

Enjoy Galapagos with your family

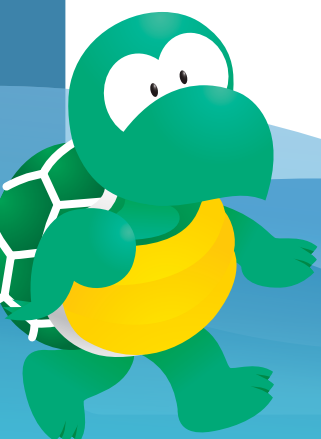
The Galapagos Islands present an amazing opportunity for learning, on many different levels. We believe it can be a life-changing experience not just for adults but also for children – perhaps even more so for children...

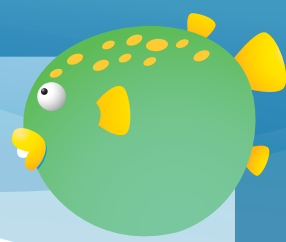
Close encounters with wildlife which virtually nowhere else on the planet can provide; a living laboratory of evolution; a vivid and sometimes explosive lesson in geology; a sense of freedom but also of responsibility... all of these elements make up the Galapagos experience.



Our Yacht La Pinta is perhaps the best of our vessels for families: it has inter-connecting cabins, giving a family the possibility of enjoying the run of two cabins with complete ease. Meanwhile, our Finch Bay Eco Hotel is also ideal for families. Located in the town of Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz island, the hotel has a beach and a pool, interconnecting rooms and is an excellent base for exploring and relaxing.

Our expedition style will allow all ages to absorb Galapagos at different paces. Learning will never be this fun!





Young Pirates

Our Naturalist staff is happy to work with children of all ages and skill levels, and many have had special training in this area. With families in mind, we designed our special Young Pirates Program, for young Galapagos Explorers aboard Metropolitan Touring's vessels – M/V Santa Cruz, Yacht Isabela II and Yacht La Pinta - or land & sea programs with the Finch Bay Eco Hotel. This program is aimed at children ranging between ages 7 to 12 years old. It showcases a fun and exciting way of absorbing Galapagos – kids' style.

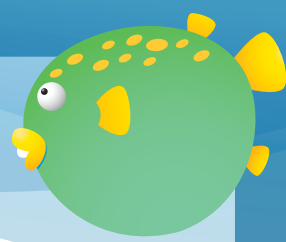


It is our hope that everybody enjoys the natural paradise of Galapagos and appreciates the efforts for its conservation. Thus, we thought kids need some type of interpretative recreational material, and we developed our own Galapagos booklet: "Young Pirates".

We packed this learning-while-having-fun book with all sorts of different subjects, including:

- Galapagos Means Tortoises
- Galapagos Bedtime Stories
- Dawn to Dusk in the Galapagos: Flightless Birds, Swimming Lizards, and other Fascinating creatures
- Life on Earth: The Story of Evolution
- We're Sailing to Galapagos: a Week in the Pacific
- Endangered Animals and Habitats - The Galapagos Islands
- Darwin and Evolution for Kids: His Life and Ideas with 21 Activities





Kids Activities in Galapagos

We believe that the Islands can instil a true sense of learning and wonder in our younger guests.

We have therefore designed activities such as colouring (Multi-coloured Ecuador and Galapagos: Discover it and Paint it), Ecuamemory cards, maps (Where am I?), animal puzzles, Galapagos videos and movies for children, treasure hunts, Galapagos trivia, reading time, stargazing and conversations (What have I learned?).



Handicraft activities will include bracelet weaving, molding with play-dough and bead necklace making. Children will also be encouraged to fill out the Journal of Expedition they will be given on the first day on board, with their Galapagos experiences.

'Special Moments' and children's activities will be planned mostly before and after lunch and dinner, during the time adults are dining or attending briefings and conferences.

