

[ECOVENTURA - 2010 TARIFFS]

M/Y ERIC, FLAMINGO I & LETTY

FIT RATES: 8 DAY/7 NIGHTS (rates are per person)

7 NIGHTS	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	SINGLE
IGUANA DECK	\$ 3225.00	\$ 3150.00	\$ 4895.00
BOOBY DECK	\$ 3575.00		
DOLPHIN DECK	\$ 3925.00		

SINGLE cabins are limited and assigned by Ecoventura to the best cabin available at the time of sailing. **Females willing to share (WSF)** or **Males Willing to share (WSM)** are available on the Iguana deck only. Shares that remain unmatched 60 days prior to departure are subject to pay the difference for a single rate. **TRIPLE** cabins are available on the Iguana deck only in cabins I9 and I10.

Cruise rates include: Cabin accommodation, all meals and snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, purified water; Captain's welcome and farewell cocktail, guided, shore excursions and briefings, use of wet suits, snorkeling equipment and sea kayaks, transfers in the Islands between the airport and dock.

Rates do not include: International Airfare, Airfare to Galapagos, Galapagos entrance fee (park tax), Transit control card fee, alcoholic beverages, gratuities to guides and crew, purchases on board, travel insurance, Ecuador departure tax.

CHARTER RATES: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

(20 passenger maximum)

SEASONAL WEEKS | \$ 64,650.00

JAN 10-17, JAN 17-24, JAN 24-31, JAN 31-07 FEB, FEB 07-14, FEB 21-28, FEB 28-07 MAR, MAR 07-14, APR 25-02 MAY, MAY 02-09, MAY 09-16, MAY 16-23, MAY 23-30, MAY 30-06 JUN, JUN 06-13, AUG 29-05 SEP, SEP 05-12, SEP 12-19, SEP 19-26, SEP 06-03 OCT, OCT 03-10, OCT 10-17 OCT 17-24, OCT 24-31, OCT 31-07 NOV, NOV 07-14, NOV 14-21, NOV 28-05 DEC, DEC 05-12, DEC 12-19

PEAK WEEKS | \$ 67,875.00

JAN 03-10, FEB 14-21, MAR 14-21, MAR 21-28, MAR 28-04 APR, APR 11-18, APR 18-25, JUN 13-20, JUN 20-27, JUN 27-04 JUL, JUL 04-11, JUL 11-18, JUL 18-25, JUL 25-01 AUG, AUG 01-08, AUG 08-15, AUG 15-22, AUG 22-29, NOV 21-28

HOLIDAY WEEKS | \$ 71,100.00

APR 04-11, DEC 19-26, DEC 26-02 JAN

Please see Holiday Terms for both FIT and charters.

Rates are valid from Jan 3 to Dec 28 2010.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

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Reservations will not be considered firm until a deposit has cleared our account.

All reservations are subject to cancellation if payments are not received by the due date. There is a service charge of \$50.00 per person for airline tickets to Galapagos cancelled 29 days or less prior to departure.

For: Individual bookings (1-5 passengers)

Deposits: A deposit of \$500.00 per person and \$1000.00 for singles (\$1000.00 per person and \$2000.00 for singles on Holiday weeks) is required within five days of written confirmation to guarantee any reservation.

Final payment: Full payment is due 60 days prior (90 days prior for holiday weeks) to the sailing date and must be accompanied with a passenger information form.

Cancellation policy: Cancellations received up to 90 days prior to departure will be refunded in full except for a \$250.00 per person service charge; 89-60 days prior to departure, the full deposit will be forfeited; 59-30 days prior to departure, 50% of the total cruise rate will be forfeited; 29 days to the day of departure, the entire cruise rate is forfeited.

Cancellation policy for Holiday weeks (April 4-11, Dec 19-26, Dec 26-02 Jan): Cancellations received up to 180 days prior to departure will be refunded in full except for a \$500.00 per person service charge; 179-90 days prior to departure, the full deposit will be forfeited; 89-0 days prior to departure, the entire cruise rate is forfeited.

For: Small group bookings (3 or more cabins excluding charter)

Deposits & Final payment: same as above. In addition, a second deposit of 20% of the total cruise rate is due 180 days prior to departure.

Cancellation policy (small group bookings):

179 to 150 days prior to departure: can cancel 2 cabins without penalties, additional cabins released are subject to penalty charge of \$250.00 per person.

149-120 days prior to departure: can cancel 2 cabins with a penalty of \$250.00 per person, additional cabins released are subject to penalty charge of \$500.00 per person.

119-90 days prior to departure: can cancel 2 cabins with a penalty of \$500 per person, additional cabins released are subject to a penalty of \$1000.00 per person.

89-60 days prior to departure: any cabin released is subject to full forfeiture of all deposits paid.

59-0 days prior to departure: full penalty for any cancellation.

Holiday cancellation policy (for 6 or more passengers excluding exclusive charter):

179-120 days prior to departure: same as above

119-90 days prior to departure: can cancel 2 cabins with a penalty of \$1000.00 per person, additional cabins released are subject to penalty charge of \$2000.00 per person.

89-00 days prior to departure: full penalty for any cancellation

For: Full exclusive charter for seasonal, peak and holiday weeks

Deposits: A deposit of 10% for seasonal and 20% for peak and holiday weeks are due to guarantee the charter. A second deposit of 20% is due 180 days prior to departure to guarantee all cabins. Final payment is due in full at 60 days prior to departure together with passenger information forms and cabin assignment. All reservations are subject to cancellation if payments are not received by the due date. Reservations will not be considered firm until a deposit has cleared our account.

Cancellation policy: Cancellations received in writing up until 180 days prior to departure will be refunded in full except for \$1500.00 service charge.

179-150 days prior to departure, cancellation incurs penalty of 100% first deposit,

149-120 days prior to departure, cancellation incurs penalty of 100% first deposit and 50% of second deposit.

119-60 days prior to departure, cancellation incurs penalty of 100% of the first and second deposits.

