

Galápagos Islands

Where Evolution Comes Alive

April 29 to May 17, 2028



Marine Iguanas

SAFARI OVERVIEW

Discover the extraordinary **wildlife** and **volcanic landscapes** of the **Galápagos Islands** on this immersive **15-day expedition**. Your adventure begins in Ecuador's **cloud forest**, where colorful birds, orchids, and mist-covered trails offer a striking introduction to the country's remarkable **biodiversity**. From there, fly to the Galápagos to board the **Samba**, an intimate expedition yacht with exceptional access to remote visitor sites beyond the reach of larger ships. Accompanied by an expert resident naturalist, explore the archipelago through morning and afternoon shore excursions timed to coincide with **peak wildlife activity** and **optimal photography** conditions. Each island reveals its own distinctive landscapes and endemic species — encounter nesting **Blue-footed Boobies**, soaring **Waved Albatross**, **marine iguanas** basking on lava rocks, **Galápagos Penguins**, and playful **sea lions**. Between landings, **snorkel** in clear waters alongside **sea turtles**, **rays**, **reef fish**, and **reef sharks** for a different perspective on the islands' vibrant marine ecosystem. From ancient lava flows to up-close wildlife encounters, every day brings something new. Whether tracing the evolutionary processes that inspired **Charles Darwin** or simply watching a sea lion play in the surf, this carefully crafted voyage offers an intimate and enriching exploration of one of the world's great wildlife destinations.

WHY CHOOSE THIS EXPEDITION?

- **Explore the Galápagos in Depth:** Sail around 16 remarkable islands offering distinct landscapes, endemic wildlife, and fascinating natural history.
- **Jump into a magical marine world:** Snorkel clear waters with playful sea lions, Galápagos Penguins, rays, reef sharks, sea turtles, and vibrant tropical fish in one of Earth's richest marine ecosystems.
- **Witness Iconic Wildlife Behaviors:** Experience the spectacular courtship display of the Waved Albatross, as well as the marvelous displays of Blue-footed Boobies and Magnificent Frigatebirds.
- **Learn from world-renowned conservation efforts:** Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to observe ongoing research and programs dedicated to protecting the Galápagos' famous giant tortoises and preserving the archipelago's unique biodiversity.
- **Begin in Ecuador's enchanting cloud forest:** Search for colorful hummingbirds, orchids, bromeliads, tanagers, and the striking Andean Cock-of-the-Rock in one of South America's most biodiverse mountain ecosystems.

LEADER: Juan Manuel Salcedo plus an assistant guide.

DAYS: 19, including estimated travel time. 14 nights aboard the *Samba*.

GROUP SIZE: 14.

BOAT: The *Samba*. See the *Boat* section on page 13.

COST: \$13,300 to \$14,450 per person, double occupancy, depending on cabin type, not including airfare, singles extra. See the *Costs* section on page 9.

Date	Description	Accommodation	Meals
Apr 29	Arrive in Quito. Welcome to Ecuador's capital. Transfer to your hotel to relax	Holiday Inn Quito Airport, Quito	
Apr 30	Cloud Forest Birding Exploration. Journey into lush Tandayapa Valley visiting Yanacocha and the Old Nono-Mino Road, with the chance to observe the Andean Cock-of-the-rock.	Bellavista Cloud Forest Lodge, Tandayapa	B, L, D
May 1	Morning at Bellavista & Return to Quito. Enjoy one last morning around the lodge before returning to Quito with stops along the way.	Holiday Inn Quito Airport, Quito	B, L, D
May 2	Fly to the Galápagos & Embark. Morning flight to the Galapagos, where you will board the <i>Samba</i> and begin your expedition on Mosquera Islet.	Aboard the <i>Samba</i>	B, L, D
May 3	Genovesa. Explore Darwin's Bay seabird sanctuary, home to various bird species and excellent snorkeling.		
May 4	Marchena. Visit one of the most remote islands, where pristine waters offer exceptional snorkeling with rays, turtles, and sharks. Keep an eye out for whales passing by.		
May 5	Isabela. Search for flightless cormorants at Punta Albermarle, then discover the volcanic coastline of Punta Vicente Roca, home to Galapagos Penguins.		
May 6	Fernandina & Isabela. Encounter Punta Espinoza's remarkable marine iguana colony, then continue to Urbina Bay for unique geology and outstanding snorkeling.		

