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ON A WILDLIFE ADVENTURE TO

ECUADOR & THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

JUNE 9 TO 24, 2012



ECUADOR OVERVIEW



Ecuador may be one of South America's smallest countries, but lying between its borders on the Pacific Ocean at the equator and the countries Columbia and Peru, is an extreme amount of biodiversity that includes coastal plains, Andean central highlands, tropical Amazonian rainforest lowlands and the Galapagos Islands. Part of the northern Inca Empire until the Spanish conquest in 1533, now over 13 million people – the majority Roman Catholics – reside in landscapes dotted with incredible environmental treasures, including the snow-capped Andes Mountains, the massive Amazon River Basin, Cotopaxi – the highest active volcano in the world, and the uniquely beautiful Galapagos Islands situated just 600 miles off the Ecuadorian Coast. UNESCO has deemed World Heritage Site status onto the Galapagos

Islands, as well as making it a World Biosphere Reserve due to its amazing wildlife and species, including the giant Galapagos tortoise, Blue-footed, Red-footed and Nazca Booby, flamingo, frigatebird, albatross, Galapagos Penguin, Flightless Cormorant, and 15 different species of finch. Well-known as Darwin's living laboratory, each island may have its own endemic species due to location within the chain, climate, altitude, land texture and distinct vegetation. This country has three additional UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Cuenca – the third largest city founded by Spanish explorer Gil Ramirez Davalos, that can trace its lineage to an ancient Canari native village, Guapondelig, in 500 A.D; Sangay National Park – whose ecosystems are a combination of tropical rainforests, chilling glaciers and two active volcanoes; and lastly, Quito's 'Old Town' – a World Heritage Cultural Site of historic traditions, architectures and monuments. The treasures don't stop there, because a visit to the valleys and highlands of the Ecuadorian Andes will reward you with a kaleidoscope of colors painted both on the scenery and the cultural diversity. And two percent of the Amazon Rainforest makes its way through this small country continuing to cloak its mysterious wonders behind a dearth of majestic trees, unending waters, walls of vegetation and massive wildlife.

YOUR ESCORTS ~ DR. DALE & DEE TOWEILL



Your hosts for this trip, Dale and Dee Towell, have escorted travel groups around the globe since 1997. Dale is a professionally trained scientist, with a doctoral degree in wildlife management and behavior, and is intimately knowledgeable about animal identification and behavior. A scientist-author with many books to his credit, he is also an avid photographer (all of the photos shown here were taken by him during previous trips) who will go out of his way to help you take better photos during your trip.

Dee's career was in the field of medical insurance, medical coding, and teaching/administration. She shares Dale's love of travel and photography, and is an avid and experienced chef.



Join Dale and Dee as they share the secrets of Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands with you!

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1~SATURDAY~JUNE 9

BOISE/SALT LAKE CITY/ATLANTA/QUITO

Your journey begins once you board your flight en route to Quito. Upon arrival in the evening, you will be escorted to your elegant hotel which is located in the heart of historic "Quito Antigo" and surrounded by churches, museums and national monuments. An official National Treasure, Patio Andaluz holds centuries of history within its walls and is a marvelous building of Colonial origin, which offers every visitor an experience not unlike turning back in time. It was part of the original Solaris (original building sites) that constituted the City of San Francisco of Quito at the time it was founded. Enjoy the enchantment and comfort that this elegant boutique hotel offers, with large arches, balconies, and towering attics that gives the feeling of being in the republican era. The inviting guestrooms have hard wood floors, vaulted ceilings, original works of art and fresh picked flowers and feature colonial style headboards, armoires, Latin work desks with antique lamps, color televisions and large windows. Hotel amenities include a coffee shop, full gourmet restaurant, a Tapas wine bar, spa, gym and solarium.

