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TOM VEZO **IN THE GALAPAGOS**

Photoshop Instruction by Yann Nicholas

July 23-August 2, 2008
Limited to 14 participants



The **Galápagos**: Tortoises – including the legendary Lonesome George, the last of his species on earth. Blue-footed boobies (the name alone ...). The famous finches. Beach masters, harems and doe-eyed sea lion pups that swim with you. To see skies filled with wheeling, courting, red-throated frigate birds. Lava rocks piled high with motionless marine iguanas. A mind-boggling plethora of creatures untainted by fear, living in a paradise of azure waters, white beaches and cool mangrove stands. It is simply a privilege — to see these creatures in this place, manifesting these precise behaviors. And life is good in Galapagos for humans too aboard our comfortable, well-equipped expedition yacht “Beluga”.

TOM VEZO

Tom Vezo is an award winning professional wildlife & nature photographer who travels worldwide to capture his images in the natural environment. His work is widely published in the United States and Europe in many books, calendars, magazines and advertisements. His magazine credits include; Arizona Highways, Audubon, Birder's World, Bird Watcher's Digest, Discovery, Ducks Unlimited, National Geographic, National Wildlife Federation, Nature Conservancy, Natural History, Outdoor Photographer, Sierra Club, Wildbird and Wildlife Conservation, including many others. He has led many photography

tours throughout the world teaching people the techniques of nature photography in the field.

He has published three coffee table books filled with his wonderful images. The first is called "Wings in the Wild" Habits and Habitats of North American Birds, written by Paul Kerlinger and published by Stackpole Books. The second is "Birds of Prey in the American West" written by Rich Glinski, published by Rio Nuevo Publishers and the third book is called "Wings of Spring" Courtship, Nesting and Fledging, written by Chuck Hagner, editor of Birder's World magazine and published by Stackpole Books.

Tom's most recent article is in the April issue of "Outdoor Photographer" magazine. The article is called the "Wings of Spring".

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YANN NICHOLAS

Yann Nicholas was Director of Technology and New Media for Columbia University in New York for 10 years. During that time he taught photography courses and photoshop. Recently he was project director for Frans Lanting and assisted in production and digital design of "Life-A Journey through Time". Yann continues to consult with Franz Lanting on various projects. In addition, Yann has been involved with the Galen Rowell Mountain Light Gallery for 5 years. He assists with photo shop workshops at Mountain Light, He consults with David Muench and Jack Dykinga regarding digital workshop. We are pleased to have Yann aboard "Beluga" and he will share his photoshop expertise with participants!

WHY THE BELUGA:

Distinctive Journeys has chartered this boat on several occasions for photographic tours. While the Galapagos is a National Park, the staff of the Beluga is aware of our special interest in photographing the islands, and they make every effort to be as flexible as possible, within the guidelines of the park.

July 23, 2008-WEDNESDAY

Depart USA for arrival in Quito Ecuador, transfer to Colon Hilton

July 24, 2008-THURSDAY

Today we visit the colonial city of Quito Ecuador with its incredible architecture.

Colonial Quito is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

During the 16th and 17th centuries, colonial builders designed formidable convents, civil buildings and mansions. The visit will take you first to the Recoleta of San Diego, a place of retreat for monks and laymen in the colonial times. An important work of restoration has redeemed the church, the cloisters, the pictorial and the sculptural works or art, the altarpieces and the caissoned ceilings. Then, proceed to the Museum of the City of Quito, which showcases daily life in the city from 10,000 B.C. to present. This imposing building was originally a hospital and is now a must see for those visiting Quito. Then proceed to a colonial mansion, The House of Urretia, inhabited until recently by the family of the original owners, and left untouched with the original floors, carpets, paintings, furniture, and artifacts.

Overnight at Colon Hilton for an early departure to Galapagos. Breakfast included.

July 25, 2008-FRIDAY

Early departure for air flight to Baltra to board "Beluga", our private chartered yacht.

