

Rewarding & Unique Travel Adventures in South America

Hi everyone

Can't believe March is already here! Next time we blink, it will be May and I will see most of you at the ATALA's events!

In this March edition, I am very excited to share with you the new "real" pictures of the MV Origin from Ecoventura. This new vessel in the Galapagos islands is already very popular so please book well in advance to avoid disappointment. In other news, I am very proud to inform you that Hotel B in Lima has been selected as one of the top 20 hotels in the world by Conde Nast Traveller. A fantastic recognition indeed! In other news, MLP has released in the last month a couple of amazing videos of the Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu & the Lares Adventure to Machu Picchu. Please find below the links. Feel free to use it for your social media channels, newsletters, website, etc.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4EI8eY4yVM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LmESI5W6U>

And finally, I am off to Peru next week :) I will experience the Lares Adventure again and check out the new activities that have been added to this great adventure program. Can't wait to tell you all about it when I am back. Have a great Easter and see you soon, Bec x

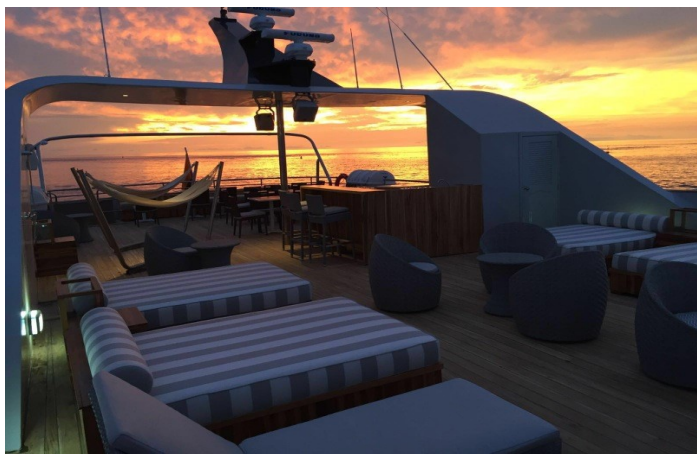


ECOVENTURA
Welcome Aboard MV Origin

The MV Origin was designed as one of the most environmentally friendly vessels in the Galapagos, reducing fossil fuel consumption by over 30%. Also, in addition to be 50% more spacious than the existing fleet of vessels, the curve bow shape was designed to cut through the waves for smoother sailing.

Some of our unique selling points are:

- 10 deluxe state rooms all on same deck, large windows with ocean views.
- Spacious social areas with comfortable lounges with Apple TV and bar.
- Gourmet style menus
- Fitness Centre
- Spacious sun deck with day beds, chaise lounges, hammocks, BBQ and wet bar.
- Relax in the Jacuzzi or read a book from our cozy but well stocked library
- Cabins are cleaned twice daily
- 13 experienced crew members, 2 experts naturalist guides and high level captain.



MOUNTAIN LODGES OF PERU
MLP honoured for Sustainable Tourism Efforts

Mountain Lodges of Peru has been honored for sustainable tourism efforts with **National Geographic-ic Traveler's** "Leadership in Sustainable Tourism Award," a 2015 Gold Adrian Award from Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International (HSMIAI). The award recognized the family-owned adventure travel operator for "demonstrable leadership and innovation in preserving and communicating an authentic sense of place through a wisely managed tourism program" via the efforts of its nonprofit social and environmental responsibility arm, Yanapa Peru.

Yanapa Peru works to reduce extreme poverty in the Andean Highlands and teams with Ecoteam, another division of Mountain Lodges of Peru, to promote responsible and environmentally conscious tourism on the Salkantay trail. Conservation efforts include solid waste recycling, fauna and flora trails and reforestation, as well as collaborative projects focused on the health of transport animals. Mountain Lodges of Peru also partners with local communities to provide healthcare, education and employment.



HOTEL LAS TORRES PATAGONIA
Puma Encounter Program- NEW DATES 2016

Within one of the world's most spectacular national parks, Torres del Paine, we head out with an expert naturalist, in search of the puma, to observe her in her natural habitat and snap away with our cameras to capture the most unique photographs possible. Along the way, you'll have the chance to learn about local fauna and see first-hand the most incredible mountains on the planet, whilst savoring the comfort and warmth of Hotel Las Torres.

New dates release for the season 2016 & 2017:

- 18-23rd October 2016
- 27th November to 1st December 2016
- 6th to 10th April 2017

DELFIN AMAZON CRUISES
The Photo Adventure - Delfin II

This is a special program on board the Delfin II. Experienced photographer Mario Gomi, will share his Amazon Photography expertise with travellers interested in learning or improving their photography skills. The rain forest, with its tropical weather, humidity, fierce light and other natural elements can be a challenging scenario for photography aficionados.

While on this special departure dates (**22nd June, 13th July, 5th October, 13th November 2016**) travellers will have access to additional skiff exploration activities throughout the day, on board workshops to learn more about the technicalities of wild-life and Amazonian photography, one on one assessing by our Photo Instructor, and a special gift package. The additional fee for these benefits is only US\$180.00 per person.

Here you can find out in detail about the Amazon Photo Adventure program:
<http://www.delfinamazoncruises.com/amazon-photo-adventure/>



HOTEL B
Conde Nast selects Hotel B as one of the top 20 hotels in the world

Citing an "overriding aura of refinement" and a "concierge to open the right doors," Conde Nast Traveller, one of the world's most discerning travel publications, names Hotel B to its [Gold List 2016: The Best Hotels in the World](#).

Referring to Hotel B's "astonishing collection of contemporary art" belonging to de la Puente sisters, the esteemed magazine singles out these "First Ladies of the Peruvian art scene" for their influence on Hotel B's elegant interiors and confirms in print these stylish sisters are very much "credited with nurturing the once sleepy neighbourhood of Barranco into the global art hub it is today."

Far from resting upon these impressive laurels, Maria Jose Guedet, General Manager of Hotel B says guests can look forward in 2016 to several exciting additions including a private yacht to sail the coast of Lima with a chef and butler on board. Later this year, Hotel B will expand on the second floor of the Lucia de la Puente gallery with four new Atelier bedrooms. Guests will enjoy private, direct access to this acclaimed art space .

RAINFOREST EXPEDITIONS
Refugio Amazonas - Family Programs for kids & teens

Our family programs for kids focus on being educational and entertaining at the same time. We have partnered with an educational NGO to set up two trails at Refugio Amazonas based on the story of a six year old girl living in the rain forest called Ania.

Kids will feel as if they were part of the story and will learn how to value their relation with the Earth. Adults are welcome to join, but can choose to do other activities.

Our Family programs for teens are active. Climb up 30 meters to a platform on a Brazil nut tree and kayak the Tambopata river. To learn about the diversity of the Amazon rainforest canoe an oxbow lake and visit a parrot and a mammal claylick.

