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2007'S ITINERARY

Date 2007		Day	Destination	Activities
10 Galapagos Adventure				
2-Night Pre Cruise Hotel				
Jun. 15	Friday	0	Quito	Arrive and check into J.W. Marriott
Jun. 16	Saturday	1	Quito	City tour; Middle of the World Park with lunch
Jun. 17	Sunday	2	Quito	Fly to Baltra, transfer by Zodiac to ship
7-Night Galapagos Cruise				
Jun. 17	Sunday	3	Isla N. Seymour	Sea lions, blue-footed boobies, frigate birds
Jun. 18	Monday	4	Isla San Cristobal	Puerto Baquerizo
			Isla Espanola	Sally lightfoot crabs, marine iguanas, Nazca boobies, waved albatross
Jun. 19	Tuesday	5	Isla Floreana	Comorant Point; Blacks Beach, snorkeling, Devil's Crown, lava tube, bull sea lions.
			Isla Floreana	Baroness Lookout
Jun. 20	Wednesday	6	Isla Santa Cruz	Las Bachas; White sand beaches, Pacific green turtle nesting grounds, pelicans, frigate birds
			Isla San Salvador	Bartolome; Galapagos penguins, marine iguanas, sally lightfoot crabs, sharks, Pinnacle Rock, lava fields
Jun. 21	Thursday	7	Isla Isabela	Elizabeth Bay; Volcanic craters, lava flows, Darwin volcano, saltwater lagoon, Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, Galapagos hawks
			Isla Fernandina	Punta Espinoza; Marine iguanas, lava lizards, mangrove forest, Fernandina volcano and caldera.
Jun. 22	Friday	8	Isla San Salvador	Puerto Egas
			Isla Santa Cruz	Dragon Hill; Hiking tour; land iguanas, saltwater lagoon
Jun. 23	Saturday	9	Isla Santa Cruz	Puerto Ayora; Fur seals, yellow-crowned night herons, lava herons, marine iguanas, fur seal grotto. Darwin Station.
Jun. 24	Sunday	10	Baltra	Disembark Xpedition, fly to Quito.
1-Night Cruise Hotel Stay in Quito				
Jun. 24	Sunday	10	Quito	Check into JW Marriott
Jun. 25	Monday	11	Quito	Check out of hotel, fly to the US

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Day 1: Quito



Upon arrival at Mariscal Sucre Airport in Quito, you will be met, just outside customs, by ROMANCE VOYAGES representatives. They will be holding signs marked ROMANCE VOYAGES. Coaches will transport you to the J.W. Marriott.

The J.W. Marriott is one of Quito's finest hotels. Reminiscent of an Incan-stepped temple, the J.W. Marriott is modern and attractive, with a vast atrium lobby, two restaurants, and one of the finest sushi bars we have ever experienced. (In general, seafood in Ecuador is outstanding.) The hotel is elegant and yet country club in feel; there's no need for jackets or ties. Fresh roses are everywhere. There is a sundry shop, but it is best to bring the toiletries and other items you are used to. The outdoor pool area resembles a tropical lagoon. Rooms are spacious, with marbled baths and deep tubs, 110V power, and best of all, breathtaking views of the Andes.

Some tips: Bring comfortable, casual clothes, and good walking shoes. Be sure to brush your teeth with bottled water, since the water supply, while purified, may disagree with your system. The currency of Ecuador is the US dollar (so you will not need to exchange money), and the hotel has an ATM and a small upscale mall.

If you're considering going out in the evening: Gay life in Quito and Ecuador is in its infancy. Only recently have laws prohibiting discrimination due to sexual orientation been passed. Unfortunately, we are not able to recommend any venues, since it would be less than conducive to our safety. The few existing hotspots are in terrible neighborhoods.

Day 2: Quito Shore Excursion



Our trip begins in Quito, the capital of Ecuador, surrounded by the peaks of the Andes. During our full-day tour, we will be chauffeured in air-conditioned, luxury coaches and escorted by professional, English-speaking guides. Lunch featuring local fare is included.

Almost due south from New York, Quito is about 15 miles from the Equator. Although the city is about 9,000 feet above sea level, this wanderer, who has the vices of smoking and some extra pounds, was pleasantly surprised that altitude sickness was nonexistent. Everyone is different, but allow yourself to acclimate, and, if you do not try to run a marathon the first day, you should be fine. The weather is also quite mild. Ecuadorians say they have only two seasons: rainy (October to early May) and dry (May through September). Both are temperate.

Quito was first settled in pre-Columbian times, when ancient Indians built an empire ultimately ruled by the Incas. Around 1526, the natives destroyed their own city rather than surrendering to the invading Spanish, and after the fires, the only remains were stone foundations of Incan temples, which the Spanish used to build their own churches, convents, and monasteries. Despite earthquakes, Quito is one of the best preserved Latin American cities, and our tour takes you to the best the city offers.

Quito is home to extraordinary colonial Spanish architecture referred to as Latin American Baroque. In Casco Colonial, the old town of Quito, historical multi-colored buildings, iron balconies, and red-tiled roofs offer examples of this beautiful style, which in part earned it World Historical Site status by the United Nations in 1978.

One of the finest examples of Latin Baroque is the 16th-century La Compañía de Jesús, a Jesuit church that took 163 years to build



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and is considered the most beautiful in South America. Its interior is coated in over a ton of pure gold leaf and lavishly painted with religious art, giving rise to its nickname, Quito's Sistine Chapel. We will also visit the historic Virgin of Quito and The Plaza and Monastery of San Francisco, as well as La Basilica, which was finished in the early 20th Century. Although one would not know by looking, the Basilica--decorated with hundreds of turtle-, iguana-, and dolphin-shaped gargoyles--is entirely concrete.

