

Galápagos Islands

Andrew, David. **Galápagos Islands**. Watching Wildlife Series. Lonely Planet, 2005. Maps, including the best island sites; wildlife photos; background info on animal behavior and ecology; advice on planning, equipment, diving, snorkeling, and viewing wildlife. Paperback, 152 pgs.

Appleman, Philip (Ed.). **Darwin**. WW Norton & Company, 2000. Includes Darwin's work and presents research and scholarship on all aspects of his legacy. Work by Richard Dawkins, E.O. Wilson, Eugene C. Scott, Stephen Jay Gould, Gillian Beer, Ernst Mayr and many others adds to this exciting history. Paperback, 695 pgs.

Bassett, Carol Ann. **Galápagos at the Crossroads: Pirates, Biologists, Tourists, and Creationists Battle for Darwin's Cradle of Evolution**. National Geographic, 2009. Discusses economic, political and environmental problems facing the islands, and what is being done to preserve them before it's too late. Hardcover, 304 pgs.

Beebe, William. **Galápagos: World's End**. Dover Publications, 1988. Led by biologist and explorer William Beebe, a team of scientists sponsored by the New York Zoological Society visited the Galápagos in 1923 to study and obtain specimens of indigenous plants and animals. This is Beebe's personal account of that expedition. Paperback, 442 pgs.

Benchwick, G., Grosberg, M., Masters, T., & St. Louis, R. **Ecuador & the Galápagos Islands**. Lonely Planet, 2012. Guide to crafts markets, volcanoes, & 2360+ species of wildlife; includes maps, planning tools, in-depth background and at-a-glance practical info. Paperback, 416 pgs.

Boyce, Barry. **A Traveler's Guide to the Galápagos Islands**. Hunter Pub Inc., 2004. Offers advice on airlines; devotes entire chapters to what (and what not) to pack, choosing a tour and photo equipment; gives detailed tour of the islands, history and wildlife. Paperback, 280 pgs.

Brown, J., & Smith, J. **Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands**. Moon Handbooks. Avalon Travel Publishing, 2009. Provides off-the-beaten-path adventures in Ecuador, including diving off the Galápagos Islands. Caters to a diversity of interests. Paperback, 484 pgs.

Brown, J., & Smith, J. **Galápagos Islands**. Moon Spotlight. Avalon Travel Publishing, 2009. Compact, lightweight guide offers recommendations on sights, entertainment, shopping, recreation, accommodations, food and transportation. Includes helpful maps. This guidebook is excerpted from Ecuador & the Galápagos Islands (Moon Handbooks). Paperback, 65 pgs.

Browne, Janet. **Charles Darwin: A Biography - Voyaging**. Volume 1. Princeton University Press, 1996. Explores the many sides of Darwin and gives an account of his five-year expedition on the Beagle, drawing on material from family archives. Paperback, 622 pgs.

Browne, Janet. **Charles Darwin: A Biography - The Power of Place**. Volume 2. Princeton University Press, 2003. Covers the years of fame and controversy, beginning with the events that forced the *Origin of Species* into print. Paperback, 632 pgs.

Burningham, L., Dowl, A., & Grosberg, M. **Ecuador & the Galápagos Islands**. Lonely Planet, 2009. Provides tools to create your own adventure, from browsing crafts to climbing volcanoes, to swimming with penguins; includes info on hiking, biking, surfing and kayaking; covers indigenous cultures; identifies sustainable options. Paperback, 432 pgs.

Burzio, M., & Peralta, R.M. **Galápagos, Islands of Time**. Trama, 2007. Pictorial book on the Galápagos. Hardcover, 178 pgs.

Caputo, Lorraine. **Ecuador and Galápagos**. Viva Publishing Network, 2014. Use this book to trek through the Andes, relax on hidden beaches or in jungle villages, party at local festivals, and get the most out of your time and money. Paperback, 556 pgs.

Castro, I., & Phillips, A. **A Guide to the Birds of the Galápagos Islands**. Princeton University Press, 1996. Presents every bird species ever recorded in the Galápagos; info on weather, topography and evolution; descriptions for easy bird identification. Hardcover, 144 pgs.

Constant, Pierre. **Galápagos: A Natural History Guide**. Airphoto International Ltd., 2006. Describes human and natural histories, geology, villages and visitors' sites; looks at birds, reptiles, sea lions, and the underwater world. Photos and maps. Paperback, 316 pgs.

Constant, Pierre. **Marine Life of the Galápagos: The Divers' Guide to Fish, Whales, Dolphins and Marine Invertebrates**. Airphoto International Ltd., 2006. Superb color photos and info for divers and anyone interested in the marine environment. Paperback, 312 pgs.

Crowder, Nicholas. **Ecuador**. Cultureshock! Series. Cavendish Square Publishing, 2009. A survival guide to customs and etiquette in Ecuador. Paperback, 326 pgs.

