

Galapagos Islands

EXCLUSIVE USE



Travel with your friends or family to remote Galapagos Islands for a safe, private, unforgettable 9-day adventure with INCA aboard the luxury yacht *Integrity*
2022-2023



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EXCLUSIVE USE GALAPAGOS

Travel knowing your private group will be maintained while you cruise the fascinating and enriching Galápagos Islands

We are pleased to offer a new opportunity for those who wish to discover Galápagos while remaining within their secure social bubble of trusted family and friends.

Groups of between 4 and 10 guests may request our new Exclusive Use option and turn their Galápagos adventure aboard luxury yacht *Integrity* into a completely private cruise.

Swim with sea lions, snorkel with tropical fish, kayak with sea turtles, walk among nesting seabirds, find giant tortoises in the wild, hike island trails, stargaze, and soak up a real vacation—all under the guidance of our superb naturalists. Dine well and sleep well, knowing you're on a self-contained vessel. Galapagos is a safe, superb family and friends destination, now more than ever.

Your rate depends on the number of people in your party, and you may alter your party size up to 60 days before departure. We have significantly relaxed our private adventure cancellation terms and have taken into account the potential of new coronavirus restrictions.

Valid for new 2022 and 2023 bookings (excluding holiday dates).



HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience seven nights of luxury aboard yacht *Integrity* while exploring Darwin's Isles with just your exclusive bubble of family and friends
- Spend time with giant tortoises in the wild and learn about Galapagos conservation efforts at the Charles Darwin Research Station
- Learn about Galapagos in-depth from our hand-selected, expert naturalist guides
- See more islands and visitor sites than any other comparable length cruise

HOW IT WORKS

- Collect your social bubble and let us know how many will be in your party
- Your Exclusive Use rate will be based on the size of your private party
- An initial deposit of 20% is required to secure your exclusive use of the yacht
- A second deposit of 20% is due 150 days prior to departure; your final balance is due 90 days prior to departure
- You can change your mind prior to 150 days before departure and we'll transfer or refund your deposit; change your mind prior to 60 days before departure and receive a credit for future travel (see FAQs for conditions)



SAFETY

The Galapagos province of Ecuador has imposed very strict health and safety restrictions making visiting the Islands as safe as possible.

All visitors to Ecuador are required to have proof of full course of vaccine or a negative PCR test result within 3 days prior to entry and also to have their travel program registered. All providers of travel services are required to practice biosecurity protocols. Galapagos visitors are required

to have proof of a negative result from a PCR test taken within 3 days prior to their flight to Galapagos. Advanced biosecurity protocols are in place in Quito and Guayaquil airports and in Galapagos airports. The Galapagos National Park has enhanced requirements for all visitors within the Park boundaries.

While these protocols may change at any time, all *Integrity* crew and guests who are eligible for vaccination must be fully vaccinated to enhance safety for everyone.

ITINERARY

At a Glance

Length:	9 days
Size:	Maximum 16 passengers aboard <i>Integrity</i>
Arrive:	Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador
Depart:	Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador
Lodging:	1-2 nights hotel, 7 nights yacht (double occupancy)
Meals:	Most meals included
Activities:	Walks of up to three hours at a time on moderate trails over sometimes highly uneven ground, snorkeling, kayaking



Day 1 - Arrive in Ecuador

Most flights from the US arrive in Quito, Ecuador's capital city, between 10 p.m. and midnight. A 5-minute private transfer brings you to your hotel.

You may also arrive into Guayaquil, Ecuador's center of commerce. Most flights from the US arrive in Guayaquil in the evening. A 10-minute transfer brings you to your hotel.

Day 2 - To Galapagos! Santa Cruz Island

After a breakfast with Ecuador's abundant fruits and juices at your hotel, you will depart for Baltra Island, Galapagos. Our transfer agent will assist you with the Ecuador and Galapagos National Park protocols and your flight check-in procedure. The flight from Quito takes about 2.5 hours and the flight from Guayaquil takes about 1.5 hours.

Upon arrival in Galapagos, you will pass through the Galapagos National Park enhanced biosecurity before entering the Park. Your Santa Cruz naturalist will meet you at the airport. Together, you will traverse arid Baltra Island en route to Santa Cruz Island. Crossing the turquoise waters of the canal that separates the two islands often provides an opportunity to see the first boobies and frigatebirds of your journey.

Once on Santa Cruz Island, you will travel from the arid zone up into the rainforest highlands. Your first stop is to search for giant tortoises in their natural habitat. After a stroll with tortoises, you may visit two lava formations—Los Tuneles, remnants of underground lava channels, and Los Gemelos, meaning "The Twins," two sink holes formed by pooling lava.

