

The Galapagos Islands

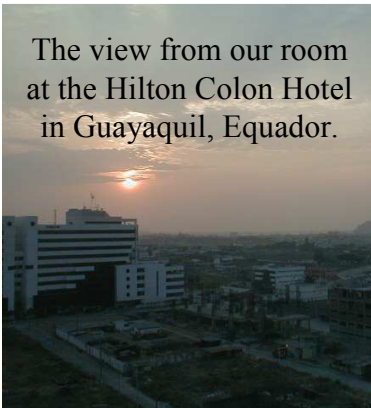
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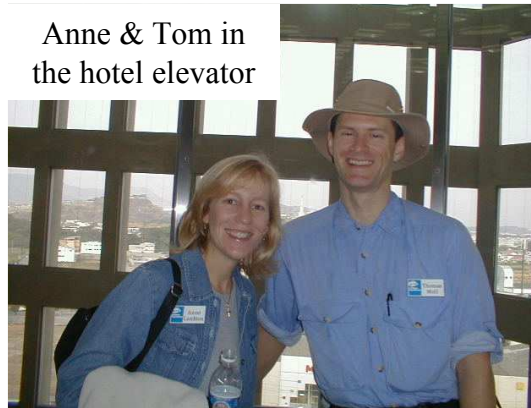
Tom & Julie Moll
Carol & Jim Lankton
Anne Lankton
with Linblad Expeditions

Saturday, November 18, 2000

Guayaquil, Baltra Island & Santa Cruz Island



The view from our room at the Hilton Colon Hotel in Guayaquil, Ecuador.



Anne & Tom in the hotel elevator



On our way to the airport !!



Carol, Julie & Tom at the Guayaquil Airport.



Our first view of Baltra Island – much flatter than I expected.



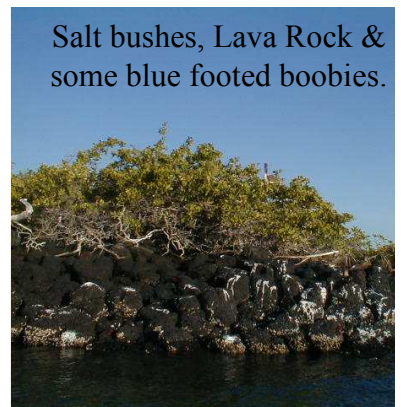
The Baltra airport – an open air building.



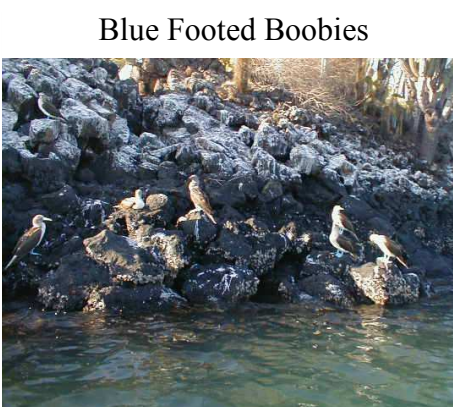
Abandon ship & Safety Drill



Our first zodiac / panga ride (along the coast of Santa Cruz Island)



Salt bushes, Lava Rock & some blue footed boobies.



Blue Footed Boobies



Mangroves & a frigate bird. (If you look closely there is a baby pelican sitting high in the mangroves.)

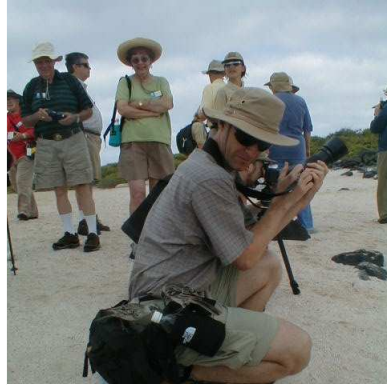
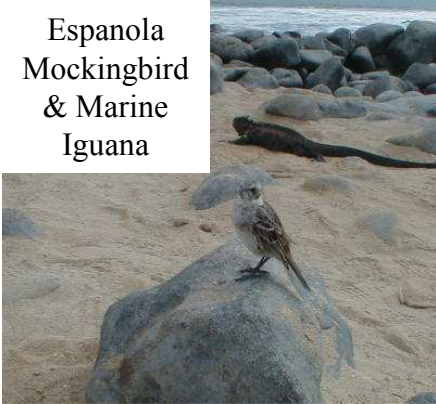


A beautiful sunset at the end of a beautiful day.

