



PHOTOS BY REINIER MUNGUIA



GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

NATURE & PHOTOGRAPHY

with Reinier Munguia

July 18-28, 2018



The Galápagos Islands offer incredible opportunities for nature photographers, from up-close encounters with curious wildlife to endemic flora and unusual landscapes. This 11 day program includes visits to landmarks like Pinnacle Rock, Sierra Negra volcano, Punta Espinoza, and the steep cliffs and dark beaches of Buccaneer Cove, plus the chance to see iconic and unusual wildlife. Explore the archipelago under the expert leadership of professional photographer Reinier Munguia on this unforgettable adventure!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the Galápagos Islands with professional nature photographer Reinier Munguia.
- Come face-to-face with the iconic wildlife of the Galápagos, including Blue-footed Boobies, marine iguanas, Darwin’s finches, and the Galápagos Penguin.
- Discover fascinating geological history while trekking volcanoes and lava fields.
- Visit the Wall of Tears, a historical site that was a penal colony for 13 years, where prisoners built a wall with huge blocks of lava as punishment.
- Snorkeling, swimming, and kayaking opportunities are offered each day.
- Take a day trip to Guango Lodge on Ecuador’s mainland for the chance to photograph an array of hummingbirds.

ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

JULY 18 - QUITO

Upon arrival in Quito you will be met and escorted to your hotel. *Overnight at Hotel Rincón de Puembo or similar.*

JULY 19 - QUITO

Take a day trip to the Guango Lodge area for the chance to photograph beautiful landscapes and some of Ecuador's 134-plus hummingbird species. *Overnight at Hotel Rincón de Puembo or similar. (BLD)*



JULY 20 - GALÁPAGOS

Fly from mainland Ecuador to Baltra. After boarding M/C Tip Top II, attend your first orientation and enjoy a light snack. Disembark at Playa Las Bachas and visit a flamingo lagoon. Optional time is offered each day for swimming, snorkeling and/or kayaking. Attend an evening orientation about the origin and evolution of the Galápagos Islands, and enjoy a welcome cocktail with the entire crew, followed by dinner. Each night during the cruise there will be an orientation to discuss the events of the day and the next day's plans. *Overnight aboard Tip Top II. (BLD)*

JULY 21 - GALÁPAGOS

After breakfast, go ashore at Sullivan Bay, a perfect place to get a feel for the volcanic origin of the islands. Return to the boat for lunch, followed by an excursion on Bartolomé Island in the afternoon to hike to the summit. During the hike, it's possible to observe colonies of marine iguanas and lava lizards, and on the summit you'll see an impressive view of the surrounding islands, including the eroded tuff cone of Pinnacle Rock. *Overnight aboard Tip Top II. (BLD)*

JULY 22 - GALÁPAGOS

Today go for a panga boat ride and then land on Prince Philip's Steps (El Barranco) to walk and observe the interesting lives of the birds here. Enjoy lunch aboard the boat. Later in the afternoon, visit Darwin Bay, home to frigatebirds, herons, mockingbirds, boobies, shore birds, turtles, marine iguanas and more. Tonight attend an orientation to learn about conservation efforts to protect the islands. *Overnight aboard Tip Top II. (BLD)*

JULY 23 - GALÁPAGOS

After breakfast, land at James Bay (Puerto Egas). Return to the boat for lunch. In the afternoon, the boat will navigate around Buccaneer Cove (Caleta Bucanero), an area with steep cliffs and dark beaches. This was a popular place for 17th and 18th century buccaneers to careen their vessels. The cliffs and pinnacle are used as nesting areas by several species of sea birds. Walk along a coastal trail to visit an abandoned salt mine. *Overnight aboard Tip Top II. (BLD)*

JULY 24 - GALÁPAGOS

Today take a panga boat ride to Punta Vicente Roca for a chance to observe sea lions, marine iguanas, Blue-footed and Masked Boobies, and Flightless Cormorants. Explore Punta Espinoza in the afternoon to observe a large colony of sea lions, marine iguanas, and Flightless Cormorants. *Overnight aboard Tip Top II. (BLD)*

