

**8 DAY SMALL SHIP ADVENTURE**

Including two nights in Quito  
and one night in Guayaquil



# Cruising Ecuador's Galápagos Islands

Departure Date: October 15 - 22, 2018



Native wildlife pose for the camera



Quito's famous monument marks the center of the world

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**8 Days • 16 Meals** See Mother Nature frozen in time, in a place unlike any other on Earth. Join us on an unforgettable trip to the Galápagos Islands, a place so unique it changed the way we think about our world.



## CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days One and Two – Swissôtel, Quito, Ecuador  
 Days Three through Six – *MY Coral I* – Cruising the Galápagos Islands  
 Day Seven – Oro Verde, Guayaquil, Ecuador

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ 16 Meals (4 Dinners, 5 Lunches and 7 Breakfasts)
- ✓ Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Tours
- ✓ English-speaking Naturalist Guide and Mayflower Tours expert staff
- ✓ Experience the wonder and beauty of Ecuador's Galápagos Islands aboard the *MY Coral I* on a four-night cruise
- ✓ Included landings on Santa Cruz, Fernandina, Isabela, and Santiago Islands with walking tours to see the magnificent wildlife, flora and geology
- ✓ Incredible, upclose encounters with seabirds, iguanas, giant tortoises and more
- ✓ Dinghy excursions along the extensive mangroves to view turtle nesting areas
- ✓ Outstanding snorkeling and swimming at each island
- ✓ City tours with an English-speaking local guide in Quito and Guayaquil, Ecuador
- ✓ Pre- and Post-cruise hotel stays in five-star accommodations
- ✓ \$40 in Mayflower Money

## LOCAL INSIGHTS

- ✓ Snorkel with native species in their underwater habitat
- ✓ See indigenous wildlife upclose on the beaches
- ✓ Learn about Darwin's archipelago from the onboard Naturalist Guide

### DAY 1 – Depart the USA

Depart the USA on a flight to Quito, Ecuador. Enjoy a free evening to experience this amazing city on your own.

### DAY 2 – Quito, Capital City of Ecuador

After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Quito. The first city to be named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, Quito boasts a historic center and centuries-old landmarks, dating back 500 years. Visit 'Mitad del



Sea lion suns himself in style onboard the yacht!



Listen for the call of the Red-footed booby

Mundo' and the Equator Monument, which stands at 0 degrees, and feel what it's like to be standing in the middle of the world. During the included city tour, see a bull fighting ring and the gilded Spanish colonial church. This evening, enjoy the city on your own.

Meals: B, L

#### DAY 3 – MY Coral I

After breakfast, board your flight to Baltra. Upon arrival, embark the *MY Coral I* for a four-night cruise. Set sail for Santa Cruz Island and get your first taste of this Galápagos Island at Ballena Bay, where you'll be on the lookout for marine iguanas, lovely pelicans and herons. Snorkel in sparkling blue-green waters and observe a glorious underwater world of tropical marine life. Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 4 – Vicente Roca Point and Espinosa Point / Isabela and Fernandina Island

This morning, visit Vicente Roca Point. This is a marine-only visitor site with great opportunities for deep-water snorkeling. See plenty of red-lipped batfish, sea horses, frogfish, nudibranchs and octopi in these waters. There are whale watching opportunities while navigating from Vicente Roca Point to Espinosa Point.

In the afternoon, visit Espinosa Point on Fernandina Island, one of the most well-preserved of the Galápagos Islands. Discover one of the world's most pristine island ecosystems as you hike through a thick canopy of mangroves. Observe hundreds of prehistoric marine iguanas sunbathing on black lava rocks. All around are Galápagos

penguins, pelicans, sea lions and fur seals, ready to pose for pictures. Quiet now as you encounter flightless cormorants on their nesting site, the only place in the world to find this species. These birds once flew, but over time, adapted to their environment and lost their ability to fly. Be on the lookout for the major predator on the island, the Galápagos hawk. Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 5 – Urbina Bay and Tagus Cove / Isabela Island

Start your day with a wet landing on the volcanic black beach at Urbina Bay. In 1954, a volcano uplifted the coral reef, leaving marine skeletons that tell of its ancient past. Look for Darwin's finches, land iguanas and the Galápagos cotton flower in bloom. Outstanding snorkeling awaits in the crystal clear waters, showcasing fascinating marine life. Amazing views of the Alcedo Volcano, which spewed an unusual combination of rhyolite and basalt lava, stands as a powerful backdrop and reminder of nature's power.