Overnight at the HOTEL PATIO ANDALUZ. (Meals Aloft)

www.hotelpatioandaluz.com



DAY 2~SUNDAY~JUNE 10

QUITO ~ COLONIAL CITY

This morning embark on a tour of Quito's colonial quarter, the largest and best preserved of South America. With over 400 years of history and a strong Spanish heritage, you will see sublime colonial flavor in the architectural masterpieces such as private buildings and mansions, the cloisters and churches, museums and public buildings. The stroll starts at the Independence Plaza, flanked by the Cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Municipal Palace and the Archbishop's Palace. Visit the temple of *La Compañía de Jesús* and its awesome gilded interior. Continue on to the Monastery of San Francisco, one of the great religious buildings of the New World, with its impressive façade and atrium that lead to its Baroque

Then continue to the Equatorial Monument, 16 miles north of Quito, which marks the exact Middle of the World, latitude 0°, where you can stand with a foot on each hemisphere. Visit the Ethnographic Museum inside the monument, which shows the different Native

American groups living in Ecuador. Beside the monument there is a colonial-style town, complete with main square, church, post office, bullring, cafeterias, restaurants and many gift shops with postcards and souvenirs. You will get a certificate for having crossed the Equator. Return to Quito where the rest of the day and evening are at leisure. Return to your hotel where the rest of the evening is at leisure. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner specially prepared for you at a restaurant featuring international cuisine.

Overnight at the HOTEL PATIO ANDALUZ. (B,D)



DAYS 3/4/5/6~MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY~JUNE 11/12/13/14
QUITO/COCA/YASUNI NATIONAL PARK



A 35 minute morning flight from Quito takes you to Coca (officially known as Francisco de Orellana) on the Napo River. After a short drive from the airport to the dock, you board a large, motorized, covered canoe for a scenic two-hour trip down the Napo River. Upon arriving at the entrance to the National Wildlife Center Reserve, you switch to smaller, dugout canoes which are paddled up the black water creek to the lake and lodge (no motorized transport is allowed on the creek or lake so that wildlife isn't disturbed).

The Napo Wildlife Center Reserve Area is located inside the Yasuni National Park and works closely with the Anangu community to protect the land from logging, market hunting and other actions that are destroying the local forests. As of April 2007, the EcoEcuador Foundation unanimously voted to donate the entire lodge project to the Anangu community, as often the most important part of a conservation project is the people.

Napo is home to the most accessible parrot and macaw clay licks in Ecuador. Visiting these clay licks helps to support an 82 square mile private reserve and also supports Yasuní National Park, which is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Although locals have always known about the clay licks and the ability to see parrots well at these sites, clay licks did not gain the attention of scientists until 1984. It is now known that clay licks form an important part of the biology of parrots and macaws. Both parrots and macaws live by eating nuts from a variety of trees. Some of these trees have developed defenses

against having their nuts eaten: typically by having evolved a toxin that is in the nut to protect it. Any animal that eats the nut will then become sick.

Parrots and macaws have evolved with these trees, and have developed their own response to the toxins in the nuts. The answer lies in the clay. Certain minerals in the clay are able to neutralize the toxins in these nuts, and so parrots and macaws seek out deposits of this very special clay. Once a deposit is identified, parrots and macaws will come many miles to eat the clay. This allows them to eat more nuts, and in turn allows them to survive periods when the non-toxic nuts are not available. Napo is fortunate to have this very special clay within the Napo Reserve Area and has discovered almost a dozen exposed areas of this clay. Blinds have been built at two of these clay licks to welcome visitors.

While here you may also visit the 120 foot high canopy tower located deep within the terra firme forest. As you ascend the 12 story tower, you pass through different levels of the forest and emerge on top of a huge Ceiba tree. Here you cross onto a wooden platform that is actually built into the crown of the tree and experience the view formerly reserved only for the birds and monkeys. Flocks of colorful tanagers pass right through the canopy of the tree, Blue-and-yellow Macaws fly past, in nearby trees Spider and Howler monkeys search for fruit, two species of large toucans call in the early mornings and afternoons, and the life of the forest canopy opens before you (lucky guests have even seen both Harpy Eagles and Crested Eagles in a single morning!). Animals that are virtually impossible to see from the forest floor far below are suddenly right beside you, oblivious to your presence. The canopy tower opens a whole new world to guests of the Napo Wildlife Center.