May 7	Isabela. Cruise mangrove-lined channels of Elizabeth Bay, before walking the lava fields and lagoons of Punta Moreno.		
May 8	Floreana. Partake in a historic tradition at Post Office Bay, experience Floreana's highlands and wildlife-rich Champion Islet, before anchoring in Academy Bay.		
May 9	Santa Cruz. Immerse yourself among giant tortoises in the highlands, before witnessing conservation work first-hand at the Charles Darwin Research Station.		
May 10	Floreana. Trek to Punta Cormorant's Flamingo Lagoon, snorkel the vibrant Devil's Crown, and finish the day with sweeping views from Baroness Lookout.		
May 11	Española. Discover Punta Suárez's Waved Albatross colony, the largest in the world, before snorkeling at Gardner Bay.		
May 12	San Cristóbal. Venture to Punta Pitt, home to all three booby species, then continue to Cerro Brujo's white-sand beach, and snorkeling at Isla Lobos.		
May 13	Santa Fé. Spend time with the unique Santa Fé land iguana before exploring the cliffs of Plaza Sur.		
May 14	Sombrero Chino Islet & Bartolomé. Observe Sombrero Chino's lava formations, from land and sea. Climb the steps of Bartolomé for panoramic views of Pinnacle Rock.		
May 15	Santiago & Rábida. Begin at the tidepools and Fur Seal Grotto before strolling Rábida's red beach. Enjoy your final night aboard the Samba.		
May 16	Return to Quito. Disembark on Seymour Norte for one last morning with the wildlife before bidding the Galápagos farewell and flying back to Quito.	Holiday Inn Quito Airport, Quito	B
May 17	Depart for Home. Transfer to the airport to begin your journey home.		B

LEADER

Cheesemans' Ecology Safaris carefully selects leaders who are experts in their field to ensure that your experience is the best it can be. One leader with an assistant guide and ship crew will provide a range of expertise for your trip.



Juan Manuel Salcedo

Juan grew up in the Galápagos Islands where he developed his passion for wildlife while sailing on his father's boat. He received a degree from the University of San Francisco, Quito after studying Applied Ecology, Biology, and Geology. Juan also earned a skipper certificate after studying sailing and navigation in Los Angeles. Involvement in Environmental Education projects in the Galápagos Islands and on mainland Ecuador fills his spare time.

BOAT

The Samba

The *Samba* is a 78-ft steel-hulled motor yacht with a stabilizing sail making her the perfect choice to experience the Galápagos Islands to their fullest. This sturdy, stately, and very comfortable ocean-going vessel is a European Dutch classic and best in her class with a specially designed high bow. The *Samba* accommodates 14 guests in seven air-conditioned double cabins with private bathrooms and hot water. The topside settees and ample forward deck provide getaways or extra space for group activities such as stargazing, whale watching, or sunbathing. The main salon and aft dining facilities make her very socially versatile. The local chef prepares excellent international cuisine with organically grown, local produce and can

accommodate most dietary requests with advance notice. The *Samba* is a graceful, top-quality, and fuel-efficient craft owned by the Salcedo family who employ Galápagos-resident crew members who take pride in sharing their love and dedication to these beautiful islands. The experienced and friendly crew is committed to redefining quality and excellence and takes great care to make everything environmentally friendly and socially responsible. See the *Deck Plan* on page 13.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Apr 29 ~ Welcome to Quito

Arrive in Quito, Ecuador, where a local representative will meet you and transfer you to your hotel. If you'd like to arrive early to adjust to the altitude or spend more time in the city, we're happy to arrange additional nights and airport transfers.

Apr 30 ~ Yanacocha, Old Nono-Mindo Road, and Cock-of-the-rock lek

Travel from the high Andes to the cloud forest, watching the climate, vegetation, and geology shift as you descend. Visit Yanacocha Reserve and drive through the bird-rich Old Nono-Mindo Ecoroute, home to a dazzling variety of Andean birdlife. Spend time at an active Andean Cock-of-the-Rock lek, where brightly colored males perform their unforgettable courtship displays. After settling in at the lodge in the late afternoon, enjoy a group dinner and keep a lookout for nocturnal mammals close by.



Andean Cock-of-the-Rock

May 1 ~ Birdwatching at Bellavista Lodge

Enjoy a relaxed morning exploring the vibrant birdlife around Bellavista Lodge. Countless hummingbirds crowd

the feeders, while tanagers and other colorful species flit through the forest canopy. After lunch, return to Quito with the afternoon free to rest or explore the city.

