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Vacations for Singles of All Ages

**Singles Trip
Galapagos Islands Yacht
Cruise & Quito, Ecuador
Adventure**

Galapagos Islands Yacht Cruise & Quito, Ecuador Adventure

June 4-12, 2008



Haven't you always wanted to see the famous **Galapagos Islands**? This trip offers you a chance to see the islands on a beautiful, private yacht just for our singles group for an adventure of a lifetime! Now you can experience the awesome Galapagos Islands in an up-close and personal way on our very own chartered yacht and also spend one night on Santa Cruz Island in a hotel to explore this island, plus 4 nights to enjoy the city and surrounding areas of **Quito, Ecuador!**

The ships' naturalist guide will assist us in exploring, learning, snorkeling, and enjoying our wonderful vacation in this island paradise; it's one of the most unique areas in the world! However, it doesn't end there- you will also get to experience Quito, Ecuador, cross the equator, and take a day trip to the famous Otavalo country and market. All this and other singles to enjoy it with!

A little about your vacation—

The **Galapagos Islands**, made up of 13 large islands, six smaller islands and over 40 islets, are located in the Pacific Ocean 600 miles west of the Ecuadorian mainland. Its wonders span from the most varied geological formations of lava flows, blowholes, spatter cones and lava tunnels to beaches of olive, white, or black sand, and the most diverse landscapes and species of animal and plant life.

On some islands you will find red mangroves, scalesia trees and acacias, while on others you will see cactus, micronias and Palo Santo trees. The most surprising sights for visitors, however, are the animals, which astounded Charles Darwin on his visit in 1835 and he used what he saw to construct his theory of evolution. Some of these animals cannot be found anywhere else on earth! The giant land turtles gave the archipelago its name and are just some of the species unique to the islands, as are the Galapagos penguins, Darwin finch, hawk and marine iguana. You will also see Blue-footed Boobies, Swallow-tailed Gulls, bright Yellow Warblers, fur seals, sea lions, frigate birds and free-roaming albatross.

Our group will explore the islands on our chartered yacht just for our group, see many different animals and vegetation, visit The Charles Darwin Research Institute, have a Galapagos BBQ, have a chance to snorkel the beautiful waters surrounding these Islands and so much more.....!

Prior to our Galapagos yacht cruise adventure we'll spend time in **Quito** which is a wonderful mix of the old and new world, enabling you to experience the friendly culture of Ecuador. We can tread the narrow cobblestone streets of colonial Quito on our city tour, we'll have free time to explore even more of what Quito and its surrounding countryside has to offer which includes a trip to the equator! Also, included is a full day to the world famous Otavalo Indian Market, where we'll have time to wander through this sprawling, colorful marketplace-the largest in South America!

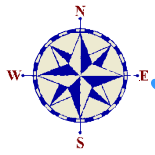
Come join us on this trip of a lifetime on our very own private yacht!

***Over 1,900 species of plants and animals in the Galapagos
(Darwin's "Enchanted Islands")
cannot be found anywhere else on earth!***

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Price Includes All of the Following

- Airport transfers on international arrivals & departures in Quito
- All transfers within itinerary and the Islands as noted
- 18 Total Meals (8 Breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L), 6 dinners (D))
 - including 'welcome dinner' in Quito
 - including special Galapagos BBQ Party on Santa Cruz Island
 - including all meals while on board the yacht
- 4 Nights accommodations at the Dann Carlton Hotel in Quito
- 1 Night Hotel stay at Sol Y Mar in Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz Island
- 3 Nights on board the Coral II Motor Yacht
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- City tour in Quito with a professional, local guide
- Tour to the Equator "Middle of the World" and Equatorial Monument with a professional local guide
- Full day Otavalo Market tour with a professional, local guide
- Boat tour off Santa Cruz Island to Shark Bay with snorkeling equipment and cold drinks
- Opportunity to snorkel with sea lions near Academy Bay
- Visit to the famous Charles Darwin Research Institute
- Visit these Galapagos Islands and sights (and more!)
 - Baltra
 - Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island
 - Highlands, Santa Cruz Island
 - Suarez Point, Espanola Island
 - Gardner Bay, Espanola Island
 - Cormorant Point, Floreana Island
 - Post Office Bay, Floreana Island
 - North Seymour Island
- Professional Naturalist Guide while on board our yacht
- ALL MEALS INCLUDED while on board our yacht
- ALL LECTURES INCLUDED while on board our yacht
- ALL SHORE EXCURSIONS INCLUDED while on board our yacht
- Local English Speaking Tour Guides on tours
- Experienced Singles Travel Company Representative
- Free roommate matching to save on single room accommodations

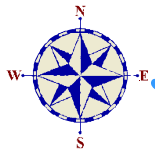


Relaxing.....we have a hot tub on the back of our yacht!