The next stop is lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, you will visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, another highlight of Santa Cruz Island. Here you will learn about conservation issues as well as their tortoise hatching, rearing and repatriation

programs. You will see several species of resident giant tortoises up-close and the Lonesome George exhibit.

In the late afternoon, you will say farewell to your Santa Cruz guide and board *Integrity*. Once aboard, you will meet your cruise naturalist who will conduct a safety drill, orient you to the yacht, and inform you of the biosecurity protocols for the cruise. During the night, the yacht will get underway. You will awake just as you anchor at the southernmost island you'll visit. B (Breakfast) L (Lunch) D (Dinner)



Day 3 to Day 8 - Cruising Galapagos

On the Western Route you will visit the islands Floreana, Isabela, Fernandina, Santiago, the north shore of Santa Cruz, and North Seymour. On the Eastern route, you will visit the islands Española, San Cristóbal, Santa Fé, Plazas, Genovesa, Bartolomé, Santiago, Rábida, and Sombrero Chino. Each route includes between 14 and 15 land visitor sites and multiple snorkel and kayak sites. See A Sample Day Aboard *Integrity* on the next page. BLD



Day 9 - Disembark, Depart

This morning, *Integrity* will be anchored in the harbor near Baltra airport. After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your the return flight to Quito or Guayaquil. Once back on the mainland, you will have a hotel room for rest and relaxation before returning to the airport to check in for your late-night departure. Or, you may have a leisurely overnight if you depart on Sunday. B





A Sample Day Aboard *Integrity*

Each day aboard *Integrity* will bring new sights, sounds, and experiences. You will encounter many different species, a variety of landscapes, and learn something new every day. Life on the yacht will follow a distinct rhythm as described below. Times are all approximate and descriptions are general.

6:30 AM - Rise and Shine: Awake just as the sun is rising over the horizon

7:00 AM - Breakfast: Start each day with a complete breakfast including fresh fruit, a selection of cereals and breads, eggs made to order, fresh-squeezed juice, and coffee or tea. While you enjoy breakfast, your guide will share what the morning's activities will bring.

7:45 AM - Shore Visit: a 5- to 10-minute panga (small skiff) ride brings you to shore. Walks present a variety of terrains including sandy coves, tide pools, lava flows, uneven rocks, steep steps and dirt trails. Walks are taken at a pace allowing plenty of time for bird watching, taking pictures, learning about your surroundings, and listening to nature.

10:30 AM - Mid-morning break: Return to the boat for a snack and a short break. Since there is absolutely no food allowed on the islands, you are greeted back aboard with a selection of snacks.

11:00 AM - Snorkeling/Kayaking: The group will likely snorkel once or twice every day and may kayak two or three times during the week. These activities are optional. Guests who choose not to snorkel or kayak will remain aboard the yacht or aboard the panga.

12:00 PM - Lunch: The midday meal is the most important meal of the day in Ecuadorian culture. Lunch is a sit-down event with three courses.

1:00 PM - Midday Siesta & Playtime: On days when you visit different islands, the yacht will be in transit for a few hours mid-day. This time is often used to take siestas, read, or just enjoy the view and refreshing ocean breeze on deck. It's also a good time for whale and dolphin spotting. This time may also be used by your naturalist to make presentations.

If the yacht is not traveling to another island, this time may also be used for water recreation such as swimming or kayaking.

3:00 PM - Shore Visit: You will once again take the panga to shore for more explorations along marked trails. Terrain, vistas, and featured wildlife will vary. According to Park rules, all visitors must be off the islands by 6:00 PM, just in time to enjoy the sunset from the top deck with a beverage in-hand.

7:00 PM - Dinner: Your chef takes special pride in creating fresh, healthy meals. You will dine on a variety of entrees throughout the week. The chef also enjoys planning special meals or desserts if the trip falls on a holiday or special event.

8:00 PM - Recap and Preview: Evenings are used for talks and lectures to review the birds and animals that you saw during the day and preview what you can anticipate for the next day.

Goodnight: You are free to retire as early or as late as you wish. The next day you awake to the view of a new island that awaits exploration.

SETTING INTEGRITY APART

What sets *Integrity* apart from every other yacht or catamaran in Galapagos is its earned, stellar experience. *Integrity* is known for its well-crafted itineraries, excellent service, and flawless safety record.

In addition to the array of amenities (including WiFi!), the yacht arguably has the highest quality and most experienced naturalist guides of any vessel in the Galapagos.



Integrity has earned World Travel & Tourism Council's Safe Travels Stamp of Approval and exceeds the Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA) Guidelines for Healthy and Safe Practices.