The lodge consists of 12 luxury cabañas and a large dining hall with a library and a well-stocked bar. Attached to the bar is a 50-foot viewing tower from which you can see the Andes on a clear day! Napo Lodge is built with local architecture, hardwood floors and well considered amenities. The rooms are spacious and each features one king-sized bed and one twin-sized bed, private en-suite bathrooms, private porches with lake views, 24-hour electricity, ceiling fans and secure screens for plenty of bug-free ventilation. Overnights at NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER LODGE. (All Meals Daily) www.napowildlifecenter.com

DAY 7~FRIDAY~JUNE 15
YASUNI NATIONAL PARK/COCA/QUITO

Return to Coca for your return flight to Quito, where

you're escorted back to the Hotel Patio Andaluz. The balance of the day is at leisure to relax or to do some sightseeing on your own.

Overnight at the HOTEL PATIO ANDALUZ. (B)

DAY 8~SATURDAY~JUNE 16
QUITO/ GALAPAGOS: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

Time to bid farewell to Quito, as you transfer to the airport for your flight to Baltra in the Galapagos Islands. Ferry crossing to Santa Cruz Island (10 minute-ride) and check in at Aventura Lodge.

After lunch, begin your Academy Bay Tour at La Loberia, where you can snorkel with sea lions (optional) and enjoy a 40-minute navigation of Tortuga Bay. As you enter the white sandy beach, you have a chance to observe different marine species, like sting rays and baby reef sharks in the shallow waters of the mangrove ecosystems. After swimming on the beach, take a very short hike to the marine iguana nesting site. The walk back is through a prickly pear forest carpeted in crimson sesuvium with black lava outcroppings, home to more marine iguana colonies. Return to your lodge for briefing and dinner.



Built in 1995, your lodge has a unique architecture design which blends with mangrove forest and seafront, while its location allows you to observe the mangrove ecosystem in action as well as the best view of Puerto Ayora's Bay. Each of the 14 guest rooms is equipped with air-conditioning, cable television, private bathroom and hot water.

Overnight at AVENTURA LODGE (*Standard Mangrove View Rooms*). (B,L,D) www.redmangrove.com/lodging/aventura.html

DAY 9~SUNDAY~JUNE 17

GALAPAGOS: FLOREANA ISLAND

Your adventure today begins with your trip to Los Gemelos - Spanish for "The Twins", a pair of large pit craters where if you are fortunate you can spot the bright red male Vermilion Flycatcher. The trip to the highlands includes the islands' most-famous reptile, the giant tortoises in their wild habitat. What a privilege to see an endangered species roving in this lush environment. The Vermilion Flycatcher is a delight to see with its scarlet feathers against an emerald green forest. Look for Darwin's finches of the highlands (most of them from the tree-finch group), particularly the Woodpecker Finch.



Visit a 600-acre private reserve where the giant Galapagos tortoises freely roam, graze, and sleep. Sometimes it's a bit muddy here, so before setting out, you will be provided with a selection of field boots. You will be transported through this tropical environment by truck, and from there you walk through fields to blend with these gentle giants.

After visiting the tortoises, take a 5-minute ride to the entrance of a 1,350 foot illuminated lava tunnel. Stalagmites, stalactites, sulfur and mineral colored walls all await you on this uniquely Galapagos experience.

Return to Aventura Lodge for lunch before your 2:00 pm departure to Floreana Island. The sailing time is 1.5 - 2 hours. Arriving on the dock, you will be greeted by amazing ruby red and turquoise colored Floreana marine iguanas. Visit the Black Beach to enjoy this beautiful spot, swim, snorkel, or simply relax and enjoy the special scenery or take a walk to La Loberia where you can see a big sea lion colony and marine iguanas. Tonight's barbecue dinner is at a local restaurant to enjoy Galapaguena food and the warm hospitality of one of the first families to arrive at the island, and hear from them the mysteries of Floreana.



Located in Puerto Velasco Ibarra, your lodge is built entirely in pine wood from the mainland manmade forests. There are 10 independent small cabins, each equipped with a twin size bed and a bunk bed. Each cabin has its own bathroom, front porch, reading and shade area to allow you privacy and enjoyment of the outdoors as you observe the sea. You will find yourself just five minutes away from the main part of town and a short three-minute walk to the "loberia" to observe the sea lions in their natural environment.