Sunday, November 19, 2000

Espanola (Hood) Island

Espanola Mockingbird & Marine Iguana



A couple mockingbirds trying to get a drink out of Tom's water bottle



Lava Lizard

Part of the Espanola welcoming committee



Nazca Boobies



Ooh - another camera to check out!



Espanola Marine Iguanas



Relaxing on the beach



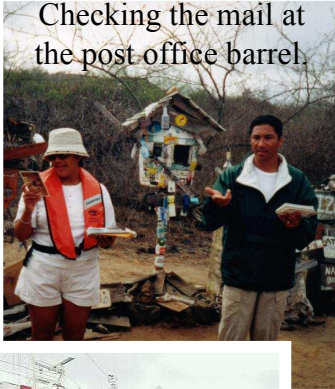
Monday, November 20, 2000

Floreana (Charles) Island

Floreana coastline, lava heron, sally lightfoot crabs, & a blue booby



Checking the mail at the post office barrel.



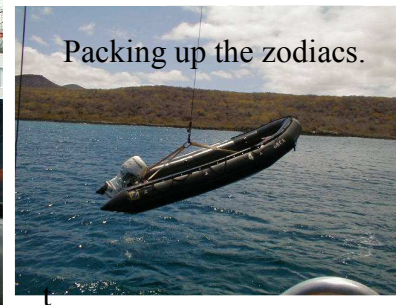
Tom enjoying one of the rare free moments on deck.



Returning to the ship for breakfast



Packing up the zodiacs.



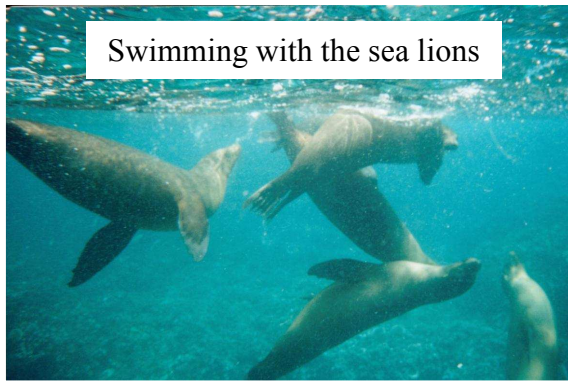
The main course got all dressed up for our Traditional Ecuadorian lunch.



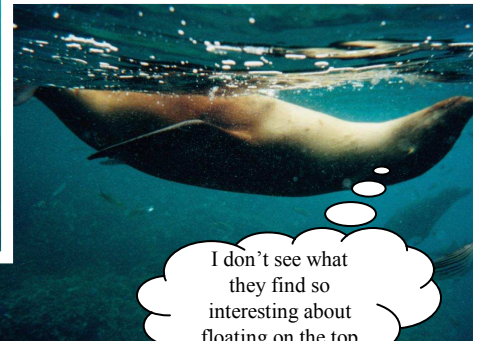
We came across several large dead squid washed up on the beach.