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Our Hotel –Quito, Ecuador- 4 Nights



Located in the new commercial district of the city, the **Hotel Dann Carlton** is an exceptional masterpiece of architecture. The hotel bills itself as a boutique hotel because it offers all the charm and personal service that you'd find at a small hotel. The rooms are quite spacious and come with dark wood furnishings, built-in closets, CD players, and subtle green, earthy tones. The marble bathrooms are sparkling. It is design and decorated with a perfect English style, with all modern facilities for the modern traveler. It offers the traveler quality rooms and facilities making your stay, whether business or leisure, relaxing and comfortable.



Amenities include: Restaurant; bar; miniscule exercise room; Jacuzzi; sauna; concierge; business center; salon; limited room service; massage; same-day dry cleaning; laundry service.

Our Ship-Coral II Motor Yacht

The Coral II is an elegant, fully equipped and spacious classic Motor Yacht beautifully decorated in dark teakwood and sparkling bronze and is one of the more popular ships sailing the Galapagos. With capacity for 20 passengers it is perfect for exploring and experiencing the islands with both comfort and no crowds; and its high cruising speed means less time traveling and more time visiting the islands.



Each cabin has air conditioning, TV, safety box, inter-cabin phones along with a private bathroom with cold and hot water, hair dryer and other amenities. The Coral II's layout is carefully planned and the social areas are all you could wish for in a small yacht.



The dining room (enjoy the chef's daily culinary delights!) is right next door to the lounge and both are surrounded with picture windows which allow you to enjoy your meal without missing anything outside including panoramic views of the islands and their wildlife. The comfortable and friendly bar offers a tasteful variety and full range of drinks and cocktails. The outside decks (in the front and on the top of the boat) are great places to relax and enjoy the views. The bow is a wonderful place to spot dolphins playing in the bow waves or whales breaking the surface in the distance. There are also comfortable sofas, as well as a top deck ideal for star gazing at night or sunbathing by day.

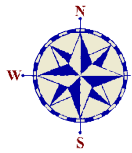
All of the naturalist guides on board are highly qualified and multilingual and are certified by the Galapagos National Park. They are well-trained and knowledgeable about the natural history of the Galapagos, but equally important they are fun to be around! Their mission is to help you enjoy your trip to the Galapagos.

The ship meets all international safety requirements demanded by the Galapagos National Park and Ecuador's Marine Authorities, including navigation, and is one of the popular ships sailing the Galapagos.

Yacht Specifications:

- Category: Superior First Class Yacht
- Length: 33.5 m / 110 feet
- Decks: 3
- Passengers: 20
- Crew: 10
- Guides: Multilingual naturalists
- Speed: Maximum speed 12 knots Cruise speed 10 knots
- Built in: Holland
- Life rafts: 2 - 20 passengers each
- Disembark zodiacs: 2 - 15 passengers each
- Navigation aid: GPS / Ecosounders / Radars EPIRB / VHF / UHF
- Electric Power: 110 volts
- Certification: ISM (international Management Code for the safe Operation of ships and for Pollution Prevention)





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Galapagos Islands Private Yacht Cruise & Quito, Ecuador Adventure Land and Cruise Itinerary

Day 1 Wed. June 4 Depart your hometown to Quito, Ecuador

Fly in to Quito, Ecuador from your home city to start your adventure! You'll be met outside of customs and immigration by our local guide and transferred to our hotel where we'll be staying for the next 3 nights at the Dann Carlton Hotel. Depending on the time you get in, there will be a casual welcome get together to meet your fellow travelers and your Singles Travel Company representative and then dinner will be at leisure with others from the group. Start exploring!



Day 2 Thurs. June 5 Touring Quito and the "Middle of the World"

After breakfast, our exploration begins with a private guided tour of colonial Quito, the "Middle of the World" and the Equatorial Monument. During the tour of Quito, see cobble-stoned streets, busy plazas, elegant cathedrals, Quito's oldest monastery, the Legislative Palace and enjoy the view of the surrounding mountains. Next we take a short drive north of the city to the "must see" site of the "Middle of the World" monument and visitor complex, where visitors can step between the world's hemispheres in the blink of an eye. You'll have fun taking pictures as you cross from one hemisphere to another at the equator.

Return to your hotel in the afternoon. The rest of the day we can continue exploring this wonderful city. Bustling Avenida Amazonas, the showpiece street of modern Quito, is a good place to stop in a sidewalk cafe and watch life go by. If we didn't see the following places earlier on the tour we will have some time to visit them, such as the House of Culture, the University, the Legislative Palace, and Alameda Park. Also, if time, see the highlights of charming colonial Quito, including Independence Square, La Ronda, and La Compania.

