

**ECUADOR AND GALAPAGOS ISLANDS  
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY  
JANUARY 2010**

**DETAILED ITINERARY**

**8 January 2010: Baltimore.**

9:00 Welcome and general introduction to Ecuador  
10:15 Lecture: Introduction to Populations, Species and Evolution  
11:30 Lecture: Modern history of Ecuador  
  
14:00 Lecture: Conquest of the Inca  
15:15 Lecture: Biodiversity and Biogeography in Ecuador  
16:30 Video: Orellana and the Amazon River

*Lecture schedule subject to change.*

Meals: Light snacks and juice provided in the morning

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**9 January 2010: Baltimore.**

9:00 Lecture: Rainforest as an ecosystem  
10:15 Lecture: Sexual and Natural selection  
11:30 Lecture: Pre-Columbian Andean tribes, culture, and art  
  
14:00 Video: Charles Darwin and the Voyage of the Beagle  
15:15 Lecture: Evolution in the Galapagos Islands

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**10 January 2010: Baltimore, Atlanta, Quito.**

Delta Airlines, Flight 1885. Departs BWI at 12:10 pm, arrives ATL 2:00 pm.

Delta Airlines, Flight 681. Departs ATL at 5:40 pm, arrives UIO 11:05 pm.

*Official meeting point for the course:* 10:00am at the Delta counter at BWI.

Bus transportation to the airport will be available. It will depart from the Eisenhower Library (top of the circle) promptly at 9:15am.

Bus transfer from UIO to Hotel Sierra Madre. Overnight at Hotel Sierra Madre.

Meals: -/-/D

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**11 January 2010: Quito City Tour / CENIT**

Quito city tour: The tour starts at La Basilica church and continues to the Independence Square to visit the Presidential House, the Bishop Palace, and the Cathedral. Walk to La Compañía church with its gold covered interior and then continue on to the San Francisco church and convent. City tour continues to the Panecillo Hill with a view of the city.

PM: Visit to CENIT.

Overnight: Sierra Madre

Meals: B/L/D

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**12 January 2010: Cochasqui - Otavalo area**

Bus from Quito to Otavalo. En route visit the pyramids of Cochasqui; this is an archaeological site with burial mounds and pyramids that belonged to Quito's first inhabitants. Continue to Cuicocha Lake formed in a volcanic caldera approximately 3000 years ago, at the foot of an extinct volcano. Visit Cotacachi town, famous by its leather products and handcrafts.

Overnight: Las Palmeras

Meals: B/L/D

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### **13 January 2010: Otavalo area**

Early in the morning visit the animal market and continue to the artesian market in Otavalo. The Otavalos are a trader community by tradition, and are known worldwide for their wonderful work on textiles and tapestries. During the tour, visit the handcraft (artesian) market and have real contact with the community while bargaining for their products. Visit Casa Taller Mindala in Peguche and learn about the ancient techniques for tapestries elaboration.

Overnight: Las Palmeras

Meals: B/L/D

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### **14 January 2010: Otavalo – Equatorial Monument – Quito.**

Depart from Otavalo to Cayambe and visit a rose plantation. Lunch at Molino San Juan. In the afternoon visit the Equatorial line and Intiñan Museum.

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Meals: B/L/D

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### **15 January 2010: Transfer to the airport / Flight to Galápagos.**

*Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (San Cristobal [Chatham] Island):* Arrival by plane to San Cristobal Island and transfer to the MV SANTA CRUZ, which will be anchored at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the provincial capital of the Galápagos Islands.

*Cerro Brujo (San Cristobal Island):* A dinghy ride along the shores of tuff-stone layers will bring us to Cerro Brujo's white coralline beach. Wet landing. The area will show us good views of seabirds like blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, herons, frigate birds, and some shore birds. Highlights ashore include the Chatham (San Cristobal) Mockingbird, Chatham Lava Lizard; both species are endemic to this island and seen nowhere else in Galapagos. We may also spot Yellow Warblers, Galapagos flycatchers and with luck a Vermillion flycatcher (endemic subspecies to San Cristobal). These are the same shores that Charles Darwin walked upon, back in September 1835.

Overnight: MV Santa Cruz

Meals: B/L/D

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## **16 January 2010: Galapagos**

*Punta Suarez (Española (Hood) Island):* Morning outing at Punta Suarez (dry landing) for an exciting walk on lava/boulder terrain to visit its unique sea bird colonies, including the waved albatrosses (April - December), Nazca (masked boobies), blue-footed boobies, swallow-tail gulls, and the famous blowhole. Also, look for red-green-black marine iguanas, and of course a rookery of sea lions right at the landing site. Back on board for lunch.