Overnight at the FLOREANA LODGE. (B,L,D)
www.redmangrove.com/lodging/floreana.html

DAY 10~MONDAY~JUNE 18

GALAPAGOS: FLOREANA ISLAND

This is a day of full activity; be prepared to discover the amazing wildlife that surrounds Floreana and be ready to take great pictures to share your memorable experience. In the morning you depart on great adventure in which you will be able to catch the best of the island. Take a panga ride around the shores of Floreana and experience a great adventure in which you will be able to catch the best of the island. You will have time to swim, snorkel the frolicking sea lions, or simply relax on this remote and beautiful island.

Overnight at the FLOREANA LODGE. (B,L,D)



DAY 11~TUESDAY~JUNE 19

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS: FLOREANA & ISABELA ISLANDS

Departure today is in open-air bus that will transport you to the highlands of Floreana. Here you will walk up to see the Asilo de la Paz (Peace Asylum) where an artisan spring that attracted pirates, whalers and later settlers to Floreana is located. See the Cueva de los Piratas (Pirate's Cave) where pirates carved temporary shelter out of the soft stone. Cerro Pajas (Bird Hill) truly lives up to its name with a multitude of Floreana Finches. Visit a tortoise reserve where you can watch many of the giant tortoises up close and personal.

Disembark at Isabela Island between 12:30 and 1:00 pm. Arriving in the port is a visual feast, with stunning green and turquoise water so clear you can see turtles, sea lions, and penguins as though looking through glass. Check into the Red Mangrove Isabela Lodge and have a hot, wholesome lunch.

At 2:30 pm, enjoy a tour of Las Tintoreras and Bay. Walk through a jagged lava field, passing abundant colonies of marine iguanas, to see a small canal full of resting white-tipped reef sharks. The black, treacherous lava field, the emerald green sea,

the forest green mangrove and the cloud capped volcanoes of Isla Isabela is the sort of afternoon backdrop you will not soon forget. Once you return to the dock, you can snorkel this warm, shallow bay surrounded by mangrove, for an opportunity to see white-tipped reef sharks, sea lions, penguins and more.

Separated from the ocean only by a broad, white sand, palm-lined beach, your oceanfront lodge has a beautiful wooden deck by the sea for all to enjoy as well as a roof top terrace with sea vistas for miles. All guest rooms have two queen beds and a private bath.

Overnight at the ISABELA LODGE. (B,L,D)
www.redmangrove.com/lodging/isabela.html



DAY 12~WEDNESDAY~JUNE 20

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS: ISABELA ISLAND

Early departure for Sierra Negra this morning. The 4x4 vehicles will drive you up through the transitional zone and into the humid highlands that are the slopes of Valca Sierra Negra until you can go no further, continuing on foot. The trail is quite muddy and it does take a bit long to arrive to the caldera of Sierra Negra, the second largest in the world at four miles across. The views are breathtaking! Relax a bit and have a snack on the edge of the caldera. You have the option to walk an especially difficult hour further to Volcan Chico, where fumarole activity is abundant and again, the views are spectacular. This is not an easy hike, as it is mostly across lava fields on slopes.

On your way back from Sierra Negra, enjoy lunch at Campo Duro, a beautiful organic farm whose food is prepared with their local produce. Rest in one of their hammocks and breathe the clean air above a big "Mango tree". Campo Duro offers a 'tortoise patronage' program that doesn't involve money changing hands. Guests have the opportunity to become a patron to their chosen tortoise at the reserve merely by choosing a tortoise (they're all numbered), naming their tortoise and then entering a story in the Patron's book such as information on why they selected that name and their contact information. Then, the Patron invites any and all of their friends to go visit their tortoise and provide them with updates. Overnight at the ISABELA LODGE. (B,L,D)

DAY 13~THURSDAY~JUNE 21

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS: ISABELA ISLAND

Depart for a tour of Los Tuneles. From Puerto Villamil it will take an hour to get to Los Tuneles (Lava Tunnels). Along the way, you get to see plenty of beautiful marine wildlife like giant manta rays on the surface, sea turtles and more. Behind you rises the majestic Sierra Negra. You will also have a snorkeling opportunity to get close encounters with many different types of tropical fish and hopefully penguins! This is one of the few places you are able to snorkel with penguins, tropical fish and sea lions.

Return to the lodge for a late lunch. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to just relax or discover Isabela on your own.

