

DARWIN'S GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

THE FLORA & FAUNA OF ECUADOR

MARCH 12TH - 22ND, 2019

\$5,915 LAND COST*



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Minnesota Landscape
ARBORETUM

The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in conjunction with Knowmad Adventures is proud to announce an incredible Ecuador & Galapagos experience: "Darwin's Galapagos Islands and Flora and Fauna of Ecuador." This 11-day trip

from March 12th to 22nd will highlight the spectacular gardens and diverse ecosystems of mainland Ecuador and includes a luxurious 5-day cruise around Darwin's Galapagos Islands, which are full of fascinating endemic species and beautiful volcanic landscapes. Join Director of Operations of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Alan Branhagen, along with excellent local and naturalist guides on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Have unique cultural interactions, explore the cloud forest's plants, orchids and over 132 hummingbird species, stand amongst giant tortoises, colonies of iguanas, blue-footed boobies and much more! **Call Knowmad Adventures at 612.315.2894 (ext. 105 for Renee) for more information and to register. This trip will likely sell out and space is limited.**

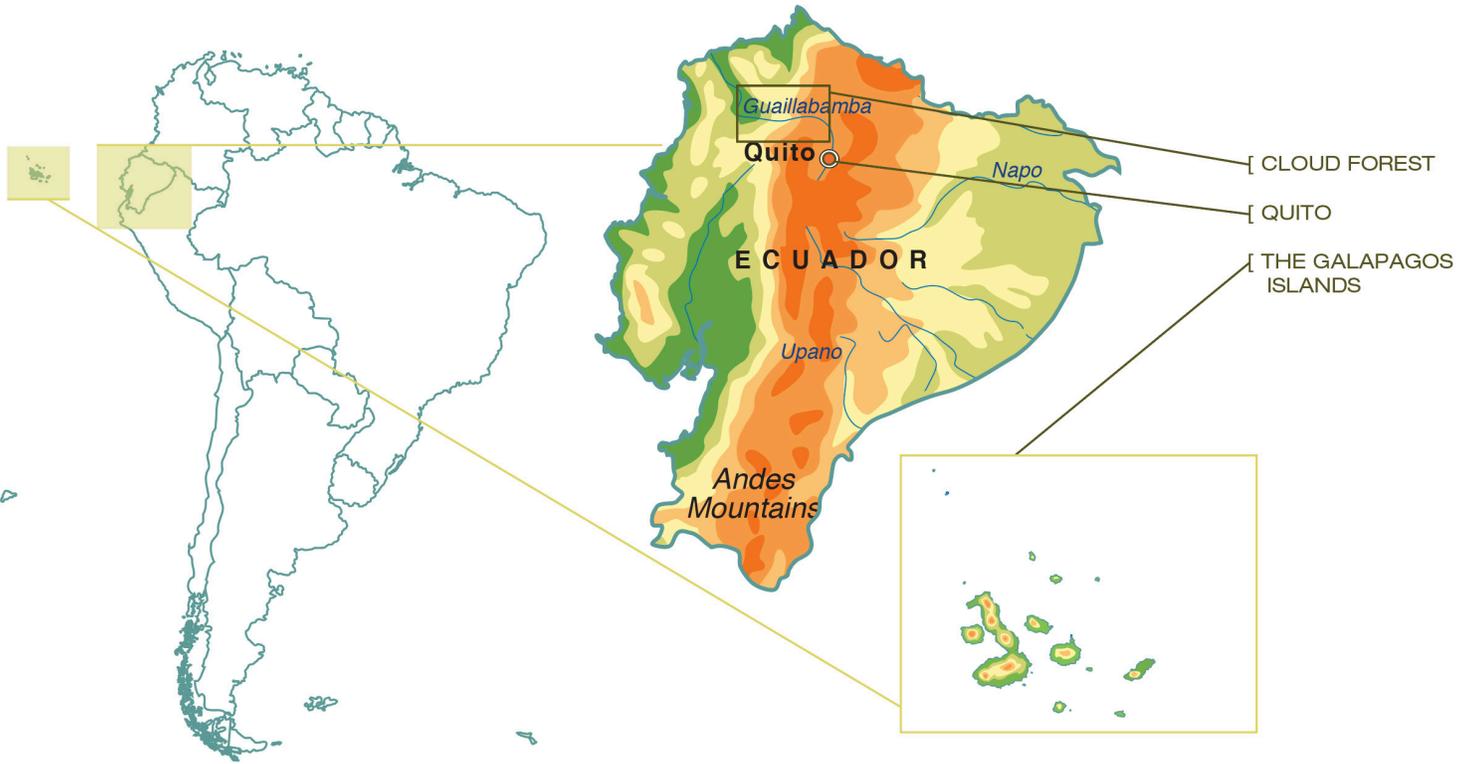
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP

- Cruise the Galapagos Islands aboard a luxury class boat with less than 100 passengers
- Enjoy expert naturalist-led excursions to discover myriad of endemic species, spectacular wildlife with no fear of humans, and unique landscapes
- Walk through palo santo forests full of iguanas; explore the most pristine of the Galapagos Islands, Fernandina island, where you'll find the lava cactus; visit the Charles Darwin Research station where scientists are working on conservation efforts; walk amongst giant Galapagos tortoises; swim, snorkel or enjoy a glass bottom boat in one of the best sites for marine wildlife in the archipelago
- See the sites and gardens of Quito; Ecuador's capital and a UNESCO World Heritage site for colonial architecture
- Visit the equator and experience the fascinating effects of standing right on the equator line
- Visit the Pahuma Orchid reserve, home to an astonishing variety of orchids, other flora, and bird species
- Stay in a private reserve in Mindo Cloud Forest, home to 400 bird species and countless endemic butterfly species
- Learn about the production of cacao as you visit a chocolate factory and see (and taste!) every step of the chocolate making process
- This adventure highlights carefully selected accommodations in spectacular and varied settings, from the seas of the Galapagos to a cloud forest lodge and an historic colonial home turned boutique hotel in Quito
- Travel in a small group of no more than 22 travelers
- Enjoy the specialized knowledge of your trip escort, Arboretum Operations Director and garden expert Alan Branhagen
- \$300 tax-deductible donation to the Arboretum included. Your donation helps less fortunate public gardens around the world in their conservation efforts.

ITINERARY: DARWIN'S GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF ECUADOR

QUITO • GALAPAGOS ISLANDS • CLOUD FOREST

- DAY 1-2** Arrival & Quito
- DAY 3-7** Galapagos Islands
- DAY 8-10** Cloud Forest & Departure
- DAY 11** Arrive home



OUTLINE OF SOUTH AMERICA

MAP OF ECUADOR

HOST: ALAN BRANHAGEN



Alan Branhagen is Director of Operations and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Alan has a lifelong career in public gardens and natural resource management and has written 2 books, most recently Native Plants of the Midwest. He is an avid gardener, plantsman and naturalist specializing in birds, botany and butterflies and is excited to escort everyone on this journey to one of the world's biological hotspots.

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MAR 12 USA – Quito

You will fly from the USA to Quito, most likely arriving in the evening. Upon your evening arrival in Quito you will be met at the airport by your Knowmad Adventures guide and driver and transferred to your accommodations in the heart of the old historic center of Quito.

- No meals – Patio Andaluz or similar

MAR 13 Quito

Today you will be met at your accommodations by your guide for a full-day guided exploration of the sites and gardens of Quito. In the morning you will visit the Quito Botanical Garden, where you will find a collection of orchids, bromeliads and many other flowers and plants representative of Ecuador and South America. Walk through the gardens and learn about the flora from your guide. Continue on your exploration of the city with a delicious lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, walk down quaint cobblestone streets of Old Town lined with brightly colored colonial houses and balconies dressed in flowers. Visit the Plaza de la Independencia and the impressive La Catedral de Quito, one of the oldest cathedrals in South America. Next, see the Presidential Palace along with other historically and architecturally rich buildings surrounding the square. Your guide will also take you to churches built around the 16th and 17th centuries including the monastery of San Francisco, which was started just five days after the founding of Quito in 1534. Lastly, visit a small chocolate shop for a tasting of different varieties of world-renown Ecuadorian chocolate. Ecuador's unique climate provides the perfect environment for growing the world's finest cacao - Cacao Arriba. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon and the evening at leisure.

- B, L – Patio Andaluz or similar

MAR 14 Quito - Galapagos

Following breakfast you'll be picked up at your hotel in accordance to your flight to the Galapagos. Upon arrival, you'll be met by a Santa Cruz Yacht representative and taken to your yacht for an introductory briefing and lunch. During this cruise you will enjoy naturalist-led walks amongst a variety of islands as we discover the unique animal and plant life that helped inspire Darwin's Theory of Evolution.

In the afternoon you will visit Cerro Dragon (Dragon Hill) on Santa Cruz island. The first part of your walk passes a brackish-water lagoon frequented by shorebirds, ducks and flamingos, while further inland, the trail offers a beautiful view of the bay and the western islands of the archipelago, as well as the chance of observing land iguanas.

- B, L, D - MV Santa Cruz II

MAR 15 Isabela & Fernandina Islands

This morning you will visit Punta Vicente Roca, on Isabela Island. After breakfast, explore the coast by panga, while your naturalist guide explains the dramatic geology of the area, a nesting place for several Galapagos highlights: flightless cormorants, Galapagos penguins, fur seals, and boobies. Depending on weather conditions, should you like to you may snorkel along the cliffs of this area rich in marine life, seasonally-visited by green sea turtles and oceanic sun fish (Mola mola). Should you prefer not to snorkel, you can choose to take a panga ride or a ride on the special glass-bottom boat, or relax on board viewing the scenery and sea birds around you.

