

MARINE IGUANAS AND TRAVELER



# THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

Aboard the *Isabela II*  
January 18–27, 2010

## ACADEMY LEADER

**Dr. Robert Van Syoc**, Senior Collections Manager of Invertebrates, has a lot to say about islands and speciation. In addition to visiting the Galápagos on multiple occasions, his invertebrate research has taken him to Madagascar, Fiji, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands, and Australia. It's hard to find a better locale than the Galápagos to convey his global wisdom about the ocean and how life changes over time. Bob looks forward to engaging with inquisitive Academy members out in the field.

## RED-FOOTED BOOBIES



**JOIN US** on the ultimate natural history adventure—and another important piece of the Academy's 100-year legacy of research, education, and conservation efforts in the Galápagos. We have been active here for good reason: more than a third of the plants and two-thirds of the reptiles that inhabit

the islands and surrounding waters are found nowhere else in the world. This is one of the globe's few remaining destinations where animals have no instinctive fear of humans and will approach with peaceful curiosity, so visitors enjoy unsurpassed opportunities to view wildlife in a natural setting. We've carefully chosen the deluxe *Isabela II* for its outstanding itinerary, comfortable accommodations, and quality of local naturalists who guide each shore exploration. Swim and kayak alongside Galápagos penguins and playful sea lions, marvel at giant tortoises in their native habitat, and learn about the latest challenges and successes in preserving this destination that is like no other. Space is limited, so call us today to join the program.



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**A DELUXE YACHT**, the *Isabela II* has 20 comfortable and spacious outside cabins, each with private bathroom including a shower. The vessel is fully air-conditioned and carpeted and has three public decks, with a bar/lounge, sun deck, elegant dining room, game room, and observation area for watching the resident marine life. The library features books about the islands as well as nature and conservation videos. All guests can be accommodated at one seating for meals, which feature Ecuadorian and Continental specialties. Panga tenders are used for all shore excursions and onboard multilingual naturalist guides provide excellent commentary during each day's outing. *Isabela II* also carries kayaks and snorkeling gear for the adventurous traveler.

**WHAT TO EXPECT** While the Galápagos Islands straddle the equator, ocean breezes temper the daytime heat and cool off the nights. The ocean temperature is usually in the high 70s.



BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY

**PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE** Seven nights aboard the *Isabela II* • Two nights at the Hotel Hilton Colon in Guayaquil • 23 meals: 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners • Lecture program led by study leader and naturalists • Onboard welcome and farewell receptions and dinners • All excursions, entrance fees, and National Park tax of \$100 per person • Gratuities for porters, drivers, ship's crew, and naturalist guides • Group transfers and baggage handling between airports, hotel, and ship for those participating in group flights • Complete packet of pre-departure information, including educational materials and reading list

**AIRFARE** U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. As of July 2009, round-trip economy-class airfare between San Francisco and Guayaquil, Ecuador, is approximately \$923 per person, subject to change. On-tour airfare between Guayaquil and the Galápagos Islands is also not included in the program rates. As of July 2009, this fare is approximately \$400 per person, subject to change. Our tour operator, High Country Passage, is happy to assist you with your air travel arrangements.

**PAYMENTS** A deposit of \$1,000 per person (payable to High Country Passage) is required to confirm all reservations. Please mail the check to Academy Travel Office, 500 Third Street, Suite 455, San Francisco, CA 94107. Final payment deadline is September 18, 2009, 120 days prior to departure.

**PROGRAM RATES** \$5,990 per person, double occupancy. \$8,890 (limited availability), single occupancy

**ITINERARY** (The daily schedule describes highlights of this adventure; the exact itinerary will be determined by Galápagos National Park authorities.)

DAY	LOCATION	HOTEL / SHIP	ACTIVITIES
1	Home / Guayaquil	Hotel Hilton Colon	Arrive Guayaquil
2	Balta & North Seymour Islands	<i>Isabela II</i>	Fly to Baltra, embark <i>Isabela II</i> , observe magnificent frigate birds, blue-footed boobies, and marine iguanas
3	Española Island	<i>Isabela II</i>	On the oldest island, observe sea lions, mockingbirds, and finches
4	Floreana Island	<i>Isabela II</i>	See flamingos, sea turtles, and rays on this former pirate haven
5	Santa Cruz Island	<i>Isabela II</i>	Explore Charles Darwin Research Station, lunch in the highlands
6	Genovesa Island	<i>Isabela II</i>	Climb Prince Philip's steps, see red-footed and masked boobies
7	Isabela & Fernandina Islands	<i>Isabela II</i>	On two of the youngest islands, observe flightless cormorants and marine iguanas
8	Santiago & Bartolomé Islands	<i>Isabela II</i>	Fur sea lions, penguins, and Sally Lightfoot crabs abound on Santiago; see spatter cones, tuff cones, lava tubes, and Pinnacle Rock on Bartolomé
9	Baltra Island / Guayaquil	Hotel Hilton Colon	Fly from Baltra to Guayaquil
10	Guayaquil / Home		Fly home

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SALLY LIGHTFOOT CRAB

BARTOLOMÉ ISLAND



NAME 1 (AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT)

NAME 2 (AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT)

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE (HOME) (WORK)

(CELL)

## PAYMENTS

Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person), payable to High Country Passage for \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) on the Galápagos program. **OR**

Please charge my deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person) to the following credit card:  MasterCard  VISA  AmEx

CARD NO. SEC. CODE EXP. DATE (MM/DD/YY)

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE DATE

CARDHOLDER NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Bed preference (not guaranteed):  One bed  Two beds

## SINGLE APPLICANTS ONLY

I prefer single accommodations.  
 I plan to share accommodations with: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please arrange a share for me (not guaranteed).  
 I am a  smoker  non-smoker.

I understand that if a roommate is not found by the final payment deadline of September 18, 2009, I will pay the single rate.

I/We have read the program information and the Terms and Conditions and agree to the terms as stated therein.

SIGNATURE DATE

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## RATES DO NOT INCLUDE U.S.

- domestic and international airfare •
- On-tour airfare • Surcharges assessed by the government or national park authorities • Passport or visa fees • Immunizations • Transfers to and from airports for individuals not using or meeting group flights • Excess baggage charges • Meals and beverages not specified as included • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Accident/baggage/cancellation insurance • Medical expenses • Laundry, room service, telephone, email, and fax calls • Other items of a purely personal nature and not stated as included • Airport security fees imposed by the government or airlines

## RESPONSIBILITY

The California Academy of Sciences (CAS) and High Country Passage (HCP) act only as agents for the suppliers and contractors providing transportation and/or all other travel-related services and assume no responsibility howsoever caused for personal injury, or for personal or property loss or damage, in connection with any service. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, weather, strikes, terrorism, wars, or other such causes. CAS and HCP reserve the right to make changes to the published itinerary whenever, in their judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the

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