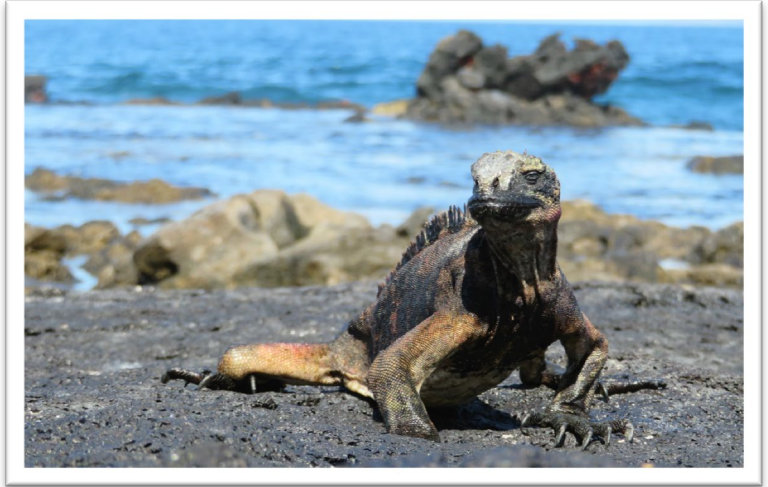




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## ***Ecuador and the Galapagos Adventure***

March 5-17, 2023  
13 Days – 12 Nights

We are returning to Ecuador for another amazing experience in the Amazon Rainforest and the Galapagos Islands. This bucket list trip includes all lodging for thirteen nights at the breathtaking Napo Wildlife Center and aboard a private yacht in the Galapagos Islands. Ground transportation in Ecuador and flights to and from the Amazon and Galapagos Islands is also included. Delicious traditional cuisine will be a highlight for the duration of the trip. Your adventure will be led by ODC Explorer Network staff in addition to professional, bilingual Ecuadorian guides. Participants will be responsible for their own airfare to and from Quito, Ecuador. The Outdoor Discovery Center will assist with coordinating travel through a local travel agency.

### **Sunday, March 5 – Travel to Quito, Ecuador**

Our first day will involve traveling to the country's capital city of Quito which sits over 9,000 feet above sea level in the Andean foothills. After being picked up at the airport by our guide, we will travel to the [Bird Garden Guest House](#) bed and breakfast for the night. (D\*)

### **Monday, March 6 – Travel into the Amazon**

Our first full day in Ecuador will have us take a quick flight over the Andes Mountains into the Amazon basin and the banks of the Coca River at Puerto Francisco de Orellana. From there, we will traverse deep into the Amazon Forest. Our destination for the day is one of the best eco-hotels in the world, the Napo Wildlife Center, which is run by the Kichwa Añangu Community. The Center sits deep within the 3,793 square mile Yasuni National Park. From the port of Francisco de Orellana we will travel by motor boat on the Napo River to the Añangu Reserve and paddled boats up the Añangu Creek to Napo Wildlife Center. We will be on the look-out for wildlife while



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traveling by boat. This can be one of the best times to see primates, birds, reptiles, and other wildlife! The lodge at Napo Wildlife Center has 5-star accommodations where you will stay in a private room with your own full bathroom and be treated to amazing cuisine prepared by their award winning chef. This adventure puts you in the heart of the Amazon jungle for 4 nights. (B,L,D)



### **Tuesday, March 7 – Wednesday, March 8 - Napo Wildlife Center**

The rest of your time at this amazing lodge will be spent exploring the rivers, trails and canopy of

the immensely rich Añangu territory. There will also be opportunities for evening paddles in search of wildlife such as monkeys, bats and caiman. Your experience won't be complete without wildlife watching from the 118 foot high Canopy Tower or visiting the parrot clay licks. The area contains massive biological diversity with more than 500 species of birds, 173 species of mammals, 62 species of snakes, and more than 100 species of amphibians. (B,L,D)