59-day of departure cancellation incurs full penalty. Payment is due in full at 60 days at which time a cancellation would incur full penalties. There is a service charge of \$50.00 per person for airline tickets to Galapagos cancelled 29-7 days prior to departure. From 7 days to the day of departure, there is no refund for the airfare, park tax or transit card.

Reduction of cabins on charters: The number of cabins blocked for a particular charter can be reduced. However, cabins must be released according to our time schedule in order to avoid penalties; they are outlined as follows:

179-150 days prior to departure: can release 3 cabins on Eric, Flamingo, Letty without penalties, additional cabins released are subject to penalty charge of \$150.00 per person.

149-120 days prior to departure: can release 2 cabins on Eric, Flamingo, Letty without penalties, additional cabins released are subject to penalty charge of \$250.00 per person.

119-90 days prior to departure: can release 1 cabin on Eric, Flamingo, Letty without penalties, additional cabins released are subject to penalty charge of \$500.00 per person.

89-00 days prior to departure: full penalty for any cancellation.

Additional information & services

All rates quoted below are subject to change at any time without prior notice.

Method of payment: We accept only agency check, wire transfer or personal check. Late bookings or late payments (25 days or less prior to departure) require payment by cashier's check or wire transfer and may be subject to additional fees.

Documentation: Documents include your boarding pass for the Galapagos cruise and vouchers for additional services (if applicable) including hotel, transfers and tours. Airline tickets for the flight to Galapagos will be provided in Ecuador. Documents are mailed upon receipt of final payment. Mailing instructions and cruise date must accompany your payment. Late final payment will delay your receipt of your documents. Any passenger requiring a name change or reissue of travel documents for any reason within 30 days of departure, a service charge of \$50.00 will be applicable.

Passenger information form: Galapagos Network requires all passenger details be sent 60 days prior to departure or with final payment. If all the information is not available at 60 days,

we suggest you send complete information together at the same time no later than 30 days prior to departure.

Required information includes:

1) Full names of all passengers as they appear on the passport, passport number, expiration, nationality and date of birth.

2) Hotel contact in Ecuador prior to the cruise, name of ground operator in Ecuador providing any tours prior to the cruise or itinerary, international arrival and departure flight schedule to Ecuador.

3) Any special dietary requests, allergies or medical conditions need to be included. If you wish to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or reserve a wet suit, please let us know on this form.

Transportation Contract: All passengers will be given a cruise ticket that contains the terms and conditions of our transportation agreement at the airport in Guayaquil or Quito. In order to review the terms before you leave home, a copy of the transportation agreement can be requested any time from your travel agent or with Galapagos Network or you can download the form from our web site.

Yacht & Itinerary stipulations: Passengers will be assigned by Ecoventura to any of the three identical sister yachts Eric, Flamingo or Letty at the company's discretion. On a 7-night / 8-day itinerary, passengers will visit twelve visitor sites. The first and last day of the cruise are considered transportation days and no island visits are guaranteed. Itineraries are subject to change at any time for any reason and without prior notice. Ecoventura reserves the right at its sole option and discretion and that of the Captain of the vessel without liability for damages or refund of any kind to deviate from the vessel's advertised or scheduled itinerary for any reason including mechanical failure. Ecoventura will not be held responsible for any refund whatsoever for changes to the printed or scheduled itinerary.

Prevention of misconnecting flights: We recommend that all passengers traveling to Galapagos allow two nights in mainland Ecuador prior to their cruise to allow for potential flight delays and misconnection. This is particularly important for passengers traveling over holidays when flights tend to be overbooked and delayed caused by bad weather conditions. Passengers who miss their flight to Galapagos on Sunday will not be able to meet up with the yacht until Thursday based on the current itinerary and subject to change.

Travel Insurance: We highly recommend passengers purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy that includes trip cancellation and interruption, travel and baggage delay and loss, medical expense, emergency assistance and evacuation to protect you and your investment. For those passengers who choose not to purchase an insurance policy to protect them from potential losses to their travel investment, Ecoventura will not be responsible for any financial disappointment caused by reasons beyond our control and no refunds or partial refunds will be given for late cancellations or no shows due to any reason.

Holiday weeks: No discounts of any kind are available including child discounts. We cannot accept share requests on holiday weeks. The terms for deposits and cancellation during holiday weeks are different from the rest of the year.

Child discounts: Children age 11 years and younger at the time of sailing are entitled to a 25% discount off the cruise rate. Children 11 years and younger are entitled to 50% discount off the airfare and park tax with photocopy of the

child's passport showing date of birth. Children ages 12-17 years are entitled to a 15% discount off the cruise rate only. Children under 7 years of age are not accepted unless the parents or legal guardians sign a hold harmless release. Children age 11 and younger are only permitted on designated family departures. Special family departures are designated during school breaks. Children under the age of 5 are only permitted on exclusive charter basis.

Restrictions on child discounts: We allow only one child discount to be given per every adult fare paid with a limit of two per family. Ecoventura may limit the total number of child discounts permitted on any one departure. Children under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult. Child discounts are applied to cabins on the iguana deck unless not otherwise available. When children are accommodated in a triple cabin, the discount is calculated from the double iguana deck rate. No child discounts are permitted on cruises that fall over the specified holiday weeks.

Dedicated Family Departures: Our designated family departures are scheduled during school breaks in the U.S. and are geared towards families who prefer to travel with other families. These family departures feature age-appropriate activities (depending on the ages and number of children on board) from instruction in snorkeling and sea kayaking for teens to briefings geared toward the younger set and kid-friendly meals. Kids can visit the bridge and learn about astronomy, navigational charts and tie nautical knots with our Captain. Special parties include movies and popcorn, games with prizes, drawing contests, ice cream sundae social and King Neptune costume party and talent show.

Galapagos Park Tax: The entrance fee to the National Park is \$100.00 for adults and \$50.00 for children 11 and younger is not included in the cruise rate, however, this charge will be added to your confirmation and prepaid by Ecoventura for your convenience.

Transit Control Card: A TCT card or *tarjeta de control de transito* is required by INGALA for all visitors to Galapagos to control migration. The fee is \$10.00 per person and can be prepaid to Ecoventura for those passengers who fly to Galapagos on Sundays only (the same day as departure).

