



Ecuador Galapagos Adventure Cruising on Eco-Galaxy Western Loop

Wildlife Wonders, Expert Guides & Comfortable Cruising

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with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

Unrivalled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

MT Sobek was one of the first North American companies to bring visitors to the Galapagos Islands, with an inaugural charter for the Sierra Club in 1970.

REASON 2

Guests love our Galapagos adventures because we charter truly small (maximum 16-passenger) vessels for an exclusive experience with our own expert naturalist guide.

REASON 3

Our dedicated guide and crew maximize wildlife encounters both on land and sea, and your guide will always accompany you while hiking and snorkeling.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Island cruising by deluxe catamaran with daily Zodiac excursions to explore hidden coves. Hike, snorkel, kayak, and swim among unique endemic wildlife.



LODGING

Deluxe comfort aboard a modern catamaran with a full crew to cater to your every need. Also includes an upscale hotel in Quito.



CLIMATE

Mild climate year-round. Dec-May has daytime temperatures 76-86°F and water temperatures of 70-75°F. Jun-Nov has daytime temperatures of 67-77°F and water temperatures of 65-72°F.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.



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Follow in the footsteps of Charles Darwin on this inspirational small-group adventure through the enchanted western and central islands of the Galapagos. Take in the natural wonders and rich wildlife on Santa Cruz, Isabela, Fernandina, Santiago, and Rabida. The western islands are younger and more volcanically active, studded with cones, craters, and a rippled lava landscape, as well as stunning beaches. Hiking, snorkeling, and kayaking under the guidance of MT Sobek's dedicated naturalist guide gets you amazingly close to the wildlife both underwater and on land.

9 Days

Start: Quito, Ecuador

End: Quito, Ecuador

Departing: January, February, March, April, May,
June, July, August, September, October, November,
December

Activities: Adventure Cruising, Safari & Wildlife

Lodging: Comfortable Small Ship, Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 10-16 Guests

ACTIVITY:



Check mtsobek.com for date-specific pricing.

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*Getting on pristine islands,
kayaking and snorkelling in
Galapagos is an adventure of a
lifetime! The crew absolutely made
sure that no one is left behind in
experiences! What an amazing trip
with MT. SOBEK!*

- Cristina D.

The Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrive in Quito

Welcome to the historic city of Quito, the capital of Ecuador. An MT Sobek representative will meet you outside customs at the airport and escort you to your hotel. After settling in at the hotel, the rest of the day is free to unwind, take advantage of the hotel's pool and spa services or begin your exploration of this dynamic city. Dinner is on your own tonight.

ACCOMMODATION: Swissotel Quito

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour private van transfer

DAY 02

Tour Quito's Old Town

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before setting out on a half-day guided tour of colonial Quito. The city's UNESCO-listed old town contains the best examples of Colonial Baroque architecture in South America! After lunch, you are free to explore more of the old town, return to the hotel, or shop for handicrafts made by local artisans. Gather in the hotel at 6:30 pm for a briefing with your fellow travelers and MT Sobek representative, who will discuss tomorrow's flight to the Galapagos Islands and the adventure ahead. Dinner is on your own tonight.

ACCOMMODATION: Swissotel Quito

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

ACTIVITY: 1-2 hours/1 mile of walking in Quito's Historic Center

DAY 03

Fly to the Galapagos Islands & See Giant Tortoises in the Wild

Rise for breakfast and an early transfer flight from Quito to Baltra Island in the Galapagos. After meeting your naturalist guide, take a short transfer from Baltra to Santa Cruz Island. Here a private vehicle awaits to take you to the lush highlands of Santa Cruz for a special opportunity to see giant tortoises in their wild and natural habitat. The Galapagos Islands are named after these magnificent, ancient creatures and the experience with them is magical. Having gotten to know the islands' endearing namesake, transfer to Puerto Ayora this afternoon and board your private catamaran. Enjoy a welcome dinner onboard.

ACCOMMODATION: Aboard EcoGalaxy

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour flight transfer and 1-hour private vehicle transfer

ACTIVITY: 1.5-2 hours/1 mile of easy walking



Discover Flightless Cormorants at Isabela's Elizabeth Bay

In the morning, disembark at Moreno Point on the west coast of Isabela Island. As you glide along the striking rocky shores by Zodiac, begin to watch for the abundant birdlife that makes this island a birdwatcher's paradise! Once on land, follow a scenic path through lava rocks leading to mangroves and tide pools, where green sea turtles and white-tip sharks can be spotted. Then snorkel in search of sea turtles, diving cormorants, and even penguins. In the afternoon, explore the sheltered beauty of Elizabeth Bay, surrounded by large mangroves and rippled lava fields. Take a Zodiac cruise to explore many channels, pools and coves teeming with life. This is one of the best locations in the islands to see Galapagos penguins. Flightless cormorants also nest in the area and blue-footed boobies and pelicans often fish in these shallow and rich waters. Rays and sea turtles are also abundant. Return to the boat for cocktail hour and dinner.

ACCOMMODATION: Aboard EcoGalaxy

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: AM 2 hours/1.5 miles of walking, Zodiac cruise, and snorkeling; PM Zodiac cruise



Swim With Penguins at Isabela's Urbina Bay & Tagus Cove

After breakfast, make a wet landing to explore Urbina Bay, on the southeast side of Isabela. Volcanic activity in the 1950s uplifted the seabed, remarkably exposing corals and invertebrates in its strata. Follow your guide on the trail to look for Galapagos land iguanas, Galapagos hawks, finches, and (mostly between January and June) giant tortoises. Snorkel from the beach to see sea turtles, cormorants, penguins, and an abundance of colorful fish. In the afternoon, look for whales and dolphins as you navigate north along Isabela's coast toward Tagus Cove. Plunge into the sheltered waters, a great place to snorkel with penguins and plentiful fish. Head inland on a guided walk to see inscriptions left by whalers in the 1800's and stunning saltwater Darwin Lake. After the walk, cruise by Zodiac or paddle by kayak to look for penguins, cormorants, marine iguanas, and the endemic Galapagos martin, one of the most endangered species on the island.