Overnight at the ISABELA LODGE. (B,L,D)



DAY 14~FRIDAY~JUNE 22

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS: ISABELA ISLAND & SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS

Begin the day with a drive out of town along the most beautiful, white sand, palm lined beach in all of Galapagos, Long Beach. This beach, straight from the cover of a travel magazine, stretches on for 1.8 miles before the National Park where you will walk up the trail for astounding views from the top of Cerro Orchilla. Visit the "Muro de Las Lagrimas" (Wall of Tears), a unique construction built by the backbreaking of prisoners of a penal colony centuries before. The path to the Wall of Tears is abundant with lava lizards, the males are larger and striped and the females red-throated.

Set sail at 11:00 am for Santa Cruz. Upon arrival at the Aventura Lodge, have a delightful lunch. Afterwards, enjoy a guided tour of the fascinating Charles Darwin Research Station and some free time to shop for souvenirs or browse the shops along Charles Darwin Avenue.

Overnight at AVENTURA LODGE. (B,L,D)



DAY 15~SATURDAY~JUNE 23

GALAPAGOS / GUAYAQUIL

Your flight this morning takes you to Guayaquil, Ecuador's port city. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel, located near the commercial and financial center of the city will be available for your use. There are several restaurants and bars for your dining pleasure, and you will have time to explore Guayaquil's famous waterfront walkway, the Malecon 2000, and explore Seminario Park, famous for its resident tree-climbing green iguanas. Your flight back to the USA departs just ten minutes before midnight. (B, Meals Aloft)

DAY 16~SUNDAY~JUNE 24

GUAYAQUIL/ATLANTA/SALT LAKE CITY/BOISE

You have been fortunate enough to witness the mysteries of the enchanted Isles. Whenever you look back on this

experience just know that you're in good company - the Galapagos Islands have touched the hearts and imaginations of Lord Byron, Charles Darwin and countless others like yourself. (B)



INCLUSIONS

- Flights within South America as indicated in the itinerary: Quito/Galapagos/Guayaquil.
- Superior and best available accommodations at hotels and cruise ship.
- American breakfast in Quito and Guayaquil. All meals while on the Galapagos Islands. All other meals as specified.
- Dale and Dee Toweill will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 passengers.
- 5-Days/4-Nights tour of the Ecuadorian Amazon.
- 8-Days/7-Nights tour to the Galapagos Islands.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips and taxes.
- Complimentary passport wallet and baggage tags.

EXCLUSIONS

- Flights between Boise/Quito and Guayaquil/Boise (quoted separately).
- Tips to Guides and Lecturers and other conveyance attendants.
- Cost of passport.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- 100.00 Ecuadorian Park Tax in the Galapagos, to be collected prior to departure from the USA.
- \$10 Galapagos Islands Entrance Card Fee, to be paid upon arrival in the Galapagos.
- Meals other than specified and all beverages.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal, trip cancellation, accident and baggage insurance.
- Any cost not specifically included in the listing above.
- U.S. International Departure Tax/Customs Fees/Security Charge.
- Departure taxes in Ecuador.
- Optional insurance coverage is available for Baggage, Accident and Trip Cancellation/Interruption at special low cost group rates.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing,
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In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included environmental education efforts in India and Bhutan, wild dog and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya and Namibia, and global Earth Day education via school internet programs. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ECUADOR & THE GALAPAGOS

Mainland Ecuador

- Quito is located at an altitude of close to 9,000 feet and may present acclimatization problems for individuals. Many of the visits to volcanoes and the countryside are also at higher altitudes.
- Guayaquil is at sea level but has a high degree of humidity. To enjoy this destination to its fullest, travelers must be in good physical condition and consult with a medical professional should there be any respiratory ailments.

Galapagos

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of vehicles and boats/pangas unassisted. Bear in mind that some landings are wet, and others are dry, so you need to be able to get in and out of the boats easily enough and proper footwear is essential.
- You should also be able to tolerate nature walks at an easy pace on uneven terrain, sometimes uphill, for three or four hours at a time in heat and humidity. The islands are volcanic and the ground in many cases is jagged and uneven. You should have good stability as falling can cause injury.
- To enjoy this destination to its fullest, travelers must be in good physical health.



