

# Ecuador & the Galapagos Islands



Male fur seal © Dan Costa

Aboard the *Coral I* or *II*

## Natural Wonders in the Enchanted Isles

**OCTOBER 27 TO NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

Follow in the footsteps of Charles Darwin and visit the islands that forever changed our understanding of the natural world—join us on a tour of the Galapagos! The Galapagos is a natural laboratory, where species evolved in unusual ways, providing Darwin with the fundamental observations critical for his masterpiece, *On the Origin of Species*.

Our trip begins with three nights on the mainland, venturing to World Heritage marvels, discovering snow-capped mountains, and shopping for indigenous handicrafts. Then board your vessel for a four-night cruise to experience the Galapagos. Your tour will be led by Ecuadorian naturalists and Distinguished Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology **Daniel Costa**, who has worked from the Galapagos to the Antarctic on marine mammals and seabirds.



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## YOUR ITINERARY



Above: A booby sits atop a rock in the Galapagos Islands. Right: Dan Costa and friend © Dan Costa



## YOUR UC SANTA CRUZ STUDY LEADER

Daniel Costa

**PROFESSOR OF ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY**

Daniel Costa is a distinguished professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at UC Santa Cruz. His research focuses on the ecology and physiology of marine mammals and seabirds, taking him to every continent and almost every habitat from the Galapagos to Antarctica. He cofounded the Tagging of Pacific Predators program, a multidisciplinary effort to study the movement patterns of 23 species of marine vertebrate predators in the North Pacific Ocean. He is an internationally recognized authority on the tracking of marine mammals and birds.





Plaza de San Francisco and St. Francis Church  
© Diego Grandi



Hotel Patio Andaluz

#### HOTEL PATIO ANDALUZ

The hotel is part of the original Solaris (original building sites) that constituted the City of San Francisco of Quito, the first city to be designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Hotel amenities include a coffee shop, full gourmet restaurant, a tapas wine bar, spa, gym, and solarium.

#### DAYS 1/2/3: OCTOBER 27-29

San Francisco  
Quito  
Otavalo

Fly to Quito, where you will be escorted to your hotel in the heart of “Quito Antiguo.” On Day 2, tour this vibrant colonial city with its churches and glittering Spanish gold altars. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow travelers. On Day 3, depart for South America’s most famous Indian fair—the Otavalo Market. Immerse yourself in the colorful and vibrant culture listening to Andean pipe music and Quechua, the native tongue from Incan times. Enjoy a traditional Andean lunch at a local hacienda and continue your shopping adventure in Cotacachi, the center of Ecuador’s leather industry.

HOTEL PATIO ANDALUZ  
(no meals; B, D; B, L)

#### DAY 4: OCTOBER 30

Quito/Galapagos Islands  
Baltra and Santa Cruz Islands  
Darwin Station and Highlands

Head to the airport for your flight to the Galapagos Islands. You will be met by your naturalist guide and take a short bus ride to the pier to board your vessel. After the welcome briefing, enjoy a delicious buffet lunch. Drop anchor and travel by bus to Cerro Chato Reserve, one of the best places in the archipelago to see the giant tortoise in its natural habitat.

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“The natural history of this archipelago is very remarkable: it seems to be a little world within itself; the greater number of its inhabitants, both vegetable and animal, being found nowhere else.” — CHARLES DARWIN



Snorkeling with sea turtle ©Noamfein



Yellow-tailed surgeonfish off the coast of Espanola Island ©Donyanedoma

**CORAL I OR II (B, L, D)**  
The motor yachts *Coral I* and *II* are based in the Galapagos and are well-equipped and spacious motor yachts. The restaurant serves delicious Ecuadorian and international cuisine



*Coral I & II*



Blue-footed boobies enjoying the ocean breeze © Mark Downey

**DAY 5:**  
**OCTOBER 31**  
Vicente Roca  
Isabela Island  
Espinoza, Fernandina Island

The coastal exploration here is by panga, where your naturalist guides will explain the dramatic geology of the area with remains of lava flows and tuff stone layers. This is the nesting place for flightless cormorants, the only existing birds in the world other than penguins that have evolved from flying birds to diving birds. Conditions permitting, embark on a snorkeling outing along the cliffs of partly sunken Ecuador Volcano, in the northern tip of Isabela Island (Punta Vicente Roca). In the afternoon, disembark at Punta Espinoza on Fernandina, the youngest and most pristine island found in the Galapagos. Hundreds of marine iguanas, the largest colony in the Galapagos, bask in the sun along the rugged shoreline.