Next, we will visit Mitad del Mundo (Middle of the World), where you can take the ubiquitous snapshot of yourself straddling the Equator, simultaneously standing in both hemispheres. The entire park is nestled at the foot of the immense Andes Mountains, so there are stunning views in every direction. The granite monument tower, topped with a brass globe, houses a museum and an observation deck, and the boulevard running down from the tower is lined with bronze busts of the French explorers who mapped the area in the 18th Century.

After our active day, we will retreat to the J.W. Marriott.

Day 3: Quito - Air Transfer to Baltra & North Seymour



Located 600 miles west of the coast of Ecuador, the 19 islands of the Galapagos Archipelago are famous for the window they provided into the workings of evolution. The youngest of the islands is estimated to be about four million years old, and the oldest, though now submerged, almost nine million years. Due to their complete isolation, the flora and fauna have evolved into species found nowhere else in the world, with unique adaptations to the individual environments of the islands. There are over 1,900 species of animals and plants endemic to the Galapagos. The most amazing result of this isolation is that the indigenous animals have no natural predators, and as a consequence, almost no fear of humans. You literally will be stepping over and around snoozing sea lions and nesting blue footed boobies as you hike the islands.

When Charles Darwin reached the archipelago from England in 1835 aboard HMS Beagle, the islands were deemed "worthless." Darwin and the crew surveyed the islands, creating maps so accurate they were used well into the 20th Century. This view into a unique, untouched eco-evolutionary system spurred his evolutionary theory, which triumphed with his 1859 tome *The Origin of the Species*. The Galapagos Islands were placed on the World Heritage List by UNESCO in 1978.

Due to the sensitive ecosystem, Xpedition does not dock at any of the islands; you will be tendered by Zodiac. These small, comfortable, inflatable craft are equipped with high-powered engines and hold about 16 passengers. Tours are offered in three intensities depending on your physical ability. High-intensity tours are longer hikes, usually two or more miles, over the roughest terrain. Medium-intensity tours are shorter in length, but over the same rugged terrain, and low-intensity tours are usually beach walks or Zodiac tours around the islands. During our last visit, a woman in her eighties and walking with a cane completed the high intensity tours without much problem.

No one is allowed on the islands without a guided escort. All tours are limited to 16 people and are conducted by Galapagos National Park Naturalist-Guides. The guides are highly educated, having accredited biology degrees, and are experts in the flora and fauna of the Galapagos. They provide insight on the islands' history, animals, plants, and geology. The guides are some of the nicest people, with deep personal interest in the conservation and culture of the islands. Smoking and littering is forbidden on the islands. Once you see this unique, pristine land you will understand the motto, "Leave only footprints and take only memories".

The flight from mainland Ecuador lands on the island of Baltra, where we will be greeted by park guides and staff from Xpedition. (Luggage will be sent directly to the ship.) As you approach by air, observe the rocky plateau of Baltra emerging from the blue waters of the Pacific. The terrain is flat and arid, specked with red volcanic rock and sparse growth of cactus.

The airport is your first taste of the isolated, unspoiled, out-country--it's a former WW2 military airstrip set up by the US to guard the Panama Canal during the war. You will have some time to browse the small village's shops before one of island's three buses will pick you up for transfer to the Zodiacs, which will deliver you to Xpedition.



A short sail away is North Seymour, the first island we will visit. After lunch onboard while we reposition, we will be briefed on the afternoon's tours and head toward the Zodiacs awaiting you at the Beach Club deck aft. Don your life jacket, grab the bosun's arm with a sailor's handshake, and get comfortable for the short ride to shore.

At the rocky landing, we will climb a small cliff and be immediately immersed in the animals of the Galapagos. Sea Lions romp in the water and sun on the rocks. Female Blue-Footed Boobies will be nesting right along the trails, remarkably nonchalant about human presence. Galapagos Mockingbirds provide the music as you take it all in. Our guide will explain the mating rituals, and if we are lucky, the males will be strutting for the females. Male Frigate Birds pump their red throats to entice the ladies, while Blue-Footed Boobies wobble comically like circus clowns. Note: With all animals we encounter, WE need to step around them, NOT the other way around.

TIPS

1. The Sun is very strong at the Equator. Souvenir floppy canvas hats are chic, inexpensive, and very useful. Also, make sure you have plenty of sunscreen.
2. Good hiking shoes are de riguer.
3. Bring or buy plenty of film - you could take hundreds of pictures.

Day 4: Isla San Cristobal & Isla Espanola



The island of San Cristóbal, also known as Chatham, is the easternmost island of the Galapagos. Its main town, Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, is the administrative capital of the Galapagos province of Ecuador. There are a number of cafes and shops and a National Park Service interpretative centre. Wildlife on San Cristobal includes the Chatham Mockingbird, the San Cristóbal Lava Lizard, elusive Red-Footed Boobies, Blue-Footed Boobies, Masked Boobies, and right on the beach in town you find the occasional Galapagos Sea Lions in the middle of a snooze. The highlight of today is the early morning zodiac ride to Kicker Rock a.k.a. Leon Dormido, located a few miles offshore. It is a spectacular volcanic rock formation that is not to be missed.

Known in English as Hood Island, Isla Espanola is the southernmost part of the Galapagos. The Zodiac will glide into a protected cove, and if we're lucky, Sea Lions will be bodysurfing in the waves and swimming around the boat to welcome us. On our last trip, one small pup was not happy to see us but lost interest and swam away after a lot of barking and posturing.

The terrain across the island is highly diverse. The hike will begin on the jetty, where the immediate terrain is low, flat savannah, slightly sloping up from the shore, with low grasses and plants and sandy beaches dotted with smooth rocks. You will be amazed at the colorful Sally Lightfoot Crabs and sunning Marine Iguanas covering the rocks. The trail slowly is rockier toward the ocean side of the island, where enormous waves crash huge cliffs.