This evening we will enjoy a 'welcome dinner' in a local restaurant in Quito. Then the evening is at leisure to enjoy the local night scene with new friends from the group. **(B, D)**

Quito, the capital of Ecuador is arguably the most beautiful city in South America. Located 2850m (9350ft) above sea level and just 22km (14mi) south of the equator, it boasts a wonderful spring-like climate in a spectacular setting. Vistas in Quito are dominated by mountains, with several snowcapped volcanoes standing sentinel in the distance; the city itself sits at the foot of 4700m (15,400ft). Architecturally, Quito has plenty of colonial treasures, and modern building has been strictly controlled in the old town since 1978, when it was declared a world cultural heritage site by UNESCO. The old center is full of whitewashed houses, red tiled roofs and colonial churches, with no flashing neon to disrupt the ambience of the past. The northern part of the city is the new town, containing modern offices, embassies, shopping centers and airline offices.



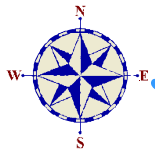
Day 3 Friday June 6 Quito/ Otavalo Indian Market

Your highlight today is an excursion to the Indian Market. The Indian fairs and markets of Ecuador are a perfect illustration of this relatively small Andean country's vast cultural wealth, stunning geography and its happy and colorful people. Markets are traditional places for people to come and meet, shop, haggle and gossip, while local native tribes trade foodstuffs, animals, utensils, pans, textiles and all kinds of other items. For the foreign visitor, the Indigenous markets provide a great way to get closer to the Ecuadorians, while bargaining over the price of a sweater or panpipe and enjoy the fruit of their industrious hands in their multifarious crafts.



The Indian Market of Otavalo is the most famous and colorful in all of South America. Your guide will meet you in your hotel lobby for a morning departure towards the scenic roads northeast of Quito. The drive takes under two hours and passes by the dramatic Avenue of the Volcanoes. Enroute, you will also visit the Imbabura Province, known as the Lake District of Ecuador. Also see the Plaza de los Ponchos, where beautiful textiles of cotton and wool made in local workshops fill the square and surrounding streets with color and life.

We arrive in Otavalo, often called the Persia of South America, to find the market bustling. Otavalenos sell their goods throughout Ecuador, but you will find the best selection and prices here. Otavalo Indians are an aristocratic society and highly skilled weavers. The market stalls sell every kind of craft, from wood carvings and naif paintings to Panama hats and jewelry, to woolen rugs, wall hangings, and knit and embroidered clothing, to name but a few items. You will have time to visit the Friday Otavalo Indian market, filled with Otavalo Indians wearing blue ponchos, white trousers and long braided hair. Lunch is included and will be served at a real colonial hacienda. In the afternoon, bid farewell to Otavalo and begin your journey back to Quito and to your hotel. **(B, L)**



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Day 4 Sat. June 7

Fly from Quito to Baltra & Transfer to Hotel on Santa Cruz Island

This morning, our local personal English-speaking guide will meet us in the hotel lobby for the transfer to the Quito airport for our flight to the islands to begin our Galapagos adventure! Upon arrival in Baltra, we'll be transferred to the local hotel in Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz Island for a one night hotel stay for an up-close view of one of the islands. Santa Cruz Island is known for its' gigantic tortoises, flora and beautiful landscapes and it is one of the populated Islands in the Archipelago.

You'll enjoy the town of Puerto Ayora, located in the center of the Galapagos Islands archipelago and the largest settlement in the Galapagos Islands-you can buy souvenirs, mail postcards, and absorb local charm in the social heart of the islands. The hub of most activity in the Galapagos, Puerto Ayora is a charming port town where sea, sun, seabirds and sailboats coexist in happy equilibrium.

After check-in, we'll be transferred to the main dock in Puerto Ayora to meet our excursion boat. The captain will take us out of the bay towards the lighthouse at Punta Estrada to view swooping blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, herons and frolicking sea lions.

We'll continue into Shark Bay to be able to spot rays and sea turtles and observe white-tipped reef sharks. At the entrance to Academy Bay, off a small islet, you will have the opportunity to join a colony of playful sea lions in the water and perfect your 'sea lion rolls'! Snorkel equipment, life vests and chilled drinks are provided on boat.

Tonight enjoy a special Galapagos BBQ party to welcome us to the Galapagos Islands! **(B,D)**



Day 5 Sun. June 8

Transfer to the Motor Yacht Coral II- Highlands on Santa Cruz Island

Early this morning after breakfast and before we board our yacht, we visit the The Charles Darwin Research Institute. This is a scientific and educational foundation honoring and extending the scientific revolution brought on by one of the greatest figures in the history of human thought-Charles Darwin. It is dedicated to furthering the Darwinian perspective in the behavioral sciences and it supports research in traditional fields also.

After our visit we are transferred to our private, chartered, Motor Yacht Coral II, to begin our 3 night chartered yacht cruise through Darwin's "Enchanted Islands". Accommodations throughout our yacht feature private bathrooms and air-conditioning. All meals, lectures, shore excursions and cultural programs led by category "3" naturalist guides are included! Our chartered yacht has all the commodities of a nice cruise ship, yet it is a lot smaller to provide a more intimate experience with nature. Once on board and settled in your cabin, start exploring the ship and enjoying your cruise!