Length: 141 ft
Cabins: 9: 1 Owner's Suite, 1 Queen, 1 Single, 5 King/Double, 1 Twin
Guests: 16
Stabilizers: Yes
Internet: Yes, unlimited
Kayaks: 8 2-person
Crew: 10
Naturalist: 1, selected for their knowledge, expertise, experience, cultural fluidity, and all-around excellence

Visit www.integritygalapagos.com



TRIP DETAILS



Trip Cost

Exclusive Use rate depends on number in party and will adjust if party numbers change up to 60 days prior to departure. Please see FAQ for more information.

Applies for all new Galápagos bookings for 2022-2023 travel (excluding holidays).

Trip Cost Includes

- Expert leadership by Naturalist guides
- Accommodations at hotel (double occupancy) as noted in itinerary
- Accommodations aboard *Integrity* (double occupancy)
- Land transportation as noted in itinerary
- Private or group airport transfers as noted in itinerary
- Meals as noted in itinerary
- Two glasses of wine with dinner aboard *Integrity*
- Laundry service aboard *Integrity*
- Complimentary use of wetsuit
- Unlimited complimentary internet
- VIP lounges at Baltra airport (subject to biosecurity protocols)

Trip Cost Does Not Include

International airfare, Galapagos airfare, PCR coronavirus test, any meals not specified, Galapagos National Park Entry fee, Galapagos Transit Tax, airport taxes, optional tipping or gratuities to guides and crew, emergency medical care and medical evacuation insurance (required by Ecuador), additional hotel nights that may be necessitated by airline schedule changes or other factors, travel insurance and other expenses of a personal nature.

Payment Schedule

At time of reservation	20%
150 days prior to departure	20%
90 days prior to departure	balance

Cancellation, Transfer, Number Changes

Please see FAQ for details on what happens when you change the number in your party, decide to transfer to a new date, or wish to cancel your trip.

There are special terms if guests are unable to travel due to governmental COVID-19 restrictions. See in FAQs.

Travel Insurance

INCA requires each guest to carry a minimum of \$100,000 of medical evacuation insurance. Ecuador requires all visitors to present proof medical insurance that covers the duration of their stay within the country.

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance with a Cancel For Any Reason option to cover your travel investment under any cancellation circumstance.

About This Trip

The focus of this trip is learning about the unique Galapagos Islands natural history. Much of the trip consists of walks on uneven terrain requiring good balance, over lava rocks and on sandy beaches, up and down stairs and cliff trails. You will need to get on and off the yacht from a small skiff (panga). For your enjoyment of the trip, we recommend you make a special effort to be in good physical condition. Overland travel is by van or bus. Please note that your guide or captain may make adjustments to the itinerary if warranted.

Arrival and Departure

Arrival Day 1: Suggested arrival time: anytime. Most flights from North America arrive late in the evening. Upon arrival you will be met by our transfer representative as you exit Customs.

Departure Day 9: Suggested departure time: after 10:00 PM. Most flights to North America depart late in the evening or early in the morning. You may stay overnight in the included hotel room to accommodate an early departure.

International Air Travel

Please do not purchase your international tickets until you are confirmed on the trip and discuss your selected flights with us. We can refer you to an accommodating air consolidator for assistance with your international flights.

The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months following your date of departure from Ecuador.

Galapagos Air Travel

INCA will secure your Galapagos flights so that all guests are on the preferred flights. Flights are billed separately and should be paid promptly due to the limited number of seats to Galapagos.

Optional Extensions

Contact us to learn about optional extensions for your Galapagos adventure.

- Spend two or more nights on Santa Cruz at unique tented Galapagos Safari Camp or in a private Villa at Royal Palm resort
- Explore Ecuadorian highlands with a stay at a working hacienda, Zuleta, north of Quito
- Visit the Amazon Jungle on the Napo River to experience another of Ecuador's famous ecosystems
- Unwind amongst the birds and orchids in the lush cloud forest northwest of Quito

Weather

As Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands are on the equator, temperatures are relatively constant. The sun rises quickly around 6 a.m. and sets quickly around 6 p.m. In Quito, temperatures are pleasant spring-like much of the year, with highs around 75F and lows around 50F. Guayaquil on the coast is humid and warm with highs around 85F and lows around 60F. Galapagos temperatures range from the mid 70'sF to high 80'sF with the warmest months February-April and the coolest September-November. Sea temperatures are usually between 73F and 80F.

About INCA

International Nature & Cultural Adventures (INCA) has been "delivering Galapagos Dreams" since 1976. We have extensive knowledge of not only the destination but also what makes an exceptional Galapagos adventure. Our founder, Bill Roberson, trained as a Galapagos naturalist guide to better know the special nature of the Islands as well as the unique challenges of delivering the best possible Galapagos experience.