On Isla Espanola, Blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, Galapagos Hawks, and Warbler Finches are only a few of the birds we will encounter; the island also is home to the Waved Albatross. These birds can weigh as much as 40 pounds and are fantastic flyers. Their crash landings, however, are less than graceful--they come down like bags of soggy clothes thrown hard across the meadow. Farther around the island is its famous blowhole. The basalt rock at the sea edge has cracked, creating a fissure that, at high tide, fills with pressurized seawater. The resulting geyser can reach 75 feet in the air. Photo opportunities here are outstanding.

Romance VOYAGES *intimate journeys for men***Day 5: Floreana: Cormorant Point & Baroness Outlook**

Floreana is the sixth-largest island and has a population of about humans. It is also one of the four in the archipelago that Darwin actually visited while sailing the HMS Beagle. This island was the first capital of the Galapagos during the 19th century.

The morning brings us to Cormorant Point. The beaches are laced with Olivine crystals, a pale green crystal similar to Peridot. Inland find a large brackish pond home to flamingos, stilts, and White Cheeked Pintail Ducks. Off the beach, look for small rays, turtles, and sharks. Champion, a small island close by, has excellent snorkeling to spot Spotted Eagle Rays, small sharks, Pacific Barracuda, and Pacific Green Sea Turtles

Champion is one of the few islands that support the Floreana Mocking Bird.

As the story goes, Baroness Outlook was the lookout used by an infamous Baroness (no one knows for sure if it was a real title or a self-proclaimed one) watching for visiting ships to arrive. She, her lovers, and a dentist planned to build a hotel on the island. The idea was not well received by their neighbors and oddly, one night, they all disappeared without a trace. To this day, no one has solved the mystery.

The waters around the Outlook are home to Pacific Green Sea Turtles and Golden Rays. On land, look for Spotted Eagles, Great Egrets, and Lava Herons. From the beach, you can climb the steep trail, about 300 feet, to the viewing platform that is the Baroness' Outlook.

Day 6: Santa Cruz: Las Bachas & San Salvador: Bartolome

Las Bachas has a fine coralline beaches and not far away, two lagoons where Greater Flamingos, Pintail Ducks and Black Necked Stilts feed in the shallows. Along these beaches we find one of the largest nesting areas in Galapagos for the Pacific Green Sea Turtle. During the season females lay an average of 100 eggs. Incubation takes 55 to 60 days and the nests look only like mere indentations on the high part of the beach.

Bartolome is a volcanic island near the center of the Galapagos chain. Fissures in the ocean floor exploded and gradually rose, creating the land mass. The landscape is moon-like. Climb the volcanic cone 374 ft. for an amazing view of many of the islands. Below, you will see Pinnacle Rock. Here we find Galapagos Hawks, Galapagos Penguins (the only penguins found north of the Equator and surprisingly tolerant of humans), Marine Iguanas, Sally Lightfoot Crabs, sharks, and virgin lava fields.

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Day 7: Isla Isabela: Elizabeth Bay & Isla Fernandina: Punta Espinoza



Isla Isabela is the largest island in the Galapagos. The island was born of five volcanoes that melded together over time to become a single land mass. The island is still volcanically active. The last eruption of the Sierra Negra Volcano occurred in October of 2005. Isabela is home to five different subspecies of giant tortoises.

Elizabeth Bay is a huge bay fed by the cold Pacific Cromwell Current. The current brings ocean water as cold as 50 degrees luring Galapagos Penguins, whales and Pacific Dolphin.

Fernandina Island is the youngest of the islands, a mere four million years old, and the most western. It too is still volcanically active; the last eruption was in May of 2005. Darwin said the island was, "covered with immense deluges of black naked lava."

Our destination is Punta Espinoza, on the northeast corner of the island. Hikes here pass a landscape of recent lava flows and thick mangrove mangels (forests). Here find Sea Lion colonies, the largest Marine Iguana colony within the Galapagos, and a nesting area of the indigenous Flightless Cormorants.

Day 8: San Salvador: Puerto Egas & Santa Cruz: Cerro Dragon



San Salvador, also know as Isla Santiago and James Island, is the fourth largest island in the Archipelago. At one time there were an estimated 100,000 feral goats on Isla Santiago. All descendants of goats released onto the island by buccaneers, whalers, early fishermen and salt miners. They multiplied so quickly that they depleted the food source of the native Galapagos Tortoise, decimating the population.

Puerto Egas, south of James Bay on the west side of the island, has the remnants of a salt mining operation that existed up until the 1960's. There is a long, lava shoreline with black sand beaches and eroded rock formations. These rocks are home to Marine Iguanas, Land Iguanas, Oystercatchers, Sand Pipers, Yellow-Crowned Night Herons, Lava Herons, and Galapagos Hawks. Nearby tide pools contain Sally Lightfoot Crabs and are a playground for Galapagos Sea Lions and Galapagos Fur Seals.

Cerro Dragon, also called Dragon Hill, is found on the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. The site takes its name from the population of Land Iguanas here. Feral dogs, cats and domestic animals brought by the first settlers preyed upon the iguanas bringing them to the brink of extinction. Darwin Station and the Galapagos National Park Service started breeding the iguanas in captivity and releasing them back into the wild, saving the population. The view from the top of the hill is stunning. On the hike up, the trail passes through the "white forest" composed of Palo Santo, or incense trees. The brackish lagoon below feeds flamingo and shore birds.

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Day 9: Isla Santa Cruz: Darwin Station



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Day 10: Quito

We will disembark the Xpedition on Baltra, fly to Quito, and return to the J.W. Marriott for one last night. Relax by the pool sipping cocktails, snack on superb sushi, or enjoy a leisurely dinner. Perhaps do a little exploring on your own.

