



Galápagos Family Adventure

Aboard the 90-Passenger *Santa Cruz*

July 7-15, 2014

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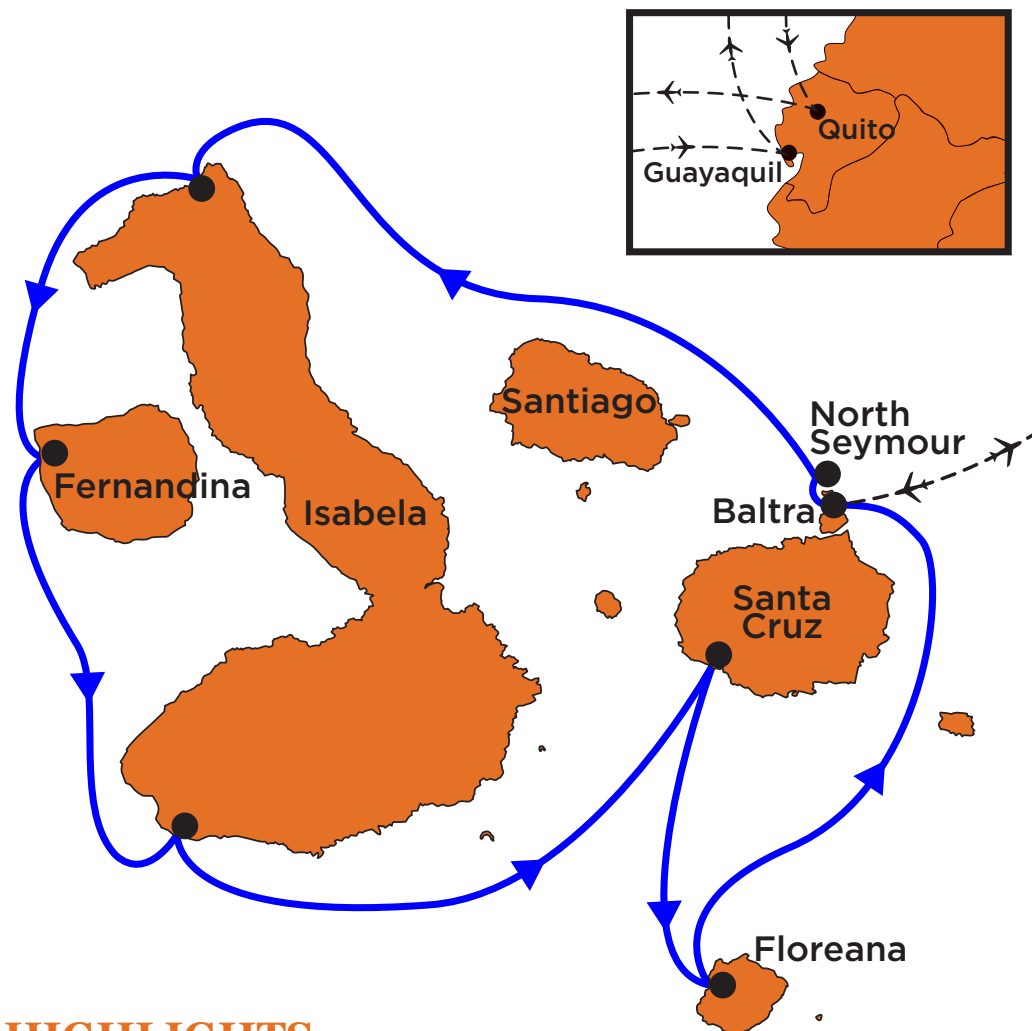


The Galápagos Islands

are a paradise of diverse landscapes, vibrant sea life, and an amazing array of wildlife species, many of which are found only in the Galápagos. Most of the animals have never learned fear of humans, enabling incredible up-close encounters to safely take place. In addition, the sandy beaches, plentiful sea turtles, playful sea lions, and rocky reefs also offer some of the most unforgettable snorkeling and swimming experiences in the world.

This family adventure is enriched by a team of youth coordinators, naturalists, and guides who are passionate about their work and will eagerly share their diverse knowledge. Throughout the cruise, the team of youth leaders will conduct fun-filled, interactive learning activities for children of all ages, and expert naturalists will lead excursions the entire family will enjoy.

Begin your family adventure with an optional six-night pre-extension to Machu Picchu, Peru, the incomparable lost city of the Incas.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a five-night sailing on the 90-passenger *Santa Cruz*, an expedition-grade ship built exclusively for operation among the Galápagos. Cabin configurations are family-friendly and her team of naturalists and crew make it the best vessel for an active educational family travel program.
- Snorkel and kayak among playful and curious sea lions by day, and stargaze from the deck of the *Santa Cruz* at night.
- Marvel at wildlife, such as tortoise, iguanas, penguins, blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, mockingbirds, and the finches that made Darwin famous.
- Specially designed youth activities, such as stargazing, treasure hunts, expedition journals and Galápagos materials for kids to learn about animal life and Darwin's work on evolution.

