



## LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

## Galápagos Wildlife Adventure 2020

9 days from \$9,395 per person

Limited to 18 guests

Cruise for six nights through the dazzling Galápagos archipelago, visiting islands acclaimed for their optimal wildlife viewing and iconic sites; strolling among giant tortoises, marine iguanas and blue-footed boobies; and snorkeling and kayaking with sea lions and penguins. Begin and end your journey in Guayaquil, on Ecuador's sunny coast.

### Included With Every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy® Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- **New!** Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day®
- Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

### A&K Advantages

- Cruise aboard 'La Pinta' — an expedition vessel that blends stability, spaciousness and style — in the Galápagos Islands
- Enjoy some of the world's most intimate wildlife encounters — come face to face with land iguanas, and observe flightless cormorants and giant tortoises in their natural habitats
- Explore the islands known for optimal wildlife viewing, and iconic, less-visited sites, such as Post Office Bay and Darwin Lake, as you enjoy twice-daily shore excursions that include nature walks averaging 12 guests, allowing for more interaction with a certified naturalist guide
- Choose from island activities that include kayaking, glass-bottom boat excursions, snorkeling, light trekking or simply relaxing on shore
- Partake of a wide range of onboard activities, including guided stargazing and nature lectures, and rest easy knowing there is a dedicated A&K Resident Tour Director and a physician on board with you in this remote destination

# Itinerary

## DAY 1 ARRIVE GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Arrive in Guayaquil, the commercial center of Ecuador, where you are met and transferred to your hotel.

Hotel del Parque

## DAY 2 THE GALÁPAGOS | ON BOARD 'LA PINTA'

This morning, after a welcome briefing with your A&K Resident Tour Director, fly to Baltra in the remote Galápagos Islands. You are met by your naturalist guide and escorted to 'La Pinta,' your home for a six-night cruise through the Galápagos' Western Islands. Nimble enough to access the Galápagos Islands, yet large and stable enough for safety, 'La Pinta' is built for adventure, offering spacious cabins and a comfortable atmosphere. The vessel is ecologically sound as well, and comes equipped with *pangas* (rubber rafts), a glass-bottom boat and sea kayaks that allow for independent exploration. After lunch, attend an introductory briefing and a fitting for your wetsuit and snorkeling gear. This evening, celebrate your first night in the Galápagos with a welcome reception and dinner.

'La Pinta' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAYS 3-7 THE GALÁPAGOS | SPECTACULARLY DIVERSE WILDLIFE

Lying 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 while allowing you to experience the environment much as Darwin did. Because weather, water and wildlife conditions are subject to constant change, your cruise itinerary is not fixed, but two daily excursions are planned to the main sites and islands. This cruise itinerary explores the true origins of the archipelago, and includes landmarks such as Punta Espinoza on Fernandina Island, the intriguing red beach of Rabida Island, the Champion Inlet of Floreana Island, and the Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz Island. Each cruise day begins with a hearty breakfast, before boarding a sturdy *panga* for the morning shore excursion. As soon as your feet touch terra firma, expect to spot flora and fauna (differing species, depending on the island), take photos and confer with your naturalist guide. You may see sun-bathing sea lions; skittering Sally Lightfoot crabs; tangles of marine and land iguanas; penguins, flamingos, finches, terns and blue-footed boobies; even a century-old tortoise diligently trudging over the sand. Return to 'La Pinta' for a refreshing lunch, perhaps taken al fresco on deck, followed by time at leisure to nap or socialize. Keep your binoculars handy for possible sightings of dolphins 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 sea turtle stopping by to inspect those visiting its equatorial home. On a selected day during your cruise, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

**Hike Inland to Cerro Dragon**, viewing its wild inhabitants up close, including lagoon birds and land iguanas.

**Kayak Offshore** to experience the islands from a different perspective, paddling amid marine iguanas and sea lions.

**Snorkel with Aquatic Denizens**, witnessing undersea life as diverse as penguins, sharks, rays and cormorants. Back on board 'La Pinta,' enjoy time to shower and relax before gathering in the dining room for another wonderful meal. Each evening, your time is your own: Attend a lecture presented by one of your affable guides, who recaps the day and gives 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 library for further insight into a species you encountered; or gather 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.

'La Pinta' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAYS 8-9 GUAYAQUIL | FAREWELL DINNER & DEPARTURE

Disembark today and fly back to Guayaquil. Enjoy time to relax before gathering for a farewell dinner at your hotel's restaurant. The next morning, transfer to the airport to board your flight home.

Hotel del Parque | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner (Day 8); Breakfast (Day 9)

'La Pinta' is an adventure vessel, and while it is ideal for small-group exploration in the Galápagos, it is not a luxury ship. The ship and its shore excursions are shared with other passengers.



# Dates & Prices

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

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Jan 09 - Jan 17, 2020	\$9,795	\$6,995	\$575	Call for Availability
Jan 23 - Jan 31, 2020	\$9,795	\$6,995	\$575	Waitlist - Call A&K
Feb 20 - Feb 28, 2020	\$9,795	\$6,995	\$575	Waitlist - Call A&K
Mar 19 - Mar 27, 2020	\$9,795	\$6,995	\$575	Call for Availability
Apr 02 - Apr 10, 2020	\$9,795	\$6,995	\$575	Available
May 14 - May 22, 2020	\$9,795	\$6,995	\$575	Available
Sep 17 - Sep 25, 2020	\$9,395	\$6,595	\$575	Available
Oct 01 - Oct 09, 2020	\$9,795	\$6,995	\$575	Call for Availability
Oct 29 - Nov 06, 2020	\$9,795	\$6,995	\$575	Available
Dec 10 - Dec 18, 2020	\$9,795	\$6,995	\$575	Available

## Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$575  
Guayaquil/Baltra/Guayaquil

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 7:30 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 8.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).