

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - GALAPAGOS WEST, CENTRAL & NORTH ISLANDS CRUISE | SEAMAN JOURNEY



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DEPARTURE

Selected Mondays

DURATION

11 Days

LOCATIONS

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador



INTRODUCTION

M/C Galapagos Seaman Journey is a first class catamaran offering superior comfort, size, style, and stability. The Galapagos Seaman Journey makes it possible to enjoy several cruises in the Galapagos with different itineraries that include amazing land tours on most of the Galapagos Islands. During these Galapagos Cruises, guests encounter many endemic species like Galapagos Giant Tortoises, Penguins, Land and Marine Iguanas, Frigate Birds, Blue Footed Boobies, and much more!

Please note that the below itinerary is a guide and that itineraries vary depending on departure date. Your sales consultant will provide you with more details on the different itinerary options available and applicable departure dates.

The Seaman Journey Experience

M/C Galapagos Seaman Journey is an expeditionary first class catamaran that began sailing the Galapagos Islands in January 2008. Superior comfort, size, style, and stability are what you can expect when choosing this catamaran to fulfill your Galapagos adventures wants and needs. This vessel, with a maximum capacity of 16 passengers, provides in each of its corners, areas for rest and recreation for everyone. For the adults who might want to relax and kick back, we offer a great bar and lounge area where they are served by our bartender whilst you relax and watch the Galapagos go by. Make landings on sites that offer beautiful scenery and the ability to get up close and personal with the archipelago, accompanied by the knowledgeable staff members found on board who will offer you intel and insight into this magnificent part of the world. The M/C Galapagos Seaman Journey, another jewel from the well known Galapagos Journey Fleet, the perfect combination of adventure, comfort, service and excellence that offers four, five, eight, eleven, twelve and fifteen day itineraries.

GREEN POINTS!

• The Seaman is single use plastic free • Reusable water-bottles are offered to all guests • Naturalist guides offer educational environmental lectures to all guests. •

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All guest leave with a deep love and respect for nature.

The Seaman also offers a [5 day cruise](#), [7 day cruise](#), [9 day cruise](#), [11 day cruise](#) and [15 day cruises](#).

* Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.


PLEASE NOTE: Pricing is subject to change and availability at the time of booking. [Contact us](#) for more information.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival & San Cristobal, Interpretation Center

Begin your Galapagos adventure with a morning flight to the Galapagos Islands. Please note the Galapagos Government requires a fee of \$20 for the migration control card. Upon arrival in San Cristobal, passengers must pass through an airport inspection point to prevent the introduction of foreign plants or animals to the archipelago. Here, passengers also pay for entrance to the Galapagos National Park: \$200 for foreigners and \$100 for children under 12. Your guide will then meet you and assist with your luggage, transporting you to the Catamaran Seaman Journey via a motorized boat called Panga. In the afternoon, visit the Gianni Arismendy Environmental Interpretation Center. It features lush gardens and breathtaking ocean views, offering insights into the islands' geological and human history, conservation efforts, and natural history. As the oldest natural history museum in the Galapagos Islands, it's a testament to ongoing preservation efforts, inspiring and educating visitors through research and conservation initiatives.



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In the morning, you'll explore San Cristobal Island's Punta Pitt, situated at its eastern tip. This area features a 90-meter beach and several natural viewpoints offering breathtaking vistas of an eroded hill made of volcanic tuff. A 1,400-meter trail, starting from Oliviana Beach, winds its way to the hill's summit, showcasing various lava formations. The strong winds atop the hill have sculpted the landscape into surreal, science fiction-like scenes, characterized by olive-yellow sands adorned with bright crystals. Here, sea lions bask in the sun, while frigate birds, pelicans, herons, and seagulls gracefully soar overhead. Pitt Islet is renowned for being one of the few spots where all three species of boobies (blue-footed, red-footed, and masked) and both species of frigate birds can be observed together. In the afternoon, your adventure takes you to Lobos Island, a small, flat islet off the coast of San Cristobal. Named for the several sea lions that inhabit its shores, Lobos Island is a short 20-minute boat ride (10 kilometers) from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. Designated as a tourist diving site, it boasts two piers for exploring the ocean depths alongside playful sea lions. A protected channel offers excellent snorkeling opportunities, while an 850-meter trail connecting the piers provides an hour-long stroll amidst coastal vegetation. The island's name stems from the presence of two sea lion species—the California sea lions and the fur seals, whose origins trace back to Antarctica.



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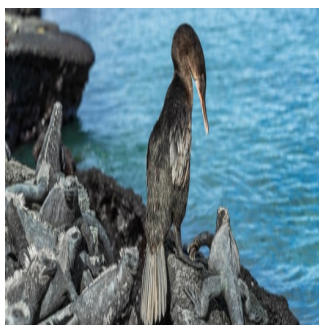
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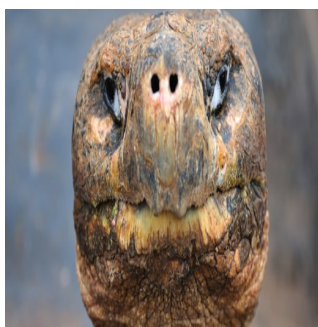




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DAY 5: Breeding Centre & Santa Cruz Highlands