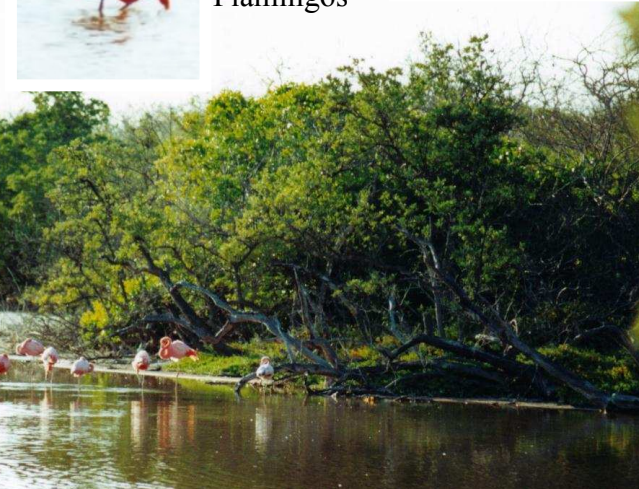
Swimming with the sea lions



I don't see what they find so interesting about floating on the top



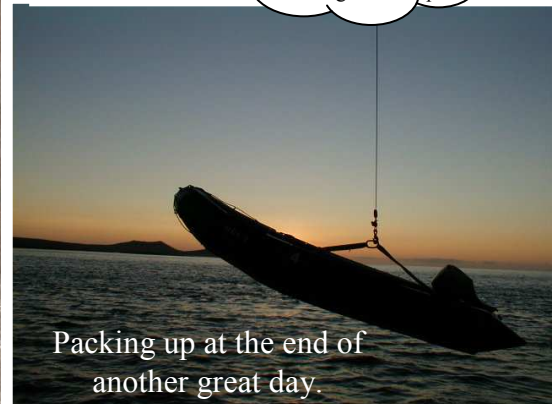
Flamingos



Sally lightfoot crab

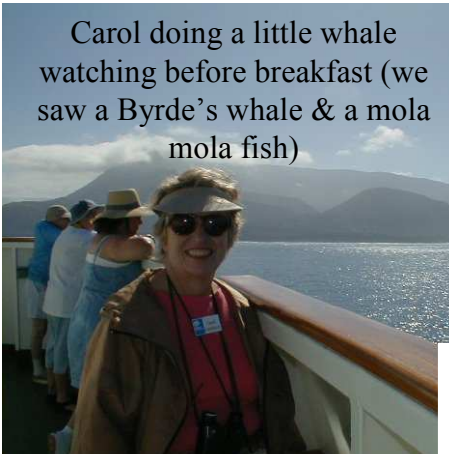


Packing up at the end of another great day.

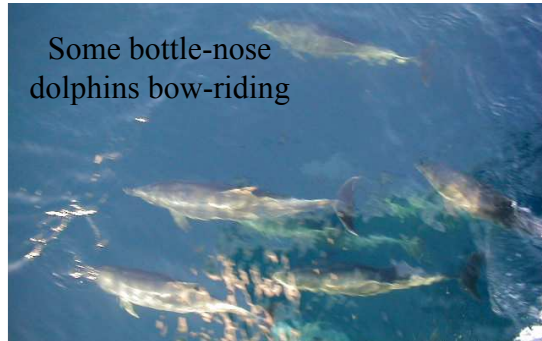


Tuesday, November 21, 2000

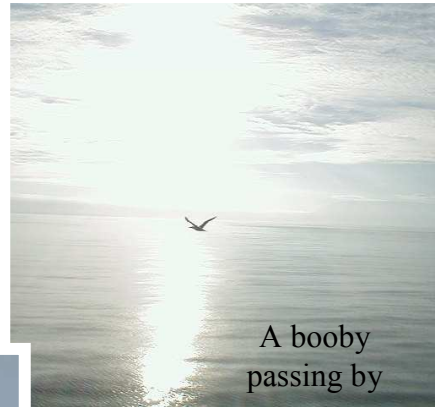
Isabela & Fernandina Islands



Carol doing a little whale watching before breakfast (we saw a Byrde's whale & a mola mola fish)



Some bottle-nose dolphins bow-riding



A booby passing by



Ecuador Volcano on Isabela Island



Panga ride along the Pta. Vincenta Roca (Western coast of Isabela Island)



