

GALAPAGOS CONSERVANCY EXPEDITION: JUNE 2016



June 8-19, 2016

GALAPAGOS CONSERVANCY, in collaboration with INCA (inca1.com), is hosting our 10th expedition around the Galapagos Islands. The adventure will include **12 days and 11 nights** — 8 days and 7 nights spent sailing aboard the luxurious **MV Integrity** and 3 days and 2 nights based at the ecoluxury **Galapagos Safari Camp** in the highlands.

This 12-day adventure, unlike any other Galapagos expedition available, has been designed by some of the most knowledgeable experts on Galapagos. Be amazed by the mind-boggling array of fascinating creatures, from the fearless birdlife to the slow and steady giant tortoises and sea-faring marine iguanas. You'll also enjoy an exclusive opportunity to go behind the scenes at the Charles Darwin Research Station and dine in the company of a few of Galapagos' most ardent scientists and conservationists.



Eastern Route: A Summary

The eastern half of the Galapagos Islands contains some of the oldest islands and the most abundant populations of seabirds. Española to the south and Genovesa to the north provide some of the best opportunities in the archipelago to see Nazca, Blue-footed, and Red-footed Boobies, as well as Lava Gulls, Swallow-tailed Gulls, Frigatebirds, Yellow-crowned Night Herons, and many others; and, in the case of Waved Albatrosses on Española, the only opportunity in the world.

Off the coast of San Cristóbal, Kicker Rock will glow orange at sunset, offering one of the most dramatic sights in Galapagos. Many satellite islands off the coasts of Española, San Cristóbal, Santa Cruz, and Santiago offer incredible opportunities for snorkeling and showcase beautiful landscapes teeming with Galapagos wildlife — from the tiniest of fishes to large, territorial barking sea lions.

Other highlights of this tour include a visit to the giant cactus groves on Santa Fe with the possibility of seeing the Santa Fe land iguana and a trek across an amazing lava field on the southern coast of Santiago, providing a glimpse at the origin of the islands. Our days on Santa Cruz will include giant tortoises and visits to other natural areas, as well as a look into the important role that humans play in protecting these extraordinary islands.

EXPEDITION TEAM LEADERS

Our hand-picked veteran guide, **Richard Polatty**, has worked as a naturalist in Galapagos for more than three decades and will head up our expedition. He is INCA's Chief Naturalist; throughout the tour, he will share his in-depth knowledge, not only of Galapagos, but also of ecology, geology, and climatology.



Galapagos Conservancy's Science Advisor, **Dr. Linda Cayot**, will be our trip leader. Linda is the former Head of Herpetology at the Charles Darwin Research Station, led the ecosystem restoration efforts on Isabela Island, and is playing a large role in the Giant Tortoise Restoration Initiative to take place over the next decade. On Santa Cruz, Linda will be joined by local scientists, natural resource managers, and conservationists to give you a truly behind-the-scenes look at Galapagos.



EXCEPTIONAL is the only term that comes to mind. Richard has indeed encyclopedic knowledge about the Galapagos and other subjects. Linda is a world renowned expert in her field. We were very fortunate to make our first visit to the Galapagos under the guidance of such gifted people.

— Claude and Fabrizia Ostfeld, former GC Cruise passengers





Galapagos Conservancy hosts one or two cruises each year, and will alternate between the West and East Routes. Daily itineraries may change without notice.

This cruise follows the **Eastern Route**.

- Day 1: Rincon de Puembo in Quito
- Day 2: Fly to Baltra in Galapagos
Galapagos Safari Camp, Santa Cruz
- Day 3: Charles Darwin Research Station
Safari Camp, Santa Cruz
- Day 4: Santa Cruz Exploration
Board the *MV Integrity* for dinner
Set sail!
- Days 5-11: Island hopping
(See routes at left.)
- Day 11: Disembark yacht, return to Hotel
Colón in Quito
- Day 12: Head home or to next adventure!