JULY 25 - GALÁPAGOS

Today land at Urbina Bay, a coral area with land iguanas, Flightless Cormorants and giant tortoises. Return to the boat for lunch. In the afternoon, take a panga boat ride around the islets of Elizabeth Bay to look for marine iguanas, marine turtles, seabirds, shorebirds, herons, Galápagos Penguins, and Blue-footed Boobies. *Overnight aboard Tip Top II. (BLD)*

JULY 26 - GALÁPAGOS

Today begins with a landing at Las Tintoreras. The islet has a small bay of calm, turquoise waters home to hundreds of marine iguanas, sea turtles, sea lions, Galápagos Penguins, rays, and often white-tipped reef sharks. Next, go on an expedition to Sierra Negra Volcano, which has a crater that is 10 kilometers in diameter. Take a 45-minute bus ride to the highlands of Isabela and walk through slopes of the volcano. Optional horseback riding is available for an additional cost. The trail will take you to Volcán Chico (on the northeast of Sierra Negra Volcano). The sulfur, iron,

and cooled magma create a colorful landscape. Then return to the boat for lunch. This afternoon, visit the Arnaldo Tupiza Breeding Center to observe tortoises of different ages and sizes and to learn about the reproduction of giant tortoises. Next, visit the Wall of Tears, a historical site that was a penal colony for 13 years, where prisoners built a wall with huge blocks of lava as punishment. There you may see lava lizards, Darwin's finches, and hawks. Before returning to the boat, visit Los Humedales to see a series of lagoons, mangrove species, flamingos, and numerous migratory birds. *Overnight aboard Tip Top II. (BLD)*

JULY 27 - QUITO

After breakfast, disembark to the pier for a visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station and its Interpretive Center. Later, travel by bus and ferry to the Baltra airport for your flight to Quito. A snack will be served during your flight. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before a farewell dinner at the hotel. *Overnight at Hotel Rincón de Puenbo or similar. (BLD)*

JULY 28 - DEPARTURE

Today transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

LAND PRICING

\$5,275 per person

Cost includes accommodations, meals, non-alcoholic beverages with meals, park fees, activities as listed in the itinerary, in-country transportation, full-time guide, and internal flights (Quito-Galápagos-Quito).

Does not include international airfare, gratuities, travel/trip cancellation insurance, optional activities, items of a personal nature, or alcoholic beverages.

Round-trip airfare is estimated at \$725 from Tampa. Other departure cities are available.

THE FINE PRINT

Price is based on double occupancy; single rooms may be available at an additional cost (limited availability).

A \$350 per person deposit and enrollment form (see link on next page) are required ASAP to secure your space on the trip. This deposit is refundable excluding a \$100 cancellation fee until March 20, 2018 when it becomes non-refundable. Final payment is due on April 14, 2018. 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.

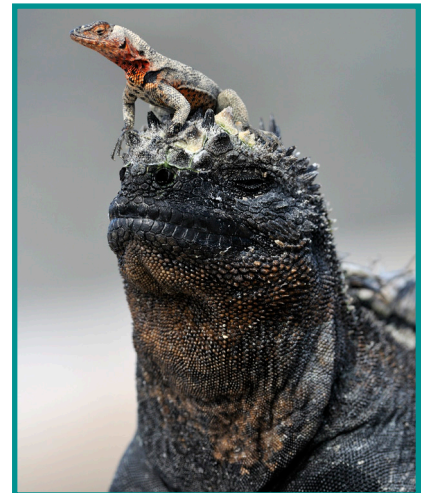
ABOUT YOUR LEADER



Reinier Munguia is a commercial and nature photographer with a strong education and conservation vision. His work has appeared in several publications including textbooks and magazines. His passion for nature has taken

him to become an advocate for causes related to the protection of species. Educating people about nature has become his most important goal. Reinier has also taken on the role of vice-president of education for the Lake Region Audubon, where he has been doing multiple presentations as well as leading conservation and outreach programs. Over the years he has presented at large nature and photography events such as the Space Coast Birding Festival, The Big "O" and the First Coast Nature & Photo Fest among others. Wanting to explore more of the natural world has led Reinier to lead photography and birding trips though the United States, as well as other countries including Costa Rica, Ecuador and Puerto Rico. As the President and teacher of the Polk County Camera Club, he has been educating amateur photographers not only in the proper use of their equipment but also in the ability to self-evaluate their work.





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