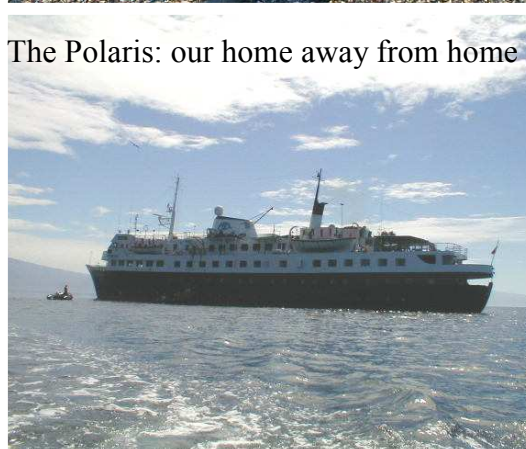
Flightless Cormorants



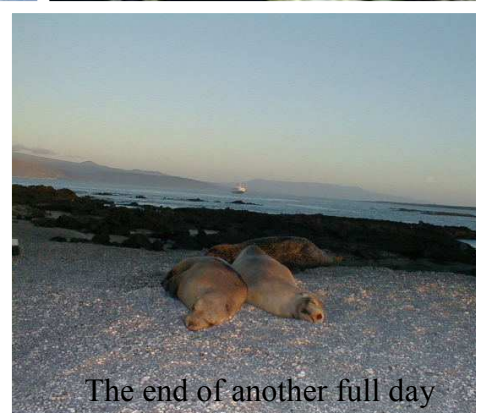
Marine Iguanas



Galapagos Penguins



The Polaris: our home away from home

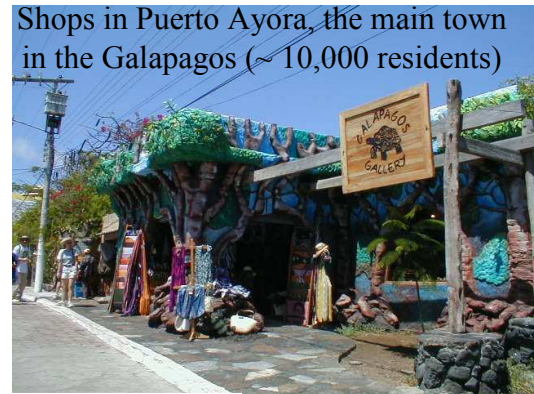


The end of another full day

Wednesday, November 22, 2000

Santa Cruz Island

Tortoises at the Charles Darwin Research Institute on Santa Cruz Island.



Shops in Puerto Ayora, the main town in the Galapagos (~10,000 residents)



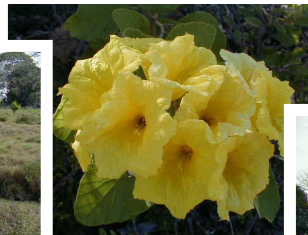
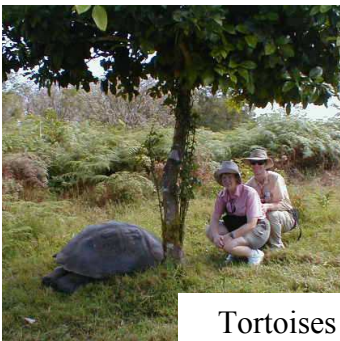
Lunch in the Highlands. Jacqueline de Roy, a silversmith & Tui's mother, was there.



The bus for our tour of the highlands – notice the driver's seat



Robin Hudnut, Tom & Anne on the way back to the Polaris.



Tortoises in the wild. They were in a farm that is on their migration (highland/lowland) route.



The lounge in the Polaris.



Thursday, November 23, 2000

Genovesa (Tower) Island



Happy Thanksgiving!