After lunch on board and time to relax, the afternoon is dedicated to exploring the youngest island of the archipelago, Fernandina and the visitor site of Punta Espinoza, which, having no introduced mammals, boasts a very unique environment with a very high density of marine iguanas, who share their space with sea lions, Sally light-foot crabs, hawks, penguins and the flightless cormorants. You may also find the lava cactus here.

- B, L, D - MV Santa Cruz II



ITINERARY: LOST LANDS OF THE INCA

MAR 16 Santa Cruz Island

In the morning, you disembark in the largest town in the Galapagos, Puerto Ayora, for your visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station's giant tortoise Breeding Centre within an impressive giant prickly-pear cactus forest, home to many land birds. These are the headquarters of scientific investigation, conservation and the National Park administration. Following your visit, you board your transport to enjoy lunch in the cooler highlands of Santa Cruz Island, a completely different ecosystem.

You have several options available for the afternoon, which will be discussed in advance with your Expedition Leader. Options include beach walks, kayaks, walks along the tortoise reserve, etc. At the end of the afternoon's activities, you return to Puerto Ayora and continue on your cruise.

- B, L, D - MV Santa Cruz II

MAR 17 Floreana Island

After breakfast, enjoy a panga ride along the maze of channels on Floreana's north shore. Continue to Baroness Cove with its breathtaking views of Floreana before landing at Post Office Bay to visit the historic barrel that has served as a post office in the archipelago for over two centuries. Postcards are traditionally left for guests from other vessels to hand-deliver to their destinations. You could also choose to enjoy snorkelling off the beach.

After lunch back on board and time to relax, you take the pangas and glass-bottom boat to explore the underwater wonders around Champion Islet, an extinct shield volcano, regarded as one of the best snorkelling spots in the archipelago. Choose to snorkel or enjoy the views of marine life from the glass-bottom boat. From there, it's on to Punta Cormorant, beginning with a wet landing (you will step from the panga into the shallow water) on the olivine-crystal beach for an easy walk that includes a brackish-water lagoon where bird species such as American flamingos, pintail ducks, common stilts, herons, sandpipers, and other birds gather. We continue our walk over to a white-sand beach, where sea turtles emerge from the sea at night to nest (from December to May).

- B, L, D - MV Santa Cruz II

MAR 18 Galapagos - Quito - Bellavista Cloud Forest

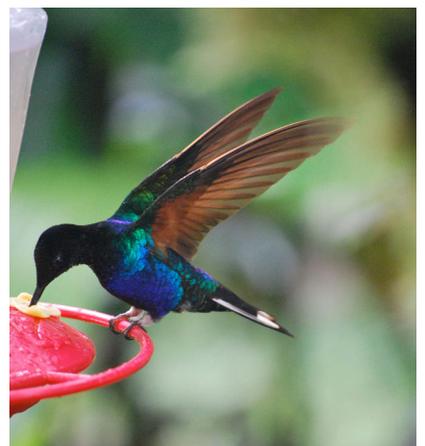
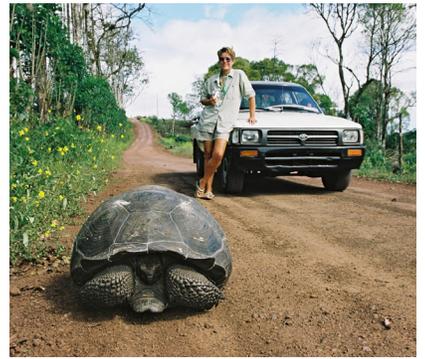
Today you will disembark at Baltra Island in order to transfer to the airport and take your flight back to Quito. Upon arrival in Quito you will be met again by your guide and driver and taken on an approximately 2-hour drive to Bellavista cloud forest, following a scenic mountain road. Reaching the turn to Bellavista you arrive to the top of the mountain for fabulous views, where Bellavista's lodge is perched. Settle into your room and then enjoy dinner in the lodge.

- B, Snacks, D - Bellavista Cloud Forest Lodge or similar

MAR 19 Bellavista Cloud Forest Reserve

Early risers can enjoy a special bird watching outing. An incredible one hundred and seventy species of birds have been recorded at Bellavista, and the list continues to grow: Tanager - finch, Giant Antpitta, Swallow-tailed Nightjar, Plush-capped Finch, Beautiful Jay, and the White-face Nunbird can all be found here, while everybody enthuses over the brightly colored Tanagers and the Platebilled Mountain-Toucan. Afterwards you will have options for short guided walks through the cloud forest. While you walk, your guide will acquaint you with the cloud forest's exuberant vegetation, its birdlife, and the fascinating adaptations to life in this special environment. After lunch at the lodge, you will visit 'Tony's House', a well-known home where you can see more than 24 species of hummingbirds. Tony, an expert on the birds and their songs, has placed many hummingbird feeders around his house, as well as in the forest, to attract the amazing variety of brilliantly colored birds you will see here.