This afternoon we visit the **Highlands on Santa Cruz Island**. You'll see the islands' most famous reptile: the giant tortoises in their wild habitat. Also here is where amazing encounters with woodpecker finches (Darwin's finches) have occurred and the vermilion flycatcher shows its scarlet feathers against an emerald green forest. Moist conditions keep this epiphyte-laden environment with a fresh green look. There is also a bizarre Scalesia forest (related to sunflowers) and the wild tortoise sanctuary. On a clear day you are assured spectacular views of the sea and neighboring islands. **(B, L, D)**

Day 6 Mon. June 9

Galapagos Adventure Cruising-Suarez Point-Gardner Bay, Espanola Island

After breakfast we continue our adventure with an AM visit to the **Suarez Point, Espanola Island**.

Espanola Island (also known as Hood Island) is a relative flat Island, only small hills are evident. Even though it is at the southern most point of the archipelago (and the most isolated), it is one of the most popular islands to visit because of the wide variety of animals found on the island and nowhere else in the archipelago. The main characteristic of the Island is the waved albatross, it is the only colony in the Galapagos. The main points of visit are Suarez Point and Gardner Bay.

The best visitor site on the island is **Suarez Point**. The animals on this Island are larger than any other Island. You'll learn about the lava terrain and along the lava trail Blue-footed boobies lay their eggs (this is the largest colony of Blue-footed Boobies in the Islands) and iguanas sunbathe on the rocks. This is also one of the best sites for bird watching and to see the most impressive colonies of sea birds in all of the Galapagos Islands.

You'll see the hooded mockingbird, red-billed tropicbird, Galapagos doves, hawks and swallow-tailed gulls. You'll also see the world's largest colony of waved albatross (about 15,000), their mating rituals are a highlight. This bird is the largest bird on the Islands.

The Island also has large colonies of marine iguanas, lava lizards and the colorful Sally light foot crabs. You may also visit the famous blowhole, where water shoots into the air at almost seventy-five feet from the waves crashing into the island.

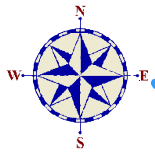
This afternoon we visit **Gardner Bay, Espanola Island** on the eastern side of the Island. With its white sandy beaches it is great for swimming and snorkeling. If you snorkel you may see turtles and sharks amongst the beautiful fish in the area. This site has no trails, but is considered an open area where you can spot Galapagos hawks, American oystercatchers, and Galapagos doves, three species of finches, yellow warblers, lava lizards and marine iguanas.

Tonight, relax after dinner on the deck, enjoy the stars, and trade stories with your fellow passengers. **(B, L, D)**

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Day 7 Tues. June 10

Galapagos Adventure Cruising-Cormorant Point and Post Office Bay, Floreana Island

After breakfast on board our ship we head out again for another fascinating day of adventure in the Galapagos Islands.

Floreana Island has 80 residents (one of the three populated islands in the Galapagos) and some of the more interesting natural attractions in the Islands. The main characteristic of the Island is the flamingos' lagoon, and its history. It has a colorful history, having been a stopping place for pirates, whalers and settlers. The main points to visit: Cormorant Point, Post Office Bay and the Devil's Crown.

In the AM we'll visit Cormorant Point on Floreana Island. **Cormorant Point** has us landing on a green colored sand beach. The green color is due to the accumulation of olivine crystal material.

We'll hike a well-marked trail beginning in the black mangrove beds heading toward the back of the lagoon. This lagoon holds one of the biggest populations of flamingos in the Galápagos. This island is also known for its endemic plant life, such as the Galápagos millwork, passionflower, and button mangrove. Sea turtles also have a nesting site here. Snorkelers can snorkel on the main beach where the sea lions are playful, or more experienced snorkelers can roam the waters around Devils Crown.



In the PM we'll visit **Post Office Bay** on Floreana Island. In 1793 a "post office" was established by an English whaler—they used a wooden barrel to put their mail in and sailors passing would take it to North America or Europe. In the 1930's a German family settled near Post Office Bay and they still live on the island. The barrel is still in use, and you can drop your letters and postcards in to be sent anywhere in the world. Behind the post office are lava tubes which you can enter by ladders.

Tonight, we enjoy dinner on our yacht and relax with the group. **(B, L, D)**

Day 8 Wed. June 11

Galapagos Cruising—North Seymour Island-Fly Baltra to Quito

After breakfast we visit **North Seymour Island** to see land iguanas; the largest colony of the Magnificent Frigate birds; a nesting colony for the Blue footed-boobies; swallow tailed gulls and the coastline which has plenty of sea lions.

The Magnificent Frigatebird, known for the large red pouch on its' neck, is a large black bird with a long wingspan, and a hooked beak. It is extremely fast and has excellent vision. During mating season the males throw back their heads, inflate the pouch (sometimes to the size of a soccer ball), and shake trying to capture the attention of female Frigates.

Boobies and Frigates share the same nesting area on North Seymour, which makes for an interesting relationship. The Blue- Footed Boobies nest on the ground making their nests from the twigs of the Palo Santos Trees, while the Magnificent Frigate bird nests just above them in the saltbushes.