DAILY ITINERARY

MONDAY JULY 7

Quito, Ecuador

Depart U.S. and fly to Quito. Transfer to the Hilton Colon and meet fellow travelers at a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel.

HILTON COLON (D)

TUESDAY JULY 8

Quito

Central Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is the largest and best-preserved colonial quarter in South America. After a morning orientation and sightseeing tour, including Independence Plaza, flanked by the Cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Municipal Building, and the Archbishop's Palace, continue to the 16th-century Monastery of San Francisco, one of the great religious buildings of the New World. Also venture north of town to the "Middle of the World" monument, located directly on the equator, and stand with one foot in each hemisphere.

HILTON COLON (BLD)

WEDNESDAY JULY 9

Baltra and North Seymour Islands, Galápagos

Fly to Baltra Island in the Galápagos. Upon arrival, board Santa Cruz, your home for the next five nights. Cruise to North Seymour Island, one of the few islands in the Galápagos uplifted from the ocean bed. Its pristine sandy shores teem with sea lions and marine iguanas. In the interior of the island, visit colonies of blue-footed boobies, magnificent frigate birds, and swallow-tailed gulls.

SANTA CRUZ (BLD)

THURSDAY JULY 10

Isabela/ Fernandina Islands

This morning, snorkel with sea turtles along the cliffs of the partially submerged Ecuador Volcano on the northern tip of Isabela Island. Explore the coast by dinghy as naturalists discuss the dramatic geology of the area. Continue to Fernandina, the youngest island of the group, to walk among the hundreds of marine iguanas on black lava rocks. Also, see the curious flightless cormorants, penguins, pelicans, sea lions and beautiful mangrove forests.

SANTA CRUZ (BLD)

FRIDAY JULY 11

Isabela Island

Isabela, the largest island in the Galápagos, is comprised of six volcanic peaks fused together. Disembark at the natural harbor of Tagus Cove for a hike to Darwin Crater and take in spectacular views of the islands. Sail to nearby Urbina Bay and land on a dark volcanic sand beach. See colorful land iguanas in their ideal nesting grounds, giant tortoises, Darwin's finches, and the bay's uplifted coral reef.

SANTA CRUZ (BLD)

SATURDAY JULY 12

Santa Cruz Island

Call at the town of Puerto Ayora to visit the Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, an international team of over 100 scientists, educators, volunteers, research students, and support staff conduct scientific research and environmental education year-round. See the station's giant tortoises before they are released to the wild. This afternoon, choose from kayaking along the island's shore, mountain biking to the highlands, bird watching, or simply relaxing together aboard Santa Cruz.

SANTA CRUZ (BLD)

SUNDAY JULY 13

Floreana Island

Named for the informal postal service set up by 18th-century whalers, Post Office Bay is a haven for sea turtles and Galápagos penguins. Also visit the secluded lagoon at Punta Cormorant, inhabited by bright pink flamingos and nesting herons, and Champion Islet for premiere snorkeling and a chance at spotting the elusive Floreana Mockingbird.

SANTA CRUZ (BLD)

MONDAY JULY 14

Baltra Island/Guayaquil

Return to Baltra for a flight to Guayaquil. Enjoy free time before a finale dinner at the hotel.

HILTON COLON (BLD)

TUESDAY JULY 15

Guayaquil/Home

Transfer to the airport for flights home to the U.S. (B)



POST-TOUR EXTENSION to MACHU PICCHU



Explore Peru's dazzling natural beauty, rich cultural traditions and intriguing history of empire in this journey to the heart of the Incan world. Begin in Cuzco to explore the Inca fortresses, temples and shrines of Sacsayhuaman, Ollantaytambo, and the highlight of our adventure—Machu Picchu—the legendary Inca city buried under the jungle and undiscovered for centuries. A stay at the family friendly Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel allows unparalleled intimacy with this amazing site, with special access before and after the daily tourists visit.

Contact us with any questions or to make your reservation today!

