

# SPECIFICATIONS

Year Built: 2016 - Origin, 2019 - Theory, 2023 - Evolve

Maximum Capacity: 20 guests

Crew: 13 including 2 naturalists and a concierge

Length: 142 feet/ 43.5 meters

Beam: 27.5 feet/ 8.5 meters

Draft: 6.3 feet/ 1.9 meters

Hull: Mono, built with Naval steel

Cruising speed: 12-14 knots

## LUXURY EXPEDITION YACHTS

Chic and stylish for just 20 guests, the identical luxury expedition yachts **Origin**, **Theory & Evolve** by Ecoventura, provide an intimate and exclusive environment that emphasize the destination's awe-inspiring wildlife while minimizing impact on the delicate ecosystem. Their names were inspired by Charles Darwin's *Theory of Evolution and Origin of Species* and operate as "floating five-star boutique hotels." They are a part of the esteemed **Relais & Chateaux** collection and benefit from the strength of this prestigious luxury travel brand.

#### **DESIGN & COMFORT**

**Design:** chic interiors by local interior designer with curated art and contemporary understated décor. The interiors are inspired by the calming nature of Galapagos, incorporating minimalist-chic with exotic stone, petrified wood, and agate lamps in a relaxed setting.

**Speed & Comfort:** travel at a maximum speed of 14 knots allows more time for exploration. The curved bow cuts through waves for smooth sailing. Fixed stabilizing fins combined with bilge keels and a wave-piercing bow design; all methods to substantially reduce rolling motion.

#### **THE EXPERIENCE** -

**Two Expert Naturalist Guides:** one for every ten guests, the lowest ratio in the Galapagos - share their knowledge and passion during Island excursions, evening briefings and enrichment lectures.

**Itineraries:** twice-daily guided shore excursions with optional water activities (swim, snorkel, kayak and SUP) and exploration by Zodiac or glass-bottom boat.

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**Sports Equipment:** five double kayaks, one single kayak, two stand up paddle boards, full 3mm wet suits, masks, fins, snorkels and beach towels are provided to all guests.

#### **DESIGNER STATEROOMS** -

**DELUXE STATEROOMS** - Ten designer staterooms located on the main deck featuring panoramic windows with expansive un-obstructed views; with double twin beds or a King-size bed. Triple accommodations are available with a pullman berth; additionally, two sets of cabins can be inter-connecting, and ideal for a family of four or five.

**Cabin Amenities** - Vanity and lighted mirror, sectional closet with drawers, flat screen TV with pre-loaded movies, Universal docking station, USB, clock, Safety deposit box, climate control, memory foam mattress, reading lights, blackout curtains, Nespresso machine, tea kettle, binoculars, and refillable water bottle. Bathrooms are modern and bright with a walk-in rainfall shower, plush towels, bathrobes, slippers, hairdryer, vanity kit, dispensers with bio-degradable soap, shampoo, body wash and lotion.

Cabins are cleaned three times daily. Laundry service is available M-F for an additional charge.

**PREMIUM SUITES** - The connecting cabins are converted into a suite featuring two deluxe staterooms joined by a connecting door with his and hers bathrooms, a bedroom with a king size bed or two twins and a separate living room with an ocean-front view. SUITES may not be available on festive or family departures.

Additional Amenities Included with the SUITES: Premium brands of beverages (excluding champagne), free laundry service, Upgrade to Premium seats on the flights to Galapagos (or PLUS if not available), Access to VIP lounge in San Cristobal on departure day, and customized Panama hats or bathrobes and other welcome gifts to use during your stay and take home.

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GALAPAGOS

### FOOD & BEVERAGE -

All meals are a la carte and inspired by Relais & Chateaux offering healthy and sustainable gastronomy. Breakfast and lunch are served buffet style. Dinner is a beautifully plated four-course menu starting with an amuse bouche. There is a vegetarian menu and we can provide vegan or gluten-free meals with advanced notice.

Our elegant dining room features marble tabletops, with configurations from a private table for two to 8 guests for private or group dining. Twice during the cruise, lunch is prepared on the BBQ grill and served outdoors on the spacious sundeck with shaded tables and chairs.

Delight in cooking demonstrations from our chefs including Ecuadorian style ceviche and a specialty dessert, craft beer tasting from a local brewery, wine pairing from a local vineyard, artisan cheeses, locally grown coffee, and chocolate.