May 2 ~ Flight to Galápagos and landing on Mosquera Islet

After an early breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to the Galápagos. Upon arrival, you'll head to the dock to board the *Samba*, your home for the coming adventure.

All routings and visitor sites on the Galápagos Islands are subject to change by the Galápagos National Park Service to minimize traffic and impact.

Following introductions and a safety briefing, make your first landing on Mosquera Islet, a beautiful stretch of pale sand created by volcanic uplift about 100,000 years ago. Here you'll encounter Galápagos sea lions, Sally lightfoot crabs, and an array of shorebirds. Back aboard, enjoy a welcome cocktail and get acquainted with the *Samba's* friendly crew before sailing overnight toward Genovesa. Under the moonlight, watch for the bioluminescent glow of comb jellies and other plankton—sometimes even illuminating dolphins riding the bow.



Galapagos Sea Lion
© Olivia Stanhope

May 3 ~ Isla Genovesa: Darwin Bay and Prince Philip's Steps

Anchor inside the immense flooded caldera that forms Darwin Bay. The surrounding cliffs are prime habitat for the rare Galápagos fur seal and nesting Red-billed Tropicbirds. Walk up Prince Philip's Steps for excellent views of Red-footed and Nazca Booby colonies and a large nesting colony of Wedge-rumped Storm-Petrels. Scan carefully for the Short-Eared Owl, which hunts these petrels during the day.

After your first snorkel of the trip, spend the afternoon observing thousands of Red-footed Boobies and Great Frigatebirds nesting along the cliffs. Watch the spectacular aerial chases as frigatebirds attempt mid-air theft of nesting materials. Genovesa is also home to four species of Darwin's finches—Common Cactus-Finch, Green Warbler-Finch, Gray Warbler-Finch, and Large Ground-Finch—making it one of the best places to observe their varied bill shapes and behaviors. You'll spend a peaceful night anchored in the calm, sheltered bay.



Frigate Bird
© Ken & Mary Campbell

May 4 ~ Isla Marchena: Punta Mejía and Playa Negra

Today brings the rare privilege of exploring the waters around Marchena, an island few travelers ever see. Although landings aren't permitted, Marchena offers some of the best snorkeling in the archipelago, with rays, sea turtles, sharks, eels, and abundant tropical fish. Look for hermatypic corals—an unusual sight in the Galápagos. The waters surrounding Marchena are also exceptionally rich in whales, so keep your binoculars ready during the voyage.

May 5 ~ Isla Isabela: Punta Albermarle and Punta Vicente Roca

Arrive at Punta Albermarle, a seldom-visited and remote site with one of the most charming Flightless Cormorant colonies in the islands. This marks your first step onto Isabela, the largest of the archipelago's islands.

Continue to Punta Vicente Roca, perched at the edge of deep, cold, nutrient-rich waters. This area is excellent for spotting Galápagos Penguins, Brown Noddies, sea turtles, Blue-footed and Nazca Boobies, marine iguanas, and even the strange but magnificent sunfish (*Mola mola*).

As you begin your journey toward Fernandina, keep watch for whales—this region is known for sightings of orcas, pilot whales, and sperm whales. A

landmark study by Hal Whitehead highlighted the abundance of sperm whales here, drawn by the nutrient-rich Cromwell Current which supports dense squid populations.



Green Sea Turtle
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May 6 ~ Isla Fernandina then back to Isla Isabela

Cross the calm Bolívar Channel to reach Punta Espinoza on Fernandina, one of the most pristine islands on Earth, untouched by introduced species. Here, marine iguanas gather in the hundreds along the black lava shoreline, and Flightless Cormorants nest close to the water. Galápagos Penguins, lava lizards, and pelicans are also common. Walk across young basalt flows to find the unusual lava cactus, a species that thrives directly on fresh lava. (Snorkeling is no longer allowed at this site to protect the marine iguanas' essential algae beds.)

In the afternoon, return to Isabela for a landing at Urbina Bay, dramatically uplifted from the sea in 1954. Wander among stranded coral heads and exposed marine fossils—tangible evidence of the islands' ever-changing geology. Look for large land iguanas, marine iguanas, and occasionally giant tortoises. Snorkel in the cool waters offshore, keeping warm in your full wetsuit.



Flightless Cormorant
© Juan Carlos Crespo

May 7 ~ Isla Isabela: Elizabeth Bay and Punta Moreno

Begin with a peaceful panga ride through the mangrove channels of Elizabeth Bay, gliding past sea turtles and rays in this serene green oasis. Cold, nutrient-rich waters support excellent habitat for Flightless Cormorants and Galápagos Penguins.