Gratuities to guides and crew: Aboard our vessels, gratuities are not included. We prefer that our guests reward our crew based on their performance. Tipping is a personal matter and passengers are encouraged to tip an amount they find appropriate. For those passengers who inquire, we suggest they follow international guidelines of US \$175.00 per person (\$300 for passengers who occupy a single cabin). For charters, we suggest a gratuity of \$3500.00 regardless of the final number of passengers. Gratuities are divided among all eleven crew members including naturalist guides.

Wet suits: 3mm full wet suits are available for passengers to use during the cruise at no additional charge on a first come first serve basis. Wet suits are most popular between June and November when water temperatures are between 65 and 72 degrees. Passengers who would like to reserve a wet suit prior to the cruise may do so at a charge of \$25.00 per wet suit. The fee will be charged to the account on board and paid at the end of the cruise. Reserved wet suits will be removed from the inventory in your closest approximate size and set aside for your exclusive use during the cruise. Size selection may vary by yacht: Mens: XS, S, M, ML, L, XL, XXL, XXXL Womens US dress size: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 Children: 10

(S), 12 (M), 14 (L).

Snorkeling equipment: masks, fins and snorkels in average sizes are available on board free of charge for use during the cruise. There is no guarantee there will be all equipment available in your size and passengers may prefer to bring their own equipment (especially a mask and snorkel).

Clear bottom kayaks: Two kayaks (per yacht) are available at designated sites during the cruise on a first come first serve basis at no additional charge. The clear bottom tandem model is half canoe and half sit-on-top kayak with a transparent hull.

Scuba diving: Ecoventura offers an opportunity for certified scuba divers to dive on Friday and Saturday during the cruise for an additional charge. Diving is offered every week with a minimum of 2 divers on Friday and 4 divers on Saturday. The maximum number of divers we accept is 8. If you are the only person in your travel party that would like to dive, please inquire as we may already have other guests signed up for diving. Each dive offers two immersions provided by a local dive shop and includes filled tanks, weight belt, weights, BCD, regulator, wet suit, boots and hood. Please inquire for full details and rates.

Communication: Most telecommunication providers have signal in Galapagos and passengers can use their mobile/cellular phones that are activated for international calling on days when the yachts are in close range to port (Thursday to Sunday).

Laundry service: Laundry service is provided by a local company in Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz. On Friday morning, passengers can arrange to have dirty clothes sent to be laundered. The laundry will be delivered in the afternoon when passengers return from the visits. All charges must be paid directly to the company in cash (US dollars) at the current rate of \$2.50 per pound.



Special occasions: You may order a bottle of Chilean wine (\$25) or a cake (\$15) to be served at dinner time. A fruit basket (\$7) can be placed in your cabin. It is prohibited to bring flowers to Galapagos. Please advise us at least 30 days prior to arrival or include details in your passenger information form.

Purchases on board: Every passenger has an open tab at the bar and boutique, which are paid the last day of the cruise. We accept cash (US Dollars), Travelers checks, Master Card, VISA, American Express and Diners.

International Airfare to Ecuador: Flights to Ecuador are currently serviced by American Airlines (via Miami), Continental Airlines (Houston), DELTA (Atlanta), LAN Ecuador (Miami and JFK), LACSA (San Jose), COPA (Panama City), IBERIA (Madrid) and KLM (Amsterdam).

Departure tax: On International flights there is an airport departure tax of \$27.75 from Guayaquil or \$42.56 from Quito payable in US dollars.

PACKING LIST (for Galapagos) Eric, Flamingo & Letty

Dress is casual and comfortable, and informality is basic to all activities. We recommend you pack in a soft-side suitcase. Checked bags should be securely locked or shrink-wrapped for your security.

Clothing: long pants that are lightweight, shorts, short sleeve shirts, T-shirts, Windbreaker or sweatshirt (July to Nov only).

Shoes: walking shoes or light hiking boots, rubber soled shoes or boat shoes, Sport sandals with a Velcro strap (Tevas).

Other: wide brimmed hat, bandana, bathing suits, sunscreen, sunglasses, small backpack, plastic water bottle, camera, film/ batteries, waterproof bag, small binoculars, underwater camera.

Beach towels and hair dryers are provided and therefore it is not necessary that you bring these items.

WEATHER CONDITIONS (when to book)

Currently, over 100,000 people from all over the world visit the Islands each year. We recommend that you book your trip at least 3-6 months prior to your intended date of departure and 9-18 months prior to book during the holiday seasons. Galapagos is a sub-tropical destination and most all of the seabirds and reptiles nest year round. You can see courtship,

mating, chicks hatching and rearing at any time of the year.

Located on the equator, the Galapagos Islands have a surprisingly cool, sub-tropical climate. The larger islands with volcanic peaks have a variety of climatic zones. The coastal areas are arid and covered with plants adapted to desert conditions. The highland areas receive moisture almost all year round, which support lush vegetation. Temperatures are determined almost entirely by ocean currents, which are influenced by the trade winds.

There are two seasons, both of which have some precipitation. The Galapagos get an average of ten inches of rain per year; so it is never considered "rainy". During the months of December to May, the cooling currents subside, temperatures rise and the climate is warm and sunny with occasional showers. In June, the trend begins toward cooler temperatures with moderate breezes, which continue through November. This period is often referred to as the "garua" (pronounced gah-ru-ah) season, which means mist in Spanish.

TEMPERATURES

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE											
84	86	88	86	82	78	76	74	76	77	78	80
MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE											
70	74	74	72	72	68	66	64	62	64	66	68
AVERAGE SEA TEMPERATURE											
74	76	76	76	74	74	72	66	68	70	72	74
AVERAGE RAINFALL (in inches)											
1.0	1.0	2.0	1.5	0.75	0.25	0.50	0.25	0.50	0.25	0.50	0.50

[suggested reading]

There are many great field guides, novels and photographic books on Galapagos available at bookstores or through Longitude Books www.longitudebooks.com. Some older titles may be out of print, so check your local library or internet sites.