The basics he learned hold true today: a superb naturalist, a comfortable, luxurious, seaworthy vessel, a well-crafted itinerary, and a team dedicated to conservation. Add excellent dining, some fine wines, and a limited number of amiable companions and you have a trip of a lifetime.



FAQS

What if we want to add people?

We will quote you a new rate based on your new numbers. You may add guests, subject to a maximum total of 10 guests, up to 60 days before departure.

What if our group is more than ten?

Groups of 11 to 16 guests may book a Yacht Charter. Yacht Charters have their own rates, terms and conditions. We will be happy to talk with you about Yacht Charters.

What if I or someone in my group changes their mind?

If everyone decides to cancel:

Initial deposits are fully refundable prior to 151 days before departure. Both initial and all subsequent payments may be also transferred toward a future travel date prior to 60 days before departure, with a cancellation fee of 50% of trip price if transferring between 90 and 61 days.

If only some in your party decide to cancel:

- 151 days or more prior to departure: Exclusive Use option rate is recalculated based on the number of remaining guests. Or, remaining guests may choose to replace members of the canceling party. Or, remaining guests may opt out of Exclusive Use and convert their reservations to individual bookings at the applicable rate without penalty. Canceling party will receive a credit towards future travel or receive full refund of initial deposits.
- 150 to 91 days prior to departure: Second deposit is due at 150 days. Exclusive Use option final balance will be recalculated based on the number of remaining guests. Or, remaining guests may choose to replace members of the canceling party. Or, remaining guests may opt out of Exclusive Use and convert to individual bookings at the applicable rate without penalty. Canceling party will receive a credit toward a future travel date.
- 90 to 61 days prior to departure: Final balance is due at 90 days. Exclusive Use option final balance will be recalculated based on the number of remaining guests. Remaining guests may choose to replace members of the canceling party. Or, remaining guests may pay the differential based on the number of remaining guests. Canceling party will receive a credit toward a future travel date, less a cancellation fee of 50% of trip price.

- 60 days or less prior to departure: Remaining guests may choose to replace members of the canceling party. Canceling party forfeits all monies paid. Credit toward a future travel date is not permitted except under new COVID-19 restrictions.

Is there an age limit?

With Exclusive Use, there is no age limit! Our standard minimum age is 8 years. please note that the age limit will apply if at any time the group opts out of Exclusive Use.

Do we need to cruise for a full week?

Exclusive Use is based on *Integrity's* 7-night cruise itinerary. Shorter cruises are an option. We would be happy to discuss this with you.

What if I would like to explore Ecuador further?

We will gladly help you extend your time in Ecuador, exploring the highlands, the cloud forest, or the Amazon jungle. We simply request that you visit Galapagos first. Extensions in Ecuador do not require the whole group and can be made individually.

Do I need travel insurance?

We strongly advise all guests to secure insurance to cover their travel investment. Cancel for Any Reason insurance would cover all conditions under which you may not be able to travel, including for both existing and new COVID-19 related reasons.

Ecuador immigration requires proof of medical insurance that covers your entire stay in the country.

What safety precautions are you taking aboard the yacht?

You may view INTEGRITY's COVID-19 Guest Safety Protocols at www.integritygalapagos.info/guest-safety-protocols

What if we are unable to travel due to new COVID-19 restrictions?

In the event a new governmental COVID-19-related restriction—whether at home or in your travel destination—prevents you from traveling, you may rebook to a future date, receive a travel credit towards future travel, or receive a refund less any unrecoverable costs.

COVID-19-related reasons include:

- The U.S. Department of State issues a new Level 4: Do Not Travel Global Health Advisory, or the government in the guest's country of residence restricts all but essential travel
- The U.S. Department of State issues a new Level 4: Do Not Travel due to COVID-19 for the destination the guest is traveling to, or the government in the guest's country of residence issues a comparable advisory
- The guest's home country has travel restrictions in place that effectively prohibit the guest from traveling to the destination(s), such as closed borders or quarantine restrictions.
- International flights are canceled with no alternative routing available for guest to reach the destination(s) in the itinerary

Special Terms and Conditions if guests are unable to travel due to governmental COVID-19 restrictions: For new Galapagos bookings for 2022–2023 travel (excluding holiday dates), guests may change or cancel the booking in the event travel is not possible due to a new governmental COVID-19-related restrictions as stated above. All trip payments and nonrefundable deposits which were received may be transferred to a future departure that departs within one year of original trip or may be refunded less any non-recoverable payments made to suppliers and operators. All other standard Exclusive Use terms and conditions apply to the booking. These special terms are subject to change and can be withdrawn at any time.





CURIOUS ABOUT GALAPAGOS?

Explore these Enchanted Islands with your trusted friends and family

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