De Roy, Tui. **Galápagos: Islands Born of Fire**. Princeton University Press, 2010. De Roy is a wildlife photographer and writer, has spent her life exploring the Galápagos Islands, and makes a plea for their conservation. 245 full-color images capture the diversity of wildlife and habitats; ten photo essays showcase the islands' birds, mammals and reptiles. Hardcover, 168 pgs.

De Roy, Tui. **Galápagos: Preserving Darwin's Legacy**. Firefly Books, 2009. Essays and stories by 30 of the world's leading Galápagos researchers, who describe the challenges and successes of conservation efforts. Photographs depict the landscape and wildlife. Hardcover, 240 pgs.

Desmond, A., & Moore, J. **Darwin: The Life of a Tormented Evolutionist**. WW Norton & Company, 1994. Hailed as the definitive biography, this monumental work explains Darwin's character, bringing to life his reckless student days in Cambridge, his five-year voyage on the *Beagle*, and his struggle to develop his theory of evolution. Paperback, 896 pgs.

Fitter, J., Fitter, D., & Hosking, D. **Wildlife of the Galápagos**. Traveller's Guide. Collins, 2007. Features over 350 common wildlife species, including mammals, reptiles, coastal and marine life, birds and invertebrates. Plants are also included. Over 550 photographs, maps and drawings, with info on history, climate, geology and conservation. Paperback, 256 pgs.

Graham, M., Ades, H., & Meghji, S. **The Rough Guide to Ecuador & the Galápagos Islands.** Rough Guides, 2013. Coverage of Quito, the Galápagos, wildlife and indigenous cultures; explores the rainforest, Andes, and beach resorts; advises on transport, food, lodging, exploring, participating in festivals, scaling volcanoes and swimming with marine life. Paperback, 448 pgs.

Grant, K.T., & Estes, G.B. **Darwin in Galápagos: Footsteps to a New World.** Princeton University Press, 2009. Recreates Darwin's historic visit to the islands; identifies the unique animals and plants he observed; describes the natural history and changes to the islands since his time; includes photos, drawings and maps of Darwin's island itinerary. Hardcover, 440 pgs.

Grant, P.R., & Grant, B.R. **40 Years of Evolution: Darwin's Finches on Daphne Major Island.** Princeton University Press, 2014. Evolutionary biologists Peter and Rosemary Grant uncover the causes and consequences of events leading to evolutionary changes in species by continuously tracking finch populations over a period of 40 years. Hardcover, 432 pgs.

Grant, P.R., & Grant, B.R. **How and Why Species Multiply: The Radiation of Darwin's Finches.** Princeton University Press, 2011. Written by evolutionary biologists and answers questions about evolution, in the Galápagos and throughout the world. Paperback, 272 pgs.

Greenspan, Eliot. **Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands.** Frommers, 2011. Reviews hotels, restaurants, sights, etc.; provides walking tours, trip-planning ideas, prices, directions and opening hours; advises on the best adventures in the Amazon, Andes, and Galápagos; shares top attractions and off-the-beaten path experiences. Detailed maps throughout. Paperback, 416 pgs.

Grihault, Nicki. **Ecuador & The Galápagos Islands.** Thomas Cook Publishing, 2008. Useful information on walks and tours, eating out, shopping and top travel tips. Paperback, 176 pgs.

Grosberg, M., McCarthy, C., & Palmerlee, D. **Ecuador & the Galápagos Islands.** Lonely Planet, 2006. Wildlife chapter helps to identify many unique species; info on activities, adventure and eco-travel; looks at Ecuador's political landscape and indigenous communities; provides detailed maps and walking tours of Quito and Cuenca. Paperback, 440 pgs.

Heinzel, H., & Hall, B. **Galápagos Diary: A Complete Guide to the Archipelago's Birdlife.** University of California Press, 2000. Detailed field guide with sketches, paintings, photographs, field notes and maps; provides a tour of the islands, covering habitats and wildlife; concludes with a checklist of all the birds so visitors can record their observations. Paperback, 272 pgs.

Hess, John. **The Galápagos: Exploring Darwin's Tapestry.** University of Missouri, 2009. Offers extensive background in ornithology and evolutionary ecology; describes the islands' habitats, plants and animals; has photo essays of commonly seen animals. Hardcover, 208 pgs.

Horwell, D., & Oxford, P. **Galápagos Wildlife.** Bradt Travel Guides, 2011. Detailed guide to wildlife and habitats; color photos help identify key species; info on unique island trails and conservation efforts. Paperback, 152 pgs.

Humann, P., & DeLoach, N. **Reef Fish Identification: Galápagos**. New World Publications, 2003. Comprehensive guide to the fish that inhabit Galápagos waters. Paperback, 240 pgs.