FIELD GUIDES

GALAPAGOS, A Natural History, John Kricher, 2006
REEF FISH Identification GALAPAGOS, Paul Human, 2003
Flowering Plants of the Galapagos Islands, Conley K. McMullen, 1999
A Guide to the Birds of the Galapagos Islands, Castro and Phillips, 1996
GALAPAGOS, A Natural History Guide, M.H. Jackson, 1990

PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAYS

GALAPAGOS, Islands Born of Fire, Tui de Roy, 1998
GALAPAGOS, Islands Lost in Time, Tui de Roy, 1980

GOOD READING

The Reluctant Mr. Darwin, David Quammen, 2005
The Darwin Conspiracy, John Darton, 2005
The Enchanted Isles, Herman Melville, 2002
The Beak of the Finch, Jonathan Weiner, 1994
Clinker Islands, Lillian Otterman, 1993
Floreana, Margaret Wittmer, 1989
My Father's Island, A Galapagos Quest, Johanna Angermeyer, 1989
GALAPAGOS, World's End, William Beebe, 1988
GALAPAGOS, A Novel, Kurt Vonnegut Jr, 1986
The Voyage of the Beagle, Charles Darwin

[frequently asked questions regarding itinerary & activities on board]

Are itineraries subject to change?

Yes, itineraries are subject to change at any time for any reason and without prior notice. Last minute changes to the itinerary can occur at any time including, but not limited to, changes in National Park rules or the discretion of the Captain of the vessel or company for any reason including mechanical failure. Ecoventura will not be held responsible for any refund whatsoever for changes to the printed or scheduled itinerary.

Who will meet me at the airport in Galapagos?

Upon arrival at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno airport, San Cristobal, passengers are met by our guides wearing Ecoventura polo shirts and transferred by bus to the yachts anchored in the bay. Once on board, you will receive an orientation and safety drill.

What daily activities can I expect?

The day begins with an early breakfast followed by the first shore excursion. We return for lunch followed by a siesta while the vessel navigates to the next Island. Mid-afternoon, we disembark for the second excursion and return before sunset. Before dinner, there is a briefing on the next day's shore excursions. In the evenings, we motor to the next Island arriving early in the morning for a new adventure.

When are meals served?

Meals are informal and there is just one seating for all passengers. Although meal times can vary slightly, the typical schedule is breakfast at 7:30am, buffet lunch at 12:30pm and dinner served at 7:30pm. The menu is international with touches of Ecuadorian specialties. Snacks are served after morning and afternoon shore excursions.

Are there naturalist guides on board?

Passengers must be accompanied at all times by our naturalist guides who have been trained by the Darwin Station and licensed by the National Park. They know each visitor site intimately and share their knowledge on nature walks during the day and in briefings in the evening. There are two guides on board (one for every ten passengers).

What is your passenger profile?

Our passengers tend to be well educated, well traveled and from a variety of age groups and nationalities, although most are from English speaking countries. They have a keen interest in learning about nature and ecology and are concerned about environmental issues.

How do we get from the boat to the shore?

The vessels anchor offshore at two visitor sites per day. Passengers are ferried to the landing point in small zodiac-style tenders (locally called "pangas"). The landings are either wet (where one must step into water anywhere from your ankles to your knees and wade to shore) or dry (where one steps from the panga directly to the volcanic rock). Your guide and panga driver will assist you with a steady hand.

What happens during the shore excursions?

On the Islands, one must follow marked trails set by the National Park walking at a leisurely pace. The guides will interpret and explain the unusual sights you see. You'll spend 3-4 hours at each site allowing plenty of time to explore and photograph the abundant wildlife. There are opportunities to swim or snorkel almost every day during the week and sometimes twice a day. Kayaks can be used only at designated sites approved by the National Park.

Are there regulations we must obey?

During the orientation, your guide will go over the Galapagos National Park rules which request, among others, that you do not disturb or remove anything (not even a rock or shell), do not touch or feed the animals, do not leave any litter and to stay on the marked trails. Show a conservationist attitude! Leave only footprints and take home only photographs.

How strenuous are the walks?

Passengers able to walk a few hours a day unassisted will be able to fully enjoy Galapagos. Some of the excursions require more physical activity than others involving short steep climbs or long walks in hot weather. However, most excursions require moderate activity and the walks are at a leisurely pace giving time for the guides to describe what you are seeing. Entering and exiting the pangas require that you need to be reasonably fit, sure footed and in good health. If you are concerned about your ability to do any particular day hike, please consult with the naturalist or Captain beforehand.

What if I have a physical disability?

Please see your doctor for a check-up before traveling to Ecuador. Any medical condition or physical disability that may require special attention or treatment must be advised to Ecoventura at the time of booking.

Will I encounter rough seas or bad weather?

Due to strong currents, there will be moderate movement of the vessel while under way. Most passengers are not affected. However, if you are prone to seasickness, we strongly urge you bring some type of medication to prevent motion sickness.

formations. Graffiti dating back to the 1800's is written on the rocky cliffs. Explore the Coves by Zodiac or in one of our clear-bottom sea kayaks to find Galapagos penguins, boobies, pelicans and other seabirds. An excellent snorkeling opportunity is offered here after the walk. After the briefing and dinner, a sky full of stars beckons to go out on deck and observe the galaxy.

WEDNESDAY: This morning, we have a wet landing at **Puerto Egas, SANTIAGO (James)**. Stroll along the shoreline looking for octopus, starfish and other sea life caught in the tide pools. At low tide, catch a glimpse of marine iguanas as they feed on exposed green algae. Watch for great blue herons, lava herons, American oystercatchers and yellow-crowned night herons. Our walk ends at the grottos, deep pools of clear water where we encounter fur sea lions once on the verge of extinction. Before returning to the yacht, there is a snorkeling opportunity with loads of tropical fish. As an alternative, you may use the kayaks to explore the marine life without getting wet. During lunch, the yacht motors to the other side of the Island which provides for scenic landscapes.

