

## The Galapagos Islands

April 08, 2025 – April 15, 2025 | From \$5,795\*

Mashpi Lodge pre-tour: \$1,995\* | Machu Picchu post-tour: from \$3,995\*



Nestled in the Pacific Ocean—at the confluence of three ocean currents—the Galapagos Islands are a haven for explorers, nature enthusiasts, and those seeking a profound connection with the natural world. Join us on a transformative expedition voyage through these enchanting islands to celebrate life's diversity and to witness firsthand the stunning display of nature's endless wonders.

### Tour Highlights

– Visit must-see highlights of Quito during a full-day, guided city tour, including Old Town Quito, the colorful San Francisco Market, La Compañía de Jesús (the "Golden Church"), and Casa del Alabado Archaeological Museum.

– Experience unparalleled opportunities for immersive, up-close encounters with a myriad of wildlife. Walk among curious creatures on shore, snorkel beside sea lions and turtles in the clear waters of the world's second largest marine reserve, and witness genuine interactions between species in the wild.

– Benefit from knowledgeable naturalist guides who will provide insight on the origins of the unique flora and fauna endemic to the Galapagos Islands.

– Choose from a variety of water activities, as *Isabela II* is well-equipped with snorkel gear and ocean kayaks. Guides will also lead numerous outings by panga and glass-bottom boat.

– Enjoy exclusive access to many island locations. *Isabela II* has sailing privileges other vessels do not, so no other boats will be in sight during many moorings and shore landings.

– Visit historic sites, including the Charles Darwin Research Station—the iconic site of Galapagos National Park research and conservation efforts—most notable for its captive breeding program for the Galapagos giant tortoise; and Sullivan Bay on Santiago Island, one of the first sites visited by Charles Darwin.

### Itinerary

#### WESTERN ITINERARY

**Day 1:** En Route from U.S. | Arrive in Quito, Ecuador

**Day 2:** Quito

**Day 3:** Quito | Flight to Baltra | Santa Cruz: Highlands | Puerto Ayora – Embarkation

**Day 4:** Bartolomé | Santiago: Sullivan Bay

**Day 5:** Santa Cruz: Dragon Hill | Santiago: Buccaneer Cove

**Day 6:** Isabela: Punta Vicente Roca | Fernandina: Punta Espinoza

**Day 7:** Baltra – Disembarkation | Flight to Quito, Ecuador

**Day 8:** Quito | Depart for U.S.

### What's Included

- 2 nights at 5-star Casa Gangotena in Quito (or similar) prior to embarkation
- 4 nights aboard the *Isabela II*, with exploration by panga and glass-bottom boat, naturalist-led hikes and excursions, and evening lectures
- 1 night at Wyndham Quito Airport (or similar) after disembarkation
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners, plus a special welcome reception in Quito
- A guided city tour of Quito
- All excursions and presentations
- Complimentary use of shorty wetsuits, snorkeling equipment, and ocean kayaks
- Galapagos National Park entrance fee and transit card
- Internal round-trip airfare between Quito and the islands as noted in the itinerary
- Gratuities to local guides, hotel porters, and drivers in Quito
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



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## The Galapagos Islands – Western Itinerary

APRIL 08, 2025 — APRIL 15, 2025

PRE-TOUR: APRIL 05, 2025 — APRIL 08, 2025

POST-TOUR: APRIL 14, 2025 — APRIL 19, 2025

### Reserve by Credit Card:

Call the Vanderbilt Travel Office at **615.322.3673**

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Made payable to **Orbridge, LLC**

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#### PROGRAM RATES\*

Standard: \$5,795

Classic Double: \$6,795

Classic Twin: \$6,995

Premium Suite: \$8,995

Single: \$9,995

#### PRE-TOUR RATE\*\*

Double: \$1,995

Single: \$2,895

#### POST-TOUR RATE\*\*\*

Double: \$3,995

Deluxe Double: \$4,695

Single: \$5,995

Deluxe Single: \$6,795

### GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as preferred on badge): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as preferred on badge): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Check    ACH (Automated Clearing House)    MasterCard/Visa    American Express    Discover

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as printed on card): \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:

Category Preference: 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Post-Tour Category (choose one):  Double    Deluxe    Single

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\*Special group rates; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Internal airfare between the mainland and the Galapagos Islands is included. Airfare otherwise not included.

\*\*Pre-tour rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included.

\*\*\*Post-tour rates are per person based on double occupancy, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare for internal flights to/from Cusco is \$1,195 per person.