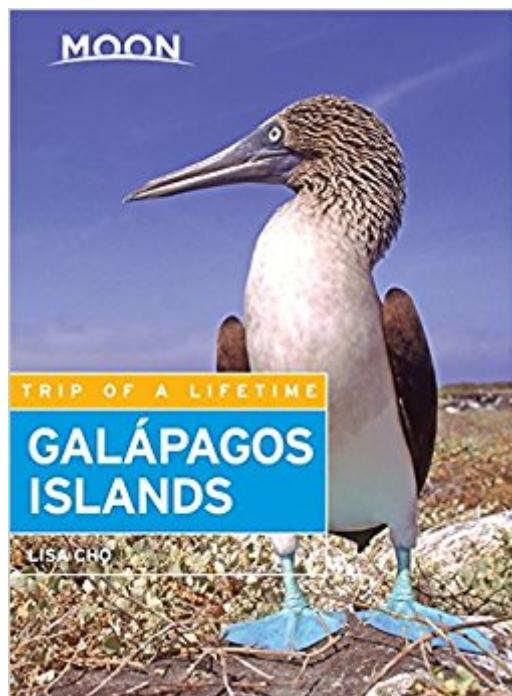


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Synopsis

This full-color guide includes vibrant photos and easy-to-use maps to help with trip planning. Sea lions and iguanas sunbathe side by side, penguins and turtles swim together offshore, and giant tortoises wander freely. The Galápagos is both a glimpse of life before human civilization and a reminder of its fragile beauty. This is the trip of a lifetime. It will leave you with a new sense of wonder; and some great stories to share. Expert traveler Lisa Cho tells you everything you need to know to make this trip possible in *Moon Galápagos Islands*: How to get there, how long it will take, and where to stop along the way; including information on Quito and Guayaquil; How to choose the best means of transportation, including cruises, diving tips, and land tours. Background on the diverse wildlife of the Galápagos; including how and where to see each animal.

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Customer Reviews

Lisa Cho was born in Ojai, California to Chinese and Japanese parents, but often tells people that she is Ecuadorian-American. She discovered her love for travel at an early age when she visited extended family in rural China. Later she worked as a product manager in the biotech industry, a job that frequently sent her on business trips that seemed much too short. So after a lot of dreaming and planning, she decided to take the longest trip of her life, leaving her career and buying a one-way flight to Cuenca, Ecuador. In Ecuador the air was warmer, the mangos were cheaper, and the country was more beautiful than she had imagined. She started a blog about Ecuador and her travels around South America and later found work writing a blog about the Galapagos; work that required regular trips to the islands. Her time in the Galapagos has been an interesting mix.

She has stayed in backpacker hostels, upscale eco-lodges, and sailed on cruises. She has ventured off the beaten path ; taking Latin dance aerobics and trying the grilled intestines. Other times she has been quite content having a once-in-a-lifetime experience with all the other tourists, being surrounded by sharks, sea turtles, and sea lions. Two years later she now feels equally at home in Ecuador and San Francisco, and splits her time between the two. She holds a masters in bioengineering from Stanford University. Her hobbies include Argentine tango, photography, and SCUBA diving.

Another great guide from Moon

Very clear and thorough

Very helpful for planning my trip to the island.

Great book for what it is but you really don't need a full guidebook for travel to the Galapagos. This book was helpful in helping me decide NOT to go to the Galapagos based on the types of adventures there and the sole ways to see the various sights are extremely costly. Get a guidebook that combines Galapagos and Chile instead.

This book was a great resource for my Galapagos Islands vacation, which was independent travel in San Cristobal, then a cruise to Espanola, Floreana, and Santa Cruz. It is informative, helpful and easy-to-read. I especially like the pictures too. It gives good detail about the different ways to visit the Islands (cruise, hotel tour, or independently). And even as an experienced traveler, I find the book useful to have.

We are in the process of planning our trip to the Galapagos Islands and plan to take Lisa's book with us. There is a wealth of information in it! I especially liked the Wildlife Guide chapter. Her pictures are amazing! If anyone has questions about the Galapagos Islands this is the book to purchase. It covers everything about planning your trip, choosing a tour, travel tips and includes helpful maps. Lisa has done her research very well!

Useful guide to Galapagos, not a lot of detailed info, but good to take with us for quick reference and orientation. Nice page layouts and good organization.

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