



Wonders of the Galápagos

10 days priced from \$7,995

Limited to 18 guests

Visiting Guayaquil and the Galápagos Islands

Machu Picchu Post-Tour Extension

5 days priced from \$3,295

& A&K ADVANTAGES

- › Cruise for seven nights in the Galápagos on board 'Eclipse,' a Readers' Choice for *Condé Nast Traveler* readers, enjoying its fully air-conditioned staterooms and common areas
- › Discover the Galápagos on twice-daily island excursions that include nature walks limited to 12 guests for more interaction with your naturalist guide
- › Kayak wildlife-rich waters or snorkel amid sea lions and fish
- › Learn how the seafood appetizer ceviche is prepared and sample the result during a fun Chef's Table experience
- › Enjoy a wide range of on-board activities, including stargazing, whale watching and an equator-crossing celebration
- › Ride Like a Local when you board a *panga* to go ashore and explore island coastlines
- › Enjoy VIP lounge access in Baltra and Guayaquil for maximum comfort prior to your departure flights

DAY 1: Arrive Guayaquil, Ecuador

Arrive in Guayaquil to begin your Galápagos adventure. Settle into your hotel and relax. *Hilton Colón Guayaquil*

DAY 2: Guayaquil/The Galápagos | *On Board 'Eclipse'*

After a private welcome breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to the Galápagos. Upon arrival, you are met by your naturalist guides and escorted to a vehicle that whisks you to the pier to board 'Eclipse,' your home for the seven-night cruise at the heart of your itinerary. Nimble enough to access the Galápagos Islands, yet large and stable enough for safety, it is a vessel built for adventure, offering a stylish and relaxed atmosphere. 'Eclipse' is ecologically sound as well and has been awarded the "Smart Voyager" seal of approval by the Rainforest Alliance, certifying it as eco-friendly and socially responsible. (See page 158 for more information on 'Eclipse.')

After settling in, attend an introductory briefing and a fitting for your wetsuit and snorkeling gear. *'Eclipse' | Meals: B L D*



Encounter a variety of species – even dolphins – in the Galápagos Islands



GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH WILDLIFE BY TRAVELLING IN SMALL GROUPS OF 12, EACH FEATURING A DEDICATED NATURALIST GUIDE.

DAYS 3-8: The Galápagos | *Spectacularly Diverse Wildlife*

Lying about 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador, the Galápagos Islands are a haven for some of the world's most varied wildlife. It was this diversity that first led naturalist Charles Darwin to propose that species evolved in response to their environment. Darwin's work also helped to alert the world to the need — urgent even in his own day — to preserve these islands from degradation by humans. Today, tourism to the Galápagos is closely managed, protecting the wildlife and allowing you to experience the environment much as Darwin did. Because weather, water and wildlife conditions are subject to constant change, your islands itinerary is not fixed, but two daily excursions are planned to the main sites and islands. Explore landmarks such as Punta Espinoza on Fernandina Island, El Barranco on Genovesa Island, Pinnacle Rock on Bartolome Island and the Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz Island. Each cruise day begins with an early breakfast, perhaps taken al fresco on 'Eclipse's' spacious deck. You then board a sturdy rubber raft called a *panga* for the morning shore



Get up close to the beach aboard nimble 'Eclipse,' and go ashore with ease

excursion. As soon as your feet touch *terra firma*, expect to spot flora and fauna (all different depending on the island), take photographs and confer with your naturalist guide. See sunbathing sea lions; skittering Sally Lightfoot crabs; tangles of marine iguanas; penguins, finches, terns and blue-footed boobies; even a century-old tortoise diligently trudging over the sand. Return to 'Eclipse' for a refreshing lunch, followed by time at leisure to nap or socialize on deck. Keep your binoculars close by for a possible sighting of whales or seabirds. In the afternoon, return to the *pangas* for the second excursion of the day, perhaps with an opportunity to swim, kayak or snorkel. You may well come face to face with a water-dwelling inhabitant, such as a curious dolphin or sea lion stopping by to inspect the visitors to its equatorial home. Back on board 'Eclipse' for the evening, there is time to shower and relax before gathering in the dining room for another wonderful meal. In the evening, your time is your own: attend a lecture on board by one of your affable guides, recapping the day's sights and gaining a sneak peek at tomorrow's itinerary; explore the mysteries of the night sky with a fascinating astronomy lecture on deck; peruse the ship's excellent library; or gather for cocktails in the lounge to cap a day of extraordinary discoveries. Drift asleep in your air-conditioned cabin to the rise and fall of gentle ocean swells, awakening refreshed the next morning ready for a new day of adventure. 'Eclipse' | *Meals: B L D*

DAY 9: Guayaquil | Panama Hats & Farewell Dinner

Disembark today and fly back to Guayaquil. After lunch at your leisure, visit the Ecu-Andino Panama Hat Factory, where you are served a refreshing cocktail and learn about the fine craftsmanship required to make this iconic headgear. Later, share the highlights of your inspiring Galápagos experience with fellow guests during a farewell dinner at your hotel's elegant Portofino Restaurant. *Hilton Colón Guayaquil* | *Meals: B D*

DAY 10: Depart Guayaquil

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight or set out for Lima to begin the Machu Picchu Post-Tour Extension. *Meals: B*

NOTE: This program contains some active elements; please refer to page 168 or ask A&K for details. For more on 'Eclipse' see page 158.