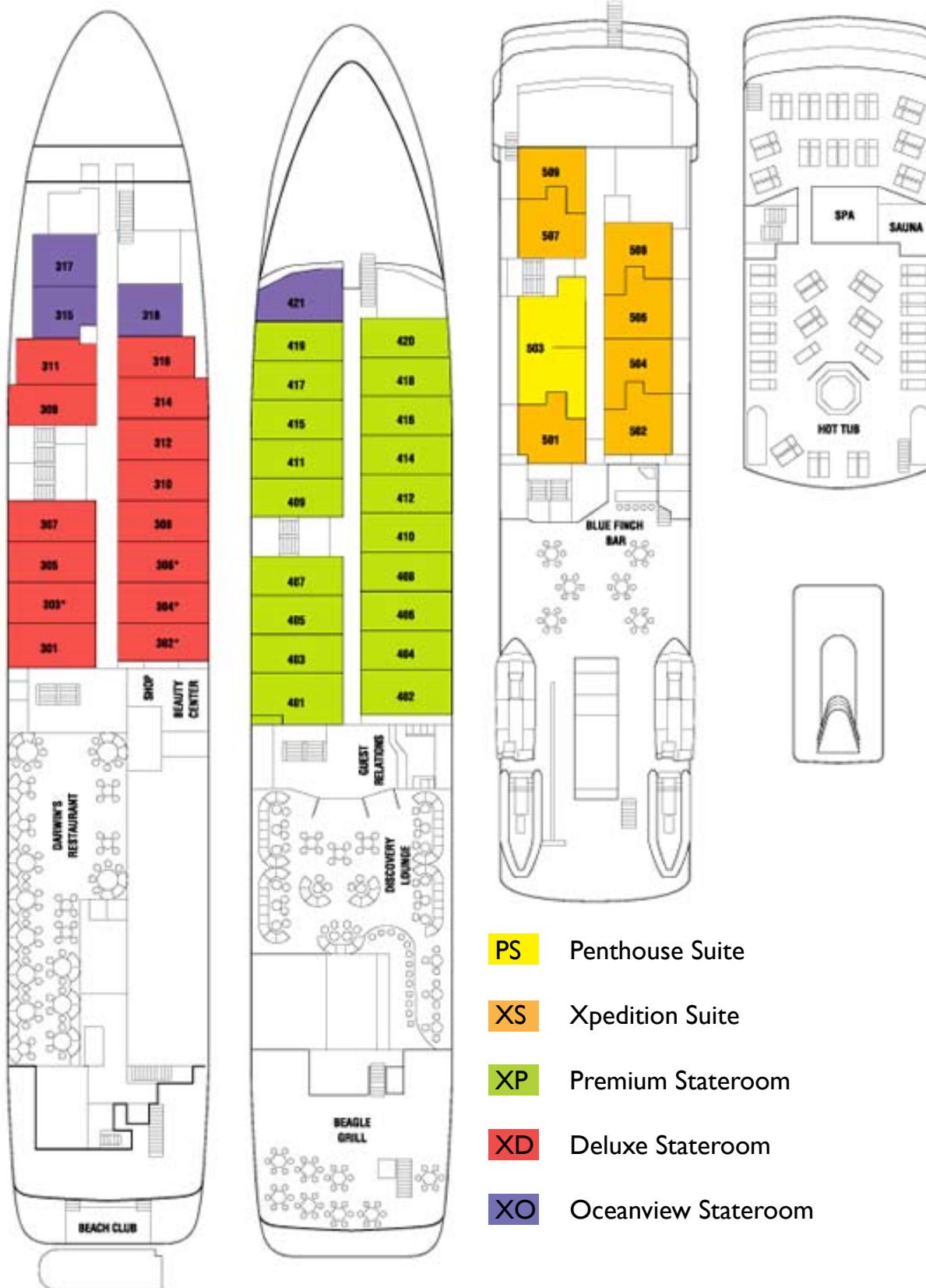
For those of you combining the Galapagos Adventure and the Machu Picchu Tour, you will depart today on the noon flight from Baltra. You will fly to Guayaquil where you will change planes for your flight to Lima. You will be escorted by Romance Voyages representatives and upon arrival in Lima; we will transfer to the Lima Marriott. This first hotel night in Lima is included in your package price. The afternoon and evening will be at your leisure and dinner is not included. Take time to explore the chic Miraflores district of Lima. This is Lima's most upscale area full of boutiques, theaters, great restaurants, bars and clubs; we here that the Downtown Vale Codo (Pasaje Los Pinos 160) is one of the most popular (and safe) clubs in the Miraflores district. Gay life in Lima and Peru is not "out" by US standards so a modicum of "caution" needs to be exercised.

Day 11: Quito

Awake refreshed and enjoy the complimentary breakfast. Coaches will transfer you to the airport for your return flights home from this fantastic place.



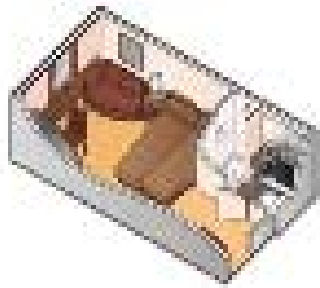
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- XS** Xpedition Suite
- XP** Premium Stateroom
- XD** Deluxe Stateroom
- XO** Oceanview Stateroom

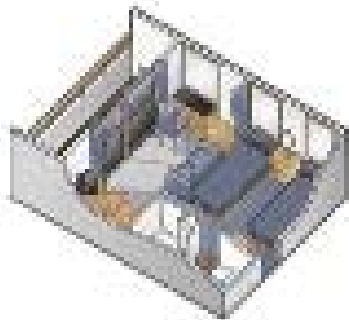


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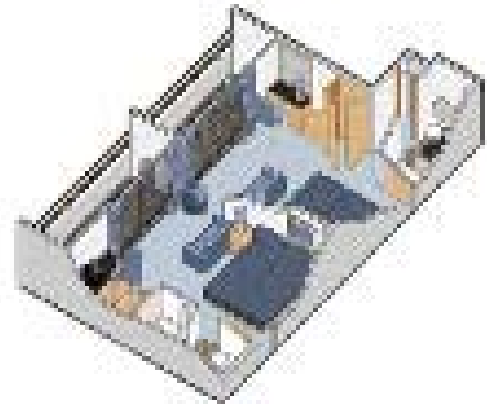
XP Premium Stateroom

Features convertible double or single beds, window, sitting area with sofa, TV, direct dial telephone and private bathroom.



