Itinerary
Feb 17, 2027	Feb 26, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary



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Feb 17, 2027	Feb 26, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Eastern Itinerary
Feb 24, 2027	Mar 5, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Feb 24, 2027	Mar 5, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Eastern Itinerary
Mar 3, 2027	Mar 12, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Mar 3, 2027	Mar 12, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Mar 3, 2027	Mar 12, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Eastern Itinerary
Mar 10, 2027	Mar 19, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Mar 10, 2027	Mar 19, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Eastern Itinerary
Mar 10, 2027	Mar 19, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Western Itinerary
Mar 17, 2027	Mar 26, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Mar 17, 2027	Mar 26, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Mar 17, 2027	Mar 26, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Eastern Itinerary
Mar 24, 2027	Apr 2, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Mar 24, 2027	Apr 2, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Western Itinerary
Mar 31, 2027	Apr 9, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Mar 31, 2027	Apr 9, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Eastern Itinerary
Apr 7, 2027	Apr 16, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Apr 7, 2027	Apr 16, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Western Itinerary
Apr 14, 2027	Apr 23, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Apr 14, 2027	Apr 23, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Apr 14, 2027	Apr 23, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Eastern Itinerary
Apr 21, 2027	Apr 30, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Apr 21, 2027	Apr 30, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Eastern Itinerary
Apr 28, 2027	May 7, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary



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Departure	Return	Notes
Apr 28, 2027	May 7, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Apr 28, 2027	May 7, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Eastern Itinerary
May 5, 2027	May 14, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
May 5, 2027	May 14, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Eastern Itinerary
May 12, 2027	May 21, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
May 12, 2027	May 21, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
May 12, 2027	May 21, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Eastern Itinerary
May 19, 2027	May 28, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
May 19, 2027	May 28, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Eastern Itinerary
May 26, 2027	Jun 4, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
May 26, 2027	Jun 4, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
May 26, 2027	Jun 4, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Eastern Itinerary
Jun 2, 2027	Jun 11, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Jun 9, 2027	Jun 18, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Jun 9, 2027	Jun 18, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Jun 16, 2027	Jun 25, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Jun 16, 2027	Jun 25, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Western Itinerary
Jun 23, 2027	Jul 2, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Jun 23, 2027	Jul 2, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Jun 30, 2027	Jul 9, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Jul 7, 2027	Jul 16, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Jul 7, 2027	Jul 16, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Jul 14, 2027	Jul 23, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Jul 14, 2027	Jul 23, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Western Itinerary



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Requirements:**

Departure	Return	Notes
Jul 21, 2027	Jul 30, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Jul 28, 2027	Aug 6, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Aug 4, 2027	Aug 13, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Aug 4, 2027	Aug 13, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Aug 11, 2027	Aug 20, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Aug 18, 2027	Aug 27, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Aug 18, 2027	Aug 27, 2027	M/C Tip Top IV   Western Itinerary
Aug 25, 2027	Sep 3, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Sep 1, 2027	Sep 10, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Sep 8, 2027	Sep 17, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Sep 15, 2027	Oct 1, 2027	Photo Expedition
Sep 29, 2027	Oct 8, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Oct 6, 2027	Oct 15, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Western Itinerary
Oct 13, 2027	Oct 22, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Eastern Itinerary
Oct 27, 2027	Nov 5, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Nov 10, 2027	Nov 19, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Nov 10, 2027	Nov 26, 2027	Photo Expedition
Nov 17, 2027	Nov 26, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Eastern Itinerary
Nov 24, 2027	Dec 3, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Nov 24, 2027	Dec 3, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Dec 1, 2027	Dec 10, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary
Dec 8, 2027	Dec 17, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Dec 8, 2027	Dec 17, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Dec 15, 2027	Dec 24, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary



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Departure	Return	Notes
Dec 15, 2027	Dec 24, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Eastern Itinerary
Dec 22, 2027	Dec 31, 2027	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Western Itinerary
Dec 22, 2027	Dec 31, 2027	M/C Tip Top II   Western Itinerary
Dec 22, 2027	Dec 31, 2027	M/Y Tip Top IV   Eastern Itinerary
Dec 29, 2027	Jan 7, 2028	Nat Hab's M/C Petrel   Eastern Itinerary





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## Pricing

2025 Prices

*Mouse over dates above to view prices for specific departure dates.*

### ➤ **Petrel Trip Price**

Category 1: \$11595 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 2: \$12295 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 1 Solo: \$13695 (+internal air/park fee)

**See deck plan and photos**

### ➤ **Tip Top IV Trip Price**

Category 1: \$9595 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 2: \$10395 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 3: \$10795 (+internal air/park fee)

**See deck plan and photos**

### ➤ **Nemo III Trip Price**

Category 1: \$8395 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 2: \$9395 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 3: \$9795 (+internal air/park fee)

**See deck plan and photos**



**Internal Air Fee:** \$597 per person for adults and \$447 per person for children 11 years old and younger at time of travel (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