Continue to stark Punta Moreno—its black basalt lava fields stretch toward the flanks of Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul volcanoes. Here, hidden lagoons thrive with birdlife amid the lava. As you travel this evening through plankton-rich waters, keep scanning for whales.

May 8 ~ Isla Floreana: Post Office Bay and Champion Islet

Visit historic Post Office Bay, where you can participate in the centuries-old mariner tradition of dropping off and picking up postcards for hand delivery.

Explore Floreana's highlands, a landscape cloaked in lichens and epiphytes, while the surrounding waters are frequented by dolphins and rich seabird life—including Waved Albatross, storm-petrels, shearwaters, and diving boobies. Enjoy time at Champion Islet, an excellent wildlife site, before continuing to Santa Cruz for a quiet dinner anchored in Academy Bay.



Galapagos Penguin
© Chris Desborough

May 9 ~ Isla Santa Cruz: Highlands and Charles Darwin Research Station

Anchor in Academy Bay beside Puerto Ayora, the islands' bustling hub. Head into the highlands to explore Los Gemelos—two massive volcanic sinkholes ringed by towering Scalesia forest, essentially the world's largest daisies. Keep an eye out for Galápagos Rails, Short-eared Owls, Tree-Finches, Vegetarian Finches, and the tool-using Woodpecker Finch. Walk through a lava tube formed during the island's volcanic past.

In the afternoon, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, the heart of conservation and evolutionary research in the Galápagos. Observe the resident tortoises and learn about the captive-breeding programs designed to restore native tortoise populations. This is one of your best opportunities for close-up tortoise photography.



Giant Tortoise
© Juan Carlos Crespo

May 10 ~ Isla Floreana: Punta Cormorant, Devil's Crown, and Baroness Lookout

Land at Punta Cormorant and walk to the Flamingo Lagoon to search for shorebirds and the island's few flamingoes. The vegetation here includes another species of the unique Scalesia.

Later, snorkel the spectacular Devil's Crown, known worldwide for its vibrant fish life—rays, surgeonfish, parrotfish, jacks, wrasses, and more. In the afternoon, explore the human history of Floreana at the Baroness Lookout, a site tied to the island's famous tales of pirates, early settlers, and unsolved mysteries.



American Flamingo
© Chris Desborough

May 11 ~ Isla Española: Punta Suárez with Waved Albatross and Gardner Bay

Punta Suárez is one of the most wildlife-rich sites in the entire archipelago. Here you'll see enormous breeding colonies of birds and iguanas, including the planet's largest population of nesting Waved Albatross. Witness the mesmerizing courtship displays of newly paired albatrosses and admire fearless Española Mockingbirds, Swallow-tailed Gulls, Galápagos Hawks, and vibrant marine iguanas. Watch for the impressive blowhole shooting water nearly 75 feet into the air.



Waved Albatross
© Eddy Thys

This afternoon, relax on the pristine beach at Gardner Bay. Snorkel with playful sea lions and enjoy excellent photography opportunities of shorebirds and the inquisitive Española Mockingbird. Look for the Large Cactus-Finch among the dunes.

May 12 ~ Isla San Cristóbal: Punta Pitt, Cerro Brujo, and Isla Lobos

Begin the day at Punta Pitt, one of the oldest and most striking sites in the archipelago. Stretch your legs on a scenic hike, observing vegetation that includes endemic flowering plants such as *Calandrinia galapagosa* and *Lecocarpus darwinii*. Continue to Cerro Brujo, a beautiful tuff cone with powdery white sand and dramatic volcanic formations.

Later, visit Isla Lobos along the northern coast, an excellent area for both wildlife viewing and snorkeling. Look for frigatebirds, sea turtles, sea lions, boobies, tropicbirds, marine iguanas, Swallow-tailed Gulls, and possibly dolphins.

May 13 ~ Isla Santa Fé: Barrington Bay, Isla Plaza Sur

Land on the shores of Santa Fé Island and hike to a low plateau through forests of giant prickly-pear cactus and *Scalesia* trees. Keep watch for the Santa Fé land iguana—a unique species that can reach up to five feet in length.



Land Iguana
© Ken & Mary Campbell

In the afternoon, visit the small but extraordinary island of Plaza Sur, where land and marine iguanas roam a landscape splashed with red and green *Portulaca*. Search the cacti for several finch species and enjoy views of bachelor sea lions lounging along the cliffs while Red-billed Tropicbirds glide overhead.

