# CRUISING ECUADOR'S GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

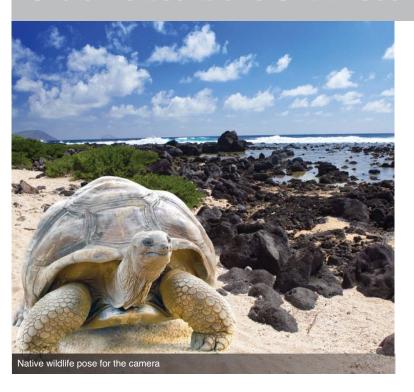
Including 2 Nights in Quito and 1 night in Guayaquil



**2017 Departure Dates:** September 4, 18; October 16



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### The Mayflower Way

- ✓ 16 Meals (4 Dinners, 5 Lunches and 7 Breakfasts)
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Tours
- English-speaking Naturalist Guide and Mayflower Tours expert staff
- Experience the wonder and beauty of Ecuador's Galápagos Islands aboard the MY Coral I on a four-night cruise
- Included landings on Santa Cruz, Fernandina, Isabela and Santiago Islands with walking tours to see the magnificent wildlife, flora and geology
- Incredible, upclose encounters with seabirds, iguanas, giant tortoises and more
- Dinghy excursions along the extensive mangroves to view turtle nesting areas
- Outstanding snorkeling and swimming at each island
- City tours with an English-speaking local guide in Quito and Guayaquil, Ecuador
- ✓ Onboard dinners served with 2 glasses of complimentary wine
- ✓ Pre- and Post-cruise hotel stays in five-star accommodations
- \$40 in Mayflower Money

## Local Insights

- Snorkel with native species in their underwater habitat
- ✓ See indigenous wildlife upclose on the beaches
- Learn about Darwin's archipelago from the onboard Naturalist Guide

#### **DAY ONE - Depart the USA**

Depart the USA for our flight to Quito, Ecuador. Enjoy a free evening to experience this amazing city on our own.

#### DAY TWO - Quito, Colonial Capital City of Ecuador

After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Quito. The first city to be named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, Quito boasts a historic center and centuries-old landmarks that date back 500 years. Feel the Spanish Colonial influence throughout the city, blended in with today's contemporary structures. Visit "Mitad del Mundo" and the Equator Monument which stands at 0 degrees and feel what it's like to be standing in the middle of the world. During your included city tour, see a bull fighting ring, gilded Spanish colonial church and the Solar Museum which showcases physics and folklore. This evening, enjoy the city on our own. (Breakfast and lunch)

#### DAY THREE - Welcome Aboard the MY Coral I

After breakfast, board the flight to Baltra. Upon arrival, embark the *MY Coral I* for our four-night cruise. Set sail for Santa Cruz Island and get our first taste of this Galápagos Island at Ballena Bay where we'll be on the lookout for marine iguanas, lovely pelicans and herons. Snorkel in sparkling blue-green waters and observe a glorious underwater world of tropical marine life. (Breakfast) (Lunch and dinner onboard)

# DAY FOUR – Vicente Roca Point and Espinosa Point / Isabela and Fernandina Island

This morning, visit Vicente Roca Point. This is a marine-only visitor site with great opportunities for deep-water snorkeling. In this part of the Galápagos, the upwelling of cold water currents offer an abundant food supply for the marine species. We see plenty of red-lipped batfish, sea horses, frogfish, nudibranchs and octopi in these waters. There are whale watching opportunities while navigating from Vicente Roca Point to Espinosa Point.

In the afternoon, visit Espinosa Point on Fernandina Island, one of the most well-preserved of the Galápagos Islands. Discover one of the world's most pristine island ecosystems as we hike





through a thick canopy of mangroves at Espinosa Point. Observe hundreds of prehistoric marine iguanas sunbathing on black lava rocks. All around are Galápagos penguins, pelicans, sea lions and fur seals, ready to pose for pictures. Watch out for colorful sally lightfoot crabs scurrying across the path. Quiet now as you encounter flightless cormorants on their nesting site, the only place in the world to find this species. These birds once flew, but over time, adapted to their environment and lost their ability to fly. Be on the lookout for the major predator on the island, the Galápagos hawk.

(Breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard)

#### DAY FIVE - Urbina Bay and Tagus Cove / Isabela Island

We start our day with a wet landing on the volcanic black beach at Urbina Bay. Search for shells and other organisms. In 1954, a volcano uplifted the coral reef, leaving marine skeletons that tell of its ancient past. Look for Darwin's finches, land iguanas and the Galápagos cotton flower in bloom. Outstanding snorkeling awaits you in the crystal clear waters, showcasing fascinating marine life. Amazing views of the Alcedo Volcano, which spewed an unusual combination of rhyolite and basalt lava, stands as a powerful backdrop and reminder of nature's power.

