

Ecuador Galapagos Volcanoes & Islands Land-Based Multi-Adventure

Natural Wonders from Cotopaxi to Isabela, Seymour & Santa Cruz Islands

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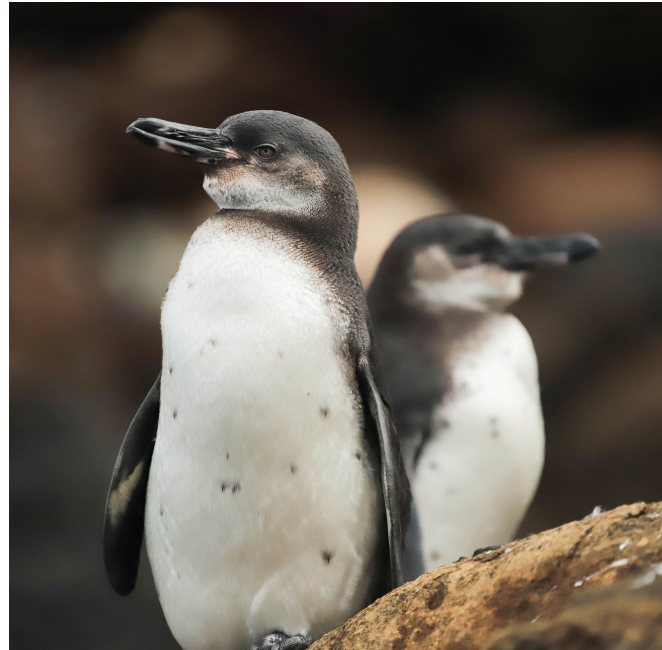
MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

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, with an inaugural charter for the Sierra Club in 1970.

REASON 2

This trip is the perfect alternative to our yacht-based adventures, staying at comfortable coastal lodges, hand-picked by our Galapagos specialists.

REASON 3

Guests love our Galapagos adventures because we work with our own team of expert naturalist guides, all certified to the highest level.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Easy-to-moderate hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, and swimming, with active days split between mainland volcano landscapes and the Galapagos islands.



LODGING

Comfortable land-based hotels and inns hand-picked by MT Sobek, including boutique island stays on Isabela and Santa Cruz and well-located hotels in Quito.



CLIMATE

Mild climate year-round in the Galapagos, with warmer air and water temperatures December through May, and slightly cooler June through November. Expect cool, high-elevation conditions around Quito and Cotopaxi.



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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Experience otherworldly volcanic landscapes and the captivating wildlife of the Galapagos on this unique adventure with the comfort of land-based lodgings. Begin on the mainland beneath the snow-capped slopes of Cotopaxi. Then fly to Isabela Island for kayaking, and snorkeling in wildlife-rich waters. Follow trails to Sierra Negra's crater edge, snorkel the lava-formed arches of Los Tuneles, and paddle sheltered bays with sea lions, penguins, and blue-footed boobies. On Santa Cruz, walk among giant tortoises at El Chato Reserve.

9 Days

Start: Quito, Ecuador

End: Quito, Ecuador

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

Activities: Safari & Wildlife, Multi-Adventure

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 4-12 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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Do not miss this trip! It's an adventure for the whole family with landscapes and wildlife that are literally no where else on earth. I can't wait to go back and explore even more of the Galapagos.

- Jennifer N.

The Itinerary

DAY
01

Arrive in Quito

Welcome to Quito, Ecuador's beautiful capital high in the Andes. An MT Sobek representative will meet you outside customs and transfer you to your comfortable hotel in the lively La Floresta neighborhood, just minutes from the city's historic center. Settle in after your flight and enjoy the hotel's pool and spa, or step out to begin exploring Quito at your own pace. Dinner is on your own tonight, giving you time to relax before meeting your guide and fellow travelers the next morning.