Insight Guides. **Ecuador & Galápagos**. Insight Guides, 2010. Covers entire country, catering to diverse interests; cross-references principal sites to full-color maps throughout; comprehensive history; info on transport, accommodation, dining, shopping, language, etc. Paperback, 368 pgs.

Johnson, Paul. **Darwin: Portrait of a Genius**. Viking Adult, 2012. Spans from Darwin's birth to his voyage aboard the *Beagle*, to the long-delayed publication of his masterpiece; delves into what made him a visionary scientist, and into the tragic flaws that led him to support the eugenics movement. Hardcover, 176 pgs.

Krahenbuhl, Peter. **Ecuador & the Galápagos Islands**. Hunter Pub Inc., 2003. Practical travel info and activities designed for all, regardless of age or ability; info on history, culture, geography and climate; places to stay and eat; transportation; useful websites and tourism contacts. Maps feature walking and driving tours. Paperback, 480 pgs.

Kricher, John. **Galápagos: A Natural History**. Princeton University Press, 2006. A detailed natural history that looks at the diversity of life and explains the geology of the islands; describes Darwin's adventures and observations; assesses conservation efforts and challenges; includes a detailed guide explaining what you will find on the various islands. Paperback, 256 pgs.

Kunstaetter, D., & Kunstaetter, R. **Ecuador & Galápagos Islands**. Footprint Handbooks, 2013. Detailed information on where to go and what to do, from spending the day in the Andes to experiencing the wonder of the Galápagos. Contains detailed itineraries and maps, suggestions on where to eat and sleep, and off-the-beaten path experiences. Pocket-size. Paperback, 288 pgs.

Kunstaetter, D., & Kunstaetter, R. **Quito & Galápagos Islands**. Footprint Handbooks, 2011. Advice on how to get around; info on where to eat, sleep and drink; detailed street maps of Quito; advice on choosing a Galápagos tour. Extracted from Footprint's Peru, Bolivia & Ecuador and South American Handbooks. Pocket-size. Paperback, 120 pgs.

Let's Go Inc. **Ecuador: Including the Galápagos Islands**. Let's Go Publications, 2004. Extensive coverage of Galápagos, national parks, community-based tourism and volunteering; tips to see the sights and experience the culture; info on lodging, food, attractions; suggestions for hiking, rafting, viewing wildlife. Maps of cities, towns and the outdoors. Paperback, 384 pgs.

Maddicks, Russell. **Ecuador**. Culture Smart!: The Essential Guide to Customs & Culture. Kuperard, 2014. Provides an insider's view of the people, their history, food and culture. Designed to help foodies get the most out of the menu, and show expats, volunteers and visitors how to meet and get on well with Ecuadorians. Paperback, 168 pgs.

McMullen, Conley. **Flowering Plants of the Galápagos**. Cornell University Press, 1999. Introduces botanical history of the islands; provides a map and list of common plants; offers descriptions, ranges, islands inhabited and habitats; contains photos of various plants and of the islands themselves; aids in plant identification. Paperback, 384 pgs.

Minster, Crit. **Galápagos Islands**. Viva Publishing, 2011. Tips on choosing a cruise, packing, transport, spending time in Quito and viewing wildlife; info on exploring the Galápagos by scuba diving, trekking, kayaking, volunteering or island-hopping. Paperback, 266 pgs.

Moore, Tui De Roy. **Galápagos : Islands Lost in Time**. Penguin Books, 1983. Photographs taken by the author, who grew up on the islands since the age of 2. Paperback, 144 pages.

Newman, Mark. **Galápagos: In Darwin's Footsteps**. CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2011. An account of Newman's trip to the Galápagos, undertaken by schooner, kayak, and on foot. Includes anecdotes about lesser known aspects of Darwin's 1835 visit. Paperback, 176 pgs.

Nicholls, Henry. **The Galápagos: A Natural History**. Basic Books, 2014. Discusses the natural and human histories of the Galápagos, as well as the diverse landscapes, plants and animals. Draws attention to challenges facing the islands, showing that what happens here reflects the future of our relationship with nature and the fate of our planet. Hardcover, 224 pgs.

Oxford, Pete. **Galápagos: The Untamed Isles**. Imagine! Publishing, 2009. Stunning photos, along with compelling text, will help you better understand the beauty and uniqueness of the Galápagos Islands, and the importance of their conservation. Hardcover, 160 pgs.

Pearson, D., Beletsky, L., & Barrett, P. **Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands**. Travellers' Wildlife Guides. Interlink Pub Group, 2010. Illustrations, identification and location of most common animals; info on ecology, behavior and conservation of animals; info on habitats and common plants; brief descriptions of most frequented parks and reserves. Paperback, 475 pgs.

