Welcome Aboard the Galapagos Sky!

Thank you for choosing DivEncounters and the Galapagos Sky for your upcoming adventure in the Galapagos Islands. We ask that you review this document package at the time of your cruise confirmation and prior to your departure to the Galapagos in the event you have any questions. **Please be sure you have filled out and returned our cruise application and waiver forms to us at time of booking, if you have not done so already, as well as take a copy of the Application form to the boat with you. Your reservation cannot be processed without this documentation.**

**GALAPAGOS SKY PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION FOR Feb 2012-Jan 2013 Cruises.**

**Entry requirements:** A valid passport, with at least six months remaining before expiration, is required to enter Ecuador. Visas are not currently required for visitors from any country including the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and Europe. It is the passenger's responsibility to check with local immigration offices or the Ecuadorian consulate prior to traveling to determine if a visa is necessary.

**Immunizations:** At the time of printing, no inoculations were required for visitors to Ecuador and Galapagos (excluding jungle areas). Please check with your local health office at least two weeks prior to your departure.

**Time Zone:** Ecuador is in the Eastern time zone (GMT-5 in the mainland). Daylight savings time is not observed. Galapagos is one hour behind mainland Ecuador. On board, we observe mainland Ecuador time.

**Local Currency:** In 2000, Ecuador adopted the US Dollar as their monetary unit.

**Language spoken:** English is spoken aboard the vessels by guides and Captains.

**Electricity:** 110/AC 60 cycle (same as in the USA) with some 220 outlets on the dive deck.

**Cruise Application/Waiver:** DivEncounters requires all passengers to complete and send this form no later than 10 days after receiving our cruise invoice. It includes information such as name (as they appear on the passport), passport number, expiration, nationality and date of birth, International flight information, itinerary and hotel contact while in Ecuador. It also includes that you specify an emergency contact, medical conditions, food allergies or any special dietary requests. **Please make sure to take a copy of the cruise Application to the boat with you to provide the Guide checking you in.**

**Included in your Cruise rate:** cabin accommodation on board, all meals and snacks, diving on compressed air or NITROX, tanks weights and weight belts, shore excursions, guide services, filtered drinking water, all beverages aboard including beer and wine (with Dinner only, Additional liquor is available for purchase on board), welcome and farewell cocktail, transfers between the airport and dock in Galapagos on Sunday from the Aerogal Group Flights.

**Not Included in your cruise rate:** Airfare to Galapagos, Galapagos entrance fee (park tax), Transit card (TCT) fee, chamber fee (these 4 charges will be included on your cruise invoice unless otherwise requested), gratuities for crew, purchases on board, purchases from the boutique and Ecuadorian Departure Tax. You will also need a hotel in advance and possibly after your cruise. **All guests must be in Ecuador on Saturday (for our standard Sunday to Sunday 7 night cruises) as most international flights do not arrive in time to make the connection with the Domestic Flights to the Galapagos Islands Sunday mornings.** Please let us know if we can assist you in securing your hotel accommodations.

**Galapagos entrance fee (national park tax):** The Islands are part of the Ecuador National Park system and the entrance fee is $100.00 per person. The fee is divided up among various entities including the GNPS, Marine Reserve, agriculture, municipalities, INEFAN and INGALA.
Transit card fee: All visitors to Galapagos are required to purchase a “Tarjeta de Control de Transito” or TCT card for $10.00. This card allows INGALA, the institution that controls migration to the islands to better regulate the flow of all arrivals and departure to Galapagos.

DivEncounters/Ecoventura will complete your Park and TCT registrations for you so long as you are traveling over on the Aerogal Group flight and provided that we receive the passenger information form with all details.

Rental Gear: A full complement of SCUBAPRO rental equipment is available aboard. For more details on specific pieces, please visit our website to view the details of specific gear pieces. These will be under “OUR YACHT”. Passengers who would like to reserve equipment prior to the cruise may do so by including these requests on your cruise application. The fee will be charged to your onboard account and paid at the end of the cruise.

In order to reserve a wet suit, we need to know your approximate size: Men or Women’s: XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL

Purchases on board: Every passenger has an open tab at the boutique, which are paid the last day of the cruise. We accept cash (US Dollars), Travelers checks, Master Card, and VISA, credit cards.

Tipping policy: Aboard our vessels, gratuities are not included. We prefer that our guests reward our crew based on their performance. Tipping is a personal matter and passengers are encouraged to tip an amount they find appropriate. For those passengers who inquire, we suggest if they have received “exceptional service” they follow our guidelines of 10% per person for the 7-night cruise. Gratuities are divided among all crew members including guides.