This afternoon, visit Tagus Cove and learn about the eruption of the five volcanoes that created the largest island. Admire the red and white mangroves, Flightless cormorants and Galápagos penguins. Great blue herons, pelicans and brown noddies come to roost, looking for food. Watch as the sea turtles lay their eggs and nest. Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 6 – Salt Mines and Sullivan Bay/ Santiago Island

Today, visit the fourth largest island in the Galápagos, Santiago Island. It provides spectacular views of powerful volcanic activity.

Walk along the red sand beach of Buccaneer Cove, named for the pirates who once stashed their loot here.

At Espumilla Beach, watch natural wonders come to life – marine sea turtles nesting on the beach and the dance between prey and predator. In the air, hunting herons swoop down on Sally lightfoot crabs as testament to Darwin's theory. More than a hundred years ago, a volcanic eruption created the dramatic landscape in Sullivan Bay. Leaving its geological footprint, the steep cliffs, black lava and tuff cones showcase the impact of volcanic activity in this barren terrain. Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 7 – El Chato / Santa Cruz

Arrive at Santa Cruz with a dry landing. At a private farm, observe immense sea turtles in their natural habitat as they slowly meander through the forest. Sounds of Darwin's finches, yellow warblers and Galápagos rails fill the air. As your journey comes to an end, you'll be filled with wonder at the sights and sounds of this original paradise. This afternoon, fly to Guayaquil and enjoy a city tour with a local guide. The evening is free for independent exploration. Meal: B

#### DAY 8 – Guayaquil / USA

Bid a fond farewell to Ecuador and its Galápagos Islands and return home filled with so many fond memories of the life enriching experiences of your small ship adventure.

Meal: B

*Itinerary is subject to change based on operating conditions*



M/Y Coral I



Junior Cabin



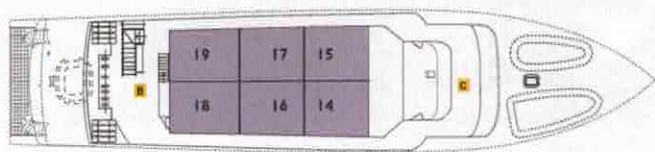
Lounge and bar

Four nights accommodations aboard the

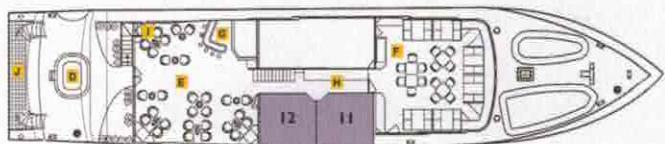
# M/Y Coral I

**Built:** 2005 **Speed:** 18.5 mph **Cabins:** 8 Junior Cabins, 8 Standard Plus Cabins, 2 Standard Cabins **Length:** 131 ft. **Crew:** 11

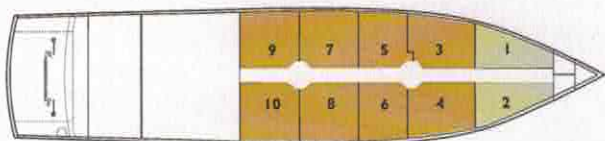
## SKY DECK



## EARTH DECK



## SEA DECK



### Junior Cabin (128 sq. ft.): Earth and Sky Decks

- ✓ Features picture windows, lower beds, either twin or queen, private bathrooms, hot water and air conditioning, LCD TV with 5 channels, telephone service for internal, local, and international calls, music, safety deposit box

### Standard Plus Cabin (128 sq. ft.): Sea Deck

- ✓ Features two portholes, lower beds, either twin or queen, private bathrooms, hot water and air conditioning, LCD TV with 5 channels, telephone service for internal, local, and international calls, music, safety deposit box

### Standard Cabin (75 sq. ft.): Sea Deck

- ✓ Features portholes, lower beds, either twin or full, private bathrooms, hot water and air conditioning, LCD TV with 5 channels, telephone service for internal, local, and international calls, music, safety deposit box

### Public Areas and Ship Amenities

- ✓ Spacious sun deck
- ✓ Buffet area
- ✓ TV and Media Room with Stereo
- ✓ Two separate social areas with bar
- ✓ Ice Makers

## 2018 DEPART USA

		STANDARD CABIN	STANDARD CABIN PLUS	JUNIOR CABIN
October 15	PER PERSON TWIN	\$5,968	\$6,468	\$6,868
	SINGLE ROOM ADD	\$2,679	\$2,999	N/A

Pricing includes round trip airfare from Reno and inter air.  
Round trip airport transportation from Carson City to Reno Airport.  
Park licenses and Taxes.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises: \$499

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage.

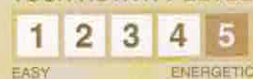
#### Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 91 days or more ..... Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure ..... 100% of the total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.



### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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