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**DAY 6:**  
**NOVEMBER 1**  
Isabela Island  
Urbina Bay  
Tagus Cove

In the morning, disembark at Urbina Bay located at the foot of the Alcedo and Darwin volcanoes on western Isabela Island. This area is also home to large and colorful Galapagos land iguanas and giant tortoises (occasionally), and is a good spot to observe Darwin's finches. After lunch disembark at Tagus Cove and hike beyond Darwin Lake, a saltwater lagoon above sea level, where you will be rewarded with extraordinary views of the Darwin and Wolf volcanoes. Enjoy a panga ride through the mangrove area to see rays, turtles, sea lions, and Galapagos Hawks. Swimming or snorkeling are possibilities.

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**Did you know ...** The days and nights in the Galapagos Islands are equal in length, so you'll have plenty of chances to see the diurnal and nocturnal animals. There is no need for daylight savings because of its proximity to the equator. All year round there will be about 12 hours of daylight.



Sea lion on rock





Giant Galapagos Tortoises  
around a pond © Ron Magill

**DAY 7:**  
**NOVEMBER 2**  
Santiago Island  
Puerto Egas  
Sullivan Bay

Wet landing on a beach of black volcanic sand on Santiago Island. Stroll along the shoreline at Puerto Egas looking for octopus, starfish, and other sea life caught in the small pools as the tide goes out. Your walk comes to an end at the fur seal grottos. These are the deep pools of clear water where you can swim with the shy fur seals that hide in cool caves. After lunch, board the panga for the short ride to the landing site at Sullivan Bay.

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**DAYS 8/9:**  
**NOVEMBER 3–4**  
Las Bachas (Santa Cruz)  
Baltra  
Guayaquil  
San Francisco (B, D)

Drop anchor at Santa Cruz Island and visit Bachas Beaches. The sand here is made of decomposed coral, which makes it white and soft, a favorite nesting site for sea turtles. Transfer back to the airport and board your flight to Guayaquil, then transfer to your dayroom at the [Oro Verde Hotel](#). Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Then head to the airport for your overnight flight home, bringing with you memories of the unique wildlife you experienced on the Galapagos Islands!

**YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES**

Flights between Lima/Cusco/Lima on the post-extension • Superior and best available accommodations at hotels and cruise ships in Ecuador • American breakfast in Quito. Lunch during the Otavalo tour and farewell dinner in Guayaquil • Five-day/four-night cruise to the Galapagos Islands on the *CORAL I* or *II* with all meals included • Naturalist guide provided aboard the ship • Accommodations are in double, air-conditioned cabins, with private facilities, based on selected cabin choice • Single cabins on board the *CORALS* are limited. Please note that cabins are assigned on a first-come/first-served basis. If cabin choice is not available, next category will be assigned • Professor Daniel Costa will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on the main trip and 10 on the extension program • Expert local guides throughout • Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips, and taxes • Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet • Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

**YOUR JOURNEY COSTS** **OCTOBER 27 TO NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

*prices per person*

<b>Land program</b> , (double occupancy, based on standard cabins).....	<b>\$5,495</b>
<b>Single room supplement</b> , additional .....	<b>\$1,995</b>
<b>Roundtrip airfare</b> from San Francisco to Ecuador, economy, including Galapagos flights and the airline taxes & fuel surcharges .....	<b>\$1,790</b>
<b>Internal flights</b> to and from the Galapagos, if international air is <u>not</u> purchased through Classic Escapes .....	<b>\$590</b>
<b>Cabin Upgrades</b>	
Standard Plus.....	<b>\$572</b> double/ <b>\$858</b> single
Junior Suite .....	<b>\$993</b> double/ <b>\$1,489</b> single



## OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO PERU

From Guayaquil, head to Lima, where you're introduced to the heart of urban Peru. Fly to Cusco and drive to Yucay in the sacred valley of the Incas, a place of adventure, natural beauty, and rich history. Explore remarkable ruins, lively markets, and the beautiful rivers and forests before heading on by rail to Machu Picchu, through some of the most breathtaking landscapes imaginable. Explore Cusco itself, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the Western hemisphere, before returning to Lima and your flight home.

### PERU EXTENSION ACCOMMODATIONS

**ATTON SAN ISIDRO HOTEL:** Located steps away from the financial center, and 30 minutes from the airport, it is surrounded with renowned restaurants, parks, and stores.

**ARANWA VALLEY HOTEL & WELLNESS:** Built on the banks of the Vilcanota River, on the lands of an old colonial hacienda of the 17th century, rooms are decorated in colonial, modern, and minimalist-styles.

**INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU HOTEL:** Located in an intimate Andean village with terraced hills, waterfalls, and stone pathways, your room is decorated with local crafts and eucalyptus beams.

**ARANWA CUSCO BOUTIQUE HOTEL:** This museum hotel is the essence of luxury and comfort in the heart of the Inca city and built in a colonial mansion of the 16th century.

### YOUR EXTENSION COSTS

**RETURNS NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

*prices per person*

Peru double occupancy, including flights Lima/ Cusco/Lima.....	<b>\$4,395</b>
Peru single supplement, additional.....	<b>\$1,395</b>
Peru flight between Guayaquil/Lima, additional .....	<b>\$590</b>



Aranwa Valley Hotel & Wellness



Inkaterra Machu Picchu Hotel



Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel



# CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the deposit of \$1,000 per person for the main program and \$800 for the extension, to: **Inpired Expeditions**, attention: Nichole Silva at 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz CA 95064. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

**RATES:** Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/ traveling companions for the duration of their trip. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the program, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

PLEASE NOTE INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NONREFUNDABLE SHOULD TOUR BE CANCELED BY PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES:

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 trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip 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.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us in case you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/ program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.

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

- Up to July 24, 2019, deposit is nonrefundable.
- July 25 to August 3, 2019, less 75% of tour cost.
- After August 3, 2019, no refund is possible. These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

## RESERVATION FORM: (Please Print)

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person plus \$800 for the extension) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the Exclusive Adventure to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands with UC Santa Cruz departing **October 27, 2019**. Final payment due date is **July 24, 2019**. Please make check payable to **Classic Escapes, Inc.**, and mail, with completed reservation form, to: **Inspired Expeditions, attention: Nichole Silva, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064.**

Method of payment for the deposit: ☐ Check ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

NAME ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXP \_\_\_\_\_ CVN \_\_\_\_\_

FULL PASSPORT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_\_

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BADGE NAME IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 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/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of \$4,395 for the Peru post-extension, plus \$590 for the flight between Guayaquil and Lima.
- ☐ I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:  
☐ \$1,995 for the main trip ☐ \$1,395 for the post extension
- ☐ I wish to upgrade to Standard Plus Double Cabin - \$572 per person double/\$858 per person single (7 cabins available)
- ☐ I wish to upgrade to Junior Suite Cabin—\$993 per person double/\$1,489 per person single (2 cabins available)
- ☐ Please make my/our roundtrip air reservations on the group flights from San Francisco via American Airlines. (Other departure cities available upon request; prices quoted at time of request.)

**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). I/We have read the conditions of travel on this brochure and understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated herein:**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT**  
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**BOOK BY FEBRUARY 28 AND SAVE \$400 PER COUPLE**



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Turtle swimming across a school of fish in Galapagos