International airfare to Ecuador: Flights to Ecuador are currently serviced by American Airlines (Miami), Continental Airlines (Houston), DELTA (Atlanta), AEROGAL (Miami), LAN ECUADOR (Miami and JFK), LACSA (San Jose), COPA (Panama City), IBERIA (Madrid) and KLM (Amsterdam).

Departure Tax (Ecuador): This is now included in your international flight tix.

Domestic Flight Information:

DivEncounters has an allotment of seats protected with Aerogal Airlines (our carrier of choice) on Sunday for flights to/from San Cristobal (SCY). These domestic flights to Galapagos for DivEncounters passengers are automatically confirmed when you book your cruise. Tickets are not included in the cruise rate but may be purchased through DivEncounters or their affiliates.

When considering booking your domestic flights with DivEncounters on our Aerogal flight vs. another carrier, please be advised of the following:

- We have a representative at the airports in Quito and Guayaquil to assist with check in and prepaid transit cards and SICGAL inspection for the flight Aerogal 2k36.
- Because we check in our passengers as a group no one has ever had additional charges due to overweight luggage, and this includes divers with two bags.
- A representative from DivEncounters accompanies our passengers on this flight to assist our passengers with any issues including connecting flights, baggage delays or even medical emergencies.
- Upon arrival, our guides greet our passengers and verify those who have pre-paid park entrance fees.
- Our crew collects all the checked luggage and transports them to the yachts (passengers do not need to claim their bags).

If you chose to fly with another carrier or on and Aerogal flight departing other than Sunday morning (Aerogal Flight 2k36), please note you will have to check in at the airport yourself, make the queues and pay for your transit card and...
park entrance fees in cash. Upon arrival, you will need to claim your luggage and make your way to the dock by taxi or bus (at your expense) and to the yacht if after our standard boarding time. If your flight arrives after our Aerogal flight and after yacht departure, you will need to hire a local speed boat at your own expense to transport you to the yacht as the boat will leave once the passengers arrive from the Aerogal flight.

Upon check in to your local hotel a message pertaining to your flight will be awaiting you. This message is a reminder for you of the time to return to the domestic airport to meet our ground representative for our Sunday Group Flight. Flights to Galapagos for Divencounters/Galapagos Sky passengers are serviced by AEROGAL Airlines from Quito and Guayaquil. Seat reservations for confirmed passengers are made automatically by Divencounters. The airline allows one checked suitcase (maximum 44 lbs.) and one carry-on bag per passenger. We suggest you avoid making international connections the same day as the flight may be delayed or changed to an alternate flight. On the day of the cruise departure, please be at the airport in Quito or Guayaquil one and a half hours prior to departure for check-in. Please meet our representative from Ecoventura/Divencounters next to the AEROGAL Airline ticket counter. He or she will provide you with your boarding pass for the flight to Galapagos and your return ticket coupon. You must first have your bags inspected by SICGAL as required to travel to Galapagos.

For passengers on our 7 night cruise, the flight schedule is as follows:

Sunday:

**Quito to Guayaquil** AEROGAL Flight 2K36 8:10AM - 9:00AM

**Guayaquil to Galapagos** (San Cristobal) AEROGAL Flight 2K36 9:40AM -10:35AM

Following Sunday:

**Galapagos (San Cristobal) to Guayaquil** AEROGAL Flight 2K37 11:20AM - 2:15PM

**Guayaquil to Quito:** AEROGAL Flight 2K37 2:55 PM - 3:45PM

LOW SEASON: January 1 - 30 June & September 1 - 30 November

Routing: Adult fare

QUITO/GALAPAGOS/ QUITO $ 453.00

QUITO/ GALAPAGOS/ GUAYAQUIL $ 435.00

GUAYAQUIL/ GALAPAGOS/ QUITO $ 432.00

GUAYAQUIL/ GALAPAGOS/ GUAYAQUIL $ 414.00

HIGH SEASON: July 1- 31 August & December 1-31

Routing: Adult fare

QUITO/GALAPAGOS/ QUITO $ 507.00

QUITO/ GALAPAGOS/ GUAYAQUIL $ 484.00

GUAYAQUIL/ GALAPAGOS/ QUITO $ 481.00

GUAYAQUIL/ GALAPAGOS/ GUAYAQUIL $ 458.00
Airfares include all taxes and airfare fuel surcharges. Airfares are subject to change at any time up until the day of departure and even after tickets have been paid in full.