— West Route
- - - East Route

THE DETAILS

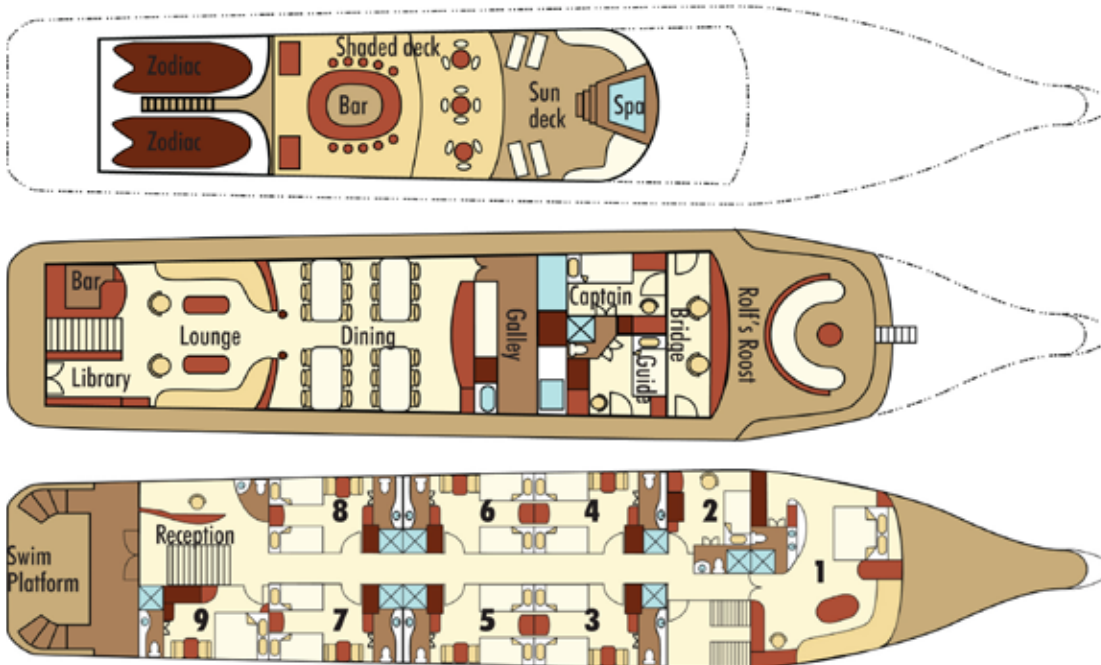
This tour can accommodate 15 passengers, ages 10 years or older. Prices are per person. Unlike many Galapagos trips available, roundtrip airfare between Quito and Galapagos is included.

Double Stateroom	\$8,395	(12 people, Rooms 3-9)
King-suite	\$9,595	(2 people, Room 1)
Single in own room	\$9,595	(1 person, Room 2)

To reserve a space, a non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person payable by check, wire transfer, or credit card to INCA, plus a non-refundable contribution (tax deductible) of \$1,000, payable only by check, to Galapagos Conservancy.

Price includes: Roundtrip flights between Quito and Galapagos; roundtrip airport transfers in Quito and Galapagos and Ecuador Transit Card fee; all yacht and hotel accommodations on a double occupancy basis (1 night at Rincon de Puembo, 2 nights at Galapagos Safari Camp in Galapagos, 7 nights on board *Integrity*, 1 night at Hotel Colón); all meals beginning with breakfast on Day 2 and ending with breakfast on Day 12 (Day 11 dinner in Quito is not included); all non-alcoholic beverages and beer while on *Integrity*; guided tours and special excursions with scientists; use of kayaks and snorkel equipment; MedEvac emergency insurance, and Galapagos yacht fuel surcharge.

Price does not include: \$100 Galapagos National Park entrance fee (this fee is expected to increase within the next year); airport transfers on non-trip days; roundtrip airfare between your home and Quito (UIO); single hotel accommodations on the mainland and, depending on availability, at Galapagos Safari Camp (\$740); meals on Day 1 and Day 12; tips for yacht crews, guides, naturalists (at your discretion); wetsuits (which can be rented in Galapagos); alcoholic beverages, except beer, on *Integrity*; excess baggage charges; insurance coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, travel accident, travel delay, baggage delay or theft (it is recommended you obtain coverage for these items).



MV INTEGRITY BASICS

type: motor yacht
size: 141 ft x 24 ft
speed: 12 knots
stabilizers: yes
air conditioning: individually controlled
guests: 16
crew + naturalist: 10 + 1
CD-DVD-LCD: en suite
satellite phone: en suite
kayaks: yes

For more information or to reserve your spot, call 703-383-0077 or email cruise@galapagos.org

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