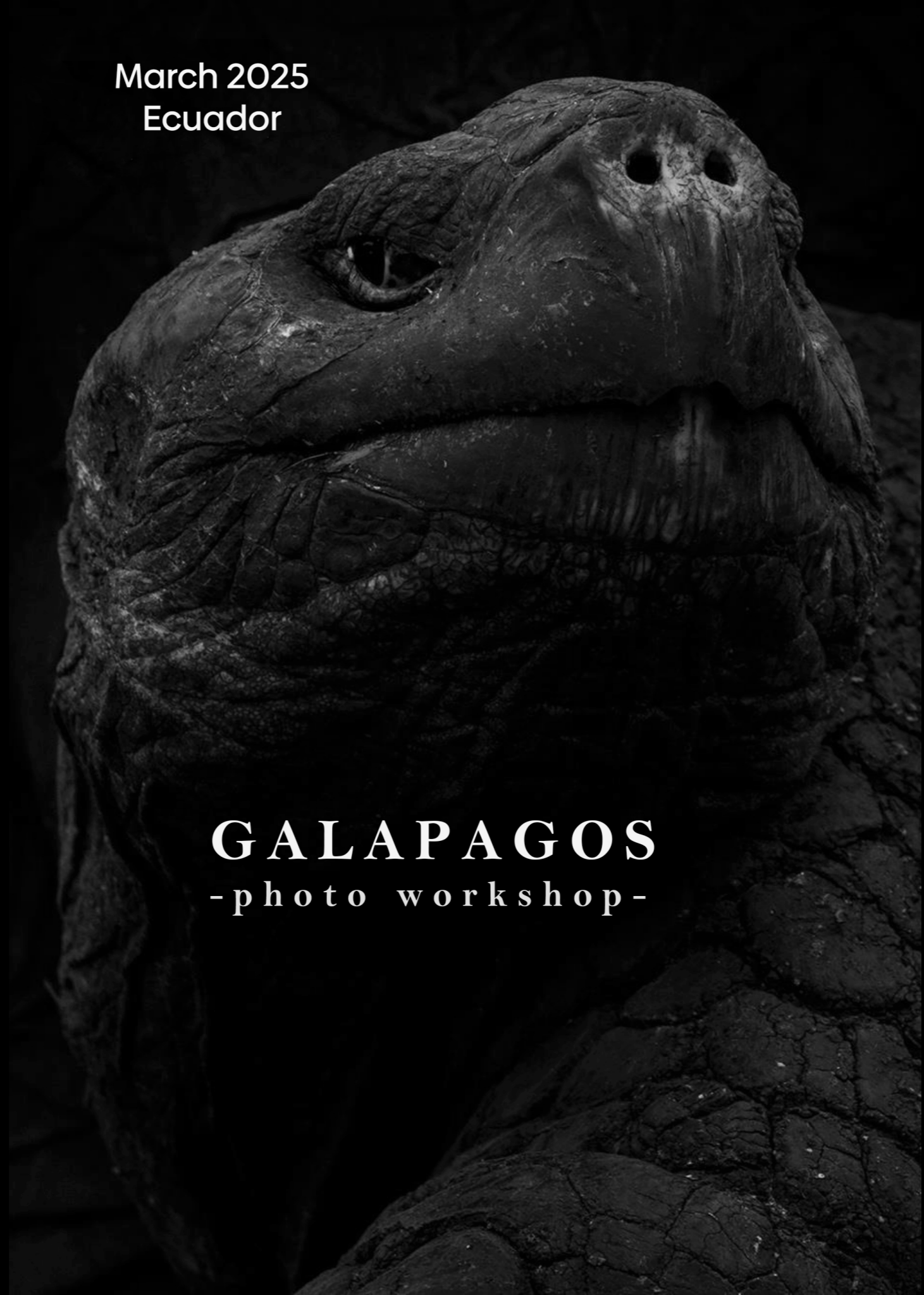


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Ecuador

GALAPAGOS
-photo workshop-



Galapagos Sea Lion

Santa Cruz Island



Galapagos Photo Workshop

with Lucas Bustamante

Day 1 | QUITO TO SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

We will meet at Quito Airport (UIO) early in the morning with Lucas Bustamante, our tour leader. After a two-hour flight (with a quick layover in Guayaquil for refueling without leaving the plane), you will arrive in Santa Cruz, in the Galapagos Islands.