XS Xpedition Suite

Features convertible double or single beds, floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors that lead to your personal veranda, sitting area with sofa, TV, direct dial telephone and private bathroom.



PS Penthouse Suite

Features two single beds and one double bed, floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors that lead to two personal verandas, sitting area with sofa, TV, direct dial telephone and private bathroom.

XD Deluxe Stateroom

Features convertible double or single beds, sea-view porthole, sitting area, TV, direct dial telephone and private bathroom.

AMENITIES

- transfers from airport to hotel in Quito
- 2-nt. pre-cruise stay in Quito, Ecuador at the deluxe J.W. Marriott, with welcome reception, breakfasts, and day-long city tour with lunch
- intra-Ecuador flights and transfers
- 7-nt. cruise
- all onboard meals
- all onboard soft drinks, house wines and beer, and well drinks
- daily tours with an onboard naturalist
- all onboard events and entertainment
- all cruise gratuities
- 1-nt. post-cruise stay in Quito at the J.W. Marriott
- sun deck with spa, hot tub, sauna, and sunning areas
- three bars/lounges
- two restaurants
- salon and shops
- in-stateroom amenities: television, telephone, bathrobes, Egyptian cotton towels, complimentary room service, and hair dryer
- all staterooms are outside accommodations, many with balconies
- attentive personal service, including an experienced Cruise Manager



SHIP - Celebrity Xpedition

Length: 296 ft.

Width: 43 ft.

Decks: 4

Passengers: 98

Ship's registry: Ecuador

The Vessel

Cruise Division has an exclusive charter on Celebrity Xpedition, the only luxury ship granted special permission by the Ecuadorian government to tour the strictly protected, eco-sensitive Galapagos Archipelago. Xpedition is the ultimate in casual elegance. With a mere 45 staterooms and a length of 296 feet, she is spacious and comfortable.

The elegant staterooms have either an oceanview porthole, window, or a balcony, and all are appointed with fine wood, leather, marble, etched glass, and fine linens. The duvets are to die for, and there is more wardrobe space than many larger ships. A television, refrigerator, satellite-accessible telephones, and Egyptian-cotton towels complete the splendor. Power is 220V, so bring a converter to keep the camera batteries charged.

Xpedition's public spaces, both indoors and out, allow plenty of room to relax after sightseeing and hiking. Sip cocktails in the Discovery Lounge, with its classic nautical theme and comfortable banquettes, sound system, and dance floor. This lounge opens directly to the aft open deck, where you can watch the Pacific sunset. Try the refreshing local draft beer called simply "Pilsener," fine local wines, or a traditional mixed cocktail. Remember that all well drinks, beer, wine, and soft drinks are complimentary (as are all the onboard gratuities, Galapagos park entrance fees, and all shore excursions). The bridge is always open for you to tour, and the onboard naturalists give briefings every day on the islands you will be hiking the next day. These are very informative, and the naturalists are quite enthusiastic, since to them the Galapagos is the ultimate assignment.

Darwin's Restaurant is a relaxed, casual-dining experience surrounded by washed woods, deep-blue upholstery, and subtle lighting. Large windows offer sweeping views. Most meals are open seating: you pick when and with whom you dine, with no strict times or seating charts. The chef prepares all dishes à la minute, and the presentation rivals a Parisian restaurant. Variations on any menu item are available to suit your individual taste or dietary needs. Fine local wines are selected by the chef and sommelier (and poured generously) to complement each dish. Breakfast is served buffet-style with a station for prepared-to-order omelets, eggs, and a special breakfast selection chosen by the chef. Lunch is served in the same style. For those who want lunch al fresco, there is a daily barbeque and lunch buffet at the Beagle Grill on the aft deck.

If the hiking has not worked your muscles enough, feel free to workout in the small gym on the top deck. Or enjoy ultimate relaxation with a massage or sauna. The gym, massage area, and sauna are open early and close late. Also, on the top deck, there is an oversized Jacuzzi and plenty of lounge chairs for good old-fashioned sun- or moon-bathing. At night, try stargazing from the warmth of the Jacuzzi. It is an awesome experience, and the waiters will keep bringing you drinks long past any reasonable bedtime. You will never find the Jacuzzi closed: It is yours to use anytime you choose. Of course, the ship is outfitted with a business center (if you absolutely have to check e-mail), a library, gift shop, and salon. A licensed and accredited doctor is also on call.

Xpedition has a top cruising speed of 17 knots (about 20 miles per hour) and is equipped with state-of-the-art stabilizers and navigational and propulsion systems. She is designed to be the most advanced, eco-friendly vessel of all time, and every onboard source of waste is processed, filtered, and cleansed in the ship, so only clear, completely potable water is released into the sea. The remaining solid waste is recycled or processed into fertilizers. The sensitive ecosystem of the Galapagos is disturbed only by the wake of this extraordinary vessel.



PRICING

Cruise Only: Limited cabins available. Call for details: 1-866-523-7010

Category	Description	Size	Window	Deck	Rate
XO	Oceanview Stateroom	145 sq. ft.	Porthole	Lower	\$4,699
XD	Deluxe Oceanview Stateroom	160 sq. ft.	Porthole	Middle	\$4,799
XP	Premium Oceanview Stateroom	160 sq. ft.	Window	Middle	\$4,999
XS	Xpedition Oceanview Suite	230 sq. ft.	Window	Upper	\$6,999
PS	Penthouse Suite with Balcony	460 sq. ft.	Floor-to-ceiling	Upper	\$9,999

Machu Picchu post-cruise tours available. [Click here](#) or call for details (866-523-7010) Single traveler pays double fare.

