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ULTIMATE GALÁPAGOS EXPEDITION CRUISE (2025)

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Cruises, A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises



Latin America, Ecuador &
Galápagos Islands



9 days from AU\$19,890 pp



20 Guests

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Cruise the Galápagos Islands' northern and western routes for seven nights aboard our sleek and stylish Ecoventura adventure yacht Theory, the most exclusive charter vessel in the islands
- Enjoy the islands' most intimate guest-to-staff ratio with the expert services of three A&K Expedition Team members and a ship's staff of 10 shared by just 20 guests
- Savour exceptional Relais & Chateaux dining and hospitality onboard, an A&K exclusive in the Galápagos Islands
- Explore by land and sea as A&K's Expedition Team leads the way with exciting snorkelling, kayaking, Zodiac and shore excursions
- Encounter the islands' incredible wildlife, keeping watch for giant tortoise, blue-footed boobies, and marine iguanas, as well as sea lions, bottlenose dolphins, hammerhead sharks and more
- Broaden your horizons with the Expedition Team's onboard enrichment program of fascinating nature lectures, spellbinding stargazing sessions and more



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Guayaquil, Ecuador

Arrive in Guayaquil, where you are met and transferred to the elegant Hotel del Parque in the heart of the city.

Hotel del Parque

Day 2: San Cristóbal Island | Gateway to Adventure

Fly to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the capital of the Galápagos Islands and San Cristóbal's main port. Upon arrival, hop aboard a Zodiac for the brisk ride to your luxurious adventure yacht anchored in the bay. After lunch on board, sail to León Dormido (Sleeping Lion), a remnant of a tuff cone formation rising some 152 metres from the ocean. Observe the variety of species that inhabit its cliffs, including the blue-footed booby, Nazca booby and frigatebird. Tonight, join the Captain, crew and Expedition Team for a cocktail reception and welcome dinner.

Theory | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Genovesa Island | Prince Philip's Steps

On Genovesa Island, visit Prince Philip's Steps, one of the islands' premier birdwatching destinations. After lunch, explore the cliffs by kayak, stand-up paddleboard, or on a deep-water snorkelling excursion from the Zodiac. This afternoon, arrive at Darwin Bay, a coral sand beach where lava gulls gather by tide pools. Wade out to swim or snorkel with playful sea lions in these warmer northern-route waters.

Theory | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Santa Cruz Island | Bachas Beach & Dragon Hill

Drop anchor on the northern side of Santa Cruz Island to visit Playa Las Bachas (Bachas Beach), home to bright pink flamingos that feed on the interior lagoons. Stroll along its long, glittering white sand beach. After lunch on board, step ashore at Cerro Dragón (Dragon Hill) and climb its slopes to take in magnificent views of the bay.

Theory | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Isabela Island | Punta Vicente Roca & Urbina Bay

This morning, board a Zodiac to explore the waters off Punta Vicente Roca, where you might enjoy an opportunity to snorkel with penguins diving playfully in the water. After lunch, sail through the Bolivar Channel to watch for whales and perhaps spot dolphins riding the bow wave of your vessel. In the afternoon, disembark at Isabela Island's Urbina Bay, home to over six kilometres of dry seabed exposed by a volcanic eruption. After a wet landing on the beach, explore the remnants of coral skeletons, some of them waist-high. Keep watch for the Galápagos land iguana, marine iguana, giant tortoise, and other distinctive species that call this island home.

Theory | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Fernandina Island | Punta Espinoza & Tagus Cove

Arrive at Fernandina Island's Punta Espinoza to encounter its sea lion colonies and other diverse species. Watch as the resident bulls carefully guard their harems and keep lookout for sharks that threaten the colony's pups. Glimpse some of the hundreds of marine iguanas that share this rocky domain, the largest colony in the Galápagos, as they warm themselves along the rugged shoreline. Next, land at Isabela Island's Tagus Cove, a former anchorage of pirates and whalers. Explore by Zodiac or kayak in search of Galápagos penguins, boobies, pelicans and other seabirds. After dinner, go topside to take in the sparkling night sky as you cross the Equator for the final time on your Galápagos voyage.

Theory | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Rábida Island | Red Sands & Saltwater Lagoons

Today, the dark red sands of Rábida Island welcome you ashore. Considered the geographic centre of the Galápagos, Rábida's volcanic rocks are the most diverse in the archipelago. Hike a trail beside the shore, keeping watch for marine iguanas, mockingbirds, yellow warblers and several species of Darwin's finch. Continue to a saltwater lagoon where migrating greater flamingos flock. Then, take advantage of the option to snorkel among a large colony of playful, inquisitive sea lions. After lunch on board, resume your explorations in this fascinating corner of the Galápagos Islands.

