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# FIRST RELAIS & CHATEAUX VESSEL IN THE GALAPAGO

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MV Origin, a 20-passenger small luxury-class vessel, is the first small ship in the Galapagos Islands to become an off member of the esteemed Relais & Châteaux collection, joining a distinguished group of hoteliers, chefs and restaurateurs that have set the standard for excellence in hospitality.

Delivering five-star boutique hotel service to the seas, MV Origin is one of only 21 new members worldwide selected to the prestigious association in 2018. With an emphasis on delivering authentic and tailored experiences for its clients, Relais & Châteaux members aim to preserve the richness and environment of the regions where they have a presence.

“Our team has always strived to provide exceptional, personalised service for our guests, and we are honoured that an organisation held in such high regard as Relais & Châteaux recognises why an experience aboard the Origin is so special and appropriate for discerning travellers,” said Santiago Dunn, President of Ecoventura.

One of four **sustainable Ecoventura vessels**, MV Origin guests can embark on two unique seven-night itineraries to the world’s most ecologically diverse archipelago. Daytime snorkelling and kayaking tours lead by two certified naturalist guides take guests in proximity to the Galapagos’ rare blue footed boobies, sea lions and finches, while nighttime meals invite guests to indulge in gourmet Ecuadorian cuisine. Origin’s four-course, chef-driven menus incorporate fresh, local ingredients embodying the Relais & Châteaux commitment to inspirational cuisine.

Ecoventura, a family-run expedition company, welcomed MV Origin to its fleet in 2016. The newest and only vessel of its kind, MV Origin has since redefined the cruising experience by combining modern sophistication with environmental sustainability. The ship consumes 30% less fossil fuel than similar vessels and features ten luxurious staterooms with unobstructed ocean views, a fitness centre, open bar and inviting social areas.

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