



The Galapagos Islands

Aboard the M/Y Coral I or II

Natural Wonders in the Enchanted Isles

FEBRUARY 25 TO MARCH 5, 2020

Journey to the enchanted isles of the Galapagos and board your vessel for a 7-night cruise aboard the Coral I or II, to experience close encounters with animals found nowhere else on earth. Feel the wind in your hair as you motor in an open panga between the boat and the next island, where your hikes will be accompanied by knowledgeable guides eager to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for this world treasure. Extend your adventure to the mainland and discover the UNESCO World Heritage marvels in Quito, snow-capped mountains and fantastic shopping in Otavalo.



YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ PHILADELPHIA/MIAMI/GUAYAQUIL HOTEL PATIO ANDALUZ. (Meals Aloft)

Depart for Ecuador, via Miami. Upon arrival to Guayaquil, you will be escorted to your hotel.

DAY 2 ~ GUAYAQUILSAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND ~ CERRO COLORADO

MOTOR YACHT CORAL I OR II. (B,L,D)

Fly to the Galapagos Islands, where your vessel awaits you alongside a buffet lunch. Travel by bus to the highlands and visit Centro de Crianza Jacinto Gordillo, where the National Park has established a breeding program for giant land tortoises.

DAY 3 ~ SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND ~ CERRO BRUJO & PUNTA PITT

M/V CORAL I OR II. (B,L,D)

Disembark this morning at Cerro Brujo, a beach of white coral sand where you will visit a lagoon where seabirds like Blue-footed, Red-footed and Nazca Boobies and Great Frigatebirds can be seen. Look for the endemic Chatham Mockingbird, San Cristobal lava lizards, the tiny Pajaro Brujo, and young tortoises. Enjoy a wet landing at Punta Pitt for a high intensity hike on rocky terrain to an olive beach and a path that climbs to the top of a volcanic tuff.

DAY 4 ~ ESPANOLA ISLAND ~ PUNTA SUAREZ/ GARDNER BAY

M/V CORAL I OR II. (B,L,D)

Spend the day at Punta Suarez searching for various nesting seabird species, including Galapagos Doves and Galapagos Hawks. Marvel at the blowhole, where water is sprayed over 30 yards into the air. See the only nesting site of the Waved Albatross in the Galapagos as you head towards Gardner Bay. Frequented by sea lions, it is also a major nesting site for marine turtles.

DAY 5 ~ FLOREANA ISLAND ~ CORMORANT POINT/ CHAMPION ISLET/ POST OFFICE BAY

M/V CORAL I OR II. (B,L,D)

First stop is Punta Cormorant, which offers two highly contrasting beaches. Located between the beaches is a salt lagoon, frequented by flamingos, pintails, stilts, and other wading birds. Head to Champion, a small islet, and enjoy dinghy rides and snorkeling. Discover Post Office Bay; established in the 18th century. Drop in a letter or postcard and it may be delivered, even without postage!

DAY 6 ~ SANTA CRUZ ISLAND ~ HIGHLANDS TORTOISE RESERVE/CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH CENTER

M/V CORAL I OR II. (B,L,D)

Head to Santa Cruz Island for a special opportunity to view the island's most famous reptile: the giant tortoise. Look for Vermilion Flycatcher and Darwin's finches. In the afternoon, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station. Get your picture taken with the giant tortoises, observe year-old tortoises, and learn about the captive-breeding program.

DAY 7 ~ SANTA CRUZ ISLAND ~ DRAGON HILL/ BARTOLOME ISLAND

MOTOR YACHT CORAL I OR II. (B,L,D)

Take a Zodiac ride among mangrove-lined islets among an area of amazing past volcanic activity. After a dry landing, head to Dragon Hill, which offers a beautiful view of the bay and the western area of the archipelago. In the afternoon, land at Sullivan Bay on the east coast of Santiago, on a white coral sand beach. Walk over lava that flowed here less than 100 years ago.

