



Photo by John Winnie Jr.



GALÁPAGOS

PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR with JOHN WINNIE JR.

August 15 - 25, 2018

The Galápagos Islands offer incredible opportunities for nature photographers, from up-close encounters with curious wildlife to endemic flora and unusual landscapes. This 12 day program includes visits to landmarks like Pinnacle Rock, Darwin Bay, Sierra Negra volcano, and the steep cliffs and dark beaches of Buccaneer Cove, plus the opportunity to see and photograph iconic and unusual wildlife. Explore the archipelago under the expert leadership of biologist and photographer John Winnie Jr. on this unforgettable adventure!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Photography guidance and review from an expert photographer.
- Come face-to-face with, and photograph, the iconic wildlife of the Galápagos, including Blue-footed Boobies, marine iguanas, turtles, and sea lions.
- Discover fascinating geological history while trekking volcanoes and lava fields.
- Snorkeling, swimming, and kayaking opportunities are offered each day aboard the yacht.

ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

AUGUST 15 - QUITO

Upon arrival at the Quito International Airport, after clearing customs and collecting your luggage, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, we will meet in the dining room for dinner and review our plans for tomorrow. *Overnight at Hilton Colon - Deluxe.*

AUGUST 16 - QUITO

After a leisurely morning, you will meet your guide in the lobby to set off for an optional visit to the Quito Botanical Garden, and enjoy a late lunch at a local restaurant after our time at the garden. This evening will be free time to get ready for our early transfer to the airport the next morning. *Overnight at Hilton Colon - Deluxe. (BL)*

AUGUST 17 - GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

This morning we will be transferred to the Quito Airport for our flight to Baltra, Galapagos on Avianca Airlines, which arrives at approximately 09:20 a.m. We'll meet our local naturalist-guide and be transferred to our yacht without delay. As the crew weighs anchor, we'll do a brief orientation and have a light snack. After a short cruise, we'll stop and take a walk at Playa Las Bachas, a flamingo lagoon. During all walks, our in-country guide will be filling us in on the natural history of the plants and animals we come across. Optional: time for those who would like to snorkel. This area is known for its sea turtles, and can offer up some great photographic opportunities. In the evening enjoy an orientation about the Galapagos Islands' geology, their origin and evolution, followed by a welcome cocktail with the entire crew, and then dinner. Each evening after dinner we will review the day's photography take (see the separate trip overviews). *Overnight aboard Tip Top III. (BD)*

AUGUST 18 - GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

After breakfast we will do a wet landing on Sullivan Bay, a perfect place to get a feel of the volcanic origin of the islands. Optional: time for those who would like to snorkel. Return to the boat for a delicious lunch. In the afternoon, a dry landing on Bartholomew Island, to hike to the summit. On the summit, you'll have an impressive view of the surrounding islands, including the eroded tuff cone of Pinnacle Rock. Return to the yacht for a dinner and our nightly orientation and photography de-briefing. *Overnight aboard Tip Top III. (BLD)*

AUGUST 19 - GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

After breakfast, we'll make a dry landing on Prince Phillips's Steps (Barranco), where we'll walk and

photograph a variety of birds. Back on board for a delicious lunch. Later in the afternoon, make a wet landing on Darwin Bay to walk and photograph frigate birds, herons, mockingbirds, boobies, shorebirds, turtles, and marine iguanas. Optional: time for those who would like to snorkel or kayak. Dinner on the yacht, then your orientation about conservation efforts made to protect the Islands. *Overnight at aboard Tip Top III. (BLD)*

AUGUST 20 - GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

After breakfast, a wet landing on James Bay (Puerto Egas), to walk and photograph sponges, snails, hermit crabs, a variety of shore birds, barnacles, the endemic four-eyed blenny, marine iguanas and sea lions. Optional: time for those who would like to snorkel. Return to the boat for lunch. In the afternoon, navigate around Buccaneer Cove (Caleta Bucanero), an area of steep cliffs and dark beaches. The cliffs and pinnacle are used as nesting areas by several species of seabirds. This was a popular place for 17th and 18th century buccaneers to careen their vessels. Optional: time for those who would like to snorkel or kayak. Return to the yacht for dinner and the nightly orientation. *Overnight aboard Tip Top III. (BLD)*