*Punta Cormorant (Floreana Island):* Disembark at Punta Cormorant (wet landing) at an olivine-crystal beach for an easy walk that includes a brackish water lagoon where bird species like Greater flamingos, pintail ducks, common stilts, herons, sandpipers, and others may be observed. Possibility of snorkeling from the beach, or join our Glass Bottom Boat or advanced snorkeling panga if conditions permit. Briefing and dinner.

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Meals: B/L/D

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## **17 January 2010: Galapagos.**

*Punta Espinoza (Fernandina Island):* This morning brings us to the youngest island, Fernandina. Disembark (dry landing) for a one-mile walk. Punta Espinoza has an amazing combination of barrenness with lots of wildlife. Having no introduced mammals, Fernandina has a very unique environment with the highest density of marine iguanas, sharing their island habitat with sea lions, sally-light foot crabs, and hawks. Lava terrain calls for good walking shoes. Back on board for lunch. As we sail along the Bolívar Channel, astonishing views of the Galápagos' youngest volcanoes can be seen. The nutrient-rich waters of the west can also bring surprises like encountering sea birds feeding, dolphins, and possibly whales.

*Punta Vicente Roca (Isla Isabela):* In the afternoon, depending on the conditions of the ocean, we will schedule a snorkeling outing along the cliffs of partly-sunken Ecuador Volcano, in the northern tip of Isabela Island. Since there is no landing site at this location, we will include a coastal exploration by dinghy, where our naturalist guides will commit to explaining the dramatic geology of the area with remains of lava flows and tuff stone layers. This is the nesting place for flightless cormorants, the only existing marine birds in the world other than penguins that have changed their condition of flying birds to diving birds. Wildlife here also includes Sea lions, Galápagos Fur seals, Galápagos Penguins, Blue-footed and Nazca Boobies and noddy terns. This area has a very rich marine life, and is seasonally visited by green sea turtles. Details about the next day's activities before dinner.

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Meals: B/L/D

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## **18 January 2010: Galapagos. Return to Quito**

*Santa Cruz Island and Baltra Island:* Visiting the famous Charles Darwin Research Station will be certainly a rewarding adventure for this morning's program. We arrive at the Itabaca Channel, between the islands of Baltra and Santa Cruz and disembark at the public dock (dry landing) for a 30-minute bus ride along the highlands in route to Puerto Ayora where changes in vegetation can be witnessed. Upon arrival, we proceed to visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and the rearing in captivity program for the famous giant tortoises. After an hour visit, return via the same route to cross the Itabaca Channel by ferry and take the bus to Baltra Island airport in time for the 12h15 flight back to the continent.

Flight back to Quito, transfer to the hotel. Evening lecture.

Overnight: Sierra Madre

Meals: B/L/D

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## **19 January 2010: Flight to Sacha**

Transfer hotel-airport for the flight to Sacha Lodge. Depart Quito's airport at 11:30 (Flight EQ 213 –subject to change). A 30 minute flight over the Andes Mountains leads you to a bustling oil town called Coca located in the Amazon Basin. A quick lunch in Sacha's private house and then its off to the town docks where you will board Sacha's private canoes for the 2 hour journey down river to Sacha's Lodges property. A 30 minute hike through the rainforest leads you to lake Pilchicocha. Here, you are met by native workers to paddle you across the lake to your final destination.

Arrive at Sacha Lodge around 3:00 or 3:30 pm. Swim in Lake Pilchicocha, which is a black water lake home to many species of fish and animals. A refreshing swim after arriving may be just what you need after being in the equatorial heat all day. Bird observing from the mini tower offers guests an excellent opportunity to view several species of birds common around the lodge. Also a great place to watch the sun set. Visit the butterfly house with your naturalist guide to view the beautiful colors of many different species of butterflies. After dinner, accompany your naturalist guide on a night walk through the rainforest to view the hundreds of different species of animals that can only be found at night. Or maybe a canoe ride on the lake to view the spectacled and black caimans with their glowing orange eyes as you silently paddle across the lake to get a closer view.

Overnight: Sacha Lodge

Meals: B/L/D

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## **20 January 2010: Sacha Lodge**

Rainforest activities.

Overnight: Sacha Lodge

Meals: B/L/D

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## **21 January 2010: Sacha Lodge**

Rainforest activities.

Overnight: Sacha Lodge

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## **22 January 2010: Sacha Lodge to Quito**

6:15 am breakfast and a departure from the lodge at 6:45am. One last walk on the boardwalk to the river, and from there a 2 hour canoe ride back to Coca for your 35 minute flight back to Quito. Arrive Quito at 12:00 pm (EQ214- Subject to change).

At night Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant located at Quito's Colonial Center.

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Meals: B/L/D

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**23 January 2010: Quito, Atlanta, Baltimore**

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