Swallow Tail Gull



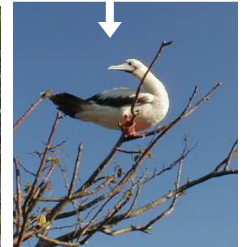
Red Footed Booby



Frigate Bird
(below is an infant)



Nazca Booby



Lucho's close encounter
with a Short-eared Owl

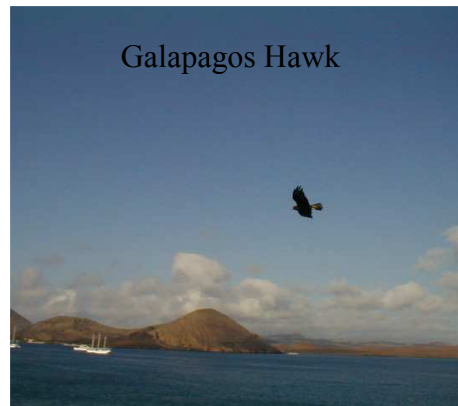
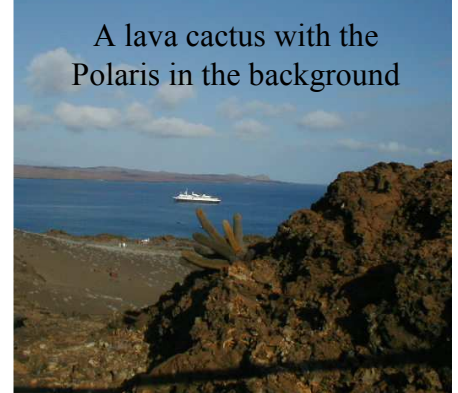
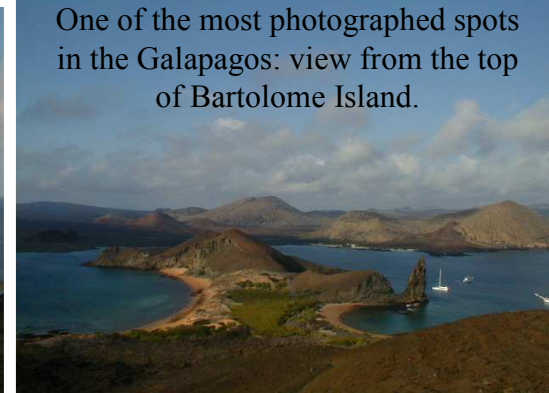
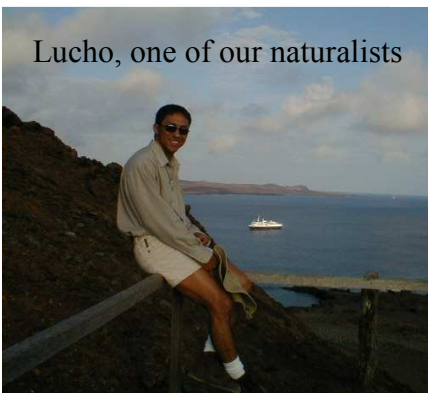
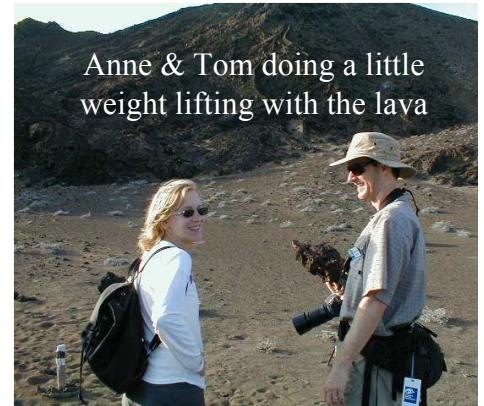


A Sea Lion coming to
say hello to Amanda



Friday, November 24, 2000

Bartoleme & Santiago (James) Islands



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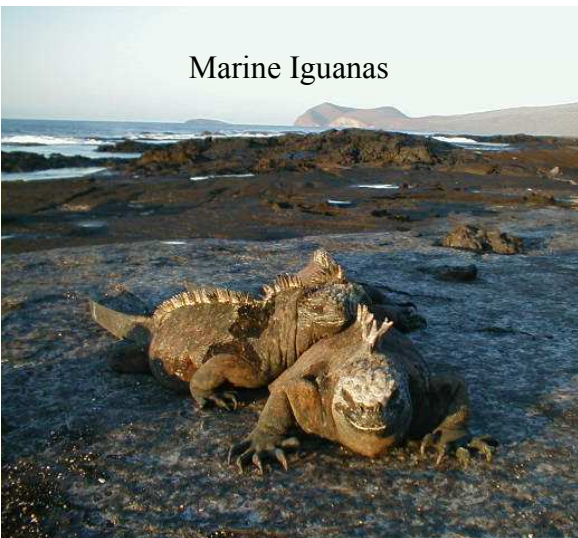
Darwin's Toilet: going