Gourmet snacks are served after each shore excursion and we serve an afternoon tea. Packaged snacks are available at the bar.

All beverages are included in the **open bar policy**. The intimate indoor bar is open 24/7 for hand crafted cocktails, red and white wine, beer, sodas, juices, coffee, and tea. Premium brands of wine, spirits and sparkling wine are available for an additional charge.

### **INVITING PUBLIC AREAS** –

**Indoor Lounge Areas:** unwind in the comfortable and stylish indoor lounge adjacent to the bar for evening gatherings, enrichment lectures, Captain's parties, and conversation with your fellow ship mates.

Fitness Center: equipped with cardio equipment; elliptical, stationary bike, bench, weights, yoga ball and mats.

**Outdoor Lounge Areas:** provide a private spot to unwind with comfortable sofas seating up to 6 guests in front of the bridge and on the main deck just outside the sliding doors.

**Spacious Outdoor Entertainment Area:** the mostly shaded sundeck is fashioned with chic day beds and chaises lounges, tables and chairs for outdoor dining, BBQ grill, wet bar, Jacuzzi hot tub, outdoor shower, and a gender-neutral restroom.

Boutique: offering high quality embroidered apparel and handicrafts made by local artisans

Library: cozy library with a selection of current and rare publications on the Galapagos, natural history, and Charles Darwin.

#### SPECIALTY & PRIVATE CHARTER -

**Private Exclusive Charter:** ideal for groups of families or friends on an epic holiday or to celebrate a milestone event. We can arrange for a masseuse, yoga instructor or a photographer for an additional charge. The Premium Suites can be arranged by joining two cabins with a connecting door for twice the space.

**Family Departures:** designated departure dates for families traveling with children are geared towards parents with children aged six and up, active teenagers, college-aged young adults, and multi-generational groups featuring age-appropriate activities from naturalists who bring the magic of the Galapagos alive.

**VIP Package/Private Moments:** ideal for 2-4 guests looking for a more intimate experience with a private naturalist guide, private airport transfers, and a private zodiac ride for an additional charge.

**Specialty Departures:** on selected departure dates a certified photography instructor, or an award-winning chef are onboard to develop your skills and add another dimension to everything these islands have to offer.

### SUSTAINABILITY & CONSERVATION

**Environmental Action**: we are proud at Ecoventura that we started greening the operation decades ago and continue to initiate new programs to reduce fuel consumption, lower carbon emissions and our footprint in the Galapagos. Our 7-night itineraries promote longer stays and lower volume tourism and the luxury expedition yachts incorporated design features to make them 30% more efficient than our original fleet. In 2017, Ecoventura eliminated the use of plastic straws and single-use plastic bottles. In 2022, Ecoventura opened a Recycling Facility in Galapagos to ensure no garbage produced on board our fleet is left behind.

Wildlife Conservation: we have supported, and spearheaded, a number of important wildlife conservation programs in partnerships with the World Wildlife Fund and the Charles Darwin Foundation. In 2017, Ecoventura established the Galapagos Biodiversity and Education for Sustainability Fund (GBES). Funds raised for this ambitious collective effort directly benefit research and conservation efforts focused on biodiversity; including monitoring expeditions, scientific equipment, maintenance of Galápagos National Park vessels, and granting scholarships for Galapagueños to attend university studies.

**Social Responsibility:** we support the Education for Sustainable Communities (ECOS), a non-profit formed in 2022 (formerly Ecology Project International) that plays a crucial role in ensuring training for local high-schoolers and inspiring the next generation of conservationists.

Through Pack for a Purpose our guests are encouraged to bring school supplies to benefit the local community. Ecoventura sources over 50% of the ingredients used in our cuisine locally from responsible providers.

Health & Safety Protocol: all crew carefully follow enhanced cleanliness and sanitation guidelines by maintaining rigorous cleaning procedures based on biosecurity standards set by the World Health Organization (WHO) and SAFE TRAVELS approved by World Travel & Tourism.

## THE EXTRAS -

Satellite Communications: high speed Wi-Fi is available 24/7 and is complimentary for all guests

Laundry Service: is available M-F for an additional charge, limited to 6 items per cabin per day.

Transfers in the Islands between the airport with meet & greet and personalized check-in at the airports in Quito and Guayaquil.

Process and pre-payment of the park entrance fee and TCT (INGALA) card for arrivals on AV1630 only.

Assistance with reservations for pre- and post-cruise hotel, land tours and airport transfers

