



PUMAMAKI EXPEDITIONS, INC.

ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

ECUADOR'S GALAPAGOS 8 -DAY ADVENTURE

An incredible journey of discovery through the breathtaking animals that is only seen in these fabulous islands. Come and join us on this spectacular adventure!!!!

Welcome to South America's most treasured biome: ECUADOR'S GALAPAGOS ISLANDS!!!

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1 Quito

Upon arrival in Quito, we will be met by our local representative and transferred to our hotel.
OVERNIGHT

Day 2 Quito- Galapagos - Baltra Island/Bachas

After breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for Baltra port and land on the Galapagos Islands. Bachas Beach is a white sand beach where sea turtles often lay their eggs. The sheltered cove provides a calm spot for travelers to don their snorkeling gear and take a quiet swim. Flamingos and marine iguanas also frequent the shores. A special welcome dinner will be served on our first night of the cruise.
OVERNIGHT ON YACHT
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 GALAPAGOS - Santa Cruz Island - Plazas/ Santa Fe

Formed by uplifted lava-fault blocks. South Plaza supports a noteworthy display of wildlife. As you go ashore in your on-board skiffs, you are likely to see Galapagos sea Lions resting on the dock. The island's main attractions are the huge yellow, rust, and black land iguanas. You may also see pelicans, red-billed tropical birds, swallow-tailed gulls and many more kinds of birds. Santa Fe Island offers unique opportunities to see a species of land iguana unique to this island. You may also take a short walking trail to an unusually tall forest of prickly pear cactus.
OVERNIGHT ON YACHT
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 GALAPAGOS - Española Island - Suarez Point/ Garden Bay

Making a journey through the trails of the Galapagos National park, here we will learn about the volcanic origin and if nature allow us, we can observe the Albatross, Land Iguanas, Lava Lizards, Galapagos Mockingbird, and other species of tropical birds. We'll return aboard the catamaran for lunch. In the afternoon we can enjoy its beach together with the sea lions, practice snorkeling and take a panga ride (small boat) around the bay. Then we will return to your yacht. After a succulent lunch we will land in a new site to visit Garden Bay.
OVERNIGHT ON YACHT
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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DAILY ITINERARY (continued)

- Day 5 GALAPAGOS - Floreana Island (Santa Maria Island) Cormorant Point/ Post Office/ Devil's Crown**
Today we learn about possible whalers that left a barrel before 1973 that was the correspondence mail center to Europe. We also learn about lava tunnels and after that we can practice snorkeling in Devil's Crown. There we can see coral reefs that have been formed in this old volcanic cone eroded by the ocean. If nature allows, we will also see hammerhead sharks, and stingrays. After lunch we will be ready to visit the viewpoint of the Baronessa. This viewpoint is located to the north on this island of Floreana, in Olla Bay. This tough formation is located between Cormorant Point and Post Office Bay to which we can take a panga (small boat). Later we go to Punta Cormorant, where, during our hiking, we can see flamingos on white sand beaches. The landing beach contains a large quantity of olivine crystals, which gives it a greenish color. Varieties of plants found here are most unusual that that seen on other islands of the archipelago. We return to our yacht for dinner and continue with our navigation.
OVERNIGHT ON YACHT
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 6 GALAPAGOS - Santa Cruz Island - Charles Darwin Station / Highlands/ Quito**
On our last day in the Galapagos, we will return to Santa Cruz Island. The population of Puerto Ayora, the tourist capital of the Islands is where the Charles Darwin Station is founded. This station honors the scientist who inspired the Galapagos Islands and write the book *Origin of the Species*. It is here where we can observe the labor of the scientists that work for the conservation of the Galapagos and the species. Galapagos turtles will be observed in several different areas. We will cross the island to reach the Highlands and Baltra Airport. We then fly back to Quito.
OVERNIGHT ON YACHT
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 7 Quito**
After breakfast in our Quito hotel, we will do our global giving at Fundación Kentenich where we will meet and greet the children of the school. To complete our day in Quito, we will go and visit the equator where incredible water tricks will be demonstrated. A special tour of the inside of the presidential palace will be made where we can see the special Guyasamin mosics are displayed. Next, we'll be able to take the Teleferico, a tram ride, up 14,000 ft above Quito and see a spectacular view of this city. In conclusion, we'll have a farewell dinner.
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 8 Quito**
Early in the morning we board our flight to the US.
Breakfast
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ADVENTURE TRIP DETAILS

Included:

- Roundtrip airfare from U.S. to Quito, Ecuador
- Services of English-speaking, licensed guide/coordinator throughout the trip
- Domestic airfare - Quito/ Galapagos/ Quito
- All transportation in comfortable Tourism coaches and on the yacht
- All meals, as indicated in itinerary, **excluding** drinks at meals
- Accommodations in double-occupancy facilities in Quito, and on board the cruise
- Galapagos National Entrance Fee (\$100)
- Galapagos Tax INGALA (\$10)
- All tours and activities, as described in itinerary
- Local service and value added taxes (VAT or IVA in Spanish)

NOT Included:

- MANDATORY Trip Insurance (about \$118 per student/participant)
- Items of a personal nature (i.e., phone calls, souvenirs, laundry, etc.)
- Beverages at meals in restaurants
- Ecuador departure tax of U.S. \$40.80 per person (subject to change without previous notice)
- Gratuities for Guide, Driver and Waiters, Activity Guides

Climate

The Andean area of Ecuador has a very pleasant temperature all year. June is the end of the rainy season, called "invierno" in Spanish, since it tends to rain in the afternoons. Highs will typically be in the low 70's and in a cool evening the temperature can drop to the low 50's. In the Galapagos, the climate is quite warm though we are on water. It's best to dress in layers.

Clothing

The climate of Quito is in the mid 60's year round so it's best to bring summer attire with a light jacket. For the Galapagos Islands, do make sure that you bring a bathing suit and some water shoes like Teva sandals. Don't forget mosquito repellent for our visits to the various islands.

Altitude

All travelers to Ecuador must take into consideration that Quito and the rest of the areas visited are all above 8,000 feet above sea level. It is normal to feel short of breath and/or a headache the first day; drink plenty of liquids and do not overexert yourself. We'll be at sea level when we tour the Galapagos islands. Protect yourself with lots of sun block



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ADVENTURE TRIP DETAILS (continued)

Currency

Since September 2000, Ecuador has adopted the U.S. dollar as its only currency. It is not necessary to exchange money at all! Bills and coins come from the U.S.; but Ecuador also has its own coins (same sizes and denominations) which are used indistinctively.

Terms and Conditions

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Pumamaki Expeditions, Inc., and its cooperating agents shall not be liable for circumstances arising as a result of Acts of God; weather; detention; annoyance; delays and expenses arising from quarantine; strikes; theft; pilferage; force majeure; military, political or terrorist action; civil disturbances; government restrictions; failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled; discrepancies or changes in transit over which they have no control. Pumamaki Expeditions, Inc., reserves the right to change the program fee, dates or itinerary with little or no notice. If such changes do occur, no refunds will be made beyond those described in our cancellation policy and Pumamaki Expeditions, Inc. will not be liable for expenses incurred as a result of the change (such as air tickets change fees, etc.).

Safety and Trip Enjoyment

Your Ecuador Galapagos Trip is planned in areas where the environment can sometimes lead to unpredictable conditions. Your safety is our first concern. It is important to remember that this trip will take place in wilderness environments, often far from hospital services. Engaging in activities like hiking, biking, white water rafting and horseback riding in natural environments entail certain inherent risks. To avoid possibly dangerous situations, it is extremely important that all travelers obey the rules and regulations set forth by the organizers and/or local guides. We reserve the right to prohibit any traveler from continuing on a planned activity if, in our opinion, that traveler's actions pose a threat to the safety of himself/herself, others or to the wildlife; or if that traveler's actions or behaviors are seriously jeopardizing the enjoyment of the trip for others.

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Cancellation and Refund Policy

We understand how disappointing it can be for participants in the event they are forced to cancel their adventure. But we too plan for these adventures for quite a long period prior to your departure and must continuously send non-refundable payment to hotels and suppliers of transportation. Therefore, we must adhere to our cancellation policies.

- All cancellations processed before 46 days prior to trip departure will require a \$100 cancellation fee
- Cancellations made 30-45 days prior to trip departure require a loss of 50% of the entire program fee
- Cancellations made within 30 days of trip departure require a loss of the entire program fee
- If a participant doesn't participate in a scheduled activity, **NO REFUND IS APPLICABLE**

PLEASE NOTE: The information here noted is prepared well in advance of the trip departure date. Due to the nature of your Ecuador Adventure Trip, hotels, modes of transportation and in some cases, itineraries may change. If this does occur, we will attempt to provide similar facilities, but are not always able to do so. We hope you understand.

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS (Hotels subject to change)

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