



## 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

## THE EXPERIENCE

**Two expert naturalist guides:** one for every 10 guests, the lowest ratio in the Galapagos - share their knowledge and passion during Island excursions, evening briefings and enrichment lectures.

**Itineraries:** departures take place every Sunday, offering a choice of two magnificent 7-night itineraries travelling to the outermost islands of the archipelago. To really get to know the archipelago, guests can also choose to combine back-to-back itineraries for a two-week voyage covering the entire archipelago.

**Activities:** twice-daily guided shore excursions take place, with optional water activities (swimming, snorkeling, kayaking and paddle-boarding) and exploration by Zodiacs or a glass-bottom boat.

**Sports equipment:** guests have access to multiple double and single kayaks and stand up paddle-boards, whilst we also provide full 3mm wet suits, masks, fins, snorkels and beach towels.

## LUXURY EXPEDITION YACHTS

Ecoventura's luxury expedition yachts are members of the esteemed **Relais & Chateaux** collection – the only R&C yachts in the Galapagos – and operate as floating five-star boutique hotels. The fleet consists of a trio of identical vessels named Origin, Theory & Evolve, inspired of course by Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution and Origin of Species, penned following a trip to the Galapagos in 1835.

Chic, stylish and luxuriously comfortable in equal measure, each ship can carry a maximum of 20 guests, offering passengers a golden opportunity to explore the furthest reaches of the awe-inspiring destination that is the Galapagos archipelago. Guests on board these exclusive yachts will enjoy an awe-inspiring array of wildlife, safe in the knowledge that Ecoventura has taken every step to minimize its impact on the delicate Galapagos ecosystem.

## DESIGN & COMFORT

**Design:** The elegant interiors are the work of a talented local interior designer and feature contemporary understated décor and carefully curated art pieces. Inspired by the calming surrounds of the Galapagos, they combine minimalist-chic with exotic stone, petrified wood, and agate lamps in a cosy, intimate setting.

**Speed & Comfort:** Our yachts have been custom-designed for smooth, fast and efficient sailing, with a wave piercing keel and a cutting-edge bow design to increase speed, reduce fuel usage and save on carbon emissions. What's more, this means less time travelling, and more time enjoying each stunning location on each of our week-long itineraries.

## DESIGNER STATEROOMS

**DELUXE STATEROOMS** - Ten designer staterooms with double twin beds or King-size beds are located on the main deck and feature full-length panoramic windows to enjoy the expansive ocean and island views. Triple accommodation is available with a Pullman berth, while two sets of cabins can be interconnected to comfortably accommodate a family of four or five.

**Cabin Amenities** – as to be expected from a Relais & Chateaux property, the luxurious cabins have a host of high-end features and amenities. Vanity and lighted mirrors, a sectional closet with drawers, flat screen TV with pre-loaded movies, universal docking station, USB plugs, safety deposit box, air conditioning, memory foam mattresses, reading lights, blackout curtains, Nespresso machine, kettle, binoculars, and refillable water bottles are provided as standard. Bathrooms are light, bright and modern with a walk-in rainfall shower, fluffy towels, bathrobes, slippers and hairdryer. In addition, bathrooms are equipped with a vanity kit and refillable dispensers containing soap, shampoo, body wash and body lotion – all biodegradable to minimize damage to the marine environment.

Cabins are cleaned three times daily, and laundry service is available from Monday to Friday for an additional charge.

**PREMIUM SUITES** – connecting cabins can be converted into a suite featuring two deluxe staterooms, with his and hers bathrooms, a bedroom with a king size bed or two twins and a separate lounge area with a glorious ocean view. For guests upgrading to a premium suite, extra perks also include: Premium brands of beverages, a second PIN code to the 24/7 satellite Wi-Fi, and free laundry service. Note that suites are subject to availability and may not be available on festive and family departures.

## GASTRONOMY

All meals are freshly prepared, à la carte and inspired by Relais & Chateaux. Gourmet snacks are served after each shore excursion and there is an afternoon tea service. Our chefs' lively cooking demonstrations are a favorite with guests.

Our chefs are passionate about producing top quality, healthy and sustainable gastronomy, with the majority of ingredients locally sourced from farms and producers on the islands, including the majority of the staples including fruit, vegetables and meats. Fish is, of course, a big part of the menu, with our chefs taking great care to ensure their dishes are sustainable; "brujo" (scorpion fish) is served instead of salmon, and spiny lobster and Canchalagua (a shellfish) are both sustainable local fish sourced from fishermen who ply their trade around the islands. A delicious, beautifully presented, four-course dinner begins with a daily amuse bouche, whilst there is always a vegetarian option as well. Vegan and gluten-free meals can also be provided.

Our elegant, contemporary dining room features marble tabletops, with configurations ranging from a private table for two up to seating for eight guests. Lunch is prepared outdoors on the BBQ grill and guests dine from tables under the shade of the spacious sundeck.

