

**GALAPAGOS ADVENTURE CRUISE
VOYAGE ON M/Y CORAL
WESTERN ISLANDS**



**WILDLAND
ADVENTURES**

**AUTHENTIC WORLDWIDE
EXPLORATIONS**

Itinerary Overview

The Coral I is a comfortable and elegant mid-sized yacht with 18 cabins accommodating up to 36 passengers. Each cabin is furnished with lower berths, bronze accents, 5-channel LCD TV, and telephones. The public areas boast large picture windows and meals may be in the dining room or al fresco.

Explore the fascinating blend of Indian and Spanish culture in Quito, South America's oldest capital city and designated UN World Heritage Site, and voyage among the unique Galapagos Islands. This 5 day/4 night Galapagos cruise features the highlights of the archipelago in a shorter itinerary for those looking for a week-long vacation. Discover plants and animals unique to particular islands as you travel throughout the archipelago. Our expert naturalist guides explain how these species have evolved and adapted over time. During your 5 day/4 night cruise you will visit several major wildlife sites, and snorkel in one of the world's most amazing National Marine Preserves. Meet exotic and bizarre wildlife as you venture among cinder cones, lava flows, beautiful beaches, and rocky cliffs.

| DAY | DATE | OVERNIGHT | HOTELS | MEALS | HIGHLIGHTS |
|-----|------|-----------------------------|------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Mon | QUITO | Casa Aliso | | Arrive Quito |
| 2 | Tue | QUITO | Casa Aliso | B | Half day City tour |
| 3 | Wed | GALAPAGOS ISLANDS | Coral I | BLD | Fly to the Galapagos, Cerro Dragon |
| 4 | Thu | ISABELA | Coral I | BLD | Puerto Villamil |
| 5 | Fri | ISABELA | Coral I | BLD | Elizabeth Bay, Punta Moreno |
| 6 | Sat | ISABELA, FERNANDINA | Coral I | BLD | Tagus Cove, Punta Espinosa |
| 7 | Sun | SANTA CRUZ ISLAND, QUITO | Casa Aliso | B | Flight to Quito |
| 8 | Mon | DEPARTURE | | BLD | Departure |

Itinerary in Detail

DAY 1: ARRIVE QUITO

Arrive in Quito and transfer to Casa Aliso, a delightful boutique hotel well-located in the stylish neighborhood of “La Floresta.” Overnight **Casa Aliso (or similar)**.

DAY 2: QUITO

We begin our Ecuador vacation with a half-day city tour of colonial Quito, including the bustling Independence Plaza, the dazzling gold-leafed altars of La Compania Church, and the impressive San Francisco Church. Visit the Mitad del Mundo Equatorial marker and ethnographic village and museum. Afternoon and evening are free to explore this beautifully restored city with its busy pedestrian plazas, shops, coffee bars, pubs, and many excellent restaurants. Overnight **Casa Aliso (or similar)**. [B]

DAY 3: FLY TO GALAPAGOS, CERRO DRAGON

Private transfer in the morning to the domestic airport for the 2 hour flight to the Galapagos. Upon arrival, meet your naturalist guide and set off to embark on the Coral I. The first visit of your adventure is to a lovely olivine sand beach at the base of Cerro Dragon on Santa Cruz Island. Follow your guide on a footpath to endemic land iguanas. Walk quietly to keep from startling the pink flamingos that feed in the salt water lagoon. Along the trail, keep your eyes open for Darwin’s Finches and Yellow Warblers. Return to the yacht at sunset for your briefing followed by dinner. Overnight on the **Coral I**. [BLD]

DAY 4: ISABELA

Today we begin our exploration of Isabela, the largest and one of the most intriguing islands in all of the Galapagos archipelago. It is comprised of 6 volcanoes, 2 of which are still active. The most recent eruption of Cerro Azul was in 1999. Accompany your naturalist guide as we discover the pleasures of this island, beginning with Puerto Villamil, the main settlement. Villamil is often considered the most beautiful site in the Galapagos, largely due to the expansive, palm-tree lined white coral beach stretching the length of the town and beyond. This is the perfect spot for viewing seabirds, iguanas and many species of crabs. A visit to the town jetty will often turn up Galapagos penguins and blue-footed boobies as well. Just behind the settlement, brackish lagoons are home to brilliant pink flamingos, common stilts, whimbrels, white cheeked pintails, and gallinules to name only a few. Overnight on the **Coral I**. [BLD]

DAY 5: ISABELA

Our morning excursion is a zodiac ride to Elizabeth Bay. We begin with a visit to a secluded cove lined with large red mangrove trees sheltering turtles, rays, small white-tipped reef sharks, and shore birds. We motor to the rocky islets known as “Las Marielas,” where a colony of nesting penguins, flightless cormorants and giant marine iguanas may be found. Following lunch onboard, we set off for Punta Moreno, on the southwestern portion of Isabela. From here, we observe penguins and shore birds, including great blue herons, along the beautiful rocky shores. Entering an area of mangroves, your guides point out oysters nesting at the base of trees. This almost prehistoric landscape is interspersed with lagoons containing abundant wildlife, including pintail ducks and flamingos. There are several lava cactus and other pioneering plants here, including a species of Scalesia. The panoramic view takes in 3 major volcanoes, Sierra Negra, La Cumbre and Cerro Azul. Overnight on the **Coral I**. [BLD]