General

- True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries and occasionally your accommodations. Participants should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility. Remember to pack your patience and sense of humor! Be willing to look past self-imposed ideals of Western amenities and do not compare these new experiences with your life back home.
- Travel often includes visiting destinations with modest infrastructures and a bending definition of comfort. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.
- Participants should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the "land only" rate for this program. **The start city for the program is Quito and the end city is Guayaquil.**

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.

Schedules, accommodations and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change .



YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: QUITO, THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS (SANTA CRUZ, FLOREANA & ISABELA) & GUAYAQUIL

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DATES: JUNE 9 TO 24, 2012

COSTS:

PRICES ARE PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND ONLY & INTERNAL AIR IN ECUADOR	\$5,995 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$595 PER PERSON ADDITIONAL
ESTIMATED AIR FROM BOISE	\$1,800 PER PERSON
PLUS DEPARTURE TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	\$250 PER PERSON ADDITIONAL
ROOM UPGRADES: SUPERIOR OCEAN VIEW	\$293 PER PERSON ADDITIONAL
SUITE OCEAN VIEW	\$657 PER PERSON ADDITIONAL

*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT WILL APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.

**ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRAVELERS. TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED.

DEPARTURE CITY: BOISE

(OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Classic Escapes, together with a deposit of \$750 per person. On receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your tour. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final payment is due no later than 95 days prior to departure (March 6, 2012). Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Roundtrip economy-class jet transportation from BOISE, via DELTA AIR LINES and/or other IATAN carriers is not included. Rates are based on special promotional fares and cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost. Kindly inquire at the time of reservation.

AIRLINE SEATING: For **Delta Air Lines**, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and not guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire during check-in to have a seating change made, however this change is based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: At time of publication, **Delta Air Lines** is partners with Aeroflot Russian Airlines, AeroMexico, Air France, Alaska Airlines, Alitalia, Avianca, Air Europa, China Airlines, China Southern, Continental Airlines, Copa Airlines, Czech Airlines, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Kenya Airways, Korean Air, Northwest Airlines and Singapore Airlines. Take off with miles anytime you fly one of these airline partners. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight

BAGGAGE: International flights from the U.S. allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 lbs. However we recommend you travel as light as you can manage. **The baggage limit on Galápagos flights is one piece at 44 lbs. per person (plus a carry-on bag.)** Also, the size and the structure of the bag is limited. Soft duffel bags are ideal. Large suitcases are virtually impossible to stow on the vessel and therefore should not be used. We highly recommend that you obtain the optional insurance policy. Information will be sent to you upon receipt of reservation form.

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. In the mainland, all rooms have private facilities, and all rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions can change for similar lodging.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: Rate quoted is valid for first two single rooms booked. If more than two single rooms, additional supplement will apply. Singles are assigned on a first come/first serve basis. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. On occasion, in smaller lodges, you may be required to share with other members of your tour group if single rooms are not available upon check-in. If this is the situation, appropriate per diem refunds are made to passengers in the event they paid for a single room but had to share during any portion of their trip. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

MEALS: American breakfast in Quito and Guayaquil. All meals while on Galapagos touring. All other meals as specified on the itinerary.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip transfer of travelers between airports and hotels are included in the tour when arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

TIPS AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels and lodges, and entrance fees to all parks and sightseeing venues as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are not included and will be billed prior to your departure. Tips to drivers and naturalist guides are also included.

INOCULATIONS: We suggest you contact your personal physician or local health department for their recommendations as to inoculations. At the time of printing, no vaccinations are required for entry into Ecuador. Water is NOT safe to drink, but bottled water (or safe water) is provided in the vessel and in most hotels.

RATES: All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of April 13, 2011, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 20 passengers). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to surcharge.

ESCORT: Dale and Dee Towell will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 passengers

TRIP INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your application, instructions will be sent to you concerning all aspects of your trip, such as itinerary, photographic equipment, documents, clothing, insurance, etc.