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour private transfer

DAY
02

Follow Trails in Cotopaxi National Park

After meeting your fellow adventurers and guide, head out on a full-day trip to Cotopaxi National Park. This 82,520-acre ecological sanctuary protects Cotopaxi volcano, one of Ecuador's most iconic mountains. With its perfectly conical shape and extensive ice cap, the 19,324-foot peak is easily identifiable, and it ranks among the highest active volcanoes on the planet. Hike around the park's stunning Limpiopungo Lake, taking in exquisite views of Cotopaxi and nearby Rumiñahui as you keep an eye out for Andean foxes, pintail ducks, and majestic Andean condors. Enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant, savoring volcano views, before returning to Quito in the afternoon. Later, gather for an evening briefing about the upcoming Galapagos portion of your adventure, followed by a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 2 hours walking with optional extensions

DAY
03

Fly to the Galapagos Islands & Kayak Villamil Bay

Leave the Andes behind this morning as you fly west to the Galapagos Islands. After landing on Baltra, connect by local flight to Isabela, the archipelago's largest and wildest island. Formed by six volcanoes and home to nearly 60 percent of the Galapagos' flora and fauna, Isabela feels wonderfully remote from the start, with lava landscapes, sheltered bays, and remarkable wildlife waiting just beyond your hotel. This afternoon, kayak Villamil Bay, within walking distance of the hotel. Small islets dot the clear coastal waters, where sea lions, blue-footed boobies, and Galapagos penguins are often seen. You may also spend time snorkeling with sea turtles, reef sharks, and other marine life before returning to your boutique beachfront hotel.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour flight transfer

ACTIVITY: Kayaking, snorkeling, and swimming

DAY 04

Snorkel at Los Tuneles & See Giant Tortoises

Set out on a motorboat ride to Los Tuneles, a marine paradise where ancient lava flows met the surf to form natural arches, tubes, and bridges. Spend your morning snorkeling among an incredible array of marine life, including parrotfish, green sea turtles, rays, and white-tipped reef sharks. This is an unforgettable opportunity to discover the diversity of the islands' underwater world. After lunch, return to your hotel to prepare for your afternoon activity: a hike along the wetlands of Puerto Villamil and a visit to the giant tortoise breeding center, where you'll learn about Galapagos National Park's successful efforts to raise tortoises in captivity for later release into the wild. Return to town via the wetlands, scoping out flamingos, herons, and shorebirds as you go.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour speedboat transfer

ACTIVITY: 2 miles hiking; snorkeling

DAY 05

Hike Sierra Negra Volcano

Today you'll hike one of the most active volcanoes in the Galapagos: Sierra Negra, a surreal landscape of steaming fumaroles and otherworldly lava fields. Trek two hours up a gradual incline to the edge of its massive crater, enjoying spectacular views of the Pacific and the surrounding archipelago as you go. Keep an eye out for endemic Galapagos hawks and vermilion flycatchers as you continue along the crater to the adjoining Volcan Chico. Here you'll get a close-up look at active steam vents and uniquely shaped lava formations while taking in panoramic Galapagos vistas. Afterward, transfer back to Puerto Villamil. The rest of the day is yours to swim at the beach, snorkel in a sheltered cove with tropical fish and sea lions (and the occasional penguin), or enjoy a walk on the nearby two-mile coral-sand beach, which starts in town.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour private vehicle transfer

ACTIVITY: 5 to 7 hours/10 miles hiking with 900' of elevation gain and loss

DAY 06

Hike & Kayak on Santa Cruz Island

An early swim or nature walk rounds out your time on Isabela before your transfer to Puerto Villamil airport for the short flight to Baltra. From here, continue to Santa Cruz Island and into the lush highlands, stopping at Los Gemelos, two massive sinkholes surrounded by cloud forest filled with ferns, mosses, and lichens. Look for endemic birds such as Darwin's finches and flycatchers, as well as highland flora not found in the lowlands. Continue to El Chato Reserve, where giant tortoises roam among freshwater ponds and grassy highland meadows. Explore a lava tunnel and enjoy lunch in the highlands before driving to Puerto Ayora, the largest settlement in the Galapagos. This afternoon includes a kayaking experience at Divine Bay, a wildlife-rich cove where calm turquoise water, black basalt cliffs, mangroves, and small islets set the scene for sightings of sea lions, sea turtles, marine iguanas, blue-footed boobies, pelicans, herons, and lava gulls.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 20-minute flight transfer, 1-hour private vehicle transfer