Afterward, we'll transfer to the Baltra airport for our return flight to mainland Ecuador. We return to our hotel, Dann Carlton Hotel, in the late afternoon for one last night together in Quito. Enjoy last minute shopping and exploring and maybe a farewell dinner tonight to celebrate the end to a fabulous vacation with the group! **(B, D)**

Day 9 Thurs. June 12

Quito/ US return

This morning we transfer early to the airport for our flight home! The end of a wonderful adventure and new friends to share the memories with after the trip! **(B)**

Galapagos Facts—Blessed by their isolation from the mainland and their equatorial location, the Galapagos Islands are beautiful all year through, making it so there is no single time of year that is better than another for visiting. Cruises operate on a year round basis. Temperatures (max high for June is 78/ low is 68, average sea temp is 74 degrees) are determined almost entirely by the ocean currents that are influenced by the trade winds. Most birds nest year round, so you can see courtship, mating, chicks hatching and rearing almost any time of the year.

Park Rules When you visit the Galapagos National Park, stick to the following park rules to help preserve the unique flora and fauna on the Islands. Do not remove any plant, animal, or remains of such (including shells, bones, and pieces of wood), or other natural objects.

- Be careful not to bring any live material or food to the Islands, or from one island to another.
- Make sure you do not touch, handle, feed, or chase the animals.
- Do stay within the permitted areas & only visit the Islands together with a licensed National Park Guide.
- Do not leave any garbage or litter on the Islands, or throw any off your boat.
- Do not deface the rocks.
- Make sure you do not buy souvenirs or objects made of plants or animals from the Islands.

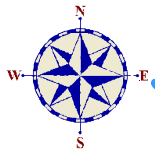


There is a weight restriction of 1 suitcase, 44 lbs., plus a carry-on for flights to the Galapagos, bring only what you need to the Islands.

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Vaccinations/Immunizations: We are traveling to Quito, Ecuador, and the Galapagos Islands. No shots are required for travel, however, you should consult with your health care provider before traveling to make sure that your vaccinations are up-to-date and/or to see if your medical provider recommends other medication/immunizations for travel. You may also want to consult the Center for Disease Control's website, which has extensive and easy-to-use information on Travelers' Health for specific destinations: www.cdc.gov/travel. A list of travel clinics is also provided by the International Society of Travel Medicine at their website: www.istm.org.

Passport: No visas are required for travel for U.S. citizens. **PLEASE MAKE SURE** your passport name matches exactly with the name you give us including your middle name if it's included on your passport. Also, your passport has to be still valid up to 6 months after the end date of this trip. Non U.S. Citizens must check with their consulate for required documents to enter Ecuador. It is completely the travelers' responsibility to make sure they have the correct documentation to enter Ecuador.

Prices

Prices are based on per person, including land & cruise accommodations, meals & activities as listed under 'Price includes all of the following' section in the complete itinerary information above. Don't forget we can match you with a roommate. -----All cabins are 'outside' cabins with 2 twin beds in each cabin except for 1 standard cabin with 1 double bed only-this will be sold as a single occupancy or 2 to the bed (obviously friends only).

Double Occupancy		Single Occupancy	
\$ 1999.00pp	Standard (1) Cabin	Lower Deck-1 Double Bed only	\$3299.00
\$ 2199.00pp	Moon Cabins	Lower deck, portholes- 2 twin beds	\$3699.00
\$ 2399.00pp	Junior Suite Cabins	Mid & upper decks, picture windows-2 twin beds	\$4099.00

Single occupancy rates are at a very, very limited availability.

**** PLEASE NOTE:** We hold the above rates per cabin category and the lower rates usually sell out first. So signing up early is advised as the price is based on availability at time of booking.

Add to above rates

\$ 399.00 **roundtrip** air to/from Quito/ Baltra in the Galapagos.

A \$ 110.00 Galapagos National Park entrance fee will need to be paid on arrival in the Galapagos in U.S. dollars.

Travel Insurance is highly recommended, especially because this is an adventure trip; please carefully consider the purchase of it. Information will be made available to you upon request and with your deposit. Please inquire.

Airfare: We can check air prices for you or you may purchase your own. You fly into and out of Quito.

Airport Transfers: Arrival and departure transfers to and from Quito airport are included in the package price. We'll need your air flights as soon as you book them.

Price does not include: Items of a personal nature, tips to drivers, guides, shipboard personnel, naturalist; beverages; Galapagos National Park entrance fee of \$110 (noted above). Snorkeling equipment (\$20 per person, per trip), wet suit rental (\$25 per person, per trip), & Ecuador airport departure tax: \$41 per person-paid at the airport upon departure from the country.

More Information will be coming regarding packing and things to take, etc. with final documents.