ACCOMMODATION: Aboard EcoGalaxy

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: AM 1.5-2 hours/1 mile of easy walking plus snorkeling; PM 1.5-2 hours/2 miles of moderate walking plus panga cruise or kayak, and snorkeling



Snorkel with Sea Turtles & Marine Iguanas at Pristine Fernandina

Awake at Fernandina, the archipelago's youngest island and one of the highlights of the trip. Step ashore into Punta Espinosa's volcanic landscape where hundreds of marine iguanas bask in the sun—the largest colony in the Galapagos. Sea lion pups play in the tidal pools, flightless cormorants dry their miniaturized wings, and Galapagos hawks perch on the mangroves scanning for prey. Snorkel amid sea turtles, and marine iguanas. Perhaps you'll even spot a cormorant underwater as it chases fish through the reef. In the afternoon, set out for a panga cruise along the dramatic cliffs of Punta Vicente Roca, the remnants of an ancient volcanic caldera. Ride ocean swells beneath the cliffs in search of nesting boobies and explore a huge marine cave, always keeping an eye out for whales and dolphins. Snorkel in the cove where a spectacular variety of marine life, including seahorses, sea turtles, and the marvelous mola mola (sunfish) dwell.

ACCOMMODATION: Aboard EcoGalaxy

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: AM 2-2.5 hours/1.5 miles of moderate hiking plus snorkeling; PM Zodiac cruise plus snorkeling



Hike, Snorkel, & Kayak at Santiago & Rabida Islands

Step onto the dark, sandy volcanic beach of Santiago's Puerto Egas after a wet landing. Walk along the rocky coastline, where tide pools are home to sponges, hermit crabs, and fish including the world's only four-eyed blenny. Sea lions bask on the rocks, along with marine iguanas and shore birds. A colony of Galapagos fur seals frequent a grotto at the end of the trail. Snorkel from the beach where fish, turtles, and reef sharks glide over the rocky bottom and curious sea lions often appear. This afternoon, make another wet landing, this time at Rabida Island. Start off with a snorkel in search of sea stars, reef sharks, and sea lions among the fish along the sheltered coast, or if you prefer, kayak close to nesting pelicans, boobies, and herons. Then set off on foot to explore the striking red-sand beach, home to sea lions and their pups, and observe flamingoes, migratory shorebirds, wading birds, and ducks who inhabit the nearby lagoon.

ACCOMMODATION: Aboard EcoGalaxy

ACTIVITY: AM 2-2.5 hours/1.5 miles of easy walking plus snorkeling; PM 1.5 hours/1 mile of easy walking plus kayaking or snorkeling



Cruise the Mangroves of Black Turtle Cove & Return to Quito

Wake up early for one last excursion in the islands. Cruise by Zodiac to Santa Cruz's Black Turtle Cove, a park-protected mangrove lagoon. Delight in the variety of birdlife in this enchanting archipelago and watch the water for small sharks, now-familiar sea turtles, and rays as you glide along lush mangrove forest. Snap some final photos before returning to the ship for breakfast and preparing to disembark at Baltra for your flight back to Quito. An MT Sobek representative will greet you at Quito airport and provide assistance to your nearby hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: Wyndham Quito Airport

MEALS: Breakfast

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour flight transfer and 5-minute transfer

ACTIVITY: AM Zodiac cruise



Depart Quito

Use the complimentary airport shuttle to transfer to the airport in time for your outbound flight, or opt to stay on in Quito to join us for one of our extensions in Ecuador or Peru!

MEALS: Breakfast



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Swissôtel Quito

The upscale Swissôtel offers five-star comfort in Quito's Floresta neighborhood, close to great shopping, interesting museums, and the city's architectural gems. Elegant and comfortable rooms feature city or mountain views, flat-screen TVs with premium channels, complimentary Wi-Fi, and more. There are four restaurants onsite offering a variety of international cuisine. Other perks include a fitness center and an indoor pool.

EcoGalaxy

Discover the "Enchanted Islands" in relaxed comfort onboard the [EcoGalaxy](#), an 88-foot deluxe catamaran. Its eight staterooms, with a capacity for 16 adventurers, are equipped with en-suite bathrooms, including full-size shower, and A/C. Guests can also relax in the dining room, bar and lounge, and open sundeck, and enjoy the inflatable pangas, kayaks, and snorkeling gear. Designed to minimize environment impact, the EcoGalaxy operates on low fuel consumption with state-of-the-art water filters, LED illumination, tin-free exterior paint, and solar panels. Wi-Fi is now available on board!

Wyndham Quito Airport

The Wyndham Quito Airport is a convenient and comfortable stopover after your journey back from the Galápagos chosen for its location right next to the airport. Both international and Ecuadorian food options are available at the onsite restaurant and for room service. Rooms have large TVs and free WiFi. There is a 24-hour complimentary airport shuttle.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.
Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

January 1-9, 2026

February 12-20, 2026

March 12-20, 2026

June 18-26, 2026

November 19-27, 2026

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and yacht crew
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses
- Galapagos National Park fee, collected upon arrival (currently \$200 for Age 13 and older: \$100 for Age 12 and younger)
- Wetsuit rentals
- Galapagos Transit Control Card



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