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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to invite you to join a Study Tour to Ecuador and the Gallapagos Islands that departs Miami this coming January. Our program includes full sightseeing in Ecuador and a four day cruise throughout the famed Gallapagos Islands where you will see the most important sights to see. My wife, Judi, will be traveling with me and your families and friends are welcome on this tour. Because of limited accomodations, we urge you to make your decision to participate early.

Planned for both education and recreation, this clinical study tour is a unique way for you to broaden your professional knowledge. Included is site visits where you will meet and talk with Ecuadorian veterinarians about how they practice in their social environment.

The highlight of our program will be our cruise throughout the Gallapagos Islands which are living museums of evolutionary changes that have led to a new understanding of life on earth. Animals unafraid of man, so different from any others found elsewhere, make visitors wonder about the complex variety of life on Earth, and how it changes over time. I look forward to our visit to the Charles Darwin Research Center on Santa Cruz.

We will also sightsee in Quito, an old attractive Spanish colonial city set in a hollow at the foot of the volcano Pichincha and is surrounded by gorgeous hills and several snowcapped mountains. We also visit Otavalo, where four thousand years ago Otalvo weavers started using backstrap looms to create beautiful textiles with strikingly complex designs. It's one of the most important markets in the Andes and a cultural crossroads. Incidentally, the shopping is great.

Your itinerary is described in detail in the enclosed brochure. A summary of what is included for you is below:

- \* Round Trip Air Transportation
- \* Daily Meals
- \* Four Star Hotel Accomodations At The Hotel Mercure Alameda
- \* Full sightseeing program
- \* Meetings With Local Veterinarians On The Optional Education Program
- \* Background Lectures By Trained Naturalists
- \* American Tour Manager From Start To Finish
- \* Full Accomodations On The MV Gallapagos II
- \* All Meals While You Are Cruising The Gallapagos Islands
- \* Local Guides And Naturalistsl

A professional CPC tour manager will be with you for your entire trip, and when you reach Ecuador, local guides and naturalists will also help you get the most out of your program.

The educational purpose of this program is to provide a comparative survey of veterinary medicine in Ecuador and the Gallapagos Islands, as well as to bring us up to date with developments in veterinary medicine. I will present several lectures and stimulate discussion on many aspects of veterinary medicine and management as well as recent changes and trends in veterinary medical education. To enable us to have a more complete understanding of veterinary medicine in Ecuador, meetings are planned for us to exchange ideas and experiences with our colleagues there.

At the completion of the tour you will receive a report of attendance listing the topics covered with time spent in continuing education on veterinary medical issues.

The travel program has been organized by the Corporation For Professional Conferences, Inc. I have participated in CPC veterinary tours to South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Brazil, Argentina, Ireland. CPC has also organized successful study tours to Egypt, China, Russia, Costa Rica, France, Austria, Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Portugal, Ireland, Chili, Peru and Iceland.

If you have any questions about this or any other tour please contact the people at CPC. They will be happy to speak to you about tour arrangements and general information. I have always been impressed with CPC's attention to safety for the travelers for which they are responsible as well as their tour managers and their efforts to visit the most and the best of attractions while still getting in time for continuing education. I hope you will be able to join us on this tour and professional program. Their telephone number is 1-800-621-4414

Your friends and family are welcome to join with you on this exotic adventure. I urge you to register soon as our Ecuadorian colleagues will make the best efforts to match our interests if they have adequate notice. At the completion of the tour you will receive a certificate of attendance.