DAY 8 ~ RABIDA ISLAND/SANTIAGO ISLAND ~ BUCCANEERS COVE/ESPUMILLA BEACH

MOTOR YACHT CORAL I OR II. (B,L,D)

Disembark at Rabida Island on a red-colored beach. A stroll along the beach of this small island allows the observation of a large colony of sea lions, marine iguanas, and, mockingbirds. Enjoy a coastal exploration along the impressive cliffs of Buccaneer Cove. Learn about the history of Santiago Island, its relevance for the whalers, pirates and early researchers. Spend some time at Espumilla beach, an important site for nesting marine turtle.

DAYS 9/10 ~ SANTA CRUZ ISLAND ~ BLACK TURTLE COVER/BALTA/GUAYAQUIL/MIAMI/ PHILADELPHIA (B,D, Meals Aloft)

Spend your final morning on a panga ride through an extensive tidal lagoon system that stretches almost a mile inland. While aboard, you will spot turtles, herons, and several species of sharks and rays. Return to the Baltra airport for your flight to Guayquil. A dayoom is provided at the ORO VERDO hotel. Enjoy a farwell dinner at El Patio Restaurant, before being transferred back to the airport for your flight back home, arriving the next day.



A pair of Albatross birds tending to their unborn baby

Did you know ...

The days and nights in Galapagos Islands are equal in length, so you'll have plenty of chances to see the diurnal and nocturnal animals. There is no need for daylight savings because of its proximity to the equator. All year round there will be about 12 hours of daylight.



Blue-footed Boobies enjoying the ocean breeze



The Endemic Marine Iguana wearing his sea salt wig

OPTIONAL PRE-EXTENSION TO QUITO



Start your adventure in Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit South America's most famous indigenous fair – the Otavalo Market. Immerse yourself in this colorful and vibrant culture.

OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO PERU



Head to Lima, where you're introduced to the heart of urban Peru. Discover the Sacred Valley in Cusco and ascend to Machu Picchu by rail. Explore the charms, both ancient and modern, of Peru.

YOUR JOURNEY COSTS

FEBRUARY 25 TO MARCH 5, 2020 PRICES PER PERSON

- \$6,795 land only, double occupancy, based on Standard Twin Cabins & air Quito/Galapagos/Quito. (2 cabins available).
- \$2,395 single room supplement, additional.
- \$1,490 international air from Philadelphia, including taxes & fuel surcharges.
- Cabin upgrades on Corals:
Standard Plus Double (3 cabins available) \$930 per person, double cabin
\$1,400 single cabin
Junior Suite Double (4 cabins available) \$1,610 per person, double cabin
\$2,410 single cabin

YOUR EXTENSION COSTS

PRE-EXTENSION TO QUITO & OTAVALO DEPARTS FEBRUARY 23, 2020 PRICES PER PERSON

- \$895 double occupancy.
- \$395 single supplement, additional.

POST-EXTENSION TO PERU RETURNS MARCH 12, 2020 PRICES PER PERSON

- \$4,195 double occupancy, including flights Guayaquil/Lima; Lima/Cusco/Lima.
- \$1,495 single supplement, additional.
- \$1,740 airfare if taking Peru extension and returning from Lima.

YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES

- Roundtrip flights between Guayaquil & the Galapagos.
- Flights from Quito to the Galapagos, returning to Guayaquil on the pre-extension.
- Flights between Guayaquil/Lima/Cusco/Lima on the post-extension.
- Superior and best available accommodations at hotels and cruise ships in Ecuador.
- American breakfast in Guayaquil and Lima on the extension. All meals while on the Galapagos cruise. All other meals as specified in the itinerary.
- 8-Day/7-Night Cruise to the Galapagos Islands on the Coral I or II, with all meals included. Naturalist guide provided aboard the ship. Accommodations

are in double, air-conditioned cabins, with private facilities, based on selected cabin choice. Single cabins on board Coral I or II are limited. Please note that cabins are assigned on a first-come/first-served basis. If cabin choice is not available, next category will be assigned.

- A host from Wetlands Institute will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on the main trip.
- Expert local guides throughout.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips and taxes.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

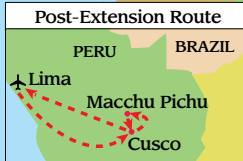


Travelers mailing their postcards at Post Office Bay

"The natural history of this archipelago is very remarkable: it seems to be a little world within itself; the greater number of its inhabitants, both vegetable and animal, being found nowhere else."