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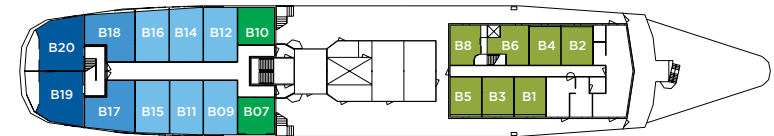
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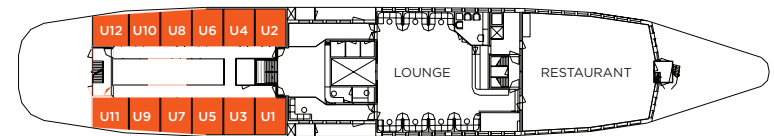
SANTA CRUZ

Ideal for cruising the Galápagos, *Santa Cruz* carries 90 passengers in comfortable, air-conditioned cabins that can house families of all sizes. The ship features sun decks, a lounge, a large dining room that accommodates all passengers in a single seating, a library/reading room, observations decks, and a hot tub. Zodiacs land small groups directly on the islands, and snorkeling equipment is provided for passengers.

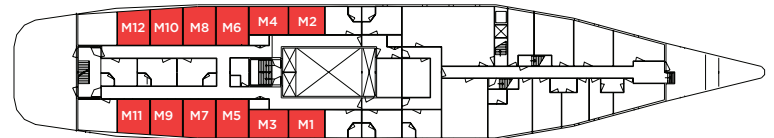
BOAT DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



RATES

Per Person, Sharing

Main Deck Standard Cabin	\$6,690
Upper Deck Standard Cabin	\$6,990
Boat Deck Standard Cabin	\$7,390
Standard Plus Cabin	\$7,690
Superior Cabin	\$7,990
Junior Suite	\$8,390
Master Suite	\$8,790

Single Standard Cabin: \$11,590

Reduction for children age 18 and younger: \$500

Reduction for children if third in a triple (not combinable): \$2,000

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare from major U.S. gateways to Quito with return from Guayaquil is approximately \$900-\$1,000 as of December 2013 and is subject to change without notice. In order to give you as much flexibility as possible with the variety of air travel options available, you are free to make your own air arrangements for this program.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Rates Include

All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • Five nights aboard the *Santa Cruz* • All excursions as specified in the itinerary • Galápagos National Park fee • Full program of briefings, lectures, presentations and youth activities • Group arrival and departure transfers by motorcoach for travelers on recommended flights • Baggage handling • Gratuities to Galápagos naturalists, youth coordinators, shipboard personnel, porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Gratuities to shipboard personnel • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Criterion Tour Manager and Youth Coordinator

Program Rates Do Not Include

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Roundtrip Quito / Baltra / Guayaquil air fare of approximately \$450 • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, email and fax charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

What to Expect

While the Galápagos Islands straddle the equator, ocean breezes can temper the daytime heat and keep the nights cool. Temperatures are usually in the high 70s to high 80s. All participants should be in good health, capable of walking over sometimes uneven terrain, and be able to get on and off the inflatable Zodiac boats on shore.

Group Size

This program is limited to 80 participants, including travelers from Harvard University, Smith College, and The American Museum of Natural History.

Insurance

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended, and we hope that you will obtain it for this expedition. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Please be sure to carry the details of your travel insurance coverage with you on the program. Travelers are free to purchase the travel insurance of their choice. It is recommended that travelers clearly understand the difference between “primary” and “secondary” travel insurance.

Reservations and Deposits

To reserve space, please complete the reservation form and mail it with your check or credit card information to the address at the top of the form. You may also fax the form to (650) 560-6400 and your reservation will be held for five working days pending receipt of your check or credit card information. If you have questions, please call (888) 328-2089 or email res@criteriontravel.com. Final payment deadline is March 10, 2014, 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations and Refunds

Upon payment of a \$1,000 deposit per person, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by the Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Final payment is due March 10, 2014 (120 days prior to departure). Cancellations within 120 days of departure are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by the Criterion Travel, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. Note: Criterion Travel does not accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

Itinerary Changes

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Criterion Travel reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

Reservation Contact

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RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place on **Galápagos Family Adventure** please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel. Mail to: 145 Forest Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94301. For more information or to reserve by phone, please call (888) 328-2089 or (650) 328-2089, or email res@criteriontravel.com

NAME #1 (as on passport) BIRTHDATE

NAME #2 (as on passport) BIRTHDATE

STREET ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP / POSTAL CODE

HOME PHONE WORK PHONE FAX

E-MAIL(s)

PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person), to reserve _____ place(s) on

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☐ OR ☐ Charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

VISA

MC

AMEX

Diners Club

Discover

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CARD # EXP. DATE SECURITY CODE

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD DATE

CATEGORY PREFERENCE

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds

SINGLE TRAVELERS

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.

☐ OR ☐ I plan to share accommodations with: _____

☐ OR ☐ I'd like to know about roommates. I am a ☐ Non-smoker ☐ Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of March 10, 2014, I will pay the single rate.

☐ I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein.

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