**Park Fee:** \$200 per person for Galapagos National Park entrance fee.

**Deposit:** \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

**Make It Private:** **View pricing** to take this trip privately with just you and your select travel companions.

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars. Children 11 years old and younger at time of travel will receive a \$500 discount off all departures. Triple cabins are available on the *Nemo III* in Category 3 rooms (one lower double bed and one raised single bed) at a \$500 discount per person. Triple cabins are available on the *Petrel* in Category 2 rooms (the third bed is a sofa bed designed for children) at a \$500 discount per person. Cabin categories are confirmed in advance, but the exact cabin numbers are not guaranteed prior to arrival. This enables us to retain flexibility in assigning travelers to different cabins or decks based on the makeup of our group. **Please read our Payment & Refund Policy here.**



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### 2026 Prices

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#### ➤ **Petrel/Trip Price**

Category 1: \$11995 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 2: \$12995 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 1 Solo: \$13995 (+internal air/park fee)

**See deck plan and photos**

#### ➤ **Tip Top IV/Trip Price**

Category 1: \$9995 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 2: \$10795 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 3: \$11295 (+internal air/park fee)

**See deck plan and photos**

#### ➤ **Nemo III/Trip Price**

Category 1: \$8795 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 2: \$9795 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 3: \$10295 (+internal air/park fee)

**See deck plan and photos**

**Internal Air Fee:** \$597 per person for adults and \$447 per person for children 11 years old and younger at time of travel (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

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**Deposit:** \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

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### 2027 Prices

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#### ➤ **Petrel/Trip Price**

Category 1: \$12395 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 2: \$13395 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 1 Solo: \$14395 (+internal air/park fee)

**See deck plan and photos**

#### ➤ **Tip Top II/Trip Price**

Category 1: \$10295 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 2: \$10995 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 3: \$11995 (+internal air/park fee)

**See deck plan and photos**

#### ➤ **Tip Top IV/Trip Price**

Category 1: \$9995 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 2: \$10795 (+internal air/park fee)

Category 3: \$11295 (+internal air/park fee)

**See deck plan and photos**

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**Park Fee:** \$200 per person for Galapagos National Park entrance fee.

**Deposit:** \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

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## Included

- **Trip price includes:** Accommodations including the *Petrel*, *Tip Top IV* or *Nemo III*, Nat Hab's deluxe private Tortoise Camp, and hotel on the mainland, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leaders, all meals from breakfast on Day 2 through breakfast on final day, local beer and house wine with dinner aboard the ship, soft drinks, snorkeling gear and wetsuit, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes and service fees.
- **Internal air cost includes:** Round-trip flights between Quito and the Galapagos (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).



### Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

### Important Information About This Trip

There may be no more appropriate destination on Earth for Natural Habitat's nature-loving guests than the Galapagos Islands. With rare and amiable wildlife found at every turn, the islands provide a wonderland for nature travelers, which our Expedition Leaders unveil in a warm and intimate manner. The key to the success of our Galapagos adventures is our small group size. The *Nemo III* accommodates approximately 14 guests and two Expedition Leaders. The *Petrel* hold a maximum of 16 guests and two Expedition Leaders, The Tip Top IV hold a maximum of 16 guests and two Expedition Leaders. Once we step ashore, we divide up into even smaller groups. Splitting the group also allows our guests to move at varied paces, although all guests must be able to walk over uneven terrain up to two miles, as well as disembark the panga in sometimes-rough conditions. In addition to land excursions, we have the opportunity to snorkel almost every day while in the islands. Another important and exciting element of this trip is a unique opportunity (optional, but included) to stay in the highlands of Santa Cruz at our private Tortoise Camp, with accommodations in walk-in safari-style tents and treehouses overlooking the distant Pacific Ocean. On this private land, Galapagos tortoises roam freely in their natural habitat most months of the year, and often wander right into camp.

**Please note:** *The itinerary provided is meant as a guideline and is subject to change without notice. On rare occasions, it may be necessary to deviate from our regular itinerary for reasons beyond our control. In these instances we will provide the best available alternative.*

### Age Limit on Galapagos Trips

We welcome children ages 7 and older on scheduled departures. However, while some 7-year-olds are well suited for our Galapagos adventures, others may not be ready for the requirements of group travel. We believe it's best to consider this minimum age limit a guideline. You, as a parent or guardian, are best qualified to decide whether your child would enjoy the experience without compromising the comfort of others. We strongly encourage you to speak with one of our Adventure Specialists about the specific requirements of the trip so you can make an informed decision. We do not permit children younger than 7 on our scheduled departures due to safety regulations, physical limitations and concerns regarding group dynamics.



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## Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage. To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

## Getting There & Getting Home

**Arrival:** Arrive in Quito any time on Day 1.

**Departure:** On the final day, you are free to depart from Quito after 9 pm.

We can best serve you if our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk makes your reservations, as we are intimately familiar with the special requirements of this program and can arrange the most efficient travel. Please call us at 800-543-8917. Note that while we offer you the best possible rates available to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may find special web rates or better fares online.





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#### Extension Details:

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\$2795

**Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley**  
\$6995

**The Great Amazon River Expedition**  
\$8995

**Discover Amazon & Machu Picchu**  
\$9795

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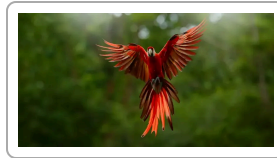
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