

Exploring the Galapagos Journey to the Equator 06/04/19 - 06/10/19



Day 1 - Tuesday

06:05 PM Depart Atlanta Delta FLT 673 (5 hr 16 min) (EC)
10:27 PM Arrive Quito, Ecuador
11:00 PM Clear Customs, private transfer to hotel

[Hotel Plaza Grande](#)

The Columbus Travel representative will give us our details itinerary and answer all our questions. At this time they will tell us when our flights to Guayaquil / Baltra (Galapagos) will depart and arrive

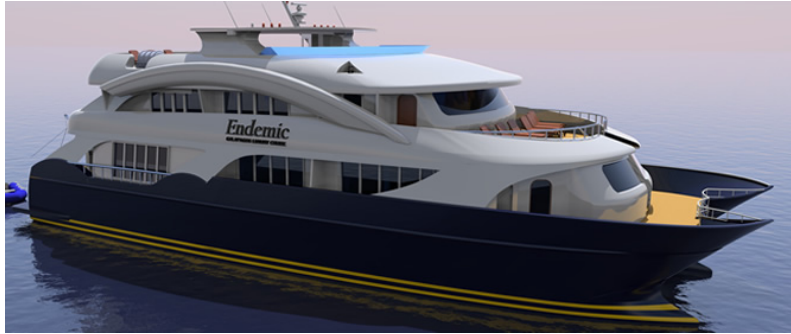
Day 2 - Wednesday

07:30 AM Breakfast
09:00 AM [Private City Tour](#) times TBA
05:30 PM Return
06:30 PM Dinner - TBA

Day 3 - Thursday, June

Private transport to airport
Flight to Isla Baltra via Guayaquil
Transfer to M/C Endemic
Welcome and debarkation

M/C Endemic 8 suites, 16 guests



02:00 PM Short briefing and get underway

04:00 PM

Bartholomew Island

Bartoloméw Island is a volcanic islet just off the east coast of Santiago Island in the Galápagos Islands Group. It is one of the "younger" islands in the Galápagos archipelago. This island, and Sullivan Bay on Santiago island, are named after naturalist and life-long friend of Charles Darwin, Sir Bartholomew James Sullivan, who was a Lieutenant aboard HMS Beagle.

Day 4 - Friday

Floreana Island

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Cormorant Point

Noted for the volcanic green olivine crystals found in the beach, Cormorant Point offers a trail overlooking a saltwater lagoon that is a favourite of flamingos. Beyond the lagoon the trail leads to a magnificent white-sand beach. Green sea turtles lay their eggs in the sands here during the night and their tracks leading to and from the sea mark the beach.

Devil's Crown

Arguably the best snorkeling site in the islands, Devil's Crown is a collapsed volcanic cone that boasts an extraordinary number and variety of fish. It is a popular roosting site for seabirds such as boobies, pelicans, and frigates. In addition, sharks, sea lions, sea turtles and eels can be found amongst the rocks and corals.

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Post Office Bay

The best known site on Floreana is Post Office Bay, a white-sand beach where in the past sailors used to leave and receive their letters in a barrel. The tradition continues - leave your postcard in the barrel and see how long it takes to be delivered, and at the same time if there is a postcard with an address close to your home, please take it with you.

Baroness' Observatory

This site shows a breath-taking view of La Lobería and the inland features of Floreana Island. You can also learn about the mysterious disappearance of Baroness Eloise Wehrborn de Wagner-Bosquet, an attractive young Austrian, who lived on Floreana with her two lovers.

Day 5 - Saturday

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Sombrero Chino Island

Sombrero Chino is named after its shape formed by volcanic rock giving it the name, Chinese Hat. Since it was given a maximum visiting capacity by the National Park Service it offers rare, up close viewing of Galapagos wildlife and well preserved remnants of fragile volcanic rock that can't be found in such a unique condition anywhere else. The islet is home to a colony of sea lions on the white coral sand beach. Here you can see American Oystercatchers, Galapagos Penguins swimming along the shores, and Sally-Lightfoot Crabs in bright contrast to the dark volcanic rock.

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North Seymour Island

The 2km trail crosses the inland of the island and explores the rocky coast, passing colonies of blue-footed boobies and magnificent frigatebirds. Daphne Major and Minor can be spotted in the distance and body surfing sea lions play close to the shore. Along the shoreline marine iguanas, white coral and black lava rocks complete the visit to North Seymour.

Day 6 - Sunday

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Mosquera Island

Located between North Seymour and Baltra is the small island of Mosquera. The island consists is a long narrow stretch of white sand, rocks, and tide pools. Created by geological uplift the island has a flat look to it rather than the conical shape of the volcanically formed islands. Mosquera is a great place for visitors to wander without the typical restrictions of the other islands. It is ideal for snorkeling, strolling on the beach, and enjoying the animal life.

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Baltra - transfer to the airport

Early afternoon Flight back to Quito via Guayaquil

Will be back in plenty of time to lay around the airport complaining about how late our flight leaves

11:30 PM Depart Quito Delta FLT 680 (5 hr 9 min)

Day 7 - Monday

05:39 AM Arrive Atlanta

06:15 AM Collect luggage, head for home