Yours very truly,

*Jim Sikarskie*

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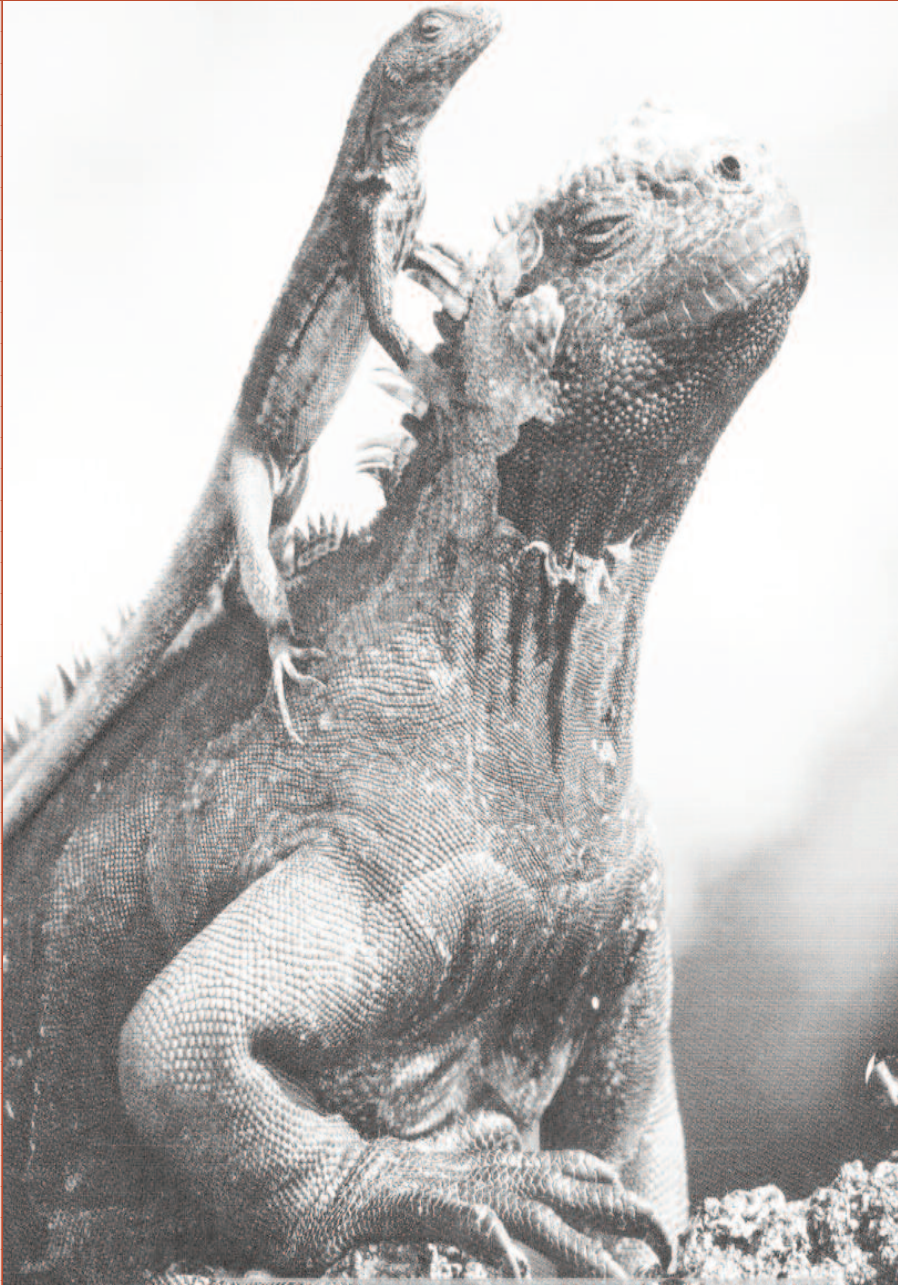
# The Galapagos Islands & Ecuador

Visit Ecuador and cruise the Gallapagos Islands on  
The MV Galapagos Explorer, including a visit to the Charles Darwin  
Research Station. In Quito there is a full sightseeing program including  
tours to the Guayllabamba Gorge and the market town of Otavalo.

## Here's What's Included

- Scheduled Air Transportation
- Four Star Hotel Accommodations
- Meetings With Local Veterinarians
- Visit To Charles Darwin Research Station On Santa Cruise Island
- Daily Breakfast And Lunch Or Dinner
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## Program Cost

Per Person  
From Miami  
**\$4385.00**

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## YOUR EDUCATION LEADER

Dr James Sikarskie has been the Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarian at Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine for over 30 years. He was the Veterinarian for the Lansing, Michigan Zoo and has worked with Wildlife, both captive and free-ranging the whole time. He has developed the American Bald Eagle as an environmental biomonitor in the Great Lakes Basin and has a lot of field experience. He has a graduate degree in Wildlife Management (Population Dynamics and Wildlife Ecology) and is a Board Certified Diplomate in the American College of Zoological Medicine. He has been education leader before and his lecture topics were rated extremely enjoyable as well as educational.