AUGUST 21 - GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

After breakfast, take a panga ride on Punta Vicente Roca to observe sea lions, marine iguanas, blue-footed and masked boobies, and flightless cormorants. Optional: time for those who would like to snorkel. Return to the vessel for lunch. In the afternoon, make a dry landing on Punta Espinoza to photograph a large colony of sea lions, marine iguanas, flightless cormorants, and clumps of lava cactus. Return to the yacht for dinner and your nightly orientation. *Overnight aboard Tip Top III. (BLD)*

AUGUST 22 - GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

After breakfast, a wet landing on Urbina Bay to walk and photograph a coral area, land iguanas, flightless cormorants, and giant tortoises. Optional: time for those who would like to snorkel. Return to the yacht for lunch. In the afternoon, take a panga ride around the islets of Elizabeth Bay to see marine iguanas, penguins, marine turtles, seabirds and shorebirds, herons and blue-footed boobies. Return to the yacht for dinner and the nightly orientation. *Overnight aboard Tip Top III. (BLD)*

AUGUST 23 - GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

After breakfast, we'll drive, then hike to Sierra Negra Volcano, the oldest of the volcanoes on Isabela. The crater of Sierra Negra has a 10 km diameter and it's the second largest in the world; its last eruption occurred in 2005. The Sulfur, iron, and the cooled magma make up

ABOUT YOUR LEADER

JOHN WINNIE JR. is an award-winning wildlife and landscape photographer whose work has been widely published in books, magazines, calendars, posters and postcards, including in Smithsonian, Canadian Geographic, National Wildlife, Discover, Montana Outdoors, Wildlife Conservation, and American Birds magazines. In addition, he authored and made the photos for the book, “High Life, Animals of the Alpine World,” and was co-photographer for the book, “The Rockies: Canada’s Magnificent Wilderness.” His work, including photos from many of the places his Holbrook tours will be visiting, can be seen at: <http://www.johnwinniejr.com>

John is also a conservation ecologist and Associate Teaching Professor in the Ecology Department at Montana State University in Bozeman. He teaches a wide variety of subjects ranging from introductory biology, to upper division and graduate ecology, to intensive field biology classes. John’s students consistently rate him among the top professors at MSU, earning him a Teaching Merit Award in 2015. His conservation work and research have taken him from the remote Wakhan Corridor in Afghanistan while working for USAID and the Wildlife Conservation Society, to Tajikistan working for Panthera, to the wilds of the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem. Nature photography allows John to merge his two passions, photography and gaining understanding of the natural world, and these tours let him share these passions with you.



a colorful landscape. From here, clouds permitting, we’ll have an amazing view of the north part of the island, and the Perry Isthmus. We’ll be hiking through some relatively recent lava flows. We return to the yacht for lunch. In the afternoon we’ll will visit Humedales, where we can see series of lagoons, mangroves and associated birds, including flamingos, and possibly some migratory birds. After that, we will visit the tortoise Breeding Center “Arnaldo Tupiza”. Return to the yacht for a delicious dinner and our nightly orientation. *Overnight aboard Tip Top III. (BLD)*

AUGUST 24 - QUITO

After breakfast we’ll disembark and a bus will take us to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island for a visit to native forests and the twin craters. Then we’ll drive directly to the Baltra airport for our flight back to Quito. Upon arrival, after collecting our luggage, we’ll be met and transferred back to your hotel in Quito. Early this evening, we’ll have a Farewell Dinner. If your flight home departs late this evening, you will be transferred back to the airport after dinner. Otherwise, you will overnight at Rincon de Puembo. *Overnight at Rincon de Puembo. (BD)*

AUGUST 25 - DEPARTURE

Early this morning you will be transferred to the Quito International Airport for your flight home. (B)

LAND PRICING

\$5,895 (14 participants)

Cost includes meals, accommodations, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, in-country transportation, local guides in each region, Galapagos National park fee and tax, all tips/ gratuities, carbon offset and departure tax.

Does not include international airfare or items of a personal nature.

THE FINE PRINT

Cost is based on double occupancy; for a single room on the mainland add \$210 per person. A \$350 per person deposit and enrollment form are required to reserve your space on the trip. This deposit is refundable excluding a \$100 cancellation fee until May 12, 2018, at which time non-refundable final payment is due. Travel/trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. For more information call Travel Insured at 800-243-3174 or visit www.travelinsured.com. Holbrook Travel’s agency number is 15849.



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