Fine Print – Galapagos Islands Yacht Cruise & Quito, Ecuador Adventure June 4-12, 2008

Your payment of the required deposit or full payment for a reservation on this trip constitutes consent and acknowledgement of all the provisions in this Fine Print listed below and in the Singles Travel Company General Terms and Conditions. Please make sure you read both of these important pieces of information and call us with any questions.

Payments: A deposit of \$350.00 payment preferred by check (payable to Travel Advisors of Los Gatos) or credit card is accepted, and is due with your reservation. We need your reservation form also. Early sign-up is a must as we have chartered the yacht and must pay early!

Final payments are due 85 days prior to departure date, checks preferred or check cards accepted.

Cancellation Fees and Refunds: All cancellations must be in writing. The deposit is refundable up to 91 days prior to the trip minus a \$100 processing fee. Cancellations 90 days or less prior to the trip departure date - no refund of monies paid will be provided. No show, no refund. No refunds on unused portions of the tour package.

Travel/Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended; please consider the purchase of it very carefully for this adventure trip.

Important Message from our tour operator: The Galapagos cruise itinerary and the touring arrangements herein are subject to change without notice and can be operated in a different sequence, depending on operational considerations. All Galapagos itineraries are under the control and direction of the Ecuadorian National Parks Administration. The \$110 park fee is NOT included and must be paid by each visitor/passenger in U.S. dollars (CASH) locally. All hotels are subject to change and can be substituted for similar hotels/ lodges.

General Terms and Conditions

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Dear Traveler

Thank you for your interest in Singles Travel Company. We have domestic and international trips and cruises for the single traveler to every corner of the world! We are a national group that caters to singles from around the U.S. and Canada, as well as singles from around the world.

We are affiliated with a travel agency--Travel Advisors of Los Gatos-- that has been in the same location with the same owner-Ed Stahl- for over 40 years.

Singles Travel Company is under the supervision of Ann Thomas, a leader in the singles travel industry. As Founder and President of another national singles travel group, and with many articles written about her and her company, she brings 16 years of experience with the unique singles market to Singles Travel Company.

Our staff strives to bring you quality and top value vacations. We are proud of the tour companies we have chosen for our trips—many are specialists in their region of the world and are travel industry leaders for their destinations.

Our mission is to bring you as perfect a vacation as possible and one that will give you wonderful, lasting memories and new friendships.

The following information is general information only; refer to each trips complete itinerary for the fine print for that particular trip. Your payment for a tour or air ticket is regarded by Singles Travel Company /Travel Advisors of Los Gatos as an agreement to the General Terms and Conditions listed here as well as the Fine Print at the end of each individual trip itinerary. **Please read all information and call with any questions.**

Deposits. A deposit is required within 7 days of your reservation and must include a completely filled out and signed reservation form.

Final Payments. Final payment due dates are listed on each trip and are usually 65-75 days prior to departure. Without full payment and a reservation form filled out and in your file, final travel documents cannot be sent to you.

Late Bookings. Payment is due in full and within 48 hours of your reservation if you make your reservations within 75 days of a trip and there may be a late fee imposed.

Tour Documents. Tour documents are sent about 10 days prior to trip departure. If you would like documents delivered overnight or 2 day service, a \$15.00 charge will be assessed.

Cancellation and Revision Fees; Refunds. These fees vary with each trip offered; please read the fine print with each itinerary as the fine print on the individual trip itineraries will override the following cancellation penalties. For any cancellations made 91 days or more prior to the trip date, a full refund of the trip deposit will be provided, less a \$50 cancellation fee. Singles Travel Company charges a \$50 cancellation service fee on ALL cancellations and this fee will be charged to your credit card. Cancellations must be in writing. No partial refunds on package tours for unused services or features. Any changes to the tour itinerary that incur additional charges will be the sole responsibility of the passenger. If events beyond our control force us to alter your vacation arrangements, we do not accept liability. Any refund as a result of any alteration or cancellation caused by events beyond our control will be limited by the amount paid to us. We cannot accept any responsibility for any affect on clients resulting from any event beyond our control. If a tour is cancelled, all monies will be refunded; however, we cannot assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the

issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or of other travel arrangements made in regard to the cancelled tour. Processing a refund can take 6-8 weeks. **Travel insurance is highly recommended.**

Travel Insurance. This is an insurance policy that covers you if you need to cancel your vacation plans for medical reasons after you've paid money on the trip. If you decline trip cancellation insurance for a cruise or tour and cancel your plans for any reason after the specified period of leeway, chances are that you won't get a refund. Therefore, we, and our tour operators, highly recommend cancellation insurance. We have information on travel insurance and many tour/cruise operators offer their own protection policies. Some policies offer lost luggage reimbursement, medical coverage, etc. Make sure you know what qualifies as an acceptable reason for cancellation (personal or business conflicts usually do not) and read all the fine print before signing. Processing your claim can take 6 weeks or more. **If you have a pre-existing medical condition** you can be covered for travel insurance **but you must** usually purchase and pay for the insurance with your trip deposit.