We will head straight to the highlands in Santa Cruz, where, after a local lunch, we will have the opportunity to photograph the Galapagos Giant Tortoises. In the afternoon, we will check into our hotel, followed by a presentation by Lucas, who will share tips and tricks for enhancing your photography in the Galapagos. Then, you will have free time to explore the downtown at your own pace.

Overnight at **Blu Galapagos Hotel** or similar.

Day 2 | TORTUGA BAY, CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH CENTER AND LAS GRIETAS

Following breakfast, we'll embark on a 2.4-mile walk from our hotel, mostly on flat terrain, to Tortuga Bay. This beach, often hailed as one of the world's finest offers relaxation, exploration, and wildlife encounters. You'll have time to unwind, stroll along the shore, or swim. It is also ideal for photographing Marine Iguanas and local bird species, including pelicans, Darwin finches, and mockingbirds.

We will return to town for lunch and then visit

the Charles Darwin Research Station, where some of the most important scientific work is done on the islands. After that, we will visit Las Grietas, a scenic brackish water and lava-rock formation in the Galapagos. You will have time to snorkel here and photograph the landscape, prickly pear cactus, lava lizards, Galapagos pintail ducks, and more local species. After this, you will have time to rest or walk in town. We will also have time to review some images from the day together.

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Day 3 | OPTIONAL DAY TRIP OR FREE TIME

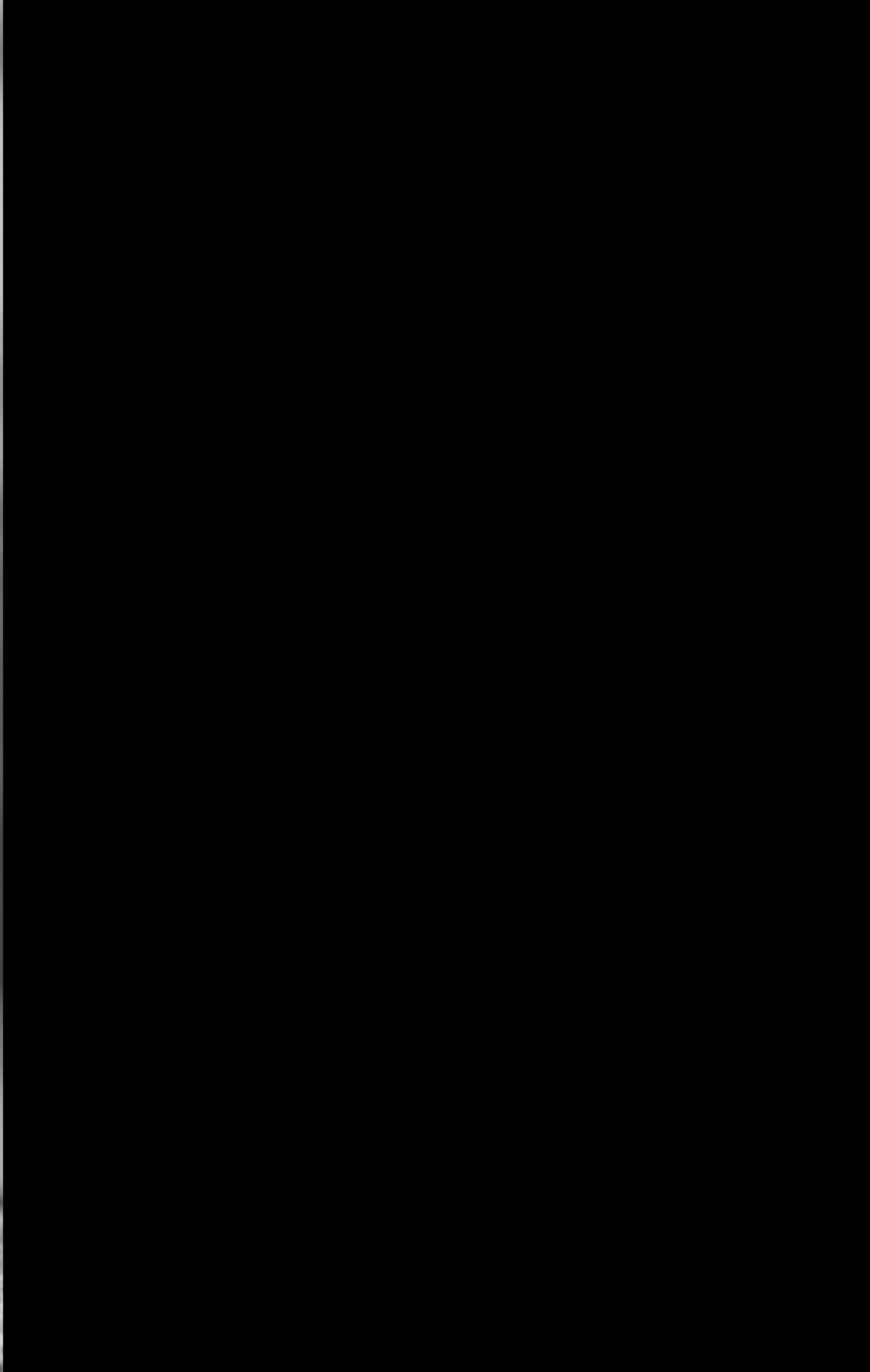
Today will be our last day in the Galapagos! So, you can make an optional day trip (from 7 am to 4 pm, all-inclusive) to a different island looking for an iconic landscape and snorkeling (Option 1: Bartholomew) or visit one of the best islands to look for wildlife, including Galapagos land iguanas, frigate birds, sea lions, blue-footed boobies and more (Option 2: North Seymour).