Security notice: Due to heightened security throughout the world, we cannot accommodate non-registered passengers onboard at any time. The safety and well being of our passengers and crew cannot be compromised. ROMANCE VOYAGES appreciates your understanding and compliance.

THE FINE PRINT: Minimum participation requirements apply. This is a whole-ship charter. Bookings made directly through the cruise line cannot be honored. All prices are in US dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, and do not include fees, charges, and taxes totaling \$310. Prices include hotel, cruise, all shore excursions, onboard meals, beverages, gratuities, and all intra-Ecuador transfers. Cabins sell quickly and all deals are subject to availability. Other restrictions may apply. Not responsible for errors or omissions. Registered Seller of Travel: Florida (Fla. Seller of Travel Ref. No. ST35169) and California (2064510-40). Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico residents, call 866-369-4567. Single supplement is 100% of rate.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Prices:All rates are in US dollars, per person, based on double occupancy (except single rates). Government taxes/fees of approximately \$310 are not included. Prices and availability, as well as schedules and activities, are subject to change without notice. If international air is purchased from ROMance VOYAGES then airport transfers are included, otherwise an additional charge will be added to your booking if these services are required.

Gratuities: Onboard gratuities are included with your cruise fare. Hotel gratuities or tips for services outside Xpedition are not included.

Payment Policy:A deposit of \$750.00 per person is required to secure a confirmed reservation. When more than one cruise is booked, deposit and payment policies apply per cruise. The final payment is due no later than 90 days prior to sailing. All reservations are subject to cancellation if payments are not received by the due date.

Payment Methods: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, money orders, and personal checks are acceptable forms of payment. Make money orders and checks payable to Luxury Cruise Center.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be made in writing. Airfare generally is non-refundable. The following cancellation charges will be assessed for all written cancellation received prior to departure up to the scheduled time of departure:

Point of Cancellation Charge

(days before departure)

120 days+ \$100pp

119-75 days \$400.00pp

74-60 days 50% of fare

59-30 days 75% of fare

29-0 (No-Show) 100% of fare

Age Restrictions: People younger than age 21 are not allowed on ROMance VOYAGES.

Passengers with Special Needs: Whenever possible, ROMance VOYAGES will try to accommodate passengers with special needs. However, on the Galapagos cruises, there generally are not facilities to accommodate wheelchairs or physically challenged passengers. Some embarkation and disembarkation facilities are steep and impossible to navigate with wheelchairs, scooters, or any other mechanical devices. Additionally, shore excursions may include walks of 1-2 miles over uneven ground, and multiple instances of Zodiac tendering will be required. We regret that, due to circumstances beyond our and their control, ROMance VOYAGES and Celebrity Cruises is unable to include physically challenged passengers. For your safety and enjoyment, it is recommended that you be in good physical condition, so you may participate in and benefit from all tours and shore excursions, as well as the cruise experience.

Hotel:The J.W. Marriott Quito is an AAA 1-Diamond establishment, experienced with Western travelers. Located along the famous Amazonas Avenue within walking distance to the new and exclusive financial district and shopping malls, it is close to the renowned Historical Center, where you can find many museums as well as preserved monasteries and churches.

Visiting the Islands:

The mean temperature in the Galapagos stays relatively constant:

Average Temperature Ranges (°F)

December— May 73-81 degrees

June - November 70-78 degrees

Clothing: Guests will need two types of clothing on their cruise: Casual Explorers Day Wear and Casual Evening Wear. Casual Explorers Day Wear is lightweight, comfortable clothing suited for walking/hiking. This includes:

- Lightweight or cotton pants and shorts.
- Lightweight short-sleeved and long-sleeved shirts such as polo shirts and cotton T-shirts, lightweight rain jacket/wind breaker, and sweatshirt.
- Comfortable walking shoes or lightweight hiking boots, and waterproof sandals for wet landings.
- Two or more bathing suits, as well as extra sunblock, sun hats, sunglasses and other types of sun protection.

Casual Evening Wear

- Slacks or pants.
- Polo-type or button-down shirts.

c. Sweaters, jackets/windbreakers should be packed.

Dining: Onboard Celebrity Xpedition, you have several dining options, including the main dining room at Darwin's Restaurant, selections served on deck throughout the day at The Beagle Grill, or complimentary room service.

The Dining Schedule

Breakfast Open Seating

Luncheon Open Seating

Dinner 6:15 PM General Seating

Snacks in Beagle Grill 12:00-6:00 PM

Room Service 24 hours a day

Afternoon Tea 4:00-5:00 PM

Times may vary according to arrival times at itinerary points.

Except for a lunch during the day-long tour in Quito, food and beverage is not included in the land portion before boarding the Celebrity Xpedition or after disembarking.

Special Dietary Requirements

ROMance VOYAGES and Celebrity can accommodate the following special diets on board: vegetarian, diabetic, low-fat, low-sodium and low-cholesterol. Dietary requests need to be made in writing to ROMance VOYAGES (fax requests to 1-800-885-6001 or e-mail alecw@romancevoyages.com) no later than 60 days prior to sailing.

Baggage:The air carriers flying between Quito and Baltra typically limit the amount of luggage per guest to one checked piece, not to exceed 30/lbs. and a small carry-on bag. Guests may bring a reasonable amount of clothing and personal effects on board Celebrity Xpedition. However, for guests' comfort and convenience, it is recommended that they limit the number of items they take.

