Eco Tour and Natural History Workshop
to the Galápagos Islands
June 1-12, 2017

Workshop Overview

Cornell University professor, Dr. Mark Bridgen, will be leading an Eco Tour to the Galápagos Islands from June 1 to 13, 2017. Participants will spend a full 11 days/10 nights aboard the Tip Top IV yacht visiting all of the significant outer islands, allowing for maximum wildlife observations. Each day the yacht travels to a different island during the night while people are sleeping. Then, early in the morning, the small group will go ashore to observe and photograph the unique wildlife. The same types of plants and animals that led Darwin to his Theory of Evolution when he visited in 1835, will be seen.

Every day is different as the group voyages around the archipelago, and every excursion offers new opportunities to experience the natural wonders of the Galápagos. The days are filled with early-morning and late-afternoon outings to catch the peak animal activity. Land iguanas, sea lions, giant tortoise, and countless types of unique birds will be seen. There are also 1 or 2 snorkeling sessions during the days to observe the coral reefs, sea lions, Galápagos penguins, marine iguanas, sea turtles, hundreds of fish, and much more. There will be the opportunity to kayak several of the days and the evenings are devoted to natural history lectures. Star gazing at night, while searching for the Southern Cross, is incredible; there is no outside light interference.

Workshop Details

The group size is capped at 16 to allow participants to experience the wonders of the islands without crowds. They will spend the 11 days on the 125 ft., steel-hulled Tip Top IV, a modern and safe yacht. The cabins are air conditioned with private bathrooms and hot showers. Each day, delicious meals are served in the spacious and comfortable dining room.

At this time, the approximate cost of the trip is $6,500; however, negotiations are still being worked out. A final price will be determined by the end of August. The price includes all accommodations, including a hotel in Ecuador and 10 nights aboard the yacht, all meals and non-alcoholic beverages, airport transfer, an expert-level Tour Leader, and an experienced university professor as the Naturalist Guide.

More Information

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