- B, L, D - Bellavista Cloud Forest Lodge or similar



ITINERARY: LOST LANDS OF THE INCA

MAR 20 Mindo Cloud Forest

Today you will visit the surrounding areas of the Mindo Cloud Forest, where 370 different species of orchid can be found. First, you will visit a butterfly exhibit. Admire and enjoy the interactive butterfly garden where, surrounded by hundreds of colorful butterflies, you will be able to observe the four stages of a butterfly's life. While you are in the garden you will be able to feed one or more of the 25 different species of butterflies. Later visit an orchid garden, where you will see about 35 to 60 species of orchids in bloom. Some of them, so tiny, are seen using a magnifying glass.



After lunch at a local restaurant, you will have a special and delicious treat visiting a local chocolate producing factory. Admire and enjoy of the interactive chocolate factory, the ultimate destination for cacao and culinary enthusiasts alike. You will see (and taste!) every step of the chocolate making process. Return to the lodge for a relaxing evening.

- B, Box L, D – Bellavista Cloud Forest Lodge or similar

MAR 21 Cloud Forest - Quito - Departure

Enjoy another opportunity to walk in the cloud forest early in the morning before departing the lodge and beginning the drive back to Quito. En route you will stop and visit the 1,500 acre Pahuma Orchid Reserve where you may walk amongst epiphytes, bromeliads, orchids, mosses and ferns. You will also watch for birds and other wildlife. Continuing the drive, you will arrive to Pulahua viewpoint. Stop to enjoy a box lunch with a spectacular view, while the guide explains about the flora surrounding you. Time permitting, those feeling up for it can enjoy a short walk in the area. Your next stop today will be at the equator, and the fascinating Intiñan museum, dedicated to the promotion and study of the nations that inhabited the equatorial area. Enjoy the artifacts, totems, sundials, and portions of an original village at this museum, as well as the marvel of being at the center of the world on the equator. You'll have the opportunity to perform short experiments, demonstrating the effects of being on and off of the equator. End your day with a delicious dinner and farewell meal before continuing on to the airport for an onward, overnight flight home.

- B, L, D



MAR 22 Arrive Home.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Please remember that the exact route and programme of the cruise may vary according to weather and ocean conditions and the wildlife we encounter.
- Itineraries and programme are subject to change without previous notice due mainly to readjustment of the National Park policies and regulations, weather conditions, seasonal changes or safety reasons.
- Dry landing: guests step from the zodiac onto rocks or a dock.
- Wet landing: as the panga edges onto a sandy beach, guests step into knee-deep water and walk ashore.



ACCOMMODATION HIGHLIGHTS

Please note these are the preferred accommodations but are subject to change based on group size and availability.

PATIO ANDALUZ: QUITO



BELLAVISTA CLOUD FOREST RESERVE & LODGE: CLOUD FOREST



SANTA CRUZ II: GALAPAGOS ISLANDS



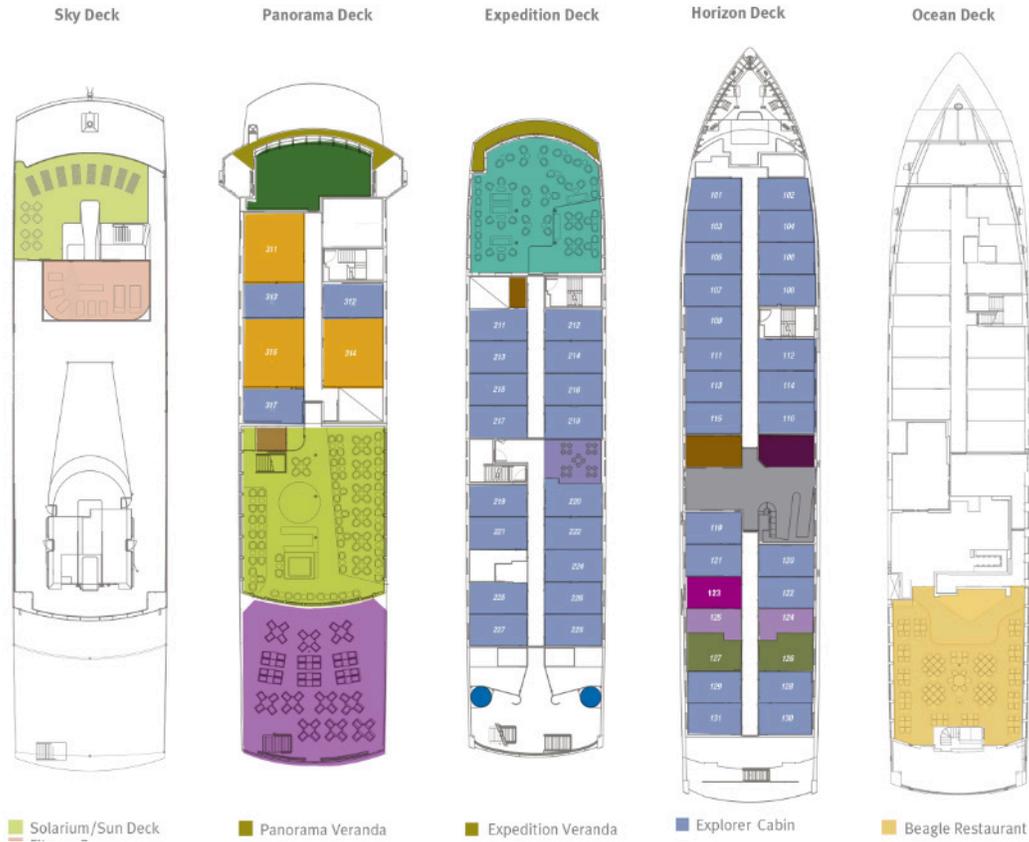
The 90-guest M/V Santa Cruz has a fun, informal and relaxed atmosphere and is ready to give its passengers an experience of the Galápagos Islands they'll never forget!