INVOICING: Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately four months prior to departure. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure. (March 6, 2012)

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure. We regret to advise that no documents can be released if final payments are not received.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$750 per person must be submitted with each application. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover. Final balance is payable by check or money order ONLY and is due no later than 95 days prior to departure. (March 6, 2012)

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

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250 handling fee, plus \$250 non-refundable deposits given to overseas suppliers.
- 94-75 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
- 74-60 days prior to departure, less 75% of tour cost.
- Less than 60 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM.**

DEVIATIONS: Should additional reservations be required, including extensions in other countries in South America, we will happy to make all the arrangements. However, there will be an extra charge of \$150 per person for such deviations, over and above the cost of the services required.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

LATE BOOKING FEE: Classic Escapes reserves the right to impose a late booking fee to offset additional administrative costs for any reservations received 60 days (or closer) to the program's departure date. This fee is \$250 per person, over and above any costs incurred by airlines and suppliers

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; beverages and meals not specified in itinerary; gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants; laundry and other items of a personal nature; gratuities not imposed by hotels and/or restaurants for included services; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; U.S. and foreign airport taxes; Galápagos park entry fees, foreign departure taxes, and cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

PASSPORT & VISAS: The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. The company, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor the cost of visas. Visas for American citizens are not required for Ecuador, however if you're holding a passport from any other country, please check with the consulates to ensure that you won't have a problem entering.

RESPONSIBILITY: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any tour or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any tour being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and vessels as dictated by changing conditions.

REFUNDS: While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a tour due to illness, etc., we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the tour takes place. Classic Escapes acts merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of writing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this tour, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

INSURANCE PACKAGE: Classic Escapes offers a comprehensive insurance package that allows the Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion to be waived if purchased within 7 days of the initial trip payment. Details can be found on our web site at <http://www.classicescapes.com/insurance.html> or call our office for more details (800-627-1244). If obtaining this pre-existing condition waiver is not of importance to you, you may opt to wait until you receive your pre-departure packet of information that will include details on the insurance package.

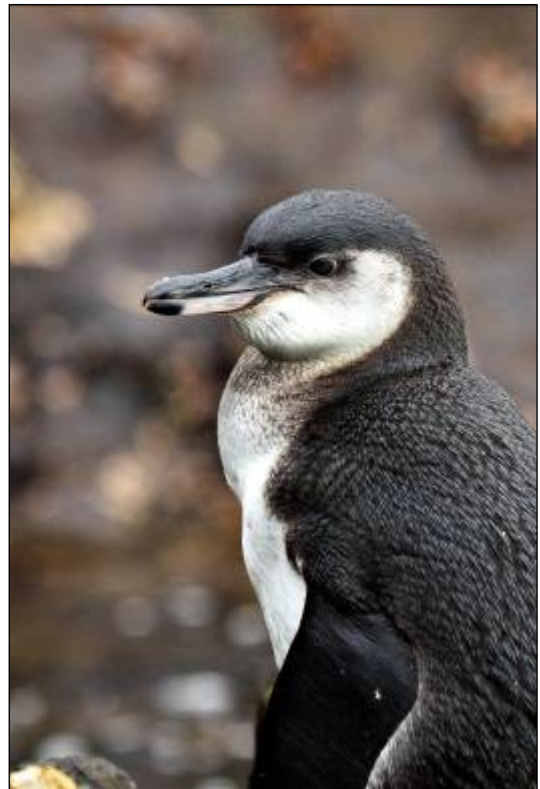
INSURANCE PREMIUM: See premium schedule below, or call us for the exact amount and information on the policy. This is applicable to all coverage contained in the policy. You must be medically able to travel when you pay your premium. In the event that a claim is filed, the injury or illness must be substantiated to the Claims Department.