May 14 ~ Sombrero Chino Islet and Isla Bartolomé: Pinnacle Rock

If light conditions are favorable, begin the day exploring Sombrero Chino, a perfectly shaped cinder cone surrounded by lava tubes and bright white coral sand.

In the afternoon, land on Bartolomé and climb to its 360-foot summit for one of the most iconic views in the Galápagos—Pinnacle Rock rising dramatically from the sea. Later, snorkel in the sheltered waters below,

where Galápagos Penguins, colorful fish, starfish, and even harmless whitetip reef sharks are often seen swimming among underwater lava formations.

May 15 ~ Isla Santiago: James Bay and Isla Rábida
Land at James Bay and explore tidal pools during low tide, following them to Fur Seal Grotto, where Galápagos fur seals rest and swim in emerald-green pools formed by collapsed lava tubes.

In the afternoon, visit Rábida, instantly recognizable for its deep red sands. Photograph sea lions playing in the surf and enjoy the striking colors of late-day light on the ochre landscape. In the evening, sail east toward North Seymour for your final night aboard the Samba.



Waved Albatross
© Chris Desborough

May 16 ~ Isla Seymour Norte, disembarkation, flight to Quito

Your final landing brings you to wildlife-rich Seymour Norte. Walk among breeding Blue-footed Boobies and the large colony of Magnificent Frigatebirds, where males puff up brilliant red throat pouches to attract mates. Look for displays of sky-pointing boobies and calling frigatebirds, iconic Galápagos courtship behaviors. You'll also encounter sea lions, marine iguanas, noddies, Lava Gulls, and more in a landscape dotted with palo santo trees and prickly-pear cactus.



Blue-footed Boobies
© Chris Desborough

Afterward, transfer to Baltra to bid farewell to the Samba and fly back to Quito for your final night.

May 17 ~ Depart for home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, carrying unforgettable memories of this extraordinary voyage.

COSTS (ALL COSTS ARE IN US DOLLARS)

Costs and Cabin Options

Type	Description (see <i>Deck Plan</i> on page 13)	Cost per Person
Lower Deck	Double occupancy, twin-sized upper and lower beds, private bath, and drawers for storage.	\$13,300
Upper Deck	Double occupancy, double bed, private bath, windows that open, closet, and drawers for storage.	\$14,450

Costs are per person, depending on cabin type, double occupancy, not including airfare, singles extra. See *Included* and *Not Included* sections for more details.

If you are a single traveler, we will try to find a roommate for you, but if we cannot pair you with a roommate, we will not charge you a single supplement. If space is available, some cabins can be booked as a single by adding **90%** over the listed cabin cost.

We cannot guarantee a specific cabin number, but if changes occur, we will assign a cabin of equal or greater value.

Payment Schedule

Payment	Due Date	Amount per Person
Deposit	Due now to reserve your space	\$500
Final	November 21, 2027	Remaining Balance

Payments are due based on the schedule above. All reservations require a deposit to confirm reservation of your space.

Cancellations

Refunds are given depending on the time left before departure according to the following table. Through September 21, 2027, the cancellation fee of \$300 per person can be applied toward another trip if reserved within six months of the canceled trip's departure date. Cancellations are non-transferable.

Dates	Forfeited Amount per Person
On or before September 21, 2027	\$300 (see terms above)
September 22 to October 21, 2027	10% of trip cost
October 22 to November 20, 2027	40% of trip cost
On or after November 21, 2027	100% of trip cost

Included

- Carbon offsets for the duration of this trip.
- All leaders, transport, landing fees, and permits for all activities unless described as optional.
- Accommodations on mainland Ecuador for the nights of April 29 through May 1 and May 16.
- Fourteen nights on board the *Samba*.
- Meals from breakfast on April 30 through breakfast on May 17, except meals listed in *Not Included* section.
- Complimentary hotel airport shuttle between the Quito Airport and the Holiday Inn Quito Airport.
- Snorkel gear and full-length wetsuit on the *Samba*.
- The Galápagos National Park Entrance Fee and Transit Control Card.
- The Government of Ecuador fuel tax, which applies to most Galápagos vessels, does not apply to the *Samba* because it is a smaller, locally based, fuel-efficient vessel, using less than 3,000 gallons of diesel per month.
- Trip Planning Materials – information about entry requirements, flights, packing, gratuities, etc.