If an emergency should arise prior to your departure, please contact our USA office Monday- Friday 9am- 5:30pm at (877) 323-3483, (305) 262-3483 or info@galapagossky. If the emergency occurs over the weekend during your trip, please contact the appropriate local representative first who will be able to assist you immediately. For those guests who will be in San Cristobal in advance of the cruise, you will need to contact the boat and confirm meeting time at the dock for transfer to the Galapagos Sky. This is based on the arrival time of the Aerogal Flight. You can have your hotel assist you with this call. Boat Cell for this coordination is # 090167139.

Quito, Ecuador:

Ecoventura office: Almagro N31-80 Edificio Venecia Tel: +5932 2-906-898 or 2-907-396 Fax: +5932-223-1034 Cellular: +5939-973-0545 email: luly@ecoventura.com

Guayaquil, Ecuador: Victor Riera cell phone # 091590234

Ecoventura office: Km 1.5 via Samborondon Business Center Torre A Piso 3 Tel: +5934-283-9390 Fax: +5934-283-9019 Cellular: +5939-102-7100 email: ventas@ecoventura.com

The cellular numbers can be used after normal business hours and on week-ends.

Aerogal Airlines is now required to spray inside the aircraft with a special process once doors are closed and is preparing for takeoff. This is considered common procedure for flights bound to fragile island eco-systems that are susceptible to prevent any invasive species or virus being accidentally transported to the islands.

**Medical facilities on board:** The yacht carries first aid kits and the Captain and guides are trained in basic First Aid procedures. All yachts have radio contact with the mainland for any medical emergencies.

**Communication:** Most telecommunication providers have signal in some areas of the Central Islands of the Galapagos and passengers can use their mobile/cellular phones that are activated for international calling on days when the yachts are in close range to port (most central islands). Smoking policy: Smoking is prohibited in enclosed areas aboard the vessels and on the Islands. Smoking is only allowed on the outside decks in designated areas.

**Drinking water:** Bottled water is provided in your cabin and is free of charge. Filtered drinking water is provided during meal times. We do not recommend you drink water from the tap in your cabin. Water bottles can be refilled from the water container located in the bar area.

**Motion sickness:** Due to strong currents, there will be moderate movement of the vessel while navigating. Most passengers are not affected. However, if you are prone to seasickness, we strongly urge you bring some type of medication to prevent motion sickness.

**Physical limitations:** The majority of Galapagos Sky’s activities require passengers to be healthy, active and reasonably fit. Passengers need to be able to walk a few hours a day unassisted to fully enjoy Galapagos. The 2 land excursions require moderate activity and the walks are at a leisurely pace. If you are concerned about your ability to do any particular dive or day hike, please consult with your personal doctor first before reserving your cruise. Once aboard check with the Dive/Naturalist team and listen carefully to dive and land briefing as only you can make the proper judgment on your physical fitness and dive capabilities. All diving is done from tenders in strong currents and cold water. This is considered advanced diving and all guests should have experience in currents, with thicker wetsuits and increased lead for proper buoyancy and at times, and capable of rapid descents. In order to enjoy your trip to its fullest potential,
it is a good idea to do some exercise before your trip, such as walking, swimming or bicycling. Please see your doctor for a check-up before traveling to Ecuador. Any medical condition or physical disability that may require special attention or treatment must be advised to Divencounters/Galapagos Sky at the time of booking.

**Island visits:** The vessel anchors offshore at two visitor sites or Islands during your cruise. Passengers are ferried to the landing point in zodiac style inflatable landing craft. The landings are either wet (where one must step into water anywhere from your ankles to your knees and wade to shore) or dry (where one steps from the panga directly to the volcanic rock or dock). Your guide and panga driver will assist you with a steady hand. On the Islands, one follows marked trails set by the National Park walking at a leisurely pace together with your guide.

**Yacht & Itinerary Stipulations** - During the cruise itinerary, passengers will visit incredible diving and land sites. Divencounters/Galapagos Sky reserves the right at its sole option and discretion and that of the Captain of the vessel or the Galapagos National Park impact studies without liability for damages or refund of any kind to deviate from the vessel's advertised or ordinary itinerary for any reason including mechanical failure. Divencounters/Galapagos Sky will not be held responsible for any refund whatsoever for changes to the printed or scheduled itinerary.