Tom & Anne atop the Sand Dune



Brown Pelican



Marine Iguanas



Frigate Birds



Green Sea Turtle



Our last Galapagos Sunset ☹



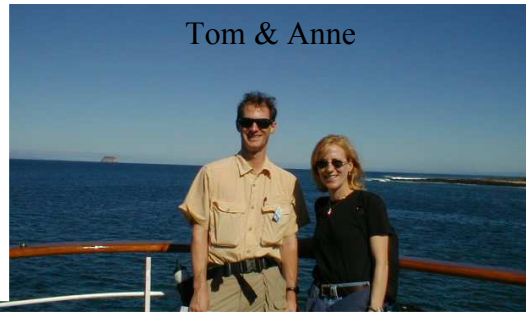
Tom, Anne, Julie & Cindy in the Dining Room

Saturday, November 25, 2000

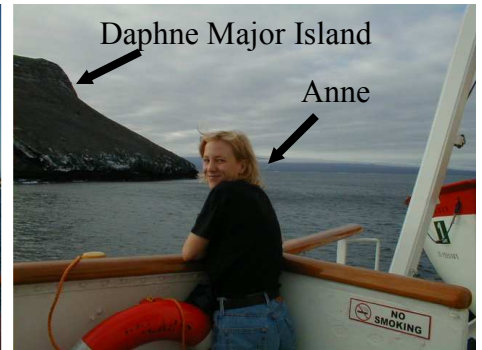
Daphne Major, Baltra Island (disembark), Guayaquil



The Bridge

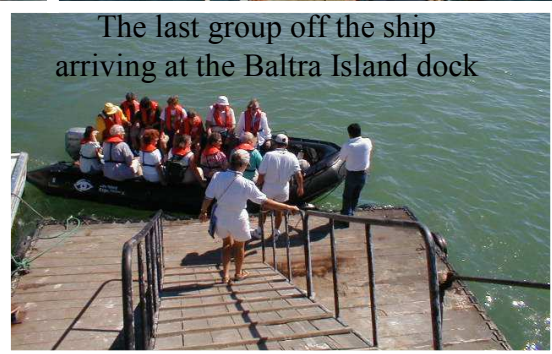


Tom & Anne



Daphne Major Island

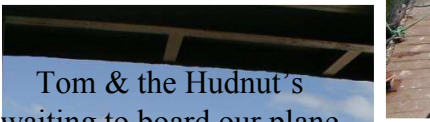
Anne



The last group off the ship arriving at the Baltra Island dock



Goodbye Polaris ☹



Tom & the Hudnut's waiting to board our plane



Tom, Pat & Shannon



Back in Guayaquil



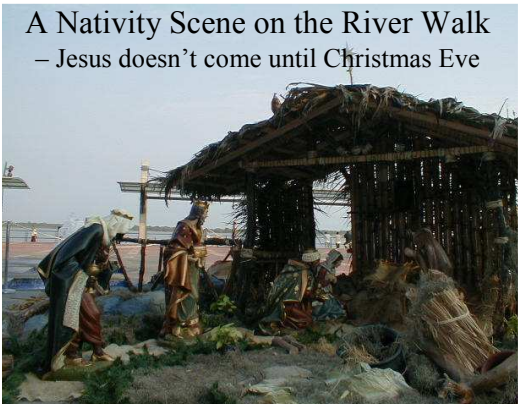
Land Iguanas are everywhere



& they taste like chicken.



The Equadorian Navy Training Ship



A Nativity Scene on the River Walk
- Jesus doesn't come until Christmas Eve



An Equadorian Craft Shop