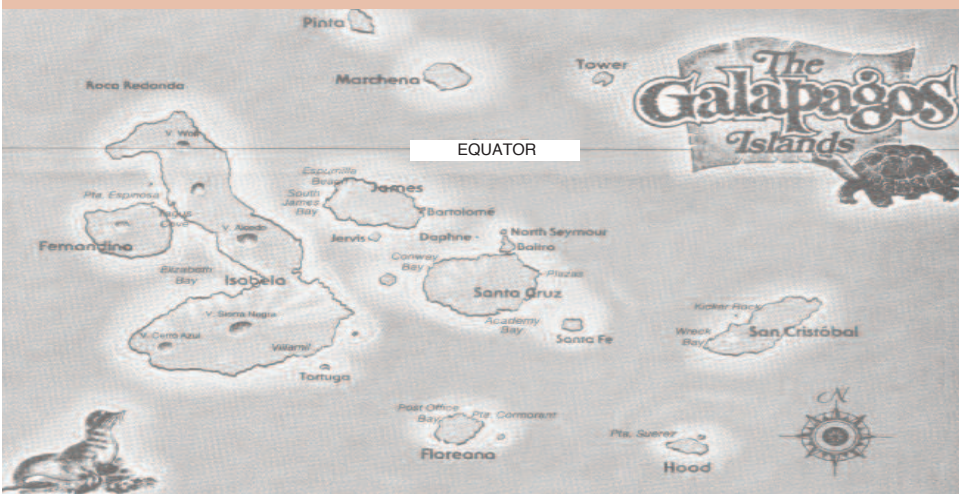
## LECTURE / DISCUSSION / TOPICS

- \*Exotic Pets: Medicine and Management
- \*Wildlife Rehabilitation
- \*Zoological Medicine and Management
- \*Exotic Animal Restraint and Handling
- \*Wildlife Research
- \*Wildlife Management
- \*Game Farming and Ranching

Legal, ethical, philosophical as well as clinical issues will be discussed in all topics with slide shows when facilities allow. Other topics like Animal Welfare and Animal Rights, Hunting and Ecotourism will be open for discussion in an informal style.

## ABOUT TAX DEDUCTIBILITY

If you are interested in the tax deductibility of this (or any) program, we suggest that you first review the program and your tax liability with your accountant.



## Your Complete Itinerary

We have designed this program to enable you to enjoy your tour of the major and most important places of Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands.

### Facts about MV Galapagos

#### Explorer II

**Built in 1990, 50 cabins,**

**Ism Solas Certificate**

**Speed 14.5 knots cruise speed,**

**88 meters length**

The Galapagos Explorer II is designed to provide comfort and scientific information to its passengers visiting Galapagos National Park. Expert naturalist guides will offer daily information about the Islands. Among the facilities included are: restaurant, whirlpool bar, hair dryers, naturalist research center, conference room and coffee bar, television.

### About Ecuador

Geographically Ecuador is a small country endowed with a dramatic topography and a variety of climatic zones, vegetation, birds and wildlife. Without ever leaving the country, you can move quickly from jungle-rainforest to the high slopes of the Andes, and then down to the Pacific coast, while observing a breathtaking panorama of scenery and nature. As you travel through Ecuador's world of nature, you will be able to follow the courses of rivers broad and narrow; rest along the shores of pristine lakes; explore mysterious caves and marvel at unique plant and animal species that have evolved undisturbed on isolated islands in the Pacific - the Galapagos Islands. Ecuador's diversity is echoed by its people whose cultural origins and traditions are formed by their environment.