Not Included

- Carbon offsets for your flights to/from this trip.
- All airfare, airport and departure taxes, and excess baggage fees. The round-trip flights between Quito and Baltra will be added to your trip balance based on rates at the time of booking. The estimated cost

is \$650.

- Passport and visa fees.
- Lunch and dinner on May 16.
- Divergent airport transfers and extra hotel nights.
- Gratuities.
- Mandatory [emergency evacuation insurance](#).
- Optional [trip cancellation insurance](#).
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, medical costs or hospitalization, room service, alcoholic and other beverages, items not on the regular menu, etc. If you have special dietary needs, please indicate them on your Traveler Form.

SIGN UP

Please contact us first to check availability, reserve your space, and obtain a Traveler Form. To confirm your reservation, we require a deposit and signed form from each participant.

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OTHER DETAILS

Climate

Average temperatures range from the low to mid-60s°F (15 to 18°C) at night up to the 80s°F (26 to 31°C) during the day. The water temperature averages 70 to 74°F (21 to 23°C). Average temperatures during your mainland excursion range from nighttime lows in the 50s°F (10 to 15°C) to mid 60s°F (18°C) to daytime highs from mid 60s°F (18°C) to low 80s°F (26°C).

Fitness Level

Walks on shore vary from short strolls on the beach to a few miles over uneven terrain. If you are not accustomed to walking long distances, you will still enjoy most activities as your pace allows you to see, appreciate, and photograph the unique nature of the Galápagos. If you anticipate struggling with the walks, do some hiking beforehand to get in good shape. You must be comfortable going up and down stairs and ladders on board and getting in and out of the panga (small boat). All lower deck cabins have bunk beds, so you should also be comfortable getting in and out of a top bunk.

Although snorkeling is not mandatory, it is a significant part of the voyage as you are in the water every day, sometimes twice a day. Even if you do not have to have snorkeling experience, proficient swimming abilities will allow you to fully enjoy this activity. Most snorkeling will be panga-based, sometimes over deep water, which is not an ideal place to learn to snorkel, especially if you are uncomfortable or intimidated by these conditions. It's beneficial to get some experience in advance, however, the *Samba* crew will always assist you if needed. Please contact us if you have any health concerns that may make this trip challenging.

Motion Sickness

Don't let a fear of motion sickness keep you away! Even those who have experienced seasickness reported that the incredible wildlife and overall experience were well worth the temporary discomfort. If you are susceptible to seasickness or are concerned that you might be, please come prepared! The key to avoiding seasickness is to act before you experience nausea. Do your own research and consult your doctor before taking any medications. A good night of sleep, eating well, limiting alcohol, and using your favorite seasickness remedy is sufficient for most travelers. Find more information on our [Coping with Seasickness](#) webpage (this information is applicable to any form of motion sickness) and contact us if you have any questions.

Flights

Detailed logistical information is included in the Trip Planning Materials we will send you.

Please wait to book your flights until you receive confirmation from your Coordinator that the minimum number of participants has been met to operate the trip. If you choose to book flights before receiving this confirmation, we strongly recommend purchasing flight cancellation insurance to protect your investment.

Flights you book

- Arrive in Quito, Ecuador (UIO) by 4:00pm on April 29.
- Depart from Quito, Ecuador (UIO) after 12:00am on May 17.

Flights we book

- The round-trip flights between Quito and Baltra; we'll add the flight cost to your final trip balance.

Terms and Conditions

Read our current [Terms and Conditions](#).

Conservation

Our company ethos has always regarded conservation as inseparable from responsible tourism. We struggle with the dilemma that traveling worldwide expends climate-changing carbon. However, we wholeheartedly believe that traveling with us will cultivate your passion for conserving our beautiful world while stimulating each destination's local economy. We encourage you to explore the various ways in which Cheesemans' operates within this context:

- [Ecotourism and Conservation for Galapagos](#).
- Cheesemans' Trips are [Carbon Neutral](#).
- **Offsetting your Travel to/from our Trip:** We ask you to pledge to offset the carbon emissions for your travel to and from our trips. You can purchase offsets with most airlines (Delta includes them automatically), use our handy [carbon calculator](#) and donate to Sustainable Travel International, or contribute to your favorite offsetting organization.

SAMBA DECK PLAN

TOP DECK



MAIN DECK



BOTTOM DECK



Deck plan and cabin sizes are not to scale.
See cabin descriptions under the *Costs* section on page 9.