**Flight misconnection:** We recommend that all passengers traveling to Galapagos allow for at least one night in mainland Ecuador prior to their cruise to allow for potential flight delays and misconnection. This is particularly important for passengers traveling over winter holidays when flights tend to be overbooked and/or delayed caused by poor weather conditions.

**CRUISE INTERUPTION & CANCELATION INSURANCE:** DivEncounters & Galapagos Sky will NOT provide refund or cruise credit in the event you miss your cruise or circumstances beyond our control (such as weather) which may require us not to fulfill our full cruise itinerary. We strongly recommend that all passengers traveling to Galapagos Sky invest in COMPREHENSIVE medical, accident, trip cancellation and trip interruption insurance at the time of your reservation. This investment will protect you and your financial commitment in the event of unforeseen travel delays/ airline cancellations, personal or family illness or injury which may not allow for you to make your scheduled cruise. We also strongly recommend diving accident insurance.

**Weather condition** - Located on the equator, the Galapagos Islands have a surprisingly cool, sub-tropical climate. The larger islands with volcanic peaks have a variety of climatic zones. The coastal areas are arid and covered with plants adapted to desert conditions. The highland areas receive moisture almost all year round, which support lush vegetation. Temperatures are determined almost entirely by ocean currents, which are influenced by the trade winds. There are two seasons, both of which have some precipitation. The Galapagos get an average of ten inches of rain per year, so it is never considered "rainy". During the months of December to May, the cooling currents subside, temperatures rise and the climate is warm and sunny with occasional showers. In June, the trend begins toward cooler temperatures with moderate breezes, which continue through November. This period is often referred to as the "garua" (pronounced gah-ru-ah) season, which means mist in Spanish.

**MONTHLY TEMPERATURES**

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***For a more details on the diving temperatures please visit our website at www.galapagossky.com and click on the Diving Link.

Recommended PACKING LIST

Dress is casual and comfortable, and informality is basic to all activities.

We recommend you pack in a collapsible, soft-sided suitcase. Checked bags should be securely locked for your security. We recommend that you leave all valuables at home. The yachts do not have safety boxes and cabins lock from the inside only.

Dive Certification: You will be required to provide proof of certification. A check-out dive is common procedure.

Diving Equipment:  Basic Equipment required:  Recommended (Additional)
* regulator with alternate air source                 * Dive light
* Dive computer
* depth and pressure gauges
* Watch or bottom timer
* BCD, mask, fins, snorkel, wetsuit

Safety Equipment:
* Dive Alert
* Inflatable Safety Sausage
* SeaMarshal Surface Locator or Nautilus Lifeline (Provided by Galapagos Sky during the Cruise)
* Whistle
* Signaling mirror

Small backpack or knapsack

Walking shoes or lightweight hikers, or Sport sandals with a Velcro strap (Tevas)

Light weight wind breaker

Comfortable lightweight pants
Short sleeve t-shirts,
Bathing suits, sunscreen, lip balm SPF 30+
Wide brimmed hat, bandana,
Sunglasses with UV filter and a strap
Camera equipment in a water proof bag
Binoculars
Underwater camera
Personal medication
Sea sickness medication
Ear plugs
July to November only: sweat shirt or fleece vest or light weight jacket
Toiletries - we ask that you bring only biodegradable sunscreens and lotions if possible.
Galapagos Sky supplies you with biodegradable soap, shampoo and conditioner.
Towels and hair dryers are provided and therefore it is not necessary that you bring these

**During the cruise, listen to your guide and follow all the National park rules including:**

The National Park establishes and maintains nature trails and interpretive signs. During the orientation, your guide will go over the Galapagos National Park rules which you are required to follow. Visitors cannot legally go anywhere in the designated National Park area without being escorted by a licensed guide.

Rules are enforced by naturalist guides and park officials and are as follows:

1. Please do not disturb or remove any native plant, rock or animal on land or in the water.
2. Be careful not to transport any live material or sand to the islands.
3. Do not take any food or drink except water to the uninhabited islands.
4. Please do not touch, pet or feed the animals. Approaching them too closely or taking flash photography will disturb them.
5. Please do not startle or chase any animal from its nesting place.
6. Please do not leave any trash on the Islands or throw any litter overboard.
7. Please follow the marked trails at all times and do not walk out of their limits.
8. Please stay with your naturalist guide who must accompany all groups on the trails.
9 Please do not buy souvenirs of objects made from native Galapagos products (except for wood) especially black coral, sea lion teeth and shells of the Galapagos tortoises.

