

**KLAS-TV  
BRIEF ITINERARY  
ECUADOR & THE GALAPAGOS  
OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 1, 2005**



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

- 7:52 AM Depart **Las Vegas** on American Airlines flight # 921  
3:24 PM Arrive Miami
- 4:30 PM Depart **Miami** on American Airlines flight # 967  
7:27 PM Arrive Quito, Ecuador (9,252 feet)

Guests will be transferred by motorcoach to the luxurious **JW Marriott Hotel**, located 15 minutes away from Quito's International Airport. Your bags will be delivered to your room by pre-tipped bellmen.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

- AM A Private Buffet Breakfast will be served followed by an orientation briefing on the area and program highlights for the week.

AM **CITY TOUR OF QUITO**

This morning you will take a close look at the capital of Ecuador: Quito. This city of 2 million inhabitants is located at the foot of the active volcano Pichincha at an altitude of 9,405 feet. After driving along the northern residential section, you will stroll downtown and visit the colonial temples and monasteries of the old city – El Centro historico. This area was designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. You will visit St. Augustine Convent and Independence Square, flanked by the Cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Municipal Building and the Archbishop's Palace.

Lunch is on your own today. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure. Enjoy a "siesta", shopping or explorations on your own.

The KLAS-TV Hospitality Desk will be open during your stay in Quito for any assistance or information you may need. Local staff will be available to assist you with tours/activities/luncheon and dinner reservations, etc.

PM **WELCOME TO ECUADOR – Reception & Dinner**

Your KLAS-TV hosts cordially invite you to join them for cocktails and dinner at the hotel.

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### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

AM Buffet Breakfast is served in the hotel. Unless you book the optional tour, the rest of your day is at leisure.

8:30 AM- **OPTIONAL TOUR:**  
5:30 PM **Full day tour to Otavalo with lunch**

For a description of the tour, please refer to the Optional Tour sign-up form.

The evening is at your leisure to explore Quito's fine restaurants.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

AM Buffet Breakfast is served in the hotel.

This morning you will depart the hotel to the Quito airport for your 35 minute flight to Guayaquil. Then, you will take a flight to San Cristóbal Island, one of the Galápagos Islands. You will be transferred to the MV Santa Cruz, which will be anchored at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the provincial capital of the Galápagos Islands.



Upon arrival, you will check into your cabin and lunch will be served. A briefing will be done by the naturalist guides in the lounge. The Galápagos itinerary is subject to change dependent upon National Park regulations, animal breeding, etc.

In the afternoon, you will explore the coastline of **Stephen's Bay**, San Cristóbal Island. Your expedition staff will carefully select this afternoon's site for some rewarding wildlife observation. Some of the animal highlights to be encountered include a small sea lion colony, whose shores are also home to many sea birds, including frigate birds, blue-footed boobies, Darwin's Finches and the island endemic San Cristóbal (Chatham) Mockingbird. Lava lizards are also examples of an island endemic species. Great landscape photography. These are the same shores that Charles Darwin sailed and walked upon, back in September 1835, as San Cristóbal was the first island where he set foot in the Galápagos.

Join the captain in the evening for a welcome reception, followed by dinner on the ship.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

AM Early morning breakfast will be served on board the ship.  
You will receive a daily itinerary of the events of the day in your cabin.

After breakfast, disembark at **Gardner Bay** (wet landing) for a short walk along the whitest coral beach you can possibly imagine. As you walk along the sand, the many tractor-like marks are evidence of sea turtle nesting.



There is much to do here, and you can observe the sea lions' behavior, mockingbirds, finches, enjoy the beach, snorkel, or ride the glass-bottom boat around nearby islets. There is no extra charge for these activities.

- PM You will return back to the ship for lunch. After lunch you will visit **Punta Suarez** (dry landing) on the western point of Espanola Island. The walk is difficult because it is completely over irregular boulders. You will walk on lava rocks along a trail dotted with nests of blue-footed boobies and masked boobies, a colony of marine iguanas and waved albatrosses. The trail will lead directly to the cliff ledge where an impressive blowhole is visible below. For those planning not to walk the entire trail, there will be a dinghy ride arranged along the coastline of Punta Suarez, followed by a very short walk under easy walking conditions.

Dinner is included on board the M/V Santa Cruz.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Early morning breakfast will be served on board the ship. You will receive a daily itinerary of the events of the day in your cabin.



- AM Today, you will spend the morning visiting **Urbina Bay** (wet landing), an area on the western coast of Isabela Island. At this visitor site, you can walk in areas that were once below water and see high and dry corals and other marine life. There is a good chance to see Galápagos land iguanas in their natural habitat and the gentle Giants, the Galápagos giant tortoises.

- PM A well deserved lunch will be served on board the ship. In the afternoon, you will visit **Punta Espinosa** (dry landing), rimmed with a mangrove forest, on Fernandina Island. First, take a dinghy ride to observe Galápagos penguins, as well as flightless cormorants and then disembark for a one-mile walk. The walk will be of medium difficulty on black lava rocks scattered with hundreds of marine iguanas and you will see flightless cormorants, penguins, pelicans and sea lions.

Relax and enjoy your farewell dinner on the ship this evening.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

- AM You will have an early morning wake up call and breakfast aboard the ship. Your luggage is to be placed outside your cabin. Upon arrival at Baltra Island, you will be transferred to the air terminal.

- AM You will board the flight back to Quito with a stop in Guayaquil.

- PM Upon arrival in Quito, you will be transferred to the JW Marriott Hotel, where you will check-in to your room. Pre-tipped bellmen will deliver your luggage to your room.

The remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure. The KLAS-TV Hospitality Desk will be open to provide you with information and recommendations.

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PM **FAREWELL EVENING AT THE SAN FRANCISCO CONVENT**

This evening, join your KLAS-TV hosts for your final night at the San Francisco convent, located a short distance from the hotel. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served, followed by a sit-down dinner. You will be entertained by special Andean music.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

- 5:00 AM An early buffet breakfast is served in the hotel.
- 5:30 AM You will be transferred to the Quito International Airport where you will check in at the American Airlines ticket counter for your flight home.
- 7:59 AM Depart **Quito** on American Airlines flight # 932
- 11:58 AM Arrive Miami
- 1:24 PM Depart **Miami** on American Airlines flight # 427
- 3:33 PM Arrive Las Vegas



**WELCOME HOME!**

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**KLAS-TV  
GENERAL INFORMATION  
ECUADOR & THE GALÁPAGOS  
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Your hotel/ship during your stay in Ecuador and The Galápagos are:

**OCTOBER 25-28 & OCTOBER 31 - QUITO, ECUADOR (9,252 feet)**

Rising dramatically from the Amazon Avenida Amazonas, Quito's newest and most luxurious hotel combines the ultimate in personal luxury with the latest in technology and convenience.

**JW MARRIOTT HOTEL QUITO**

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This luxurious hotel has 241 tastefully furnished rooms and 16 suites. All rooms are fully air-conditioned and feature modern decor, cable TV, Internet browser/Web TV, direct dial telephone, voice mail, radio, iron & ironing board, in-room safe, electrical adaptors and bottled water. Each bathroom has a hair dryer, amenities and bathrobes. The hotel can provide extra oxygen in the rooms. The first night this service is complimentary, the following nights guests pay USD 15.00 & taxes directly to the hotel. The hotel's three restaurants serve International, Mediterranean and Japanese cuisine. The hotel has a full-service business center, an ATM/cash machine, a Health Club, spa, outdoor swimming pool and 24-hour room service.

**OCTOBER 28-31 - THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS (sea level)**

**M/V SANTA CRUZ**

Following numbers ONLY to be used in an emergency situation.

PH#: (011) 874-373-505-910

FX#: (011) 874-373-505-911



**NOTE:** The cabins on the ship do not have telephones. You will need to go to a central phone location on the ship to make or receive calls. Calls made from the ship are very expensive, approximately \$6.50 per minute.

The only ship built exclusively for Galápagos Islands cruising, the M/V Santa Cruz is ideal for experiencing the best of the Galápagos, sailing in comfort and style from island to island. The facilities on the ship include a bar, Jacuzzi, solarium, an observation deck for dolphin and whale watching on the sun deck and a reading room on the upper deck. The ship is fully air-conditioned. Cabins and dining room are non-smoking. The cabins do not have televisions or radios. Each cabin has bathroom amenities to include shampoo, soap and hand lotion. Hair dryers are **not** provided on the ship Voltage is 110 volt and the sockets are a flat, 2-pronged. We recommend you bring your own small travel hair dryer but there is no need to bring an adapter and/or converter.

**KLAS-TV**  
**OPTIONAL TOUR**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27**



If you are interested the optional tour, please sign-up to confirm a space. This will allow us to make the necessary pre-arrangements. Please return the Optional Tour sign-up form with your Participant Information Form and Waiver Agreement to KLAS-TV by **Thursday, September 15**. You will need to reconfirm and pay for the optional tours at the KLAS-TV Hospitality Desk in the JW Marriott Hotel on Wednesday, October 26. Cash (US Dollars) and traveler's checks will be accepted as forms of payment. Payment per Visa, MasterCard and American Express is accepted.

**FULL-DAY TOUR OLD TO OTAVALO WITH LUNCH 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM**

Approximately 2 hours north of Quito, you will reach the "Awakening Valley", home of the Otavalo Indians, a magical land of lakes, snow covered mountains and terraced farmlands. Here you will find South America's most famous indigenous market. The Otavaleños barter in silence, in marked contrast to the raucous noise of other markets. Look for woven textiles, woodcarvings, embroidery, ceramic pots, jewelry, leather work, bread dough figures and more. You will have ample time to visit the famous market and stroll along the narrow cobblestone streets filled with Otavalo Indians wearing blue ponchos, white trousers and long braided hair.

Lunch is served at the Relais & Chateaux property La Mirage, set in the spectacular valley of Imbabura. You will return to the hotel in the late afternoon, after stopping in the small village of Cotacachi, known for its leather shops. A short stop will also be made at a small Equatorial site.

- **PRICE PER PERSON:** USD 80.00, based on min. 16 people.
- **PRICE INCLUDES:** Deluxe motor coach with English speaking guide, time at leisure to stroll around the market, 3-course a la carte lunch at La Mirage & 1 glass of wine/local beers/juices/soft drinks or water.

**NAME OF GUEST(S) INTERESTED IN TAKING THE TOUR:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

<u>NAME AND DATE OF TOUR</u>	<u>COST PER PERSON</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PEOPLE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
FULL DAY TOUR TO OTOVALO & LUNCH <i>Thursday, October 27</i>	USD 80.00	x _____	= USD _____
<p>Please reconfirm and pay for your optional tour on Wednesday, October 26 at the KLAS-TV Hospitality Desk in the JW Marriott Hotel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><u>Please return this form with your Participant Information Form and Waiver Agreement to Gwen Wafer, KLAS-TV by Thursday, September 15</u></i></p>			