If you don't want to do a day trip, you can visit the emblematic Galapagos fish market, the Ratonera beach for resting, reading or swimming, or rent a bike and cycle the town (which is very friendly for that!). Before the farewell dinner, when everybody returns to the hotel, we can sit together, review images, and have a photo feedback session.



Overnight at **Blu Galapagos Hotel** or similar.

Galapagos Land Iguana
North Seymour



Day 4 | FLIGHT BACK TO QUITO

After breakfast, you will have your transfer back to the airport for your flight back to Quito. Once back to Ecuador's capital, you can grab a taxi or Uber to your hotel or fly directly home on an evening flight (if so, please look for flights departing no earlier than 8 pm).

End of the trip, bye-bye Ecuador!



What is included?

- Airport assistances in flights from and to the Galapagos Islands.
- Accommodation based in double room.
- Breakfasts and lodging.
- All private ground transportation.
- Galapagos airfares.
- Local Galapagos guide.
- Lucas as photo expert and instructor.
- All activities detailed here.
- Galapagos Park entrance fees.
- Potable drinking water.
- Local taxes

What is not included?

- Lunches and dinners.
- Day trips for Day 3
(USD 219 per person)
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Snacks.
- Health insurance.
- International airfares.
- Laundry.
- Souvenirs

Blue-footed Boobies

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About Lucas Bustamante



Lucas has been bitten by countless snakes, dived with whale sharks, lived with Amazonian indigenous tribes, and chased by elephants. Since he was a child, he grew up around the Ecuadorian outdoors and later became a passionate biologist and a conservation photojournalist. Lucas co-founded **Tropical Herping** and **Savia Fund**, a photo-tour company and an Ecuadorian Nonprofit that works in the legal defense of nature, environmental and cultural conservation, and visual storytelling. Lucas's primary objective is to use photography to promote wildlife conservation, so he manages different projects throughout South America, Africa, and Asia. He is an author of some books, like "Reptiles of the Galapagos" and has described 13 new species for science.

His photographic work has been featured in National Geographic, Audubon, BBC Wildlife, GEO, Smithsonian, and many other magazines, books, photo exhibitions, and articles. Lucas is a Wildlife Photographer of the Year and Nature's Best Windland Smith Rice prizewinner. He is a member of the International League of Conservation Photographers (iLCP), and Nature Picture Library represents his images.

Lucas spends time diving and playing soccer with his friends when taking a break from work.



Sally Lightfoot Crab

Santa Cruz Island



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