Located off the Southern tip of Santiago, **SOMBRERO CHINO** or Chinese Hat owes its name to its shape. After a wet beach landing with sea lion colonies, the trail gives way to a primeval landscape of volcanic rubble including cracked lava formations and lava tubes. The lava tubes are fragile and one must be careful to stay on the trail. We find marine iguanas and pairs of oystercatchers. There are good photographic opportunities here as this site conveys a strong feeling that you've come to a very special place in the world. There is a briefing followed by dinner as we anchor in a calm protected area.

THURSDAY: On **Bartolome**, it seems like we are walking on the moon. This young Island is inhospitable to most plants and animals. After a dry landing, climb 30 minutes up stairs leading to the summit of a once active volcano. Along the way, we pause to marvel at lava bombs, spatter cones and cinder cones. From the top of the wooden stairs, we can gaze out across the island for a panoramic view of the island and "Pinnacle Rock", an eroded tuff cone. Down below, crystal clear water is an invitation to snorkel from the beach or Zodiac with schools of tropical fish and Galapagos Penguins. On the other side of the Island, encounter sea turtles and white-tipped sharks.

This afternoon, we have a dry landing at **North Seymour**, a small geological uplift. We follow a trail that leads us to swallow-tailed gulls, blue-footed boobies and the endemic land iguanas. Visit the largest colony of magnificent frigate birds found in Galapagos. As we stroll along the beach, we find marine iguanas and sea lions body surf the northern swells. After the walk there is a snorkeling opportunity offered in deep water:

FRIDAY: This morning we travel by bus to the **highlands** of **SANTA CRUZ** Island. The scenery gradually changes as we wind our way through all seven vegetation zones found in Galapagos. Here, we visit the tortoise reserve at one of the private farms in the highlands where we encounter giant tortoises in their natural habitat. We visit Los Gemelos, Spanish for "The Twins", a pair of large pit craters where we find the bright red male vermilion flycatcher. We stop at "the tunnels", the largest lava tubes found in Galapagos.

After lunch on board, we visit the **Charles Darwin Research Station**. We visit all three tortoise corals and the breeding

center with new hatchlings and miniature tortoises not yet ready to be repatriated. Scientists from all over the globe work at the station and conduct biological research from anatomy to zoology. We also visit the Van Straelen Hall where there are exhibits and a short video presentation. Visitors can see the pen of Lonesome George, the last surviving member of the Pinta Island subspecies. Stroll through the town of **Puerto Ayora** (population: 20,000) and the largest town in the Galapagos. Buy souvenirs, mail postcards or kick back at an internet cafe in the social heart of the Islands.

SATURDAY: This morning we have a dry landing at **Punta Suarez, ESPANOLA**, where we witness the highest rate of endemic species in Galapagos. Sea lions noisily greet us as we land on their beach. Curious Hood mockingbirds peck at our shoelaces. From April to November; the waved albatross, found only on Espanola, perform their wild mating ritual. Colonies of blue-footed boobies engage in "sky-pointing" to show off for potential mates. Nazca (formerly masked) boobies busily care for their young. Stunning swallow-tailed gulls are the only nocturnal gulls in the world. Red-billed tropicbirds take shelter under the cliffs. We also find Darwin's Finches, Galapagos Doves and Galapagos Hawks. Observe a unique species of marine iguana identified with traces of red and green colorings. Colorful sally light-foot crabs crawl along the shoreline near to the famous "blow hole". This is the scene most people envision when they decide to visit Galapagos. During lunch, we motor to the other side of the Island.

On our last afternoon in Galapagos, we have a wet landing on **Gardner Bay, ESPANOLA (HOOD)**. Walk along seemingly endless stretches of this white sandy beach where you'll find large colonies of sea lions. There is no trail to follow so this is a chance to explore and you may find a Galapagos Hawk, Darwin's Finches or Hood Mockingbird. Swim with sea lions from the beach or just relax on your last glorious day in Galapagos. There's an excellent snorkeling site off Gardner Islet with a colorful diversity of sea life near Tortuga Rock in caves covered with invertebrates. Passengers are also permitted to use the kayaks at this particular site. Back on board, enjoy the Captain's Farewell cocktail followed by dinner and a briefing.

SUNDAY: This morning we drop anchor in **Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, SAN CRISTOBAL**. We visit the Interpretation Center opened in 1999. Here we gain a more complete understanding of the natural and human history of the Islands. Afterwards, we head straight to the airport for our flight back to the mainland departing SCY at 12PM on Aerogal37.



M/Y SKY DANCER

Dive Live-aboard 2010 Tariffs

2010 SKY DANCER	7 NIGHTS
DELUXE STATEROOM	\$ 4595.00
MASTER STATEROOMS	\$ 4795.00

Fuel surcharges are dependent upon the price of fuel and are subject to change.

Master Staterooms: cabins 1-4 are located on the Lido deck and have two twin beds (that can be converted to a king bed) private facilities, window view, mirrored cabinet, wardrobe, bathrobes, hairdryer, toiletries, fresh towels daily, air conditioning and volume controls.

Twin (Deluxe) Staterooms: cabins 5-8 are located on the Dolphin deck and have two twin beds, private facilities, port light view, mirrored cabinet, wardrobe, bathrobes, hairdryer, toiletries, fresh towels daily, air conditioning and volume controls.

All rates are per person on a share basis in US dollars and subject to change without prior notice. Same gender willing to share requests are available on either master or deluxe cabins. Single passengers who prefer not to share with a same-gender passenger, must pay a 65% supplement.

Rates include: Cabin accommodation, all meals, snacks, beverages (including national brands of alcohol), filled tanks, weights, weight belt, 21 dives and 3 land excursions, service of naturalist guides/dive masters, transfers in the Islands between airport and dock (on cruise dates), all other *Dancer Fleet* services and amenities.

Rates do not include: International airfare to Ecuador, Airfare to Galapagos, Galapagos entrance fee (\$100), hyperbaric chamber fee (\$35), TCT card (\$10), gratuities to guides and crew, purchases at the *boutique*, Nitrox course or fills, dive gear equipment rentals, required safety equipment rentals, underwater photo course or camera equipment.

