

BILL KIMBEL'S

GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS TOUR

MAY 6 – 16, 2009

The Galápagos Islands will forever be linked with Charles Darwin and his ground-breaking ideas about evolution. As in Darwin's time, this remarkable archipelago amazes visitors with its volcanic landscape, diverse array of plant and animal life and otherworldly mystique. It remains one of the world's last wild places, a region rife with rare natural beauty that excites the senses and nourishes the mind. Join Bill Kimbel on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to the Galápagos Islands in 2009, the bicentenary of Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his seminal work, *On the Origin of the Species*.

Islands of Enchantment

Approximately 600 miles west of the Ecuadorian coast sits a collection of 19 islands, over 100 islets and countless jutting rocks known as the Galápagos. Here, time seems to have stopped. The setting is primeval, the creatures fantastical. Relatively untouched and endlessly fascinating, the Galápagos Islands are a dream vacation destination. Visitors can explore volcanoes and interact with species of wildlife found nowhere else on Earth.

Situated at the confluence of three ocean currents, the Galápagos Islands



boast an unparalleled assortment of marine life. On land, the species are no less spectacular. From the famous giant tortoises, fur seals and marine iguanas to blue-footed boobies, flamingos, finches and penguins, the islands support a range of biodiversity that astounds with its unique adaptations.

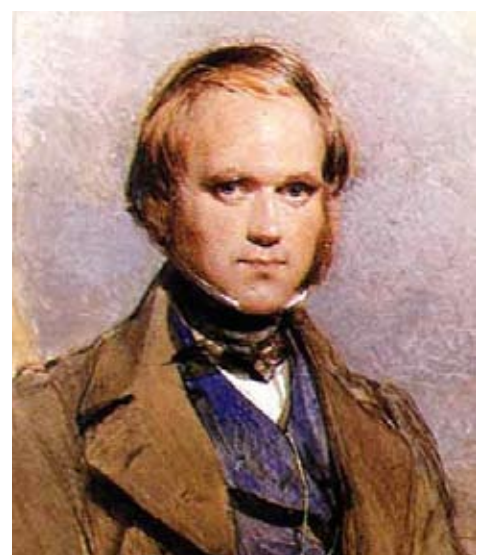
For almost 500 years, the Galápagos Islands have lured and intrigued visitors. Spanish sailors called the archipelago the Enchanted Islands because they seemed to move and even disappear amidst fog. For this very reason, pirates used the islands as hideaways. Reports of the unusual site eventually led to scientific voyages, the most famous of which is no doubt Charles Darwin's visit aboard the *H.M.S. Beagle*. Today, the Galápagos Islands continue to beckon the outside world. They remain, as in Darwin's day, islands of enchantment.

An Enlightening Excursion

Set out for adventure in the company of paleoanthropologist Bill Kimbel. As science director of the Institute of Human Origins, Bill is the ideal guide to the Galápagos' "laboratory



of evolution." Experience the islands' unsurpassable exoticism and unique wildlife and learn about Darwin's ideas and how they influence our understanding of our species' place in the natural world. Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to experience a legendary locale while traveling in style aboard a 48-passenger luxury yacht.



"The naturalist, looking at the inhabitants of these volcanic islands in the Pacific, distant several hundred miles from the continent, feels that he is standing on [South] American land. Why should this be so? Why should the species which are supposed to have been created in the Galápagos archipelago, and nowhere else, bear so plainly the stamp of affinity to those created in [South] America?"

—Charles Darwin, *On the Origin of the Species*, 1859

Tour Goals

Mission

- trace Darwin's Galápagos voyage
- connect participants with the incredible diversity of the Galápagos Islands
- offer educational lectures and tours on the Galápagos, human evolution and Darwin
- provide the finest in accommodations

Perspective

- draw upon evolutionary theory
- reference Darwin's Galápagos experiences
- provide an anthropological perspective on the Galápagos Islands
- examine the effect of physical isolation on landscapes and their flora and fauna



Itinerary

Wednesday, May 6

- Fly to Quito, Ecuador

Thursday, May 7

- Quito

Friday, May 8

- Fly to Baltra
- Tour Santa Cruz Island

Saturday, May 9

- Fernandian Island
- Isabela Island—Urbina Bay

Sunday, May 10

- Floreana Island

Monday, May 11

- Highlands of Santa Cruz Island
- Charles Darwin Research Station

Tuesday, May 12

- Rabida Island
- Sombrero Chino

Wednesday, May 13

- Bartolomé Island
- James (Santiago) Island

Thursday, May 14

- San Cristobal Island—Cerro Brujo and Puerto Baquerizo Moreno

Friday, May 15

- North Seymour Island

Saturday, May 16

- Transfer to the airport to fly home

Highlights:

- Tour of Colonial Quito, Ecuador
- Tour of Galápagos National Park
- Naturalist-led tour of the islands that make up the Galápagos archipelago, including San Cristobal—Cerro Brujo, Fernandina, Isabela and Rabida
- Specially prepared lectures and demonstrations on human evolution, Darwin and the Galápagos



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\$13,020 (double occupancy; \$5,300 single supplement) includes all lodging and land transportation; all meals; and a \$5,000 tax-deductible donation to IHO (airfare and supplemental travel not included)

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