SHIP FACILITIES

- Bar & Lounge
- Restaurant
- Outdoor terrace for dining and BBQ
- Reading room and natural history library
- 24/7 Infirmary (medical doctor on board)
- Multiple purpose room
- Hot tub (2)
- Gift Shop
- Gym
- Satellite telephone
- PA system
- 24/7 Coffee station (coffee, tea, chocolates and chilled water)
- Wi-Fi hotspot (intermittent/low bandwidth)
- Air conditioned throughout
- Safe deposit box (in cabin)
- Hair dryer
- iPod/MP3 docking station
- Glass bottom boat
- Sea kayaks
- Coastal exploration boats (pangas)
- Snorkelling equipment
- Wetsuit rental

ACCOMMODATION HIGHLIGHTS

The MV Santa Cruz II has three decks with Explorer Cabins: Horizon Deck, Expedition Deck, and Panorama Deck. Most cabins are on the Horizon Deck and all Explorer Cabins are the same size, have the same size large windows, and beds that can convert from double to single. Pricing for this trip is based on Horizon Deck Explorer Cabins. Upgrade to the Expedition Deck Explorer Cabins for \$160 per person (space limited). The Expedition Deck is on the same deck as the Expedition Lounge and library, Discovery Room and the hot tubs. Located on a higher deck, the view is considered better from these cabins.



COST DETAILS

\$5,915* Land cost per traveler, double occupancy
Expedition Deck Upgrade add \$160 per person

\$520 Regional flight costs (these will be booked by the cruise & added to your final trip invoice)

\$120 Required \$100 Galapagos National Park permit & \$20 Migratory Card (these will be booked by the cruise & added to your final trip invoice)

\$1,081** Single supplement

\$900 TO \$1,200*** Estimated international airfare costs.

*Note: As currency exchanges and fluctuations vary, this is an approximate cost, which Knowmad Adventures reserves the right to adjust. This land-cost price is based on a minimum of 16 travelers. Knowmad reserves the right to adjust this price in order to accommodate fewer registrants should there be less than 16. Trip size is capped at 22 travelers plus your tour leader, but may be capped even earlier depending on number of single cabins booked.

**Note: This trip has a limit of 3 single cabins available for guests paying a single supplement. Reserve early to guarantee a single cabin. Once those 3 cabins are reserved, Knowmad Adventures will do its best to try and find a roommate for those still interested in joining.

***AIRFARE INFORMATION

Knowmad Adventures will assist in arranging your international airfare to and from Ecuador, but is not responsible if available flights exceed the price estimate. Once the trip is confirmed with the minimum number of travelers, Knowmad will be in touch with instructions on purchasing your international flights via expert flight consolidator, Exito Travel. We suggest waiting until that time to purchase flights. You may also purchase international airfare independently, but please contact Knowmad Adventures prior to purchasing to ensure that the flight arrival and departure schedule work well with the itinerary. This trip is planned in accordance to the below international flights.

Tue, Mar 12 2019	6:11 PM Atlanta, GA	10:27 PM Quito, Ecuador	Delta Air Lines #673 Y Economy
Thu, Mar 21 2019	11:30 PM Quito, Ecuador	5:39 AM (+ 1 day) Atlanta, GA	Delta Air Lines #689 V Economy

Note, if you choose to purchase your flights independently, please purchase the same flights outlined above, which will have group transfers arranged in accordance to those flights. If you choose to purchase flights that have you arriving to Quito on a different flight than the Delta option above, we will have to put in place an additional transfer for you at an extra cost (approximately \$50 - \$70 per person depending on the number of travelers sharing that transfer).

Regional flights will be purchased by the cruise and added to your final trip invoice from Knowmad Adventures.