Non-diver discount: Non divers traveling on a live aboard with a diver are eligible for a \$200 reduction in the rate.

Senior Divers: Divers age 65 and older are eligible for a \$150 reduction with proof of age.

Child discounts: Children 10 and older are allowed only if they are certified divers. If non divers, children must be 16 years of age or older. Full time students up to age 22 with proper identification are eligible to receive a \$100 student discount.

Galapagos Park Tax: The entrance fee to the National Park is \$100.00 for adults and \$50.00 for children 11 and younger is not included in the cruise rate, however, this charge will be added to your confirmation and prepaid by Ecoventura for your convenience.

Gratuities to guides and crew: Aboard our vessels, gratuities are not included. We prefer that our guests reward our crew based on their performance. If the crew performs to your expectations, may we suggest that a gratuity of approximately 10-15% of your cruise rate be considered normal aboard a live-aboard dive boat. However, ultimately the amount to tip is entirely at the discretion of the guest. Gratuities are divided up among all crew members including naturalist guides.

Hyperbaric chamber fee: Located in Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz, a hyperbaric chamber has the most recent technology and trained professional medics to treat dive related illness.

Purchases on board: There is a "Boatique" on board that sells a selection of logo clothing, film, batteries, etc. Every guest has an open tab which is paid on the last day of the cruise. We accept cash, Travelers checks, Visa, Mastercard or American Express.

Galapagos dive guides: Ecoventura will supply an expert dive instructor and a dive master who are also naturalist guides certified by the Galapagos National Park Service. The guides are qualified divers with essential knowledge of specific diving locations with their respective interest and dangers.

Dive equipment: Divers are required to bring their own dive equipment, including:

Mask, fins and snorkel, regulator, depth and pressure gauges, bottom timer or dive watch, Buoyancy compensator device (BCD), dry suit or thick wet suit (1/4" or 5-7mm), hood and gloves, Flashlight and chemical light sticks (for night dives), Open water diving certification and required safety equipment including a dive alert, inflatable safety sausage (surface marker buoy) and mini-strobe.

Optional items: Underwater camera, video camera, dive computer.

Each diver is required to bring and dive with the personal safety devices on every dive. If you do not already own your own surface safety equipment, we strongly encourage you to visit your local dive store to purchase them prior to commencing your *Dancer Fleet* voyage. You should be able to obtain all three items for under \$150. Divers who do not have this required equipment will not be allowed to dive. We will maintain a limited inventory on each vessel for rental but we strongly encourage you to get your own, and be familiar with it. A "Surface Safety Package" that includes all three items will rent for \$30 for 7 nights. This new policy does implement a modest rental charge for guests who arrive without the equipment. However, it ensures that every diver will enter/exit the water with the best possible tools for coping with an unforeseen emergency.

Dive Alert: This is an air powered surface signaling device that transmits a loud noise over distances much further than you can shout or whistle. It is powered by the air from your tank.

Inflatable Safety Sausage (Surface Marker Buoy): This device can be inflated using your alternate air source or your lungs. It raises a bright orange or yellow tube approximately six feet above your head. Waving this while on the surface greatly increases your visibility to the crew on your vessel or tender. The safety sausage may be carried in your BC pocket or tethered to your BC.

Mini-Strobe: When activated, this compact marker strobe flashes a light at regular intervals. It is a good way to indicate your position on the surface during dusk or night dives to the vessel or tender.

Additional services offered on Sky Dancer

Nitrox certification course (4 hours): \$150 including two supervised dives

Nitrox completion course: \$50 for two dives + written exam if referral is not from PADI.

Unlimited fills: \$50 for 7 nights (with full certification course)

Unlimited Nitrox fills: \$150 weekly

Nitrox: \$10 per fill (a la carte)

Dive gear equipment rental rates:

Limited quantities of diving equipment are available for rent on board.

Set of regulator, gauges and octopus: \$10 per day or \$50 weekly

BC with dive alert: \$10 per day, \$50 weekly

7mm wet neoprene wetsuit: \$10 per day, \$70 weekly

Dive computer: \$15 per day, \$75 weekly

Dive light: \$8 per day, \$40 weekly

Complete set of gear including dive computer: \$300 weekly

Safety package (includes all items below): \$6 per day, \$30 weekly

Diver alert: \$3 per day, \$15 weekly

Safety Sausage or Mini-Strobe: \$2 per day, \$10 weekly

Underwater camera rental rates:

Package rentals include a Digital Nikon Coolpix 4300 (4 megapixels), Fantasea CP-4 Pro Housing for \$65.00 per day, \$30.00 per extra day or \$180.00 weekly.

Video and souvenir DVD:

On board editing and sound dubbing equipment is available for

the production of custom videos. A DVD will be filmed during your trip and offered for a purchase price of \$60.00.

Dive certification and safety waivers

The Galapagos National Park regulations require that all guests must carry their Diving Certification Cards for verification of your training. Photo copies will **NOT** be accepted. Please bring your certification card and log book(s) for verification of your dive training and experience. You will be required to complete and sign a "Waiver Of Claims, Express Assumption Of The Risk, Release Of Liability, And Indemnity Agreement" form prior to your arrival. Please remember that you alone are responsible for determining your medical and physical fitness to dive or to take part in any other activities during this trip.

ALL DIVING AND SHIPBOARD ACTIVITIES ARE CONDUCTED AT YOUR OWN RISK. We take no responsibility with respect to your determination. If you have any questions concerning your medical or physical fitness to dive or take part in any such activities, please consult your personal physician.

Our commitment to Galapagos Conservation

Through a series of projects, Ecoventura has demonstrated a serious commitment to the environment by maintaining an ecological certification since 2000, SmartVoyager, reducing carbon emissions through installation of high performance oil filters, reducing and offsetting carbon emissions through Native Energy and creating the Galapagos Marine Biodiversity Fund (GMBF) together with the World Wildlife Fund. We are able to achieve our conservation goals and at the same time support our claim as a responsible tour operator.