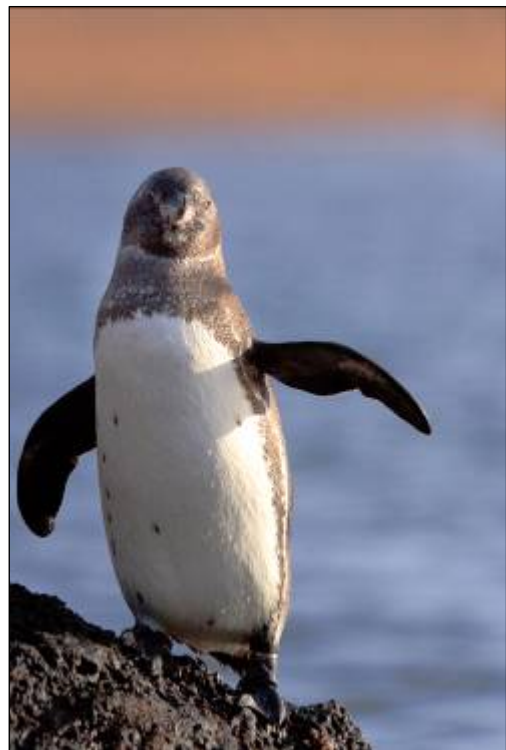
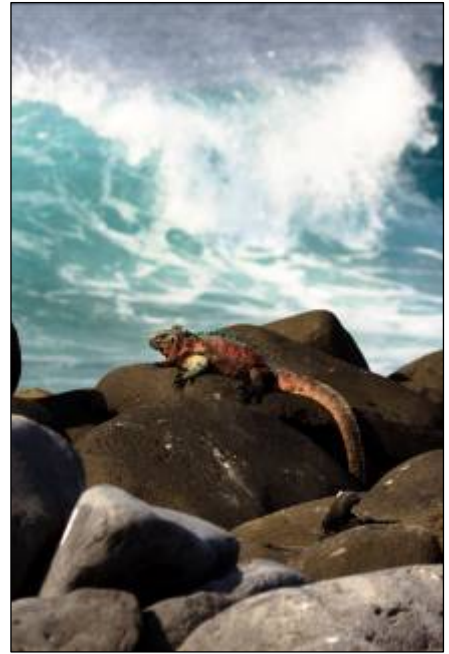
The cost of your insurance premium is based on the TOTAL cost of your trip including: the main itinerary, airfare, airline taxes, single supplements, optional excursions and optional extensions. The premium for your tour will be calculated as follows:

TOTAL TOUR COST	PREMIUM PER PERSON
\$5,501 - \$6,000	\$445
\$6,001 - \$6,500	\$483
\$6,501 - \$7,000	\$517
\$7,001 - \$8,000	\$585

Please contact Classic Escapes if you have any questions or need assistance calculating your premium.

PLEASE NOTE INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE SHOULD TOUR BE CANCELED BY PARTICIPANT.







Reservation Form: (Please Print) ECUADOR & GALAPAGOS ISLANDS ~DALE TOWELL

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$750 per person) to hold _____ place(s) on the Adventure to Ecuador & the Galapagos Islands departing June 9, 2012. Cost is \$5,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Estimated international air from Boise is \$1,800, plus \$250 in departure taxes (currently, subject to change).

Final payment due date is: March 6, 2012

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377

OR

Charge deposit to: [] MasterCard [] Visa [] American Express [] Discover (Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): [] Mr. [] Mrs. [] Ms. _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): [] Mr. [] Mrs. [] Ms. _____

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

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: [] ONE [] TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Dale Towell or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement I prefer to share with: [] Smoker [] Non-smoker
I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
[] \$595 for the main trip
[] Upgrade to Superior Ocean View - \$293 per person extra [] Upgrade to Suite - Ocean View - \$657 per person extra

- Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from Boise via Delta Air Lines
Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: _____ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.
Please send me information on air upgrades for: [] Business/First Class (only one class - business/first - exists)
Airline Seating Preference [] Aisle [] Window Frequent Flier # _____
**We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.
I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

- Optional Insurance - See attached schedule for exact cost and include with your initial deposit if you wish to take advantage of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. [] Yes, I wish to purchase insurance now [] No, I will purchase insurance at a later date or provide my own through another source.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of April 13, 2011, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is less \$250 handling fee and \$250 non-refundable deposit given to overseas suppliers up to 95 days prior to departure. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. 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).

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CLASSIC ESCAPES INC.
58-25 Queens Blvd.
Woodside, NY 11377

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)



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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card _____

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Card Verification Number* _____ Card Type _____

Billing address of credit card _____

Amount of transaction _____

Services rendered/Items purchased _____

Phone number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover: Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3 digit number which follows the credit card number. American Express: Enter the 4 digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of April 13, 2011, and are subject to change. Refund is made less any cancellation charges levied, based on the following schedule:

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PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.