INCLUSIONS

- 9 nights hotel and/or cruise accommodations
- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 8 dinners
(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Professional expert English-speaking guides throughout
- Local excursions as indicated
- Airport transfers as indicated
- Ground transportation and support vehicles
- Field arrangements as necessary
- Personalized pre-departure support including Trip Information Packet (contains a packing list, details about regions, weather, etc.)
- Additional guides as needed
- Entrance fees and permits as indicated
- Taxes and surcharges on excursions
- Escort by Arboretum Director Alan Branham
- A \$300 tax-deductible donation to the Arboretum

NOT INCLUDED International airfare (see estimate for airfare cost guidance); Regional airfare (not included in main land cost; see cost details for price, which will be added to final invoice); National Park fee and migratory card (not included in main land cost; see cost details for price, which will be added to final invoice); visa, passport, and departure/arrival fees; airline fees for luggage; trip insurance (trip insurance including cancellation coverage strongly recommended); meals not indicated in the itinerary; optional tips to local guides, drivers, servers and hotel staff; personal items; alcoholic beverages; wetsuit rental on board cruise (\$19 USD pp plus tax, available for rent on board).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

DUE UPON RESERVATION	\$1,775 deposit per traveler
70 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE	Remaining Balance

Knowmad Adventures accepts checks, money orders & Visa, Discover, & Mastercard credit cards.

PLEASE REFER TO REGISTRATION FORM FOR TERMS & CONDITIONS

READY FOR THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME?

Signing up is easy. Please fill out the Registration (pg. 1) & Payment (pg. 2) Forms, read the Booking Terms & Conditions and Liability Release (pg. 3 & 4) and **sign on the bottom of pg. 2**. Mail pages 1-2 to 911 W. 36th St., Minneapolis, MN 55408 or fax to 1 612 293 3935. You can also scan and email the pages to travel@knowmadadventures.com but this is not a secure way to send credit card info - please call 1 877 616 8747 to relay it verbally. We thank you for choosing to explore with Knowmad Adventures.

REGISTRATION FORM

If you're more than 2 travelers, download additional forms at www.KnowmadAdventures.com/contact.html. **Please print clearly** in blue or black pen.

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT KNOWMAD ADVENTURES? _____

TRAVELER ONE NAME **(Important: exactly as it appears on passport)** _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

GENDER male female BIRTHDAY (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ OCCUPATION _____

PASSPORT NO. _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____ CITIZENSHIP _____

MEDICAL CONDITIONS/ALLERGIES _____ DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

ACCOMMODATION INFO I will share accommodations with _____ We prefer 2 twin beds 1 bed

TRAVELER TWO NAME **(Important: exactly as it appears on passport)** _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

GENDER male female BIRTHDAY (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ OCCUPATION _____

PASSPORT NO. _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____ CITIZENSHIP _____

MEDICAL CONDITIONS/ALLERGIES _____ DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

ACCOMMODATION INFO I will share accommodations with _____ We prefer 2 twin beds 1 bed

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Knowmad Adventures does not purchase nor sell airfare.* Regional flights between Quito and the Galapagos Islands will be purchased by the cruise and added to your final trip invoice for \$520 per person (see cost details section of trip proposal). We are here to help you with the process of purchasing international flights, but ultimately it is your responsibility to purchase flights. We recommend that you purchase flights through flight provider Exito Travel to help make sure that the flights align with your itinerary and are purchased with reputable airlines.

- I would like assistance purchasing airfare through recommended flight provider Exito Travel.
- I will purchase international airfare on my own and will confirm with Knowmad Adventures before purchasing that the dates and times work with my itinerary.

*It is your responsibility to make sure that all flights you purchase coincide with the trip itinerary, whether purchased on your own or through Exito Travel. Knowmad Adventures is not responsible for financial loss incurred if flights purchased do not align with the itinerary, nor for any airline penalties or fees resulting from changes or trip cancellation once airline tickets have been issued. Knowmad Adventures is not responsible for any forfeiture that results due to any inability to obtain airline tickets that allow you to participate on a reserved trip. Please note that all airfare is subject to change without notice until tickets are issued.

LIABILITY RELEASE

This Agreement (Registration Form, Payment Form, Liability Release and Booking Terms and Conditions) is important. The Agreement includes terms and conditions and releases Knowmad Adventures, Inc. ("Knowmad Adventures"), from liability.

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

Knowmad Adventures is defined to include its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, representatives and agents. It does not own or operate any entity which provides goods or services for the trip described on the Registration Form ("Trip") including, for example, lodging facilities, bus, plane, train, kayak, yacht or other transportation companies or devices, food service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors ("Independent Contractors"). For myself and for all Authorized Travelers, I understand and agree that, neither Knowmad Adventures nor any Independent Contractor is liable for any act or omission arising out of or in connection with the Trip or this Agreement, including without limitation injury, loss, or damage to person or property, illness,

death, delay or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging facilities, condition of transportation, dangers incident to recreational activities such as swimming, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof or for any other cause. For myself and for the Authorized Travelers, I release and hold harmless Knowmad Adventures and Independent Contractors from any and all claims and demands, including attorney's fees arising out of or in connection with the Trip or this Agreement and assume all risk thereof.

