

# Ecuador & Its Galapagos Islands

March 17 - 24, 2021

**Tour Itinerary:** Cruise Ecuador's beautiful Galapagos Islands, each a unique environment with its own treasures and wildlife! Also, includes city sightseeing in the capital of Quito and a visit to the monument at the "middle of the world."

**Day 1, Wed., March 17: Quito, Ecuador.** Depart Chicago for your flight to Ecuador. ¡Bienvenido a Ecuador, South America's most biodiverse country! Take free time today to relax and prepare for your upcoming Galápagos adventure, or walk through the historic city to sample ceviche or helado (Latin-American ice cream). Dine out tonight or ask about the best clubs for music and dancing.

**Day 2, Thu., March 18: Quito, Ecuador.** Start your day off with breakfast and then take a guided sightseeing tour of Quito that showcases the colonial city's historic sites, including the impressive Legislative Palace, Independence Plaza, the 16th-century San Francisco Monastery, and La Campana Church. Make sure to end your day with an excursion to the Ciudad Mitad del Mundo, a monument to the Equator, and take your picture in the "middle of the world." Stand in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres at the same time in the exact location of the Earth's Equator. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with delicious regional cuisine. (B,D)

**Day 3, Fri., March 19: Baltra - Galapagos Islands - (Embarkation) Santa Cruz Island.** This morning, take a flight to the Galápagos island of Baltra, where you'll embark on your five-day cruise aboard the *Treasure of Galápagos*. Join your naturalist on a guided excursion to Santa Cruz Island to visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, established to help conserve the Galápagos' natural habitat and protect the famous giant tortoises. While here, learn about the tortoise-rearing program and see many of the various islands' tortoises. Later on board your ship, join a briefing of the next day's adventures, and enjoy a Captain's Welcome with cocktails and dinner. (B,L,D)



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## Tour Inclusions

- Estimated round-trip airfare from Chicago
- Round-trip airport-hotel transfers in Ecuador
- First-class hotel accommodations with breakfast in Quito
- Welcome dinner and guided touring in Quito
- Four nights onboard Avalon's luxurious *Treasure of Galapagos*
- All meals while cruising including beer, wine and soft drinks
- Guided touring on the Galapagos Islands

## Double Price Per Person

Category J \$7,429/\$7,109-cash

Category M \$8,066/\$7,719-cash

**Ask about current booking specials and repeat-traveler specials.**



**Day 4, Sat., March 20: Santiago Island - Bartolome Island.** This morning, find yourself anchored in the western central part of the archipelago where still-active volcanoes contribute to the dramatic scenery. Take a naturalist-led excursion of Sullivan Bay on Santiago Island over newly-formed (less than 100 years ago) lava flows, reminiscent of a lunar landscape. You might catch sight of lava lizards, marine iguanas, Sally Lightfoot crabs, and even the Galápagos penguin. This afternoon, cruise to Bartolome Island, where you can hike the 114 meter summit or snorkel/swim. Make sure you keep an eye out for pacific green turtles, playful sea lions or white tip reef sharks! (B,L,D)

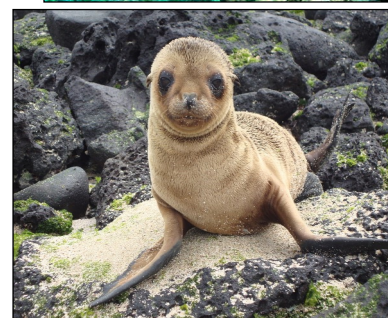
**Day 5, Sun., March 21: North Seymour Island-Mosquera Islet.** Today, embark on a naturalist-led excursion to see colonies of remarkable birds, including blue-footed boobies, frigate birds with their inflated red chests and nearly 7-foot wingspreads, gulls and herons of all sorts. Love to snorkel? Why not take the snorkeling excursion in the aqua blue waters just off North Seymour Island - teeming with sea lions and amphibious marine iguanas found only in the Galápagos. This afternoon, cruise to the sandy island of Mosquera Islet and walk the coral beaches to the islands' largest congregation of Galápagos sea lions. You'll also see a wide variety of shore birds reflecting the island's amazing biodiversity. (B,L,D)