Meet the Natives

Beginning with the finches that inspired Darwin's theory of evolution, wildlife has set the Galápagos apart from every other adventure destination. Some species here even vary from one island to the next. On arrival, your group's naturalist guide points out each island's unique species as well as its geological wonders. Each guide brings his or her own perspective, and your cruise provides you the chance to interact with all of them.

Sea Lion

The social sea lion hardly bats an eye at human visitors. When not congregating on the beach, sea lions are swift, powerful swimmers, navigating pounding surf with ease as they search for sardines, their main food.

Sally Lightfoot Crab

This brilliant-hued crab is perhaps the islands' most photogenic species. It occupies the rocky coasts feeding on algae, its strong legs keeping it firmly rooted against the crashing waves.

Blue-Footed Booby

This striking bird spends its days scanning the seas for food, returning to land to nest and to carry out the foot-stamping mating displays that make it a favorite of Galápagos visitors.

Marine Iguana

Called "imps of darkness" by an unimpressed Charles Darwin, the marine iguana is in fact superbly adapted to life in the water, with a fin-like tail and teeth designed to scrape algae from rocks.

Galápagos Penguin

Both the rarest and the most northerly penguin species, this surprising island denizen arrived at the Galápagos by following the chilly Humboldt Current from Antarctica.

Giant Tortoise

Overhunting and habitat loss combined to drive these placid, stately reptiles to the brink of extinction. Happily, conservation efforts are proving successful and many subspecies' populations are on the increase.



Machu Picchu Post-Tour Extension

5 days, priced from \$3,295; internal air priced from \$925



DAY 1: Arrive in Lima, Peru, connect to Cusco, then transfer to your hotel to relax and acclimatize. *Hotel Monasterio*

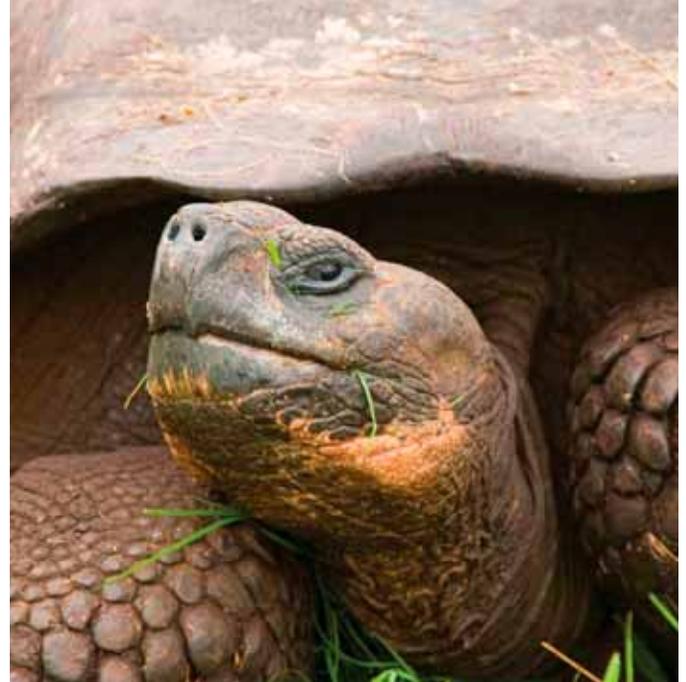
DAY 2: Tour Sacsayhuaman. *Hotel Monasterio* | *Meals: B*

DAY 3: Travel to Machu Picchu by train to roam its intriguing ruins. *Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel* | *Meals: B L*

DAY 4: Hike with a guide to Inti Punku or Huayna Picchu, or explore the ruins. Return to Cusco.
Hotel Monasterio | *Meals: B L D*

DAY 5: Fly to Lima and visit the historic Plaza Mayor and Cathedral, Presidential Palace and Larco Herrera Museum. This evening, depart. *Miraflores Park Hotel (day room)* | *Meals: B*

Available on the Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 10, Jun 12, Jul 17, Aug 7, Oct 16 and Dec 25 departures.



Ask your naturalist guide how the Galapagos tortoise adapted to each island

YOUR INSPIRING ACCOMMODATIONS

Here is a preview of your journey's best-in-class accommodations.



'Eclipse'

'Eclipse' combines first-class amenities with attentive service.



Hilton Colón Guayaquil

Comfortable accommodations, with easy access to the airport.



DATES & PRICING

All departures are guaranteed to operate.

Departure Dates	Stateroom	Superior Stateroom	Deluxe Stateroom
Jan 16-25 Single Supplement	\$7,995 \$2,995	\$8,795 \$6,345	\$9,195 \$6,995
Feb 13-22, Feb 27-Mar 8, Mar 13-22, Mar 27-Apr 5, Apr 10-19, May 22-31, Sep 25-Oct 4, Oct 16-25, Nov 13-22 Single Supplement	\$8,295 \$3,295	\$9,095 \$6,645	\$9,495 \$7,295

Internal airfare

Guayaquil/Baltra/Guayaquil

Minimum age 10 years old.

Economy class from \$550