An intimate indoor bar is available 24/7 serving hand crafted cocktails, red, white, and rosé wine, beer, sodas, juices, coffee, tea and snacks. All beverages are included with our **open bar policy**, whilst premium brands of wine and spirits are available for an additional charge.

## INVITING PUBLIC AREAS

**Indoor Lounge areas:** the comfortable and stylish lounge is the perfect spot to unwind after a day exploring the islands, whilst guests also gather here to catch up with fellow passengers and to enjoy our popular evening gatherings, enrichment lectures and Captain's parties.

**Fitness Center:** fully equipped with the latest cardio equipment for all those keen to stay in shape on board, our fitness center includes elliptical, stationary bike, bench, weights, yoga ball and yoga mats.

**Outdoor lounge areas:** guests can take advantage of a choice of outdoor lounge areas. Our comfortable sofas seat up to six guests, allowing guests to relax in front of the bridge and on the main deck.

**Spacious sundeck:** partially shaded and decked out with chic day beds and sun loungers, the sundeck is the perfect place to soak up some rays. The Jacuzzi hot tub can take up to four guests and there is also an outdoor shower, bar and public restroom.

**Boutique:** our delightful boutique offers a range of handicrafts created by local artisans and high quality embroidered apparel.

**Library:** Bookworms will feel at home in the cozy library with its impressive selection of current and rare publications on natural history and the Galapagos, plus some of Charles Darwin's famous works.

## SPECIALTY & PRIVATE CHARTER

**Private exclusive charter:** chartering one of our private yachts is ideal for groups of families or friends seeking a once in a lifetime vacation or celebrating a milestone event. We can arrange for a masseuse, yoga instructor or a photographer to accompany the group for an additional charge. Premium Suites can be arranged as outlined above for those looking for a little extra space and privacy.

**Family departures:** we offer designated departures specifically for families traveling with children. These trips are geared towards parents with children aged six and up, active teenagers, college-aged young adults, and multi-generational groups. Our talented naturalists run age-appropriate activities to ensure the magic of the Galapagos really comes alive.

**VIP package/private moments:** our bespoke VIP packages are ideal for 2-4 guests in search of an even more intimate and memorable experience. Guests will enjoy the undivided attention of a private naturalist guide, private airport transfers, Premium or Plus seat upgrades on the flights to/from Galapagos and a private zodiac ride which can be arranged for an additional charge.

**Specialty departures:** on selected departure dates we can invite a certified photography instructor, yoga instructor, or an award-winning chef onboard to develop your skills and add another dimension to your dream voyage.

## SUSTAINABILITY & CONSERVATION

**Environmental action:** whilst we are incredibly privileged to operate here in one of the planet's most untouched ecosystems, we also recognize that it is our responsibility to do all we can to protect the creatures we share these islands with, above and below the waves, and we are proud that sustainability is at the heart of what we do.

Our luxury yachts have been designed to reduce fuel consumption and lower carbon emissions, whilst our 7-night itineraries promote longer stays and lower volume tourism, reducing passenger footfall in the islands. Ecoventura eliminated the use of plastic straws and single-use plastic bottles in 2017 and in 2022 we opened a state-of-the-art Recycling Facility in Galapagos to ensure that no waste is sent to landfill on the Islands. Looking ahead, we have signed an agreement with Photon to refit our zodiac launches with electric motors, to further reduce our fuel use, carbon emissions and noise pollution on every voyage.

**Wildlife Conservation:** We have supported, and spearheaded, a number of important wildlife conservation initiatives in partnership with the World Wildlife Fund and the Charles Darwin Foundation. In 2017, Ecoventura established the Galapagos Biodiversity and Education for Sustainability Fund (GBES); amounts raised for this ambitious collective effort directly benefit research and conservation efforts focused on biodiversity; including monitoring expeditions, purchasing scientific equipment, carrying out maintenance of the Galapagos National Park vessels, and providing scholarships for Galapagueños to study conservation.

**Social responsibility:** We are proud to support Education for Sustainable Communities (ECOS), a non-profit organization formed in 2022 (formerly Ecology Project International) that plays a crucial role in training local high-school students and inspiring the next generation of conservationists. In addition, through Pack for a Purpose our guests are encouraged to use leftover luggage space to bring stationery and art supplies to donate to the local community.

**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), Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA) Health & Safety Guidelines, and SAFE TRAVELS approved by World Travel & Tourism.

## THE EXTRAS

**Satellite Communications:** Wi-Fi is available 24/7 and one PIN code is available per cabin.

**Laundry service:** available Monday to Friday for an additional charge. To protect the delicate marine environment, we limit the service to 6 items per cabin per day.

**Airport transfers:** in the Galapagos between the Airport with meet & greet and personalized check-in at the airports in Quito and Guayaquil.

**Taxes and fees:** we process and pre-pay the Galapagos National park entrance fee and Transit card (INGALA/ TCT) for arrivals on AV1630 only.

**Pre and post-cruise services:** we offer assistance with reservations for hotels, airport transfers, land tours, rainforest jungle lodges, cloud forest, and more. Please contact the team for details.