Airfare. Land and only prices are quoted on most trips, so you may use your frequent flyer miles. If using frequent flyer miles for overseas trips, remember to book months in advance for availability. When using your frequent flyer miles or not flying on the inclusive group air package; transfers are not included in the tour package and you must make your own way to the first night's accommodation. Airfare prices are based on availability at time of booking and are subject to change until fully paid for and ticketed. We will attempt to get all requested seat assignments but we are limited to airline availability and requirements. Air tickets once issued are non-refundable but sometimes changeable with a fee. Any cancellations after the purchase of air tickets are subject to the airline cancellation penalties, which may be different than land cancellation fees. Airfare taxes are subject to change without notice and any increases will be passed on to the client.

Prices. All prices are per person based on double occupancy unless otherwise noted. To save you money, every attempt will be made to match up individuals on our singles trips with a roommate for double occupancy rates. Single supplement prices are available. **We reserve the right to change pricing in the event of any cost increases for operational requirements.** The tour participant is responsible for proper travel documentation and payment for a passport, any needed visas or immunizations for travel, and for providing the correct passport name to the travel reservationist. In case of human or computer error, we reserve the right to re-invoice for the correct price of service.

Hotels. Hotels are subject to change per our tour operators and are usually out of our control. Most hotels used are moderate to first class or 3-4 star

properties and are twin-bedded with private bath. Single room accommodations outside of the U.S. are usually a single bed in a much smaller room than in the U.S. and sometimes are not as spacious or in the same area of the hotel as the double occupancy rooms. Please note that hotel rooms, especially in Europe, are often older, smaller, and less equipped than the American equivalent and are much higher priced during peak travel seasons. Sometimes standards and service are not what we are accustomed to, but is all part of the adventure of travel and exploring the world.

Baggage. One suitcase is allowed on tours, two for cruises. Airlines have their own restrictions and are imposing limits, especially on carry-on luggage. A smaller bag for carrying on the coaches should not exceed 17"x14"x18". Wheeled carry-on cases are not suitable as hand luggage on coaches. No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passengers' belongings. Baggage insurance is highly recommended and can be purchased with travel insurance.

Not Included In the Tour Price.

Federal Inspection Fees for the U.S. Customs and Immigration; International Air Transportation Tax; Agriculture Tax; Security Fee; airport taxes; passports; visas; tips to your tour director, tour driver, and local city guides; gratuities on cruise ships; laundry, beverages, food not on regular table menu (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel or restaurant), and optional excursions; all other items of a personal nature.

Roommates. After the final payment due date of 2-3 months prior to a trip date, we can't guarantee a roommate assignment. Please get your deposit reservation in early to avoid disappointment.

We cannot guarantee the compatibility of roommates and we will attempt to match individuals as to age and smoking/non-smoking status, but this cannot be guaranteed. Smoking is not allowed on buses or in shared rooms unless agreed upon by all occupants of the room. Any expenses after the tour departs for single room accommodations is at the traveler's expense.

Passports and Visas. A valid passport is required for all participants on international tours; and they must be valid up to 6 months after your trip dates. For tours requiring visas for U.S. citizens, detailed visa information will be given to you. Non-U.S. citizens must consult with the appropriate consulates to determine if any visas are needed. Securing any needed visas is the responsibility of the tour participant.

Medical. The traveler is responsible to check with his private medical doctor, local county health agency, or travel medicine clinic for any necessary or precautionary medicines and

immunizations required for travel to certain countries.

Group Travel Responsibilities. We reserve the right to cancel, reschedule, or change any trip or tour itinerary that does not meet the minimum requirements to operate and/or is deemed necessary for operational requirements and we are not responsible for any other expenses incurred by the client in relation to the trip being canceled, including non-refundable air tickets. Most trips are guaranteed departures. Most group trips will have a social escort and/or a professional tour director. Social escorts are responsible on trips as hosts only and to assist in making sure the group runs smoothly and cohesively. They do not represent or replace professional tour guides used on some trips nor do they represent or replace our tour operators responsibilities. We cannot assume responsibility for any actions of travelers on our trips and we do not screen our travelers. We operate many types of trips, so make sure you are aware of the type of trip you are signing up for. Some trips are bus tours with professional guides and may be incorporated with other larger group tours. **Most of our singles tours are all singles** but a few may be incorporated with another tour operating **WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE SINGLES.**

This ensures a guaranteed departure. Most trips will depart no matter how many singles are on that trip. We cannot be held responsible for the number of singles participating on any group trip. Special diet and dietary restrictions cannot be guaranteed.

Travelers Who Need Special Assistance. Any disability requiring special attention must be reported to us at the time the reservation is made. We will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour members, but we are not responsible in the event we are unable to do so, and we are not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Most touring motor coaches are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches, and other transportation vehicles or other personal needs. A qualified companion must accompany travelers who need such assistance.