We visit the island of North Seymour. On shore, discover the year-round colony of magnificent frigate birds, and blue-footed boobies. Other attractions are: endemic Palo Santo swallow tailed gulls, Sea Lions and Mockingbirds.

July 26, 2008-SATURDAY

Today Punta Suarez offers the visitor quite a display of wildlife: Marine Iguanas with copper red patches, Swallow Tailed Gulls, the endemic Long Billed Mocking bird, Finches, Masked and Blue Footed Boobies, Oystercatchers, Sea Lions and Lava Lizards. This is the only island where the Waved Albatross is to be seen during the breeding season, April to December. See sea lions galore!! Española marine iguanas, which develop particularly vivid coloration. Snorkel and stroll the island's lovely beaches.

July 27, 2008-SUNDAY FLOREANA

At Point Cormorant we visit a Flamingo Lagoon where other species of shore birds may also be seen. Snorkeling at Devil's Crown, a submerged volcanic cone, and at Post office Bay, one may leave letters like whalers did in the 18th century in a wooden barrel mailbox. Other possibilities include: pintail ducks and various shorebirds. Hike to a lovely white sand beach, a favorite nesting site for sea turtles.

July 28, 2008-MONDAY SANTA CRUZ

The Charles Darwin Station and headquarters of the Galapagos National Park may be visited at Puerto Ayora, the Islands' most populated human settlement. The highlands offer the lush humid zone with its vegetation of Miconia bushes, Scaevola and inactive volcanic cones. Santa Cruz has more endemic plants than any other island in the Galapagos. The Galapagos tortoises can be seen in their natural habitat here

July 29, 2008-TUESDAY

Isabela: Punta Moreno and Elizabeth Bay

Punta Moreno: Main attractions are Brackish water lagoons, Flamingos and White cheeked pintail ducks.

Elizabeth Bay: Main attractions are Areas of giant red mangroves, Penguins, Sea turtles, Pelicans Sea lions, Lava herons; Rays Flightless cormorants

July 30, 2008-WEDNESDAY

Urbina Bay / Fernandina: Punta Espinosa

Urbina Bay: Island Isabela Attractions: Remains of a coral reef uplifted from the bottom of the sea.

View Flightless cormorants, Brown pelicans, Large marine iguanas, Rays, Marine turtles, and Seashells.

Punta Espinosa: View Flightless Cormorant, Pelicans, Sea Lions, Sally Light Foot Crabs and an abundance of Marine Iguanas. The Iguanas can be seen along the shores of one of world's most active volcanoes.

July 31, 2008 THURSDAY

James Island: Puerto Egas and Bartolome

At Puerto Egas you will see Galapagos Fur Seals in pools cut into lava cliffs. There is a good possibility of spotting the Galapagos Hawk, the Galapagos Dove and Vermilion Flycatcher. Tucked behind Espumilla Beach are salt-water lagoons where Flamingos and White Cheeked Pintail Ducks may be seen.

Bartolome: Nowhere else is the geological history of the Islands better portrayed than on this island. This island has the most impressive volcanic scenery in the islands.

August 1, 2008-Friday

Turtle Cove / Baltra

In Turtle Cove you will find Mangroves, Golden Rays and White tipped Sharks.
Disembark this afternoon .. Overnight at the Guayaquil Hotel.

August 2, 2008-SATURDAY

Transfer to the airport for your international flight.

THIS ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, as deemed necessary by TOM VEZO,
and Janie Bullard of Distinctive Journeys.

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

Exclusive opportunity to photograph the Galapagos with world-renowned bird
photographer, Tom Vezo. This journey is limited to 14 participants.