Pons, A., & Balliet, C. **Galápagos**. Safari Companion. EMB, 2007. Remarkable photographs of the landscapes, plants and animals of the Galápagos Islands. Paperback, 72 pgs.

Rosenberg, S., & Sarbone, E.I. **The Diving Guide: Galápagos Islands**. Cruising Guide Publications, 2004. Descriptions of 43 dive sites with conditions, depths, topography and marine life; descriptions of land tours with degree of difficulty, access and wildlife; photos and maps; overview of accommodations, weather, photography and more. Spiral-bound, 224 pgs.

Schermerhorn, Jo Ann. **Travel with Me to...The Galápagos Islands**. PublishAmerica, 2007. A personal diary that chronicles the adventures of a lady of an advanced age who is just beginning to experience the world alone after thirty-seven years of marriage. Written specifically to encourage older females to take a chance and travel alone without fear. Paperback, 78 pgs.

Sitwell, Nigel. **Galápagos: A Guide to the Animals and Plants**. (English, Spanish and German Edition.) Wilmot Books, 2011. Illustrated field guide, with brief descriptions, to the most commonly seen wildlife, including birds, mammals, reptiles and plants. Paperback, 129 pgs.

Stewart, Paul D. **Galápagos: The Islands That Changed the World**. Yale University Press,

2007. Explores the diverse land and marine habitats; provides info on endemic plants and animals; offers travel advice; covers the geology and history of the islands, and discusses their importance and fragility. 150 color photographs. Paperback, 240 pgs.

Still, R., & Swash, A. **Birds, Mammals, and Reptiles of the Galápagos Islands: An Identification Guide.** Yale University Press, 2006. Pocket-size guide to all the birds, mammals and reptiles a visitor might encounter. Paperback, 68 pgs.

Thomas Cook Publishing. **Ecuador & the Galápagos Islands.** Traveller Guides. Thomas Cook Publishing, 2010. Paperback, 176 pgs.

Waterson, Luke. **Ecuador and Galápagos.** Insight Guides, 2013. Discusses ancient civilizations, colonial history, contemporary politics and environmental issues; maps guide you from the peaks to the tropics, to the Galápagos; hotel, dining and travel suggestions. Paperback, 352 pgs.

Weiner, Jonathan. **The Beak of the Finch: A Story of Evolution in Our Time.** Vintage, 1995. The story of scientists Peter and Rosemary Grant, and the first 20 years they spent observing about 20 generations of finches on Daphne Major, a desert island in the heart of the Galápagos, watching natural selection take place before their very eyes. Paperback, 332 pgs.

Westwood, Ben. **Ecuador & the Galápagos Islands.** Moon Handbooks. Avalon Travel Publishing, 2012. Guide to off-the-beaten-path experiences in Ecuador. Paperback, 524 pgs.

Westwood, Ben. **Galápagos Islands.** Moon Handbooks. Avalon Travel Publishing, 2012. How to get to the islands, how long it will take, and where to stop; info on transportation, cruises, diving, and land tours; background on the diverse wildlife, including where and how to see each animal. Paperback, 160 pgs.

Wittmer, Margret. **Floreana: A Woman's Pilgrimage to the Galápagos.** Moyer Bell, 2013. The first-hand account of Margret Wittmer, who left Germany to settle the island of Floreana with her family in 1932. The 56 years recalled in this memoir are full of exotic adventures and the joys and tragedies of a lifetime. Paperback, 240 pgs.

Wohlfarth, Dawn (Ed.). **Quito, Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands.** Live Guides, Inc., 2005. Contains extensive coverage of the Galápagos, with reviews and maps; details several hotels in Quito, plus the top eco-lodges and tours in the Amazon rainforest; offers tips on visiting the jungle; info on rafting, climbing, riding, biking and hiking around Quito. Paperback, 256 pgs.

Wolff, M., & Gardener, M. (Eds.). **The Role of Science for Conservation.** Routledge, 2012. Integrates the knowledge and reflections of 30 scientists, many of whom have dedicated a substantial part of their professional life to the Galápagos - to the sustainable management of its resources and to the conservation of its biodiversity. Hardcover, 320 pgs.

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Explore The Galápagos Islands holidays and discover the best time and places to visit. | The Galápagos Islands may just inspire you to think differently about the world. The creatures that call the islands home, many found nowhere else in the world, act as if humans are nothing more than slightly annoying paparazzi. This is not the Bahamas and these aren't typical tropical paradises; in fact, most of the islands are devoid of vegetation and some look more like the moon than Hawaii. The Galapagos Islands area situated in the Pacific Ocean some 1,000 km from the Ecuadorian coast. This archipelago and its immense marine reserve is known as the unique "living museum and showcase of evolution". Its geographical location at the confluence of three ocean currents makes it one of the richest marine ecosystems in the world. Ongoing seismic and volcanic activity reflects the processes that formed the islands.