### **Thursday, March 9 – Napo Wildlife Center to Quito**

After checking out of the Napo Wildlife Center, we will return the same way we came in on paddled boats and motor boat to the port of Francisco de Orellana. Keep your cameras and binoculars ready for wildlife encounters! From there, we will board a flight and return to Quito. We will stay overnight at the familiar Bird Garden Guest House. (B,L,D)

### **Friday, March 10 – Quito to Galapagos Islands**

The next leg of our adventure will see us back at the airport for a flight to the island of Santa Cruz in the Galapagos. There, we will board the first-class M/C Galapagos Seaman Journey catamaran. With the stability of a catamaran-style vessel, private cabins with full bathrooms, multiple decks, refreshing A/C units in each cabin, delicious cuisine, and a limit of 16 guests, there's no better way to experience the Galapagos Islands!



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### Saturday, March 11 – Thursday, March 16 - Galapagos Islands Tour

Get ready for this 8 day cruise taking in the western islands of Santa Cruz, Isabella, Fernandina, and Santiago. Snorkeling, hiking, and non-stop wildlife encounters will fill your days. When we disembark, we will travel to the nearby drop points aboard a panga (aka dinghy) for easy deck to beach access and land-based explorations. Don't forget about the iconic scenery along the way



where you will be able to enjoy both sunrise and sunset aboard the vessel. Your time in the Galapagos will be a nice mix of active exploration and relaxation aboard the M/C Galapagos Seaman Journey. (B,L,D)

### Friday, March 17 – Travel from Galapagos Islands to USA

On this day, we will say goodbye to both the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador. We will leave the Galapagos behind en route to our final destination...home. (B)

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**PRICING:** \$9,200 per person (based on double occupancy)

**PAYMENT:** Please contact Travis Williams or Jamie Krupka to discuss a payment schedule.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Full refunds will be made until November 1, 2022. After November 1, 2022, up to 50% of money received may be forfeited by the participant. No refunds will be given for cancellation after December 1, 2022. *If the ODC Explorer Network cancels the trip, 100% of all deposits and payments received will be refunded to prospective travelers.*

**INCLUDED:** 12 nights lodging; all meals in Ecuador; all transportation within Ecuador including group bus and intra-country flights; bilingual, professional naturalist guide; entrance to parks; taxes; gratuities for full time guides and drivers; all gratuities for porters, maids and all staff of the locations visited. Some accommodations include free Wi-Fi for guests.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Flight to and from Ecuador, alcoholic beverages, and personal items during the trip. (Flights for the group will be coordinated through a local travel agent.)

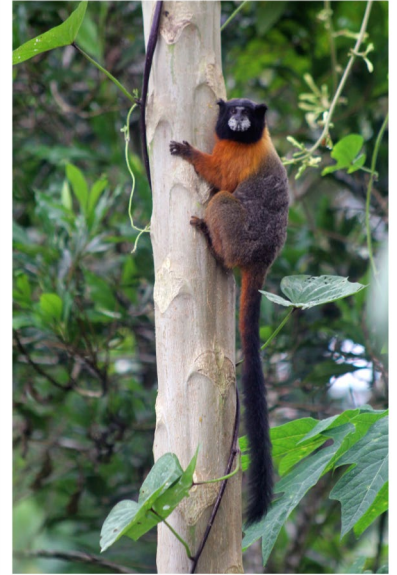
Please contact trip leaders Travis Williams or Jamie Krupka to learn more or to make a payment: 616.393.9453 or [explore@outdoordiscovery.org](mailto:explore@outdoordiscovery.org).

Additional guide services by professional Ecuadorian guide Roberto Cedeño.

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## Napo Wildlife Center – Yasuni National Park – Amazon Rainforest





## Galapagos Islands – M/C Seaman Motor Catamaran





## Galapagos Islands – M/C Seaman Motor Catamaran