Ecoventura has maintained the ecological certification of SmartVoyager, a voluntary environmental program developed by Corporacion y Desarrollo from Ecuador and The Rainforest Alliance from New York since 2000. This program gives a "green seal of approval" to tour boats that comply with requirements to tread lightly on the area's fragile ecosystem. In order to comply, our yachts use only lead and TBT free paints and bio-degradable soaps and detergents. We recycle wastes and treat our wastewater with biological agents and produce our own water through a desalination unit on board each yacht. All Zodiacs have four stroke engines which are more efficient and our employees receive benefits such as advanced training and improved living quarters on board.

Ecoventura became the first operation in the Galapagos in 2006 to completely offset carbon emissions from the company's four yachts, offices and operations (including business travel), through the purchase of carbon credits administered by NativeEnergy Travel Offsets. In addition, in 2007 the company reduced carbon emissions 10% through various methods. In 2008, Ecoventura installed 40 solar panels and two wind generators to its flagship yacht, the M/Y ERIC, thereby operating the first hybrid yacht in the Galapagos. Almost 17% of the energy used to run the on board generators are now powered by alternative renewable energy.

In 2006, Established a fund administered by the World Wildlife Fund in support of the Galapagos National Park and other NGO programs called the Galapagos Marine Biodiversity Fund. The fund had helped support projects that target environmental education and marine conservation by strengthening the local communities' ability to manage natural resources; such as scholarships for local students to study for two years at a University, micro-enterprise businesses for families of fishermen to provide an alternate source of income and control illegal fishing activities through a permanent floating station and refit of patrol boats. Through two strategies – education and marine conservation – GMBF puts donated funds to work on the ground, addressing critical issues, reversing ecological damage and conserving Galapagos for the future.

Ecoventura has pledged to sponsor the salaries for Physical Therapists who work at a local school on San Cristobal Island for children with Down's Syndrome. The school also serves the elderly population of the Island through the physical therapy department.

Ecoventura has received recognition and awards for their effort on numerous occasions:

2005, The Rainforest Alliance – Sustainable Standard-setter Award

2006, IGTOA, Sustainable Travel Award

2007, National Geographic Adventure – Best Outfitters on Earth (One Hit Wonder)

2008, Virgin Holidays Responsible Tourism – Best in a Marine Environment

2009, Conde Nast Traveler – World Savers Award (Cruise Line)

TERMS & CONDITIONS FIT or individual passengers

Deposits: A deposit of \$800.00 per person is due within **10 days** of booking and final payment is due **60 days** prior to departure.

Cancellations: Cancellations received **90 days** or more prior to departure are subject to a service charge of \$300.00 per person. Cancellations received **89-60 days** prior to departure forfeit the entire deposit. Cancellations received **59 days** prior to departure forfeit the entire cruise cost.

TERMS & CONDITIONS GROUPS of 8 or more or FULL CHARTER

Deposits: To secure a group or charter reservation, a non-refundable deposit of \$4000.00 is required within **ten days** of the reservation date. Partial deposits are not acceptable. A charter is not confirmed until the deposit and properly executed Letter of Intent have been received. An interim payment of 25% of Total Charges, exclusive of deposit already paid is due **180 days** prior to departure. If all the spaces have not been sold, the charterer may choose to return unsold spaces and incur an administrative fee of \$100.00 per space for each space released. Final payment is due **90 days** prior to departure together with passenger names, passport numbers, flight arrival information, any special dietary requests, dive certification and requests for rental gear.



Cancellations: If the charterer does not want to be responsible for full payment of unsold spaces, written notification must be made more than **90 days** prior to departure. An administrative fee on each unsold space of \$300.00 per person will be charged. Cancellations received **60-90 days** prior to departure receive no refund of deposits made. Cancellations received less than **60 days** prior to departure receive no refund.

Travel Insurance: We recommend that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy that includes trip cancellation and interruption, travel and baggage delay and loss, medical expense, emergency assistance and evacuation to protect you and your investment. For divers, we also recommend diving accident insurance.



M/Y SKY DANCER (8 days/ 7 nights) dive itinerary

Sky Dancer's 7 night itinerary offers a total of approximately **21 dives and 3 land excursions**, and covers 565.5 nautical miles of ocean. It has two days with long navigations (15 hours from Wolf to North Seymour and back). Tender diving is the rule rather than the exception. There will be up to four dives per day including night dives at Wolf and Darwin. The first two days and last two days will be a combination of shore excursions with 2-3 dives per day. Most dives are drift dives along the cliff faces of off-shore rocks and pinnacles. Itineraries may be changed due to current or pending weather conditions or at the Captain's discretion to ensure the safety of the passengers, crew and vessel. All dives are dependant upon the skill level of the divers.

SUNDAY: Upon arrival to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, **San Cristobal**, the crew of the Sky Dancer meets you at the airport and escorts you to your dive live-aboard. After the initial briefing, there is a mandatory check-out dive at **Isla Lobos** where we encounter sea lions. At sunset, we circumnavigate **Kicker Rock (Leon Dormido)**, a vertical tuff cone formation that abruptly juts up almost 500 feet out of the ocean. Here we see blue-footed boobies, masked boobies and magnificent frigatebirds on the cliffs.

MONDAY: In the south side of **Seymour** Island and no deeper than 50 feet deep, the northern channel is superb. It features an enormous "field" of garden eels, stingrays, a school of spotted eagle rays, white tipped reef sharks, and thick schools of grunts, snappers & goatfish. When Dr. Silvia Earle described Galapagos as "the fishiest place in the world", she had probably dove this dive site.

On **Bartolome**, a lunar landscape stretches out in front of us. This young Island is inhospitable to most plants and animals. After a dry landing, climb 30 minutes up a steep slope to the summit of a once active volcano. From the top, gaze out across a panoramic view including the famous "**Pinnacle Rock**", an eroded tuff cone. Down below, crystal clear water invites you to swim with tropical fish. Penguins often swim in this area.

