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## Ecoventura Launches New Themed Departures for 2018

Ecoventura continues to expand their long-standing reputation as the Galapagos small cruise specialists with the introduction of several niche programs in 2018. After considerable success with their dedicated family departures, Ecoventura will be launching new themed departures on their luxury vessel, MV Origin. This exciting development will allow travellers to explore the Galapagos Islands from a unique and specialised perspective.

The very first **culinary departure** will set sail from September 16-23, taking travellers on an elegant food journey alongside their once in a lifetime exploration of the Galapagos. Local celebrity chef, Juan Carlos Ordoñez will treat guests to a celebration of coastal Ecuadorian cuisine, drawing on his signature style which combines impeccable produce, local traditions and his own innovative flare.

Find out more here (<http://www.ecoventura.com/ecoventuras-culinary-departure-local-celebrity-chef-new-2018/>).

Budding photographers will be pleased to hear that there will be 2 **'Focus on Photography'** departures in 2018. Guests will be in good hands with renowned local photographer, Mauricio Torres who will provide practical lessons and expert feedback, allowing guests to improve their wildlife photography skills and take home high-quality images. Having a professional photographer on board is also a great way for guests to unexpectedly find themselves featured in Mauricio's impressive shots and take home more special memories.

Departures: Oct 28 – Nov 4 & Nov 4 – 11.

Find out more here (<http://www.ecoventura.com/focus-photography-ecoventuras-origin-departures-mauricio-torres-new-2018/>).

Perhaps it is no surprise that the natural wonders of the Galapagos make it the perfect destination to escape and focus on wellness. To accommodate the growing demand for wellness travel, there will be 4 **'Health & Wellness'** departures in 2018, featuring wellness specialist and yoga instructor, Andrea Pico. Guests will start their days waking up to incredible views, enjoying a morning yoga session and a nourishing breakfast before heading out to explore the Islands with engaging naturalist guides.

Departures: Oct 14 – 21, Oct 21 – 28, Dec 2 – 9 & Dec 9 – 16.

Find out more here (<http://www.ecoventura.com/join-our-galapagos-cruises-introducing-ecoventuras->

There will also be 2 **hosted departures featuring Jack Grove**. Jack is a respected marine biologist, expedition leader and author of *The Fishes of the Galapagos Islands*. He will take guests on an intriguing and informative journey through the Galapagos to experience and understand its many fascinating treasures.

Departures: Sept 23 – 30 & Sep 30 – Oct 7.

Find out more here (<http://www.ecoventura.com/exclusive-hosted-departures-on-the-origin-in-2018-featuring-jack-grove/>).