**Day 6, Mon., March 22: South Plaza Island.** Today trace Darwin's footsteps with a naturalist-led excursion to South Plaza Island to observe wildlife including sea lions, land iguanas, marine iguanas, and hybrid iguanas (only found on this island-the result of a cross between land and marine iguanas). This afternoon, cruise to Cerro Brujo on San Cristobal Island and visit the site where Charles Darwin first landed in the Galápagos. See the volcanic remains of magnificent Kicker Rock-also called León Dormido (sleeping lion). Walk beside one of the island's blue lagoons to see a number of migratory birds, including pelicans and great blue herons. (B,L,D)

**Day 7, Tue., March 23: Galapagos Islands (Disembarkation) - San Cristobal - Quito.**

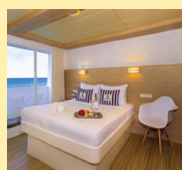
This morning, cruise to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno for a naturalist-guided tour of the San Cristobal Interpretation Center. You'll learn about the Galápagos' fascinating volcanic origins, remote location, climate and the arrival of diverse species that inspire both imagination and science. This afternoon, you'll say farewell to the magical islands and fly back to Quito. Your last night in Quito is enjoyed at your leisure. (B)

**Day 8/9, Wed/Thurs., March 24/25: Quito - USA.** Your Galapagos Island adventure ends today. Spend the afternoon at your leisure and then transfer to the Quito airport for your overnight flight back to Chicago. (B)



### Your luxurious floating hotel: *Treasure of the Galapagos*

- Comfort collection beds and spacious closets
- Private bathrooms with full showers, hairdryers
- Individual climate control, safe + private balcony
- 24-hr complimentary bottled water, tea + coffee
- Observation area + sun deck for watching wildlife during the day and a spectacular star-filled sky at night
- Daily multi-media natural history lectures
- Complimentary snorkeling gear + star gazing program
- Included shore excursions with experienced naturalist



### Quito: Swissotel



# TOUR APPLICATION

**TOUR NAME:** Ecuador & Its Galapagos Islands

**TOUR DATES:** March 17 - 24, 2021

**TOUR:** H2991

*Note: The name on your tour documents and airline tickets must match your passport name. One form per address, please.*

*Please provide a copy of your current passport with the application.*

**Name 1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name Tag Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male TSA KTN or Global # \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Name 2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name Tag Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female TSA KTN or Global # \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Roommate Name** \_\_\_\_\_

*Special requests - please understand that we cannot guarantee that requests will be granted.*

**State Room Category Request:** \_\_\_\_\_ (J or M) ☐ Single-1 bed ☐ Double-1 bed ☐ Twin-2 beds

Room requests: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Air Request: ☐ Air with group ☐ Customized individual air \_\_\_\_\_

Airline Seat Request (Not Guaranteed): ☐ Window/next ☐ Aisle/next ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Tour Extension Request: ☐ Air Extension ☐ Other arrangements \_\_\_\_\_

Any special celebration? \_\_\_\_\_

Any special assistance required: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical conditions the host should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician name/clinic: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **Burkhalter Agent:** \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Protection? ☐ Yes, Avalon Plan (\$379) ☐ Maybe, please provide info on other plans ☐ No, thanks

I/we have read and understand the terms and conditions for this tour (see back):

**Signature REQUIRED**

## PAYMENT

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ \$300 per person deposit + insurance required at time of booking - **Final Due by December 3, 2020**

**Payment:** ☐ Cash or check payable to Burkhalter Tours ☐ Credit card (call us with your card info if you prefer not to mail it)

CC # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

## RESERVATIONS/INFORMATION

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Stoughton, WI 53589

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Prairie du Sac WI 53578  
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## TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

**I.D./Citizenship:** Travelers must possess a passport that is valid for six months beyond the return date of the tour. Complete passport name, gender and birth date are required to confirm reservations per TSA/airline requirements. Non-U.S. passport holders are responsible for determining their own entrance requirements.

**Deposits and Payments:** Please make checks payable to Burkhalter Tours. Most major credit cards are also accepted, although a cash discount may be available. A deposit of **\$300 per person** (+ Avalon insurance premium if you choose to buy that) is required to secure reservations. All tour confirmations are subject to receipt of signed tour application and payment verification. **Final payment is due by December 3, 2020.**

**Cancellations/Refunds:** All cancellations are subject to a \$50 Burkhalter Tours service fee that may not be covered by tour operator insurance. In addition to the service fee and possible airline penalties, tour cancellation penalties are as follows:

Cancel prior to December 3, 2020: Deposit is non-refundable

Cancel after December 3, 2020: Tour is non-refundable

If a roommate cancels, the remaining traveler may have to pay any single room supplement that is incurred. Name changes and departure date changes are considered reservation cancellations and are subject to cancellation fees. Once issued, airline tickets are 100% non-refundable.