Responsibilities. The carrier, hotels and other suppliers providing tour services are independent contractors and are not agents, employees or servants of joint ventures with Singles Travel Company (hereafter referred to as "the Company.") All certificates and other travel documents for tour services issued by the Company are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier and to the laws of the countries in which the services are supplied. If the services included in the tour cannot be supplied or there are changes in an itinerary for reasons beyond the control of the Company, then the Company will arrange for the provision of comparable services from their tour operator of that particular trip. Any resulting additional expense will be

payable by tour participants. The Company reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant, to expel any tour participant from the tour, to make changes in the itinerary whenever the Company deems it necessary to the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants, and to cancel a tour at any time. If it is deemed by the tour operator or guide/host on the trip that it in the interest of safety or other reasons to ask a person to leave a tour, no refund of any kind will be given to that participant. If the Company cancels a tour, then the Company has no responsibility beyond the refund of all moneys paid to the Company by the tour participant, however, airline tickets are non-refundable if purchased separate from our air inclusive packages. The tour participant agrees that neither the Company nor its affiliates shall be liable for any damage, loss (including personal injury, death and property loss) or expense occasioned by any act or omission of any supplier providing tour services or of any other person. The Company is not responsible for any typographical or printing errors, which may occur in their brochures. Revised October 2007.

IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER

--After the final payment due date of 2-3 months prior to a trip date, we can't guarantee the availability of the same prices, accommodations, or that a roommate will be found for a roommate assignment. So please get your deposit reservation in early!

--Holiday travel requires even earlier deposits.

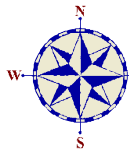
--Last minute sign-ups could result in higher priced fares and possible late charge fee from our tour operators.

--We are not a dating service; we are a group of fun singles who love to travel and meet other like-minded singles. Yes, romances do happen, but our main goal is to provide a wonderful travel opportunity for you as a single traveler.

--Regrettable, we cannot guarantee the compatibility of roommates or your other travel companions on the tours but we assume that everyone will act like the mature adults that we are and treat others as we would want to be treated. Please don't let another person ruin the fun you can have on your vacation.

--Traveling with other singles is an enjoyable and fun way to travel and meet new friends and it provides you with an opportunity to save a little money with our free roommate matching.

--Remember-we travel to explore and discover new ideas and cultures and learn new things about the world we live in, so embrace the differences, keep an open mind, and have fun!



Singles Travel Company

Vacations for Singles of All Ages

Reservation Form

Please return this completed form with your deposit and print clearly and legibly all information requested.

Trip: _____ Trip Date: _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ M ___ F ___
(Exact Passport name if international trip)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ E-mail _____
Phone (eve) _____ Fax _____

YES ___/ NO ___ --OKAY TO GIVE MY FELLOW TRAVELERS MY EMAIL PRIOR/AFTER MY TRIP?

Passport Number _____ Date of expiration _____ U.S Citizen? Y or N—Other _____

Non-U.S citizens must check with their consulate regarding passport/visa requirements.

Emergency Contact (name/address/phone): _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Air/Land (Cruise) Package--- Airline Seating (request only, no guarantee) Aisle Window No Preference
I need reservations from _____ airport.
- Land (Cruise) Only Package (airport transfers usually not included)
- Single occupancy
- Double occupancy (please assign a roommate for me)
Smoker? Yes No (No smoking in rooms if sharing.)
- Double occupancy. Please assign me with _____

Referred by a person or organization? Please name: _____

discovered on our web site

Please Read the Following Information Carefully:

To ensure an enjoyable and safe trip please read the following and sign. By signing below you agree to the following important considerations for travel on all Singles Travel Company trips:

- 1) I am aware that cancellation penalties apply on all trips and besides the tour operator/cruise line penalty- Singles Travel Company will charge my credit card for \$50 as a cancellation service charge.
- 2) I am aware that my reservation is subject to cancellation if deposits and/or final payments are not in our office by due dates.
- 3) I have been offered Travel Protection/Trip Cancellation Insurance.
- 4) I have read the Terms and Conditions and each trips Fine Print.
- 5) I am aware that there are no refunds of any unused portions of a tour.
- 6) Any changes in the tour itinerary that incur additional charges will be the sole responsibility of the passenger.
- 7) **Non-U.S citizens must check with their consulate regarding passport/visa requirements.**

-----I am also aware that on the trips Singles Travel Company organizes that the company:

- 1) cannot guarantee how many singles will travel on any particular trip.
- 2) has no control over the ratio of men to women on their trips.
- 3) A very few trips are incorporated with other larger group tours, which may or may not consist of single travelers, which guarantees departures.

I am aware that there are inherent risks whenever traveling, whether domestically or internationally, especially to third world countries. By signing I assume these risks. I am aware that I am responsible for giving the trip reservationist my correct passport name; and that I am responsible for having a current passport if needed; getting any needed visas and immunizations necessary for travel and that I have considered the purchase of travel insurance coverage in case I have to cancel my trip and/or have any medical emergencies while traveling. I agree to and have no questions concerning the above considerations for travel.

Your signature _____ Date _____