Advanced or Delayed Sailing/Itinerary Change: In the event of strikes, lockouts, riots, weather conditions, mechanical difficulties or for any other reason whatsoever, ROMance VOYAGES or Celebrity may at any time and without prior notice, cancel, advance, postpone or deviate from any scheduled sailing or port of call and may, but is not obliged to, substitute another vessel or port of call, and shall not be liable for any loss whatsoever to guests by reason of such cancellation, advancement, postponement, deviation or substitution.

ROMance VOYAGES or Celebrity shall not be responsible for any failure to adhere to the arrival and departure times published in this website for any of its ports of call. While every effort will be made to adhere to the specifics shown herein for a cruise, circumstances may necessitate changes or deviations there from. All schedules, itinerary destinations, hours of arrival and departure, hotel and/or conveyances, and other aspects of cruise programs are subject to change without prior notice. Neither ROMance VOYAGES nor Celebrity shall be required to refund any portion of fare or other charges or make any compensation under these circumstances.

Communications: Telephone service is available, at a reasonable fee, in each stateroom on board Celebrity Xpedition. Details about contacting the ship will be provided in the Guest Ticket Booklet.

Cruise Documents: I. Passports, Visas and Other Required Documentation
You are responsible for bringing all travel documents, such as passports, visas, proof of citizenship and proof of mandatory inoculations, required for boarding the vessel in Ecuador and for entry or re-entry into any countries through which your voyage or other travel arrangements take you. At a minimum, each guest will need a valid passport. Consult ROMance VOYAGES or your travel agent for additional travel requirements.

NOTE:The expiration date of your passport must not occur within six months of the scheduled termination date of your voyage. When evaluating what travel documents you need, bear in mind that if you travel through other countries before embarking on the vessel or after disembarking from the vessel, additional travel documentation requirements may apply. Give yourself plenty of time to obtain or renew your passport or other needed forms of identification and all other travel documents.

2. Why Is Having the Right Documentation Important?

Guests who do not have the proper documentation may be prevented from boarding the vessel and/or their flight or from disembarking or entering a country, and may be subject to fine and other punishments. If, as a result of your lack of proper documentation, a fine or other cost is incurred by us, you agree to indemnify each of us for such expenses. It is the sole responsibility of

the guest to identify all travel, inoculation and health requirements and obtain and have available when necessary the appropriate and valid travel documents, such as passports and visas, inoculation documents, such as Yellow Fever certificates, and other health requirements.

NOTE: No refunds will be given to individuals who fail to bring proper documentation.

Please check with ROMANCEVOYAGES, a travel agent, government agencies, embassies, consulates, your physician, local health departments, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov), or the Department of State General Visa Information at (202) 663-1225 to determine travel and health documentary requirements.

Customs: Detailed instructions about clearing customs will be provided by our onboard staff prior to your disembarkation from the voyage. We highly recommend that you attend this important and informative talk.

Travel Insurance: ROMANCEVOYAGES strongly recommends investing in travel insurance and is proud to offer coverage through the premier travel insurance provider, Access America. Because our liability for loss or damage is limited by the Cruise Ticket Contract, we recommend that all guests check their own insurance coverage before departure. We can help you arrange travel insurance that will protect you against accidents, flight delays, and medical and dental emergencies.

Pre-existing Conditions: Pre-existing medical conditions are covered when policy is purchased within 14 days of initial cruise payment. Exclusions, conditions, and limitations may apply and will be detailed in paperwork mailed to you upon receipt of your approved application and full payment. In the case that you do not receive your Certificate of Insurance detailing this information, please call Access America toll-free at 800-207-6466.

Coverage: Coverage provides financial protection for expenses related to trip cancellation or interruption caused by a covered reason. Trip cancellation provides reimbursement for prepaid, non-refundable expenses, up to the amount of coverage purchased. Trip interruption coverage offers reimbursement for the unused, non-refundable portion of your trip and increased transportation costs for you to return home due to a covered reason. Some covered include: illness, injury or death of you, a covered family member, or traveling companion; financial default of selected carriers; strikes, natural disasters, or bad weather that results in the complete cessation of services by an airline, tour operator, or cruise line for at least 24 hours; and missed connection.

Cancellation: If you cancel within 10 days of purchasing policy, Access America will process a full refund less \$5.00 administration fee as long as you have not departed on your trip or filed a claim. No refunds shall be paid after 10 days of purchasing policy.

24-Hour Hotline: Access America's multilingual representatives are on-call 24 hours a day to help you solve a variety of problems, from replacing lost tickets and travel documents to making cash transfers. And if you have a medical or legal emergency, these representatives can connect you to resources you need. Access America also serves as an Emergency Message Center to help you contact your family and friends in the event of an emergency. The 24-Hour Hotline is toll-free: 800-756-2639.

Electrical Outlets and Service: The electric current is 220/110 AC. Each stateroom has an adapter for plugs that have two flat prongs, as used in North America.

Gift Shop: For your convenience, a small Boutique is operated on Celebrity Expedition that offers a limited quantity of film, sunscreen and other sundries. There are no photo processing or development services on board.

Gratuities: All onboard gratuities and those for the naturalist who will accompany guests on all the island visits are included in your voyage price.

Guest Behavior Policy: We are committed to providing every guest with a cruise vacation that is a touch above. To further ensure that you and your fellow guests receive exactly that, we have developed a set of Guest Behavior Policies that is available on board. We thank you in advance for your compliance.

IMPORTANT: A violation of the Guest Behavior Policies is cause for appropriate corrective action, including confiscation of improper materials or items and disembarkation of the guest from the vessel. These policies are subject to change without notice and without liability to us. We are free to adopt additional rules not stated in those policies.

General Health Requirements: All guests must ensure that they are medically and physically fit for travel and that such traveling will not endanger themselves or

others. Guests with special needs should be self-sufficient, and Celebrity recommends that they travel with a companion to provide any required assistance. Guests with medical concerns are advised to check with their physician before sailing. Tendering may preclude guests from going ashore at certain ports of call and the terrain may also limit guests' ability to take certain land tours.