**Day 1/ Jan 9 We depart Miami for Quito via American Airlines at 7:00PM and arrive there four hours later and are met and taken to our hotel, the Four star hotel Mercure Alameda.**

### About Quito

Quito is set in a hollow at the foot of the volcano Pichincha and in addition to its gorgeous landscape, surrounded by hills and several snow-capped mountains. It is known for its treasures of Colonial churches, monasteries, paintings, sculptures and



carvings and the magnificent blend of Spanish, Flemish and Moorish architecture. In 1978 it was declared by UNESCO "Patrimony of Mankind" The city offers 86 churches and monasteries of the 16th and 17th century. Due to its beautiful churches and monasteries, Quito is known as the "Convent of America." Quito is located only 22 km away from the "Middle of the World," at the Equatorial Line.

**Day 2 / (B, D) Jan 10 We visit a veterinary clinic and then sightsee in Quito. Four star hotel Mercure Alameda.**

After breakfast we will visit a veterinary clinic for pets (dogs and cats) in Quito and have the chance to ask a professional local veterinarian about his daily practice.

Then we sightsee Quito.

First, we visit a viewpoint, called Guapulo, a natural terrace where we will learn about the location of the city on the foothills of the Pichincha Volcano. We will see the spectacular views of the Valleys of Cumbayá and Tumbaco and of the Eastern Chain of Mountains. On a clear day you can see the snow capped Cayambe and Puntas Volcanoes. Then we visit the old city and experience the colonial history of Ecuador and see streets filled with culture, beauty and intrigue. Your guide will explain about Quito's diverse history. Among the sights we will see are: Independence Square the Government and Bishops Palace, San Francisco Square; the church of La Compañia, which has the most ornate and richly sculptured façade and interior.

**Day 3 / Jan 11 (B,L,D) We depart Quito for the Galapagos Islands where we board the MV Galapagos Explorer for our Galapagos cruise.**

After breakfast we are taken to the airport and board our flight to the Galapagos Islands. We arrive Puerto Baquerizo Moreno Airport, San Cristobal Island and board Explorer II at Cerro Brujo, San Cristobal Island.

### About the Galapagos Islands

Galapagos Islands are the highlight of every tour Ecuador trip that offers the most unique living museum of evolutionary changes and a variety of exotic species endemic to this Archipelago! Galapagos is the perfect setting to experience the evolutionary changes, which have led to a new understanding of life on earth. Animals unafraid of man, so different from any others found elsewhere, make visitors wonder about their existence on our planet. Among the animals found, are the different species of giant "Galapagos" tortoises that gave the islands their name, and

a great variety of birds and marine mammals such as iguanas, sea lions, dolphins, whales as well as a great number of strange fish. Among the flora, the most distinctive are mangroves and endemic cacti, to mention just a few.

**Days 3 – 6 (B/L/D) We cruise the Galapagos Islands (All meals are included) in the following order:**

**Day 3/ Cerro Brujo, San Cristobal Island**

**Day 4/ Punta Suarez, Espanola Island**

**DAY 4/ Gardner Bay, Espanola Island**

**Day 5/ Charles Darwin Station & Puerto, Santa Cruz Island**

**Day 5/ Rabida Island**

**Day 6/ Bachas, Santa Cruz Island where our cruise ends. We return to Quito.**

**Four star hotel Mercure Alameda.**

After breakfast we will be taken to the airport, board our flight to Quito, and return to our hotel.

**Day 7/ (B,) We descend into the Guayllabamba Gorge and sightsee. We visit the Indian market town Otavalo for more sightseeing and shopping.**

**Four star hotel Mercure Alameda.**

Today we descend into the spectacular Guayllabamba gorge and village. The Ecuadorian Line goes directly through the glacier of the immense volcano, which shows the highest worldwide point on the Ecuadorian line. On the way you can see the Lago San Pablo with its great background – the rock massive Taita Imbabura.

Since pre Incan times Otavalo is famous for its textiles and the colorful people, Otavalo has hosted one of the most important markets in the Andes for hundreds of years. During our visit we'll see families wearing colorful clothes and speaking Quichua and Spanish. You will enjoy the endless variety of handicrafts offered at this giant colorful market. The natives here have achieved prosperity from their skill in weaving an endless variety of designs in belts, tapestries and other items.