10 Do not smoke on the islands.

Leave only bubbles and footprints and take home only pictures and memories.

Suggested Reading

There are many wonderful guides and inspiring photographic books on Galapagos available at bookstores or found online. Longitude Books has a full line of travel publications on Galapagos 1-800-342-2164 or http://www.longitudebooks.com/find/d/21919/r/I5 for their Galapagos List of books

WELCOME ABOARD LETTER:

Thank you for reserving a space with us aboard GALAPAGOS SKY. Once aboard relax and enjoy yourself while the Captain and crew show you what live aboard diving is all about. You are going to get plenty of diving during your cruise! We offer up to 3 dives a day and plenty of good food in between. Make yourself at home while we introduce you to the diving of the Galapagos Islands in Divencounters style!

But...before you go, let us assist you in properly preparing for this great adventure. At time of reservation confirmation, a Cruise application and waiver will be issued with your invoice. Please make sure to complete these and that they are returned to DivEncounters or your booking agent within 10 days to make sure your space is secured. Read these forms carefully and let us know if we can assist you with anything. Don’t forget to make sure your Waiver is witnessed on the bottom right hand side so not to delay the processing of your reservation.

Your GALAPAGOS SKY package includes: seven, ten or fourteen nights on board the vessel, all meals and beverages (including beer and wine with dinner) while on board, all diving and airport transfers.

Speaking of food, a hot breakfast is right before the first dive. Just have a seat and our steward will be around to take your order. If you like to sleep in and miss the hot breakfast, there will be a selection of cereals and fruit available. Coffee is ready from approximately 5:30 am until you decide to call it a day. And of course, on GALAPAGOS SKY you can also receive coffee, tea and even hot chocolate in bed if you prefer. Just leave your preference on the door knob hanger that you will find in your cabin and at 6:30 am you will hear a knock at your door.

Your preferred beverage will be provided to you in a non-spill cup. Lunch is served buffet style and dinner is served elegantly plated. If you have any special dietary restrictions or requirements, please include these on your application and advise the chef immediately once you board.

All beverages including (Beer and wine with Dinner) are part of your GALAPAGOS SKY package while you are on board. Help yourself any time you need a little thirst quenching. We would, however like to caution you about drinking alcohol and diving. It is a well known fact that drinking alcohol contributes to dehydration and dehydration contributes greatly to decompression sickness. Therefore, we ask that you be a responsible diver. Drink or dive, you decide. If you decide to indulge after you have finished diving for the day, try to remember to have a couple of glasses of water before you retire to bed for the evening and again in the morning before diving.

Warm towels are provided for you after every dive in our special guest towel cubbies. When you are done drying off, please drop it in the basket near the camera table. Please do not take them back to your stateroom. The towels in your stateroom are for you to use when you shower and are changed midweek or everyday if required. In your stateroom, you will find your complimentary GALAPAGOS SKY bathrobe for your use while on board. Please feel free to wear the
robe anywhere at any time. The toilet aboard the ship is known as a marine head. They can be a problem if not treated properly. All you need to remember is not to put anything into it that has not been eaten first. Small amounts of toilet paper are fine, but if you feel that you must use more, please place it in the trash can which is next to the head, which is changed every day. Also when you flush, please hold the switch for 15 to 20 seconds so that everything is flushed to the holding tank. If you do experience any type of problem, please get a crew member (no matter what time it is) so it can be taken care of immediately.

Our entertainment center on the Main Deck salon is there for you to enjoy. We have a selection of games, books, and DVD’s/CD’s that you are welcome to use. If you need any assistance, ask any crew member and we will be happy to show you how to run the equipment. Also inside the salon is our gift shop boutique. Any time you would like to go shopping or just look to see what we have, grab a crew member and have them show you around.

Remember, everything is free until the last dive day. We simply run a tab for anything you may purchase as well as any rental equipment or classes. Check out is in the morning before disembarkation. We take travelers checks, Visa, and MasterCard and cash (sorry, no personal checks). If you prefer, you can also include the gratuity on your credit cards.

Before you leave us, please don’t forget to fill out the comment sheet which will be left in your cabin at the end of the charter. Your feedback is a very important part of upgrades and training which are ongoing aboard the GALAPAGOS SKY. If there is anything we can do for you this week, please don't be shy. Speak with the Captain immediately for assistance.

This will be your home away from home for the week and we are YOUR crew. Please let us know if there is a problem with anything, don't wait until the end of the week to tell us.