Smoking Policy: For the comfort of all of our guests, smoking is permitted on only the ship's outer decks and there only in designated smoking areas. As a courtesy to our guests, ship personnel will thoroughly enforce the smoking policy. Smoking is not permitted on the Zodiac rafts or other transport vessels.

Medical Conditions and Services: Celebrity Expedition currently does not offer any staterooms that will accommodate wheelchairs or facilities needed by guests who are dependent on oxygen or requiring oxygen therapy.

Onboard Physicians: Each Celebrity vessel is equipped with a medical facility. One licensed (under Ecuadorian law) physician is normally in attendance on board. The medical services available on board and medications kept on board are extremely limited, and guests must bring an adequate supply of any specific medications they need. The medical facility is not intended or designed to serve as a clinic for guests and the use of those facilities (including any medications obtained therefrom) will result in a charge to the guest. We are not responsible for the diagnosis, treatment or services furnished by shipboard medical personnel, who are independent contractors. For further assistance, please contact us or Celebrity's Special Services Department at 1-800-242-6374 with any questions.

Naturalist-Guided Tours: The ROMANCEVOYAGE Expeditions Galapagos package includes daily tours accompanied by our naturalist guides to help you make the most out of your Galapagos visit. These guides also assist in Galapagos conservation efforts and must accompany all landing parties to the Islands. The naturalists will also be on board to provide lectures and briefings about upcoming attractions.

Onboard Purchases: Celebrity Expedition operates on a "cashless" system. Validate your Signature Account with your Visa, MasterCard, NOVUS or American Express Card or sign for payment by cash or traveler's check. Then you can sign all onboard services and purchases to your account. At the end of your cruise, you'll receive a completely itemized statement. (Sorry, we cannot accept personal checks and only U.S. currency is accepted aboard Celebrity Expedition. If you choose to settle your account with cash, a deposit may be required in advance.)

Personal Property: Under no circumstances may dangerous articles, such as controlled substances, firearms, explosives or cylinders containing compressed air or combustible substances, etc., be contained in any baggage or brought by any person on board. We reserve the right to refuse to permit any guest to take on board any items we deem inappropriate. No animals are permitted on board (with the exception of service animals for guests with special needs).

Property lost or damaged should be reported to either the Guest Relations Desk or a designated IGTV employee prior to leaving the Ecuadorian Customs area on Baltra. In any event, property lost or damaged must be reported within the time limitations and in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Cruise Ticket Contract. In the absence of negligence on our part, we are not responsible for any loss, theft, pilferage and/or damage to a guest's property, which includes items such as money, travel currency, jewelry of any kind, photographic/electronic equipment or other personal property. Collectively, our liability is limited to \$300 (U.S. dollars) per guest and otherwise in accordance with the provisions in the Cruise Ticket Contract. Safes are available in every stateroom. Please refer to the Cruise Ticket Contract for further information.

Refusal of Passage: Passage may be refused to any guest, and any guest's cruise may be terminated at any time, at the risk and expense of the departing guest, where, in the opinion of the ship's captain or physician, a guest is unfit for travel or a risk or danger to himself or herself or a disturbance or danger to others. Such guest may be left at any port or place at which the ship calls without any liability to ROMANCEVOYAGES or Celebrity.

ROMANCEVOYAGES shall not be required to refund any amount paid by any guest who must leave the cruise prematurely for any of the reasons set forth above or otherwise, nor shall ROMANCEVOYAGES be responsible for lodging, meals, return transportation or other expenses incurred by the guest. Any dispute between a guest and Celebrity or ROMANCEVOYAGES in connection with a guest's cruise booking or cruise shall be litigated, if at all, in and before a court located in Miami, Florida, U.S., to the exclusion of the courts of any other state, territory or country.

Important Notice About Safety: At any given moment, there may be trouble spots in the world in terms of crime, war, terrorism or other risks. We endeavor to provide reasonable protection for your comfort and safety on board Celebrity Xpedition. However, we cannot guarantee freedom from all risks associated with crime, war, terrorism or other risks. Government agencies in a number of countries, such as the U.S. Department of State, regularly issue advisories and warnings to travelers regarding certain destinations. We strongly recommend that guests and their travel agents obtain and consider such information when making travel decisions.

Carrier Liability: Guests release ROMANCE VOYAGES, IGTV, and Celebrity, from any and all claims for loss or damage to baggage or property, or for personal injuries or death, or for loss from delay, arising out of the acts, omissions or negligence of any independent contractors, such as air carriers, hotels, shore excursion providers, restaurateurs, transportation providers, medical personnel or other providers of services or facilities. Under no circumstance does IGTV's responsibility extend beyond the vessel. All arrangements made for the guest with independent contractors are made solely for the convenience of the guest and are at the guest's risk. IGTV disclaims all liability for damages for emotional distress, mental suffering or psychological injury of any kind, under any circumstances, except to the extent such disclaimer is prohibited by 46 U.S.C. 183c (b).

Guest Liability: Each guest agrees to indemnify IGTV, Celebrity or ROMANCE VOYAGES and their respective parent, affiliates and subsidiaries for all penalties, fines, charges, losses or expenses incurred or imposed upon one or more of them by virtue of any act, omission or violation of law by the guest. Each guest, or if a minor, his or her parent or legal guardian, shall be liable to and reimburse us for all damage to the ship and its furnishings and equipment, or any property of the ship, caused by the willful or negligent act or omission on the part of the guest.

Relationships: The owner and operator of Celebrity Xpedition™ is Islas Galapagos Turismo y Vapores C.A., an Ecuador company whose registered office is at Republica des Salvador No. E 36-43 y Suecia, P.O. Box 135-A, Quito, Ecuador (before and hereinafter "IGTV").