**Day 8/ (B,) We visit the Equatorial Line Monument called "Middle of the World."**

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Today we visit the Equatorial Line Monument called "Middle of the World." Here you'll have the rare experience to stand in both, the Northern and Southern Hemispheres simultaneously. The Equatorial Monument, located as focal point of the park, marks the spot where an 18th century French scientific expedition established the exact position of the Equator. The area has been preserved as a colonial town, with restaurants and gift shops. We will visit the monument and the Ethnographical Museum, which shows the history of the Indian cultures of Ecuador. The afternoon is free.

**Day 9/ (B,D) Today is free to follow your own agenda in Quito. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner.**

**Four star hotel Mercure Alameda.**

Quito is an easy city to wander around. A day's wandering can lead past little explored cobblestone lanes, lively markets, interesting shops, good restaurants and striking views. Among the local tours offered are interesting "Rainforest Walks" where your guides can track local wildlife. Look out for leaf-cutter ants!

**Day 10/ (B,) This morning we return to Miami via American Airlines, arriving there at 11:50AM**



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## **General Information, Terms and Conditions**

### **How to make a reservation**

Complete the enclosed registration form and send it to us with the deposit specified on the form. Our addresses is listed below. Your registration should be mailed to us. Please send your registration in the self addressed envelope that we have included.

Final Payment is due 60 days prior to programs departure.

**Program Participation:** Persons who are not in good health and physically fit for long trips should not join the tour.

### **Departure Dates and Prices**

Prices published in the brochure are based on air fares, tariffs, and exchange rates in effect on June 23, 2011. The Corporation for Professional Conferences, Inc. reserves the right to change these prices should air ticket costs, land accommodation costs, and rates of foreign exchange change.

### **Alterations To Published Arrangements**

The Corporation For Professional Conferences, Inc.(CPC) reserves the right to modify or change the itinerary of this program if land or air transportation schedule changes, and/or circumstances, conditions and events beyond its control require such alteration necessary.

### **Visas**

CPC will secure visas according to the costs specified on your registration form. Your passport must be valid for 6 months after the scheduled date of your return. Please be sure to check the validity of your passport, and to provide us with the necessary information when you register. Air Transportation is Economy Class by AMERICAN AIRLINES or other scheduled airline.

### **Cancellations**

Cancellations must be received in writing, are effective the date received by CPC, and are subject to the following conditions and terms:

- Up to 60 days prior to departure: You will receive a full refund less US\$75 handling charge per person.
- 59-35 days prior to departure: You will receive a full refund less 25% of the tour price per person, to cover liquidated damages and handling fees.
- 34 or fewer days prior to departure: You will be charged 100% of the tour price per person, to cover liquidated damages and handling fees. (CPC has no control of airline cancellation policies, but will endeavor to recover a refund from the airline for the air ticket portion of the tour, less the penalty imposed by the airline concerned.)
- Cancellations after departure will not receive any refund.

### **Cancellation Insurance**

**We strongly urge that you purchase Trip Cancellation Insurance to protect you from any unexpected contingencies that may arise. Trip Cancellation Insurance forms will be mailed to all registrants.**

### **Tour Price Does Not Include**

Local transportation taxes, Visas, passport fees, valet services, laundry, excess baggage, accident and baggage insurance, food and beverages not on the regular menu, transfers for independent arrivals and departures, liquors, wines, mineral waters, telephone calls, cable charges and all other expenses of a personal nature.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please make the following reservations for me for the Study Tour to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands.

There will be .....people traveling in my party at \$4385 per person from Miami, Jan. 9 - 18, 2012.

There is an optional registration fee of \$125.00 for attending the education program. The per person prices in your itinerary are based on two persons sharing accommodations. Single room accommodations must be requested separately. The single room supplement is \$695.00. (Prices reflect 3% cash discount - price will increase if you choose a different form of payment.)

ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND MY CHECK WHICH REPRESENTS \$300 FOR EACH MEMBER OF MY PARTY.  
 I WILL PAY THE BALANCE NO LATER THAN 8 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF DEPARTURE.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS REGISTRATION FORM.**

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