2 nights at Colon Hilton including tax and Breakfast

1 night at Hampton Inn Guayaquil

City tour of Quito

All ground transfers

All inner Galapagos airfare

7 nights aboard the Beluga private Yacht including naturalist and meals

Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

International air –PLEASE DO NOT MAKE AIR ARRANGMENTS WITHOUT
CONTACTING DISTINCTIVE JOURNEYS

Add on air fares from gateway cities are available.

Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance-highly recommended

Costs of passport

Alcoholic Beverages

Personal incidentals

Meals not mentioned in itinerary

Phone calls

Gratuities

PRICING

\$5399.00 per person based on double occupancy. \$1200.00 per person deposit is required
at the time of booking, which is which is non refundable. (unless the space is resold)

Final payment is due on January 15, 2008. The trip will be non refundable at that time,
unless the space is resold.

Checks only are accepted for payment. Credit card payments can be made on our website, adding a 3% credit card fee.

Call Janie Bullard 888-419-6677 or email Janie@Distinctive-Journeys.com

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THE PRICES ARE BASED ON GROUP TRANSFERS ON THE FOLLOWING FLIGHTS: SHOULD YOU FLY ANY OTHER FLIGHT TIMES YOU WILL NEED A PRIVATE TRANSFER AT APPROXIMATELY \$30 PER PERSON

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DO YOU HAVE EXTRA TIME? THERE ARE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHING PEOPLE, BIRDS AND LANDSCAPES. ASK DISTINCTIVE JOURNEYS FOR SUGGESTIONS.

VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED. IT MUST BE VALID FOR SIX MONTHS BEYOND THE LAST DATE OF TRAVEL.

BELUGA



The Beluga is a deluxe, 110 foot, steel-hulled motor vessel. It is fully air-conditioned and accommodates 16 passengers in double staterooms, each with private bathroom and shower. The well-trained and experienced crew of 7 takes very good care of their guests at all times aboard and ashore.

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[View An Itinerary Map](#)

Technical Specifications:	
Type:	Motor Vessel, Steel hull, originally built in 1968 in Hamburg, Germany. Rebuilt in 1994 in Florida.
Category:	Deluxe
Capacity:	16 passengers
Length	110 ft.
Beam:	23 ft.
Engines:	Twin Detroit Diesels 530 HP each



Cabin

Generators:	3 generators: 1 Nissan 110 kW, 1 Perkins 60 kW and 1 Perkins 40 kW all for 110 and 220 A.C. 60 cycles
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Speed:	12 knots cruising
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Guest Accommodation:

8 Double staterooms each with private bath. Hot / cold water showers

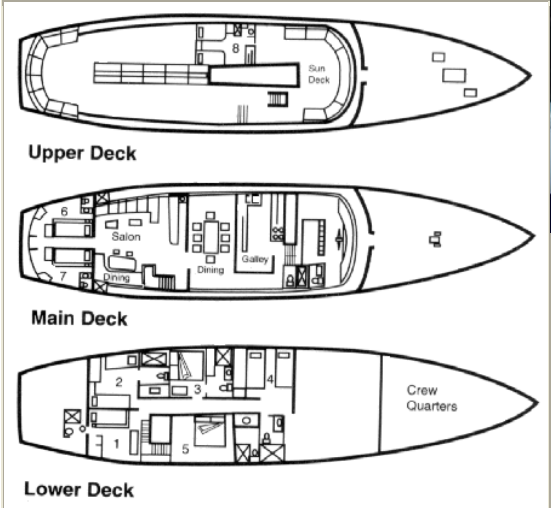
Crew:

Captain, multilingual naturalist guide, cook, machinist, barman and 4 sailors

Equipment:

Marine radios, depth sounder up to 2000 mts., 48-mile radar, G.P.S., 2 tenders with outboards. 2 ten-man inflatable rubber rafts in fiberglass capsule. TV with VHS video system. Fully air-conditioned 2 desalinators with capacity for 400 gallons / day each. Freezer and refrigeration

Deck Plan - [click to view larger](#)



Top Deck



Dining Room



Lounge