This afternoon, we visit Tagus Cove and learn about the eruption of the five volcanoes that created the largest island. Admire the red and white mangroves and Flightless Cormorants and Galápagos Penguins. Great blue herons, pelicans and brown noddies come to roost, looking for food. Watch as the sea turtles lay their eggs and nest. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard)

#### DAY SIX - Salt Mines and Sullivan Bay/ Santiago Island

Today we visit the fourth largest island in the Galápagos, Santiago Island. It provides spectacular views of powerful volcanic activity. Observe Darwin finches, mockingbirds, and whitechecked pintails as you take in the awesome high cliffs. Walk along the red sand beach of Buccaneer Cove, named for the pirates who once stashed their loot here. Spot fur seals, tropical fish, sharks and moray eels.

At Espumilla Beach, we watch natural wonders come to life -marine sea turtles nesting on the beach and the dance between
prey and predator. In the air, hunting herons swoop down on
sally lightfoot crabs as testament to Darwin's theory. More than a
hundred years ago, a volcanic eruption created the dramatic
landscape in Sullivan Bay. Leaving its geological footprint, the



steep cliffs, black lava and tuff cones showcase the impact of volcanic activity in this barren terrain.

(Breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard)

#### DAY SEVEN - El Chato / Santa Cruz

Arrive at Santa Cruz with a dry landing. At a private farm, observe immense sea turtles in their natural habitat as they slowly meander through the forest. Sounds of Darwin's finches, yellow warblers and Galápagos rails fill the air. As our journey comes to an end, we'll be filled with wonder at the sights and sounds of this original paradise. This afternoon, fly to Guayaquil and enjoy a city tour with a local guide. The evening is free for independent exploratoin. (Breakfast onboard)

#### DAY EIGHT - Guayaquil / USA

Bid a fond farewell to Ecuador and its Galápagos Islands and return home filled with so many fond memories of the life enriching experiences of our small ship adventure. (Breakfast)

Itinerary is subject to change based on operating conditions

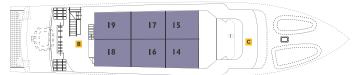


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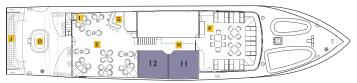


Relax on the Sun Deck of the M/Y Coral I

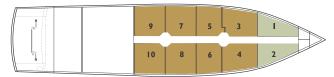
#### SKY DECK



#### **EARTH DECK**



**SEA DECK** 



#### M/Y Coral I

The MY Coral I is the perfect combination of classic beauty and exquisite style. Built in Germany, the ship surpasses all the standards you would expect from a high-class yacht in order to make your cruise among the enchanted islands extraordinary. You will be a part of nature thanks to the ample panoramic windows. Every single detail has been taken into consideration to make your stay onboard unique and unforgettable. The jacuzzi, Roofed terrace, Sun and Shadow terrace offer perfect spaces to relax. The comfortable dining room, social areas and the bar will be places to enjoy conversations with your traveling companions.

Built: 2005 Speed: 18.5 mph Cabins: 8 Junior Cabins, 8 Standard Plus Cabins, 2 Standard Cabins Length: 131 ft. Crew: 11

#### Junior Cabin (128 sq. ft): Earth and Sky Decks

Features picture windows, lower beds, either twin or queen, private bathrooms, hot water and air conditioning, LCD TV with 5 channels, telephone service for internal, local, and international calls, music, safety deposit box

#### Standard Plus Cabin (128 sq. ft): Sea Deck

✓ Features two portholes, lower beds, either twin or queen, private bathrooms, hot water and air conditioning, LCD TV with 5 channels, telephone service for internal, local, and international calls, music, safety deposit box

#### Standard Cabin (75 sq. ft.): Sea Deck

Features portholes, lower beds, either twin or full, private bathrooms, hot water and air conditioning, LCD TV with 5 channels, telephone service for internal, local, and international calls, music, safety deposit box

#### **Public Areas and Ship Amenities**

- ✓ Spacious sun deck
- ✔ Buffet area
- ✓ TV and Media Room with Stereo
- Two separate social areas with bar
- ✓ Ice Makers

2017 DEPART USA		STANDARD CABIN	STANDARD CABIN PLUS	JUNIOR CABIN
September 4, 18	PER PERSON TWIN	\$3,799	\$4,299	\$4,599
	SINGLE ROOM ADD	\$2,579	\$2,919	N/A
October 16	PER PERSON TWIN	\$3,799	\$4,299	\$4,599
	SINGLE ROOM ADD	\$2,579	\$2,919	N/A

Please add \$499 per person for flights between Quito and Galápagos and to Guayaquil.

Please add \$120 per person for park licenses and fees.



Call for air rates and schedules from your city to Quito and from Guayaquil, Ecuador

#### FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

#### CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days One and Two – Swissôtel, Quito, Ecuador
Days Three through Six – MY Coral I –
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Day Seven - Oro Verde, Guayaquil, Ecuador



#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

EASY









ENERGETIC

#### **Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises**

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were purchased through Mayflower Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage.

Without Travelers Protection Plan (TPP)

- 91 days or more ...... Deposit Amount
- · No refund on unused portions of the tour

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