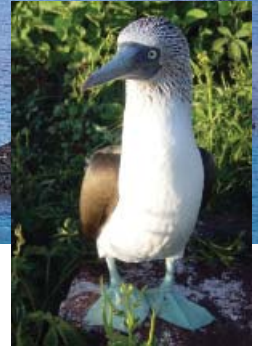


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Cozy Up to Your Favorite Booby Wonders of the Galápagos Islands

Explore a region unmatched in beauty and importance to natural history when you journey to the legendary Galápagos Islands aboard the state-of-the-art exploration vessel, the *M.V. Santa Cruz*. The Galápagos Islands — formed by volcanic eruptions millions of years ago — are overflowing with life and rare species, including the flightless cormorant and the marine iguana. The abundant wildlife is fearless and accepts up-close human company. Walk among 400-pound tortoises, get close enough to touch a spiny-backed iguana, and snorkel in crystal-clear waters alongside sea lions and tropical penguins. Discover the natural treasures of the Galápagos accompanied by a team of expert naturalists, whose knowledge and enthusiasm enhance your appreciation of and fascination with this mysterious habitat. The unique itinerary also includes a visit to Ecuador. Enjoy the colorful Andean market of Otavalo, tour colonial Quito, and experience a traditional Inca village. We also are pleased to offer a six-night postprogram option to Peru's legendary lost city of Machu Picchu and the historic cities of Lima and Cusco.

M.V. Santa Cruz — The charm, intimacy, and personal service of the small-ship cruise experience are the hallmarks of travel aboard the first-class *M.V. Santa Cruz* expedition vessel. Her ability to navigate the Galápagos archipelago's narrow channels, shallow bays, and environmentally sensitive waters ensures that participants enjoy comprehensive access to the region. Each of its 44 cabins features a private bathroom, air conditioning, and an ocean view. All meals — featuring international and Ecuadorian specialties — are served in single, unassigned seating in the ship's inviting dining room. The *M.V. Santa Cruz* offers modern amenities and facilities, including a full fleet of Zodiacs for island landings and a glass-bottom boat for viewing aquatic environment.

Daily Itinerary

- 1 depart from the U.S.
- 2 arrive in Quito and stay in the first-class Hilton Colón Hotel for three nights.
- 3 visit Otavalo.
- 4 from Quito, fly to Baltra Island in the Galápagos Islands, and then embark the *M.V. Santa Cruz* to Santa Cruz Island.
- 5 tour Bartolomé Island and Santiago Island.
- 6 visit Rábida Island and North Seymour Island.
- 7 visit Santa Cruz Island and the Charles Darwin Research Station.
- 8 cruise to San Cristóbal Island and disembark the *M.V. Santa Cruz*. Fly to Guayaquil.
- 9 depart from Guayaquil and return to the U.S.