PHOTOGRAPHY

For myself and on behalf of the Authorized Travelers, I grant Knowmad Adventures permission to take photographs and/or video ("Images") of me and the Authorized Travelers and irrevocably grant permission to Knowmad Adventures, its agents and representatives to use such Images and/or narrative for promotional or commercial purposes without review, payment or any compensation to participant.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

For myself and on behalf of the Authorized Travelers, I am aware that adventure travel such as that I am and the Authorized Travelers are undertaking involves hazardous activities, some in remote areas of the world, with a risk of illness, injury or death which may be caused by forces of nature, the acts or omissions of Knowmad Adventures, or other persons and companies known or unknown, or by conduct of third parties; that weather conditions may be severe, adverse and/or unpleasant and that medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during some or all of

the time during the Trip. In order to participate in this adventure travel trip, for myself and on behalf of the Authorized Travelers, I understand that participation in the Trip is voluntary and knowingly accept and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of illness, injury or death and release and hold harmless Knowmad Adventures, and any Independent Contractors.

ARBITRATION

I agree that in the unlikely event of any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this Agreement, the brochure, knowmadadventures.com or any other literature concerning my Trip, or the Trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Minneapolis, Minnesota according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive Minnesota law. Should any part of this Agreement be found invalid or not enforceable by a court of law, then the remaining portion shall continue to be valid and in force.

BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

WHAT YOUR TRIP INCLUDES

- Pre-Trip services
- Expert leadership and guiding
- Accommodations as indicated in detailed itinerary and based on double occupancy
- Local excursions as indicated
- Airport transfers as indicated in detailed itinerary
- Backcountry field arrangements as necessary
- Some equipment for adventure excursions
- Ground transportation and support vehicles
- Additional guides and porters as needed
- Entrance fees and permits
- Alcohol as indicated on select itineraries
- All meals as indicated in detailed itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)

Each Trip varies slightly, so call 1 877 616 8747 to speak with us or refer to your Trip itinerary.

WHAT ISN'T INCLUDED

- International and domestic airfare unless otherwise indicated (our travel experts can help you arrange your flights through a third party flight provider, but airfare is a separate cost)
- Visa, passport, departure/arrival and excess baggage fees
- Trip insurance
- Medical Insurance
- Activities denoted by an asterisk and listed as optional
- Personal items

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Accommodations are based on double occupancy. If you prefer single accommodations you must pay a single supplement fee, which is listed in the Trip itinerary. If you are traveling alone and wish to share accommodations, we will try our best to find you a roommate of the same gender. Should no one be available at the time you

register, the Single Supplement is payable and you will be invoiced accordingly. If a roommate is found prior to departure, this fee will be refunded.

BOOKING & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A 30% deposit, along with the signed and completed Registration Forms will reserve your Trip.

Payment Schedule as Follows:

Time of reservation.....30% Deposit
45 days prior to departure.....Balance

Deposit amounts and payment schedules may vary because of additional requirements of local lodges, cruises, etc. Specific deposit amounts and payment schedule outlined on your Trip proposal documents, sometimes called itinerary or detailed itinerary, supersede all other general information. Payment can be made in the form of credit card, cash, check, money order or bank transfer. If your Trip departure is within 45 days of booking, full

payment is due to confirm. If your Trip departs within 15 days of booking, full payment is required by credit card.

CHANGES BY TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Knowmad Adventures does its best to accommodate all post-confirmation itinerary changes requested by the Trip Participants, however, due to the limited availability of accommodations and other itinerary constraints we cannot promise to fulfill every request. Itinerary changes requested by the Trip Participants post-confirmation are subject to a non-refundable administration fee of up to \$50. We cannot accept changes requested by Trip Participants within 14 days of the trip start date. This includes, without limitation, booking additional accommodations, transfers, or excursions.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon receipt of written notice that you must cancel your Trip, the following fees will apply

based on land cost per person/per Trip (all dates are from departure date):

Days Prior to Departure.....Fee
From time of reservation until final payment due date.....Deposit
After final payment due date..... 100% of Land Cost

Please note that some trips carry a different cancellation schedule which will be included in your Trip proposal documents, in which case, that cancellation policy supersedes the information above. You are strongly advised to purchase cancellation insurance at the time of booking, which may cover cancellation charges in certain circumstances. Payments

ADDITIONAL BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

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due at the time of cancellation remain your responsibility. Knowmad Adventures cancellation policy supersedes that of its Independent Contractors.

CANCELLATION BY KNOWMAD ADVENTURES

Knowmad Adventures reserves the right to cancel any Trip due to inadequate sign-up or other cause that makes the Trip unfeasible to operate, but we will do our best to inform you at least 45 days prior to departure. In such a case, you may choose a full refund of the Land Cost or an alternative trip. If the alternative trip chosen is of lesser or greater value than the Trip originally booked then you will be entitled to a refund of the price difference or be required to pay the price difference. Knowmad Adventures is not responsible for additional expenses incurred in preparing for the Trip (e.g. nonrefundable "Advance Purchase" air tickets, visa fees if applicable, clothing, equipment, medical expenses).

UNUSED SERVICES

No partial refunds will be made for unused services including hotel rooms, air or land transport, trekking or excursion days, or other sight-seeing excursions.