Theory | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Santa Cruz Island | Into the Highlands

Awake in Santa Cruz's lively harbour of Academy Bay. Go ashore at Ayora Point and ascend through the seven vegetation zones of the Galápagos as you make your way into the highlands. Next, visit the Fausto Llerena Breeding Centre to a vital resource harbouring various species of giant tortoise, followed by a stop at the Charles Darwin Research Station, where you learn about ongoing conservation efforts. After lunch back on board, set out again to view "the tunnels" — the largest lava tubes found in the Galápagos. Next, proceed to Rancho Primicias, a privately owned farm in the highlands, where you encounter the giant tortoise in its natural habitat. Later, return to your ship by Zodiac for a lavish farewell dinner.

Theory | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Depart Guayaquil or Quito

After breakfast, bid your Captain and crew farewell as you disembark your yacht for a final time on San Cristóbal. Once ashore, visit the local Interpretation Centre to learn more about the island's anthropology and natural history. Afterward, enjoy time at leisure, perhaps walking a nearby trail or taking some last-minute photos. Later today, fly to Guayaquil or Quito to connect with your homeward flight.

Meals: B

Note: Vessel subject to change. Ecoventura Theory's sister ships Origin or Evolve may also be used.

Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements, including Zodiac boat excursions, walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes. Minimum age is 7 years.

First group event: welcome briefing and dinner at 6:15 p.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: disembarkation at 8:30 a.m. on Day 9.

Included with this Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An exclusively chartered, all-inclusive voyage led by A&K's Expedition Team
- Pre-cruise hotel stay
- Airport meet and greet and transfers
- Exceptional Relais & Chateaux dining and open bar onboard
- Zodiac excursions led by naturalist driver-guides
- Aquatic activities, such as snorkelling and kayaking
- Enrichment program, lectures and presentations
- Traveller's Valet® laundry service on board
- All Gratuities, port charges and taxes
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on board and in hotels
- Onboard service from an English-speaking staff
- 24/7 A&K on-call support

Map



Accommodation

Theory, Galápagos Islands



Enjoy a Relais and Chateaux experience at sea when you board *Theory* to sail the seas around the awe-inspiring Galápagos. This is the gold standard of accommodation and indeed service for these waters. Discover the wonderful world of this archipelago in expert hands as there are two naturalists on board (looking after no more than 10 guests each) who can explain both the area's history as well as its abundant and unique wildlife.

Named after Charles Darwin's *Theory of Evolution*, the vessel's commitment to the environment is front and foremost in every expedition. Solar panels provide power, plastic use is constantly evaluated, and carbon emissions are offset. This helps ensure the pristine status of the islands.

The stateroom accommodation is furnished to a high standard with all amenities and there are some interconnecting cabins which are ideal for families travelling together.

Eating on board is an experience all on its own. Every evening, a four-course dinner of Ecuadorian and international fare is served so be sure to save some space after your afternoon tea of pastries and snacks. Sit back and relax after dinner in the open bar and lounge for cocktails and a wide array of drinks, discussing everything you've seen with fellow travellers.

There's even a boutique, fitness centre and library so however you want to

unwind when you are not on land, *Theory* has a multitude of options.

Why we like it

- Large range of amenities including full-time concierge, fitness centre and a sundeck with loungers and daybeds
- Capacity of only 20 guests
- Minimalist chic design, inspired by the calming nature of the Galápagos Islands
- Each room features large, three-panel panoramic windows
- Locally inspired Ecuadorian cuisine served on board

Hotel del Parque, Guayaquil



Guayaquil might be known to travellers as a port-stop en route to the Galápagos, but the opening of the chic Hotel del Parque puts this stopover city firmly on the map. What was once a 19th-century Catholic hospice is now a luxurious, waterfront boutique hotel. All interiors are cool and fresh, inspired by the tropical surroundings. The 44 guest rooms are light, airy and decorated in go-to boutique hotel shades of grey, white and yellow. Botanic themes dominate and Ecuadorian artworks hang on the walls. The hotel's restaurant offers rich seafood and delicious dishes inspired by local ingredients.

The historic wooden beamed bell tower provides the perfect setting for a spa treatment. Guests can indulge in a traditional afternoon tea infused with herbs fresh from the garden. For chocolate-lovers, head to the grounds of the park to seek out cacao pods, watch as they are turned into chocolate. You can sample the produce, obviously.

Why we like it

- The hotel's historic building is located within Parque Historico, a luscious tropical park
- Enjoy a unique spa experience in the bell tower

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Apr 26, 2025 - May 4, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$19,890 pp	AU\$17,900	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Jun 7, 2025 - Jun 15, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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Aug 30, 2025 - Sep 7, 2025

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Oct 11, 2025 - Oct 19, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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Oct 25, 2025 - Nov 2, 2025

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Nov 8, 2025 - Nov 16, 2025

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