DAY 6: ISABELA / FERNANDINA

This morning, we have a dry landing at Tagus Cove on Isabela. During our walk, we discover a salt-water lagoon, a scenic overlook with a spectacular view of the surrounding ocean and neighboring islands, lava fields and ancient volcanic formations. Graffiti dating back to the 1800's is scrawled on the rocky cliffs. Explore the coves by Zodiac seeking Galapagos penguins, boobies, pelicans and other seabirds. An excellent snorkeling opportunity is offered here after the walk. We return to the yacht for lunch and repositioning to our next destination, the neighboring island of Fernandina, the youngest and most pristine Island in Galapagos. Keep your eyes peeled for whales and dolphins which are often spotted in the cold waters of the Bolivar Channel. Our visit is to Punta Espinoza, where recent lava flows formed by an active volcano stretch

their way around the coast. Hundreds of marine iguanas, the largest colony in Galapagos, bask in the sun along the rugged shoreline. Here we carefully observe sea lion harems with resident bulls jealously guarding their territory. Flightless cormorants, one of the most unique of Galapagos species, build their nests on the point and Galapagos hawks soar overhead, and Galapagos penguins hurl themselves into the water to feed. Overnight on the **Coral I. [BLD]**

DAY 7: SANTA CRUZ / DISEMBARKATION / RETURN TO QUITO

After breakfast, we bid farewell to the Coral I and the Islands, as your guide returns you to the airport for your mainland flight. Arrive in Quito by late afternoon. Overnight at **Casa Aliso (or similar). [BL]**

DAY 8: DEPARTURE

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home or extend your trip to visit more of Ecuador's natural wonders. **[B]**

END OF SERVICES

Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives.

Accommodations



CASA ALISO, QUITO

Casa Aliso is a charming boutique hotel in the style and comfort of a small, luxurious home. This luxury Ecuador vacation accommodation is located in the fashionable residential neighborhood of "La Floresta", a quiet, forested area in the northern sector of the city a close to restaurants, shops and plazas of downtown Quito. Each room is individually designed featuring classic décor with modern style. They are well appointed with a sitting chair, desk, and comfortable beds, with telephones and cable TV. The bathrooms have a bathtub and shower, bathrobes, hairdryers and are equipped with 220v and 110v sockets. Your Ecuador adventure will be enhanced by the fine cuisine and the exceptionally professional and personal service of the staff at Casa Aliso.



The Coral I and II are modern, sleek yachts with spacious and well-appointed interiors featuring brass, teak wood and comfortable furnishings. The public areas have large picture windows so you never miss the action outside. Enjoy your luxury Galapagos voyage dining indoors or al fresco on the deck. Relax in the Jacuzzi after your daily excursions, watching the star-studded skies above. Each cabin features individual climate control, 5-channel LCD TV, telephones with local and international dialing, and a music system. Wetsuits and snorkeling gear are available for rent onboard.

2012 DEPARTURE DATES (MONDAY TO MONDAY)

February
2/6 – 2/13
2/20 – 2/27

March
3/5 – 3/12
3/19 – 3/26

April
4/2 – 4/9
4/16 – 4/23
4/30 – 5/7

May
5/14 – 5/21
5/28 – 6/4

June
6/11-18
6/25 – 7/2

July
7/9 – 7/16
7/23 – 7/30

August
8/6 – 8/13
8/20 – 8/27

September
9/3 – 9/10
9/17 – 9/24

October
10/1 – 10/8
10/15 – 10/22
10/29 – 11/5

November
11/12 – 11/19
11/26 – 12/3

December
12/10 – 12/17
12/24 – 12/31

2012 PRICING

| CABIN CATEGORY | PER ADULT | PER CHILD |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Moon Cabin | \$2965 | \$2125 |
| Junior Suite | \$3350 | \$2495 |

*Children prices for ages 11 and under. Additional fees of \$535 per adult/teen and \$275 per child include internal air (Quito-Galapagos-Quito) and Galapagos National Park fees. Discounts are not available on holiday departures.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- All guided tours and excursions
- English-speaking certified naturalist guides
- Roundtrip airfare Quito - Galapagos
- Galapagos National Park fees
- Fuel taxes
- Guided Tours and excursions
- Airport-hotel transfers, land and sea transportation
- 7 nights accommodation as indicated
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Wildland Adventures travel consultation and pre-departure services

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- International airfare
- Tips and gratuities
- Airport departure taxes
- Drinks, alcoholic beverages, and meals other than listed above
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Any other items not mentioned above

You will need to carry about \$300-\$500 extra cash (must be in local currency or US dollars cash, not travelers checks nor credit cards) to cover the fees, taxes, tips and meals not included in your itinerary.

NOTE: Wildland Adventures, Inc. has arranged your trip utilizing the travel services of local in-country ground operators who are independent contractors. These local outfitters, lodges, hotels and other suppliers of your travel services will make every effort to conduct this trip as described in the itinerary. It is however possible that due to transportation schedule changes, weather, delays and unforeseeable acts of God, humans or nature, this itinerary may vary from what is described. Participants must assume all risks whether identified in advance or unforeseen. All optional activities are at your own risk. Extra costs due to unexpected changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control are not included. We highly recommend purchasing traveler's insurance for trip delay, trip cancellation, baggage, accident or sickness. Representatives are available for assistance at any time during your trip. If preferred hotels are not available, every attempt will be made to reserve alternative accommodations of similar quality. (If upgrade is necessary, higher rates may apply.) All information and services provided are subject to our Reservation Form Terms and Conditions.

For Galapagos travelers, please note that due to weather conditions, vessel operation, and Galapagos Park management, **cruise itineraries are subject to change**. All yacht operators reserve the right to change vessels prior to departure due to maintenance or replacement. On very rare occasions when this occurs passengers will be transferred to another vessel and cabin of comparable or better class (comfort, services, amenities, equipment, etc.) at no extra charge.