PRICES, SURCHARGES & BROCHURE VALIDITY

As we publish our prices more than a year in advance, we may occasionally be faced with cost increases due to factors over which we have no control. As such, Knowmad

Adventures reserves the right to impose surcharges or price increases, for reasons including unfavorable exchange rates, increases in transport costs, taxes, increases in the cost of services, or if government action should require. If any surcharge results in an increase of more than 10% of the Trip cost excluding insurance premiums, you may cancel the Trip booking within 14 days of notification of the surcharge and obtain a full refund. Prices and dates on the website are only indicative. Trip proposal documents will control.

MEDICAL & HEALTH

Good physical and mental health is essential for the enjoyment of Trips. By forwarding the deposit, you certify that you and the Authorized Travelers do not have any physical or other conditions that would create a hazard for you, the Authorized Travelers or other persons. Medical conditions will not be considered as exceptions to the cancellation policy.

FLEXIBILITY

Trip itineraries as stated for each tour are simply an indication of each Trip's events and what the group may realize, and are not a contractual obligation. For yourself and on behalf of the Authorized Travelers, you acknowledge that the nature of this type of travel requires significant flexibility and should allow for changes and agree that the amenities, type of transport, route, schedule, and itinerary may change without prior notice due to events or local circumstances, which may include but are not limited to mechanical breakdown, flight cancellations, illness, strikes, political disputes, weather, border crossing issues and other unforeseeable events.

CHANGES BY KNOWMAD ADVENTURES

Knowmad Adventures does its best to operate all Trips as advertised, however reasonable changes may be made to itineraries where considered necessary. Knowmad Adventures reserves the right to change any of the services and facilities described in the Trip descriptions before a booking is made. If such a change is made, you will be informed at the time of booking. If Knowmad Adventures makes a major change (a major change is defined as one that affects one or more days in a five day itinerary) after you have booked,

we will notify you as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before the departure. If the major change is due to force majeure or unforeseen circumstance, no refund or compensation is payable.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Trip participants have certain responsibilities to Knowmad Adventures and other Trip participants. You and the Authorized Travelers must at all times comply with the laws, customs, foreign exchange and drug regulations of the countries visited. At all times the decision of the local guide or local supplier is final on all matters that may threaten the safety or interfere with the well being of the group or individual travelers. Should you or any Authorized Traveler fail to comply with the above or jeopardize the well being of others or the group, then the local guide or local supplier may order you or Authorized Travelers to leave the Trip without recourse to any refund.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

You are responsible for obtaining and possession of a valid passport and all visas, permits, and vaccination certificates and other documents or immunizations required for the entire Trip. Any information or advice given by Knowmad Adventures on visas, vaccinations, climate, clothing, baggage, special equipment, etc. is given in good faith but without responsibility or liability on the part of Knowmad Adventures.

CLAIMS & COMPLAINTS

If you or an Authorized Traveler has a complaint against Knowmad Adventures or any service provided, you must first inform the local guide/supplier while on the Trip so that the guide/supplier can attempt to rectify the issue.

INSURANCE

It is your responsibility and that of your Authorized Travelers to obtain insurance that covers you and the Authorized Travelers. Insurance must cover at a minimum, personal accident, medical expenses, air ambulance, evacuation, loss of effects, repatriation costs and all other expenses which may arise as a result of loss, damage, injury, delay, or inconvenience to you or the Authorized Travelers. All Trip participants must have travel related medical insurance. When

travel insurance is arranged by Knowmad Adventures, you and you're authorized Travelers acknowledge satisfaction with the levels of insurance arranged by us. The price of the Trip does not include any insurance. When obtaining travel insurance from a source other than that recommended by Knowmad Adventures, you should make certain that the insurer is aware of the type of travel that the Trip includes. Cancellation insurance is also highly recommended but not required (ask us about supplemental insurance). If you choose to decline this protection, you are assuming any financial loss with your travel arrangements.

AIRLINES & FLIGHTS

All arrangements with Independent Contractors, including airline carriers, whether made by you, or by or with assistance from Knowmad Adventures for your convenience, are at your risk. Knowmad Adventures disclaims all liability for loss or damage of every kind and nature, including without limitation financial loss incurred for flights that do not align with the Trip itinerary, cancelled flights or seats or changed flight itineraries. You cannot cancel the Trip without penalty due to a change of airline, aircraft type or destination. Knowmad Adventure is not responsible for any airline penalties or fees resulting from changes or Trip cancellation. If due to unforeseen circumstances your Trip should be delayed or cancelled, please bear in mind that many airfares have major restrictions and in many cases are nonrefundable; may only be valid on the carrier listed (i.e., non-endorseable); may require advance purchase; may only be valid for specific travel dates or times; and/or may involve traveling by an inconvenient route.

CONTRACT

To book the Trip, you must complete and sign the Agreement (either on behalf of all Authorized Travelers if you are authorized to do so, or each Authorized Traveler must individually sign the Agreement), and pay the required fees. You and all Authorized Travelers will be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement. All bookings are made with Knowmad Adventures, Inc., for the trips described in the Knowmad Adventures brochure and website. Only an officer of Knowmad Adventures, Inc. may vary the terms of the Agreement