— Charles Darwin

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YOUR HOST



Dr. Lenore Tedesco
Executive Director, The
Wetlands Institute

Dr. Lenore Tedesco has a PhD from the University of Miami, Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science, and a bachelor's degree in Geology from Boston University. She brings a wealth of expertise on the geology of the Galapagos, evolution, and the oceanography and climate setting of these enchanted islands. She is an accomplished restoration scientist and avid birder. She will discuss conservation challenges and how research and conservation programs at the Institute are connected to broader conservation questions and initiatives worldwide.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Main Program Accommodations

Oro Verde Guayaquil: Combining Swiss traditions and Ecuadorian hospitality, the Oro Verde's luxurious rooms feature numerous amenities, and located in the heart of the commercial and banking center of the city.

M/Y Coral I or II: The Motor Yacht Coral I and II are based in the Galapagos and are well-equipped and spacious motor yacht, designed with teakwood and a modern decorum to give them an exclusive touch. The restaurant serves delicious Ecuadorian and international cuisine.

Pre-Extension Accommodations

Hotel Patio Andaluz: The hotel is part of the original Solaris (original building sites) that constituted the City of San Francisco of Quito, the first city to be designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Hotel amenities include a coffee shop, full gourmet restaurant, a Tapas wine bar, spa, gym, and solarium.

Peru Extension Accommodations

Atton San Isidro Hotel: Located steps away from the financial center, and 30 minutes from the airport, it is surrounded with renowned restaurants, parks, and commercial stores.

Aranwa Valley Hotel & Wellness: Built on the banks of the Vilcanota River, on the lands of an old colonial hacienda of the 17th century, rooms are decorated in colonial, modern and minimalist-styles.

Inkaterra Machu Picchu Hotel: Located in an intimate Andean village with terraced hills, waterfalls, and stone pathways, your room is decorated with local crafts and eucalyptus beams.

Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel: This museum hotel is the essence of luxury and comfort in the heart of the Inca city and built in a colonial mansion of the XVI century.



Oro Verde Guayaquil



Corals I & II



Hotel Patio Andaluz



Atton San Isidro Hotel

Aranwa Valley Hotel & Wellness



Inkaterra Machu Picchu Hotel



Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the deposit of \$1,500 per person for the main program, \$250 for the Quito pre-extension, and \$750 for the Peru post-extension, to: Classic Escapes, 58-25 Queens Blvd, Woodside, NY 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum of 10 guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions.

Please visit the website to enroll – <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. For any questions you may have on insurance, contact Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and refer to ARC #71298.

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HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us in case you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification: The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to November 22, 2019, \$300 per person handling fee and \$500 non-refundable deposit given to overseas suppliers.
 - November 23 to December 12, 2019, deposit is non-refundable.
 - December 13 to 22, 2019, less 75% of tour cost.
 - After December 22, 2019, no refund is possible.
- These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

RESERVATION FORM: (Please Print)

TOUR CODE: 20SAG0225/WETLANDS

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$1,500 per person, plus \$250 for the pre-extension and \$750 for the post-extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Adventure to the Galapagos Islands departing on **February 25, 2020**. **Final payment due date is November 22, 2019. All final payments are required to be made by check or money order only. Please make check payable to Classic Escapes, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Classic Escapes, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377.**

Method of Payment for the deposit: Check MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Name on Card _____ Card Number _____ EXP _____ CVN _____

FULL PASSPORT NAME: _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

FULL PASSPORT NAME: _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

BADGE NAME IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE TWO Beds
- I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
- I wish to upgrade to Standard Plus Double Cabin - \$930 per person double/\$1,400 per person single (3 Cabins Available)
- I wish to upgrade to Junior Suite Cabin - \$1,610 per person double/\$2,410 per person single (4 Cabin Available)
- I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of:
 \$895 for the Quito pre-extension \$4,195 for the Peru post-extension
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
 \$2,395 for the main trip \$395 for the pre extension \$1,595 for the post extension
- Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from Philadelphia via American Airlines.
(Other departure cities available upon request; prices quoted at time of request.)

We strongly recommend that you obtain travel insurance. Reservations are accepted subject to tour conditions and will be confirmed only if accompanied by completed form signed by the tour participant(s).

I/We have read the conditions of travel on this brochure and understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated herein:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

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