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY: We spend the next three days diving **WOLF & DARWIN** with up to four or five dives per day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before returning to the Central islands. Most experienced divers will agree, Wolf and Darwin are the best diving sites in the world! Sightings of the whale shark is common here. There are no land visitor sites here, just serious diving. At the Northern Arch at Darwin, Hammerhead sharks are not uncommon, nor are bottlenose dolphins. The reef contains many warm water varieties of fish found nowhere else in the Islands and is the most consistent place to see Hammerheads.

Darwin Island: Considered by many experienced divers as the very best dive site in the world, The Arch at Darwin island honors its reputation. It is warmer by a few degrees than the central islands. In one single dive you can find schooling hammerhead sharks, Galapagos sharks, large pods of dolphins, thick schools of skipjack and yellow fin tuna, big eye jacks, Mobula rays, and silky sharks. From June to November, we can almost guarantee whale sharks in numbers of up to 8 different individuals in one single dive. The presence of occasional tiger sharks, black and blue marlin and killer whales, adds on to this amazing diving experience. If you still have time to look for smaller stuff, you'll find octopus, flounders, and an enormous

variety and abundance of tropical fish. Darwin Island is the biggest jewel on the Galapagos Crown.

Wolf Island: One of those magical islands, with several dive sites to choose from. If you want to see sharks, you are at the right spot. This is a place for schooling hammerhead sharks, large aggregations of Galapagos sharks, and occasionally whale sharks. Seeing dolphins, large schools of tuna, spotted eagle rays, barracudas, sea lions and sea turtles is common. The bottom is littered with hundreds of moray eels, many of them free swimming. Being several degrees warmer than the central islands, you can look for many representatives of the Indo-Pacific underwater fauna.

FRIDAY: At **Cape Marshall** on the eastern side of **Isabela** island, we encounter rocky volcanic cliffs, that drop down to the ocean floor as an almost vertical wall. You might see large animals like manta rays, marbled rays, hammerhead sharks, mola mola (sun fish) and marine turtles, but also Chevron barracuda, snappers, yellow fin tuna, rainbow runners, wahoo and groupers. There are also a lot of smaller fishes like creole fishes, parrot fishes, scrawled filefishes, pacific box fishes and tiger snake eels.

This afternoon, we disembark for a land visit along the shore at **Puerto Egas, SANTIAGO (James)** looking for octopus, starfish and other sea life caught in the tide pools. At low tide, catch a glimpse of marine iguanas as they feed on exposed green algae. Watch for great blue herons, lava herons, American oystercatchers and yellow-crowned night herons. Our walk ends at the grottos, deep pools of clear water where we encounter fur sea lions once on the verge of extinction. During the night dive at a depth of no more than 30 feet we may find the red-lipped bat fish.

SATURDAY: **Gordon Rocks**, off **South Plaza** Island, an advanced dive, is famous for white-tipped, hammerhead and the Galapagos shark, large moray eels, spotted eagle rays, golden rays, sting rays, fur sea lions, sea turtles, Amberjacks, reef fish, sponges and black coral. Dive with Wahoo, tuna, sailfish and other big pelagic fish. Divers consider the wall at Gordon Rocks one of the best dive sites in the Central Islands. The current is strong and the maximum depth is 100 feet. Visit the **Charles Darwin Research Station** on the Island of **Santa Cruz**. Scientists from all over the globe work at the station and conduct biological research from anatomy to zoology. Get your picture taken with the giant tortoises. Observe year-old tortoises and learn about the captive-breeding program. Stroll through the town of **Puerto Ayora** (population: 20,000) - the largest town in the Galapagos. Buy souvenirs, mail postcards and absorb local charm in the social heart of the Islands.

SUNDAY: This morning, we visit the **Interpretation Center** to learn more about the natural and human history of the Islands before returning to town to connect with your flight back to the mainland.



AIRFARE and FLIGHT SCHEDULE to Galapagos

Flights to Galapagos for Ecoventura's passengers are serviced by AEROGAL Airlines from Quito and Guayaquil to Galapagos to San Cristobal. Seat reservations for confirmed passengers will be made by Ecoventura. Arrival and departure airports are subject to change according to our itineraries.

The current flight schedule is as follows:

On Sundays to/from Galapagos	ETD	ETA
Quito to Guayaquil		
AEROGAL Flight 2K36	9:15AM	10:00AM
Guayaquil to San Cristobal		
AEROGAL Flight 2K36	10:45AM	11:25AM
San Cristobal to Guayaquil		
AEROGAL Flight 2K37	12:30PM	3:10PM
Guayaquil to Quito		
AEROGAL Flight 2K37	4:00PM	4:45PM

On the day of departure, please be at the airport in Quito or Guayaquil one and a half hours prior to departure for check-in. Please meet the Ecoventura representative at the AEROGAL Airline ticket counter: He or she will provide you with your boarding pass and return flight coupon. One checked suitcase (maximum 44 lbs.) and one carry-on are allowed per passenger.

Because flight schedules and arrival departure port are always subject to change, please inform your clients to check with our office in Ecuador upon arrival to verify the correct flight times and to reconfirm their flight. If they arrive late at night, they should check at the hotel for a message from Ecoventura regarding any possible change to the schedule shown here.

We suggest you avoid making international connections the same day as the flight may be delayed or changed to an alternate flight.

HIGH SEASON: Jan 1-30 April, June 15-14 Sep, Nov 1-31 Dec		
Routing	Adult fare	Child fare
Quito / Galapagos / Quito	\$ 419.00	\$ 217.00
Quito / Galapagos / Guayaquil	\$ 396.00	\$ 205.00
Guayaquil / Galapagos / Quito	\$ 393.00	\$ 202.00
Guayaquil / Galapagos / Guayaquil	\$ 369.00	\$ 190.00

LOW SEASON: May 1-14 June, Sep 15-31 Oct		
Routing	Adult fare	Child fare
Quito / Galapagos / Quito	\$ 363.00	\$ 189.00
Quito / Galapagos / Guayaquil	\$ 346.00	\$ 180.00
Guayaquil / Galapagos / Quito	\$ 343.00	\$ 177.00
Guayaquil / Galapagos / Guayaquil	\$ 325.00	\$ 168.00

Airfares are subject to change up until the day of departure.

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