



GALAPAGOS ISLANDS & ECUADOR – ISLANDS OF EVOLUTION

FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 5, 2027

This tour combines the unparalleled biodiversity of the Galápagos Islands with the rich ecological landscapes of Ecuador's Andean Cloud Forest. Travelers will experience close-up wildlife encounters, volcanic island exploration, and a multi-day Galápagos cruise, followed by a transition into the Andes to explore high-altitude ecosystems and lush cloud forests. This program blends adventure, natural history, and cultural insight into an expedition experience.

Faculty Lead: John Koprowski

Co-Lead: Isadora Helfgott

Price:

- Double Occupancy Room: \$6,980
- Single Occupancy Room: \$7,790

Due to space limitations, participants who opt for single occupancy will be placed in double occupancy rooms with a roommate during the cruise.

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Final Payment Deadline: November 24, 2026

Payment and Cancellation Policy:

- Deposit is non-refundable
- 120+ days prior: partial refund
- 90-119 days prior: 50% refund
- Less than 90 days: no refund

Included:

- All accommodations (hotels + lodge + cruise cabin)
- Domestic flights within Ecuador (Quito <—> Galápagos)
- Galápagos cruise (multi-day expedition)
- Guided tours and excursions throughout
- Professional naturalist guides
- Most meals (especially during cruise)
- Transfers and ground transportation
- Entry to Charles Darwin Research Station

Not Included:

- International airfare
- Personal travel insurance and Medical Evacuation Insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tips for guides and crew
- Personal expenses



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Accommodations:

- Airport hotel (Quito/Guayaquil)
- Boutique hotel in Puerto Ayora
- Lodge on Isabela Island
- Expedition cruise vessel (multi-night)
- San Isidro Lodge (cloud forest)

Meals:

- Daily breakfast
- Most meals on cruise and selected meals on land
- Welcome and farewell meals

Itinerary:**DAY 1 - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2027**

Arrival in Ecuador

- Arrive in Ecuador
- Transfer to airport hotel
- Overnight stay

DAY 2 - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2027

Fly to Galápagos - Puerto Ayora (Santa Cruz Island)

- Morning flight to Galápagos
- Transfer to Puerto Ayora
- Activities may include:
 - Snorkeling
 - Town exploration
 - Orientation

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2027

Santa Cruz Highlands Exploration

- Visit giant tortoises in the wild
- Explore lava tubes, pit craters, and volcanic formations
- Optional: coffee plantations & artisan workshops

DAY 4 - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2027

Charles Darwin Station + Transfer to Isabela Island

- Visit Charles Darwin Research Station
- Giant tortoise breeding program
- Ferry to Puerto Villamil (Isabela Island)
- Afternoon at leisure

DAY 5 - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2027

Isabela Exploration + Embark Cruise

- Explore volcanoes, wetlands, flamingo habitats
- Join Galápagos cruise



DAYS 6-10 - FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 2, 2027

Galápagos Cruise Expedition

Due to space limitations, participants who opt for single occupancy will be placed in double occupancy rooms with a roommate during the cruise.

Highlights include:

- Isabela Island: Punta Moreno & Elizabeth Bay
- Urbina Bay & Tagus Cove
- Fernandina: Punta Espinoza
- Vicente Roca Point
- Santiago Island & Bartolomé

Daily activities:

- Guided wildlife excursions
- Snorkeling
- Zodiac landings
- Naturalist-led talks

DAY 11 - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2027

Travel Baltra to Quito

- Visit North Seymour
- Disembark cruise
- Fly to Quito
- Overnight near airport

DAY 12 - THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2027

Andes & Cloud Forest Experience

- Cross the Andes through páramo ecosystem
- Descend into cloud forest
- Wildlife viewing:
 - Birds
 - Orchids
 - Butterflies
- Overnight at San Isidro Lodge

DAY 13 - FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2027

Departure

- Return to Quito
- Stops enroute for exploration
- International departure