In the morning, you'll explore the Fausto Llerena Breeding Centre, nestled within the Galapagos National Park along Charles Darwin Avenue, just a kilometer away from the Gus Angermeyer Tourist Pier. After a scenic 40-minute stroll, you'll enter this captivating attraction, an integral part of the Charles Darwin Foundation's network of visitor sites. Your journey begins at the information booth of the Galapagos National Park Service (SPNG), leading you through the Van Straelen Interpretation Centre and onward to the breeding centre. Here, an elevated circular wooden path offers panoramic views of Lonesome George and the tortoises of Española Island before culminating at the tortoise exhibition corral. In the afternoon, your guide will meet you to embark on a highlands adventure in Santa Cruz. You will be taken by bus to the first visit to Ranch Manzanillo where visitors must wear comfortable walking shoes, light clothing, a waterproof jacket, sunscreen, a camera, and repellent for the first activity. The visit to Ranch Manzanillo includes a picnic lunch and a short walk before boarding the Catamaran. It is important to follow these instructions to accomplish this itinerary properly. Santa Cruz offers excellent opportunities to observe the wild Galapagos Tortoises. Tracking tortoises is not the only exciting activity to be found in the highlands. There are also plenty of lava tubes, sinkholes, and craters ready to be explored.



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In the morning, you'll explore Moreno Point on Isabela Island, situated along its northern coast between the towering Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul volcanoes. Traverse a trail that meanders along a Pahoehoe lava flow, characterized by its corrugated or accordion-like texture, leading you into a maze of coastal lagoons. These serene lagoons and mangroves are teeming with diverse bird species, offering a picturesque backdrop for exploration. Later in the afternoon, you'll venture to Mangle Point off the eastern shores of Fernandina Island. This idyllic spot is renowned for its exceptional snorkeling opportunities and scenic rides through a lush grove of mangrove trees aboard a panga or zodiac. A leisurely hike of approximately half a mile is also an option. As you navigate the waters, keep your eyes peeled for sightings of sea lions, tortoises, pelicans, rays, and a myriad of bird species, adding to the enchantment of your marine adventure.



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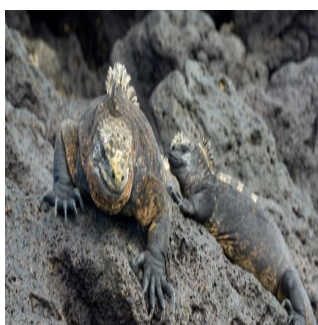
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DAY 8: Espinoza Point & Vicente Roca Point

In the morning, explore Espinoza Point on Fernandina Island, renowned for its large colonies of marine iguanas and unique species such as the flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguin, Galapagos hawk, and Galapagos snake. In the afternoon, venture to Vicente Roca Point, one of the most breathtaking spots in the enchanting Galapagos Islands. With towering cliffs and stunning formations of tuffstone, ash, and lava, Punta Vicente Roca exudes majesty. Located on the northwestern coast of the island, it consists of two distinct islets and boasts a spectacular marine life. Keep an eye out for seahorses, sea turtles, and the intriguing Mola-mola or sunfish. This bay offers excellent opportunities for Panga rides and snorkeling, where you may encounter penguins, blue-footed boobies, terns, boobies, and sea lions. Dive into the crystal-clear waters to observe sea turtles, stingrays, and pufferfish, adding to the richness of this remarkable destination.



DAY 9: Santiago Island: Espumilla Beach & Puerto Egas

In the morning, visit Playa Espumilla on Santiago Island, situated on the northern coast in James Bay. This beach underwent changes during the last El Niño phenomenon, leading to the sedimentation of one of its lagoons and the disappearance of a significant flamingo colony. Despite this, the area remains captivating, with highlights including the Palosanto forest and the nesting of baby turtles. In the afternoon, explore Puerto Egas, known for its black beach located on the west side of the island. This unique beach owes its distinctive black sand to volcanic tuff deposits. The site earned its name from an unsuccessful attempt to exploit salt, as the low price of salt on the mainland made it unviable in the Galapagos. Consequently, the project was abandoned, leaving behind remnants of infrastructure amidst the rugged beauty of the landscape.



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In the morning, explore Rabida Island, renowned for its unique red-colored rocks and sand. The volcanic material here is highly porous, with external elements like rain, salty water, and sea breeze acting as oxidizing agents. Follow a short trail to a coastal lagoon behind the beach, where you can observe land birds such as finches, doves, yellow warblers, and mockingbirds. The lagoon is also home to a colony of flamingos. In the afternoon, visit Chinese Hat, a small islet located off the southeastern tip of Santiago Island. Shaped like a Chinese hat when viewed from the north, this recent volcanic cone offers insights into geological features such as lava tubes and flows. On the west side, observe lava formations that were once submerged, now adorned with coral heads. The landscape is inhabited by colonies of sea lions, marine iguanas, and Galapagos penguins, making it a fascinating destination for wildlife observation and geological interpretation.



On your final day of exploration, you'll embark on a dinghy ride to Black Turtle Cove, located on the north coast of Santa Cruz, just west of Baltra, it offers a window into a quiet hideaway of the Galapagos. Once in the cove, the boat continues with the engines off and begins to explore the mangrove-protected cove. Sea turtles feed and mate in the calm waters, and three species of sharks are found here: the blacktip shark, the white-tip shark, and the Galapagos shark. Groups of spotted rays are also often seen, as well as egrets and herons. After the visit, you will be transferred to the Baltra airport in time for your flight back to the mainland.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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<p>A map of the Galapagos Islands archipelago in the Pacific Ocean. The islands are shown as light brown landmasses against a blue sea. A blue line with arrows indicates a travel itinerary starting from Santa Cruz, going to Isabela, then to Fernandina, back to Santa Cruz, then to Bartolome, Baltra, San Cristobal, Floreana, and finally Española before returning to Santa Cruz.</p>

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