

The Natural History of the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador

TCNJ Faculty-Led Program, Spring 2013



Itinerary for 2013 Faculty-Led Program:

- Day 1 (May 24): Fly to Quito, stay at a hotel in downtown Quito.
- Day 2 (May 25): Tour of historic Quito Old Town, including visits to the Basilica del Voto Nacional, Independence Plaza, 16th century cathedrals, and the Central Bank Museum.
- Days 3-10 (May 26-June 2): Fly to Galapagos Islands and cruise for 8 days throughout the archipelago on our personal 20-passenger yacht with two naturalists (trained and certified by the Galapagos National Park System). Islands to be visited include San Cristobal, Genovesa, Fernandina, Isabella, Santiago, Rabida, Seymour Norte, and Santa Cruz (including Darwin Research Center).



- Day 10: Fly back to Quito and stay in an 19th century hacienda at the Hosteria San Jorge Botanical Reserve in the foothills above the city.
- Day 11 (June 3): Travel by bus through the area with the greatest density and diversity of birds per acre in the world. After a naturalist-led bird watching hike in the cloud forest in Tandayapa and we will stay at the San Jorge de Milpe Orchid & Bird Reserve Lodge in the tropical rainforest..
- Day 12 (June 4): Bird watching at dawn and then spend the day hiking, learning about the flora and fauna of the rainforest, and swimming in a tropical water fall. Return to San Jorge Lodge in Quito.
- Day 13 (June 5): Day trip to the town of Otavalo to experience the culture of the indigenous highland people and visit the world's largest indigenous market.
- Day 14 (June 6): Return to Newark.

The Natural History of the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador is a full



- BIO 365/ HON 365/ IDS 365 The Natural History of the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador I: (Offered during spring semester.)
- BIO 366/ HON 366/ IDS 366 The Natural History of the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador II: (Offered during Maymester—a two-week, intensive trip to the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador.) The dates for the trip are May 24-June 6, 2013.)

Students must complete both parts of the course to fulfill the following requirements:

- Organismal Biology Option course (for biology majors and minors)
- Honors Program course (for all majors)
- Liberal Learning Natural Science Laboratory course (for non-science majors)
- Liberal Learning Global Perspectives Civic Responsibility
- Environmental Studies Concentration Capstone course
- Language Across the Curriculum credit



Estimated costs for the 2013 trip:

- Application fee: \$ 150
- Program fee: \$ 4,800
This fee is paid directly to TCNJ to cover student costs associated with the trip. It includes lodging, most meals, transportation in Ecuador (flight to the islands from the mainland, cruise ship, tour buses, and hotel transfers), naturalists and guides, and Galapagos National Park entrance fees. (All additional costs are paid directly by the student. This fee does not include tuition or the application fee.)
- Additional costs associated with the program: \$ 1,040
The student is responsible for paying directly for the following costs associated with the program: airfare from Newark to Quito, mandatory travel insurance, and lunch and museum entrance fees for first day in Quito.
- Tuition for 0.5 course units in Maymester: \$ 1,000
The cost of the 0.5 course units associated with the Spring semester portion of the course will be included in your regular tuition paid for Spring semester. The figure below is the estimated cost of tuition for the 0.5 course units during Maymester. (Rate is for current in-state TCNJ students.)

TOTAL: **\$ 6,990**

This estimated total (\$6,990) includes all transportation, housing, meals, tips, insurance and fees (portal to portal from Newark airport). It does not include costs associated with transportation to Newark airport, meals in the US, immunizations, passports, books, alcoholic beverages, and souvenirs. (All costs presented above are estimates only and are subject to change.)

**For information about the course and trip, visit www.tcnj.edu/galapagos.
To place your name on the waiting list, go to The Center for Global Engagement,
Green Hall, Room 111.**