ACTIVITY: 2 hours hiking; kayaking



See Frigatebirds & Snorkel at North Seymour Island

Transfer to the Itabaca Channel and step aboard a local speedboat for a 30-minute journey in calm waters to North Seymour Island, a small isle north of Baltra that teems with wildlife. It's one of the best spots in the Galapagos to watch male frigatebirds perform their elaborate red-pouch mating rituals, alongside blue-footed boobies, sea lions, land and marine iguanas, and the archipelago's two endemic gull species. After exploring the island on foot, snorkel its surrounding clear waters in search of tropical fish, sea turtles, and reef sharks. Lunch onboard your speedboat before heading to Bachas Beach for a swim and more wildlife viewing. Enjoy a special farewell dinner this evening.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private van transfers; 1.5-hour speedboat transfers

ACTIVITY: 2 hours/1 mile walking; snorkeling



Depart from Santa Cruz & Return to Quito

After breakfast, bid farewell to the Galapagos as you transfer to Baltra airport for your flight back to Quito. An MT Sobek representative will be awaiting your arrival at Quito's Mariscal Sucre International Airport, ready to assist you to your nearby hotel. Enjoy lunch and dinner on your own, rest up, and prepare for your trip home or wherever your next adventure takes you.

MEALS: Breakfast

TRANSPORTATION: 45-minute private vehicle transfer & 2-hour flight transfer



Depart from Quito

Savor your final breakfast at the hotel before taking the complimentary airport shuttle to the airport in time for your outbound flight. You can also choose to stay on in Quito or join us for one of our MT Sobek 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.

Casa de Marita-Puerto Villamil, Isabela Island

This comfortable beachfront inn on the island of Isabela offers incomparable views and access to one of the most beautiful white sand beaches in the Galapagos Islands. Casa de Marita sports the charm and atmosphere of a large country home, with 16 air conditioned rooms that are individually decorated with fanciful flair. Guests are invited to share the comfortable lounge, library and bar areas.

Albemarle Galapagos Beachfront Hotel

This comfortable beachfront hotel on the island of Isabela offers incomparable views and access to one of the most beautiful white sand beaches in the Galapagos Islands. Airy rooms with tiled floors and wood-beamed ceilings are air conditioned and have either sea or pool views. The boutique hotel is housed in a Mediterranean-style building right on the beach, and also features a garden patio with a small swimming pool, and a rooftop terrace.



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Angermeyer Waterfront Inn

Located on the Punta Estrada waterfront, this quiet inn is built around Gus Angermeyer's legendary cave. Lava rocks and drift wood form some of the construction materials for this uncommon piece of Galapagos history. The inn features comfortable guest rooms with en suite bathrooms, a guest lounge with full bar service, and, of course, excellent views of the bay.

Ikala Galapagos Hotel

Shaded from the sun by leafy palm and acacia trees and gardens, Ikala Galapagos Hotel focuses on sustainability and creating a relaxing environment. This centrally-located oasis in the heart of Puerto Ayora offers air conditioned rooms, a refreshing outdoor pool for a cool dip after a day of adventure, and the inviting La Terraza restaurant with sea views. Grab one of their bicycles and explore the island on your own free of charge.

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, November, December

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

May 29-June 6, 2027

June 19-27, 2027

July 3-11, 2027

December 11-19, 2027

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 portorage

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
- 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)
- Galapagos Transit Control Card
- Wetsuit rental



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