Again, we look forward to welcoming you aboard!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for booking your vacation aboard the Galapagos Sky and wish you safe diving and a very pleasant holiday.

**SAMPLE 2012 ITINERARY**

The Galapagos National Park, who regulates all Dive Operations in the Galapagos Islands, issues each dive operator an itinerary permit each January for the coming year. Please see below the 2012 permitted itinerary. Please understand that the in the event of conditions that are deemed questionable or unsafe for our guests our captain at his discretion may alter this itinerary slightly.

Below is the current 2012 itinerary for the Galapagos Sky as authorized by the Galapagos National Park on patent (permit) issued to Galapagos Sky.

**SUNDAY AM (Day of Disembarkation)** Arrive San Cristobal: (Land Excursion) visit the Interpretation Center where an interesting human history of Galapagos is presented, town walk (last chance for shopping). Late morning departure.

**SUNDAY PM Lobos (Day of Embarkation)** Check out dive. Nice protected area at 20 feet depth. Look for Sea Lions. This is a short dive in a sandy bottom with the focus of checking the skills of every diver. As the sun sets you will circumvent Kicker Rock where you want to look for the Blue footed bobby birds.

**MONDAY AM Marshall Island** (1 dive) At Cape Marshall, on the eastern side of Isabela island, we encounter rocky volcanic cliffs which drop down to the ocean floor as an almost vertical wall. You might see large animals like manta rays, marble rays, hammerhead sharks, mola mola (oceanic sun fish) and marine turtles. Also keep an eye out for Chevron barracuda, snappers, yellow fin tuna, rainbow runners, wahoo and groupers. There are also a lot of smaller fishes like creole fishes, parrot fishes, scrawled filefishes, pacific box fishes and tiger snake eels.
**Monday PM Vicente Roca** (2 dives), Colorful sites with many marine invertebrates, anemones, lobsters, shrimp with occasional Mola Mola sightings. Plus the opportunity to have a panga ride and snorkeling to see the Penguins, Marine Iguanas and Blue Footed Booby Birds.

**TUESDAY AM Wolf** (2 Dive). Look for schools of Hammerheads, Silky Sharks, Galapagos Sharks Dolphins and rays.

**TUESDAY PM Wolf** (1 dives) during the afternoon.

**WEDNESDAY AM Darwin** (2 dives) at Darwin’s Arch. Hammerheads, Galapagos Sharks and HUGE schools of tropical fish enjoy this area. Seasonal sightings of Whale Sharks are common.

**WEDNESDAY PM** Darwin (1 Dives) at the Darwin Arch.

**THURSDAY AM** Darwin (2 dives) at the Darwin Arch.

**THURSDAY PM** Wolf Late morning / early afternoon transit back at Wolf. (1 Dive) After the dive we will head to the central Islands.

**FRIDAY AM** Marshall Island (1 dives) At Cape Marshall, on the eastern side of Isabela island, we encounter rocky volcanic cliffs which drop down to the ocean floor as an almost vertical wall. You might see large animals like manta rays, marble rays, hammerhead sharks, mola mola (oceanic sun fish) and marine turtles. Also keep an eye out for Chevron barracuda, snappers, yellow fin tuna, rainbow runners, wahoo and groupers. There are also a lot of smaller fishes like creole fishes, parrot fishes, scrawled filefishes, pacific box fishes and tiger snake eels.

**FRIDAY PM ROCA BLANCA** (2 dives) - NEW TO THE ITINERARY for 2012, This site provides opportunities for encounters with up to 6 species of sharks, sea lions, Mantas, eagle rays and moray eels. There is always an abundance of yellow tailed surgeonfish, king angelfish, moorish idols, steel pompanos, snappers, grunts, creolefish, and barracuda.

**SATURDAY AM** Cousins Rocks (1 dive)-this dive is done along a beautiful wall and allows for great viewing opportunities for coral, frog fish, sea horses and octopus. Sea Lions will be your companions on the safety stops. This dive is then followed by a Land Visit to the Highlands of Santa Cruz to see the Galapagos Turtles in their natural environment. A visit to the very special “Scalecias Forest”, the Twins and the Lava Tube also is included during the morning ashore.

**SATURDAY PM** Land Tours continue in Puerto Ayora to the Charles Darwin Research Center. This is where we will also disembark guests who have chosen to extend their holiday in Pto. Ayora, prior to returning to San Cristobal for Sunday morning cruise completion.

We are very excited about our 2012 schedule and look forward to Exceptional Underwater Adventures with you!

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