**Travel insurance** is strongly advised in order to protect your investment. Coverage for trip cancellation/interruption/delay, and medical emergency expenses is available from Avalon for \$379. Other plans may also be available. Ask your agent for information.

**Tour Conditions:** This tour is a regular Avalon Waterways departure and no minimum number of Burkhalter travelers is required for the tour to operate. All arrangements are based upon tariffs in effect on date of brochure production and are subject to change. Once deposit has been received, any changes to air or land arrangements may be assessed a \$50 revision fee. Revision fees may be higher once air is ticketed. Itineraries are subject to change.

**Air Transportation:** The airfare portion of the tour price is an estimate and is subject to change. Airline seat assignments can only be requested after final payment and may be limited in availability. If specific seat assignments are vital to your enjoyment of the tour, we recommend individual air reservations. Deviations from the group air schedule may result in a different airfare. Routing and schedules are subject to change.

**Accommodations/Transportation:** Ship accommodations are superior first class with private ensuite facilities, typically with two beds. Hotels are subject to change. Touring coaches are deluxe vehicles with panoramic windows and seats that partially recline. Single travelers are allocated one seat only. Avalon reserves the right to cancel or to replace parts or all of the cruise itinerary with coach travel if waterways are deemed unsafe for travel.

**Traveler Fitness:** Travelers should be in reasonably good health, able to climb stairs and board a motorcoach in a timely manner, and walk moderate distances-keeping up with the group, sometimes over uneven ground. Individuals with physical and/or cognitive limitations must be accompanied by an able individual who will assume complete responsibility for them—tour personnel will not provide such assistance.

**Passenger Consent Agreement:** Department of Transportation regulations require that we inform you that your purchase is subject to supplemental price increases beyond our control that may be imposed after the date of purchase. Such increases may come about due to increased fees, fuel surcharges, government tax increases, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination of these events. Post-purchase price increases may be applied to your invoice due to these unforeseen cost increases from suppliers. While a post-purchase price increase is very rare and not anticipated, Burkhalter Tours will inform you of any increases as soon as possible. By signing the tour application and making your deposit, you are acknowledging that you have been made aware and accept the fact that such increases may occur, and that you agree to pay Burkhalter Tours and our contracted suppliers accordingly.

**Responsibility:** Burkhalter Travel Agency, Inc., Hello America Tours d.b.a Burkhalter Tours, Avalon Waterways, their sales agents and tour personnel and any IATAN and connecting ARC carriers act only in capacity of agent for the passenger in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and any means of transportation and, as such, hold themselves free of responsibility for any damages from any causes whatsoever, including any loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of defect in any vehicle or for the conduct of such other parties. Burkhalter Travel Agency, Inc. and Burkhalter Tours will not be responsible for any damage, expense or inconvenience caused by late transportation arrivals or departures, or by any change of schedule or other conditions; nor will they be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, baggage or any article belonging to the passenger. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable for any reason whatsoever, including but not limited to, acts of war, terrorism, disease or acts of God, to withdraw the tour or to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations will be made without notice. Additional expenses, if any, will be borne by the passengers; conversely, refunds will be made to the passengers if any savings is effected thereby. Although no changes or substitutions are anticipated at the time of brochure production, participants must accept whatever changes are required. Burkhalter Travel Agency, Inc. and Burkhalter Tours are not responsible for financial or physical harm to any passenger resulting from acts of war, terrorism, disease or acts of God. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this tour at any time. Public carrier companies, including airlines, involved in or used in connection with this tour are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or any event during the time the passengers are not on board their conveyance or aircraft. Tickets of airlines or other public carriers issued in connection with this tour shall be the sole contract between the carrier and the passenger. Payment of deposit on the cost of the travel arrangements described in this brochure signifies the acceptance on the part of the purchasers and/or passengers of the limitations of Burkhalter Travel Agency, Inc. and Burkhalter Tours' responsibility and to the terms and conditions set forth in the passage contract (air ticket) issued by any IATAN or ARC carrier and/or their agents in connection with the land and/or surface arrangements described herein.