

**South America** - Signature Galapagos Express

Trip Code  
ECSJGALB  
Departure



## Introduction

Join this 9 day, superior experience of Quito and the Galapagos Islands. The cruise offers all the creature comforts of superior accommodation onboard the MC Seaman Journey, a luxurious sixteen passenger catamaran, and three nights accommodation in Quito at the boutique five star Illa Experience hotel.

You will enjoy a few days sightseeing Quito from the hotel, which is centrally located in the city's old town, before boarding your cruise and experiencing the spectacular scenery, natural wonders and incredible flora and fauna of the Galapagos Islands. There, you will observe Galapagos tortoises in their habitat, snorkel the white coral beach of Cerro Brulo, observe sea lions and sharks at Espanola Island and spot blue-footed boobies and albatrosses at Suarez Point.

Every day of this express South American tour is an adventure as you encounter the fascinating and colourful creatures who call these islands their home.

**This superior itinerary includes accommodation onboard the Seaman Journey - a luxurious 16 passenger catamaran and three nights in Quito staying the Illa Experience hotel, a boutique 5 star hotel located in the city's old town, this hotel is the perfect base to explore the best sights and attractions the city has to offer.**

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Selected Fridays

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

Duration

9 Days

Locations

Quito, Ecuador, Galapagos Islands

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Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive in Quito

Welcome to Quito, Ecuador, a City declared a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site in 1978. You will be transferred from the airport to your hotel which sits nestled in the Andean foothills, 2,850 metres above sea level. The city is known for its stunning colonial architecture, artwork and amazing snow-capped mountain backdrop.



DAY 2: Quito Six Senses City Tour

Today you will enjoy a tour of the charming city of Quito. The tour will tick off all of the main sites, including Independence Square, the Government Palace, the busy street of La Ronda and some of the beautiful baroque churches that the city is famous for. You will also enjoy a range of experiences. These will vary depending on the day and the time of year, but can include things like market visits, empanada or ice cream making (and tasting), working with an artisan to make your own Panama hat or even helping to restore colonial art! Your tour will end with a cocktail at a rooftop bar where you will have the perfect view over the old town and Panecillo hill. (B)



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9 Days you will head south from Quito to

visit Cotopaxi National Park. Cotopaxi is the

highest active volcano in the world. Despite

the altitude, the park is home to numerous

birds and varied plant life. Weather

permitting, there are spectacular views

from the north face of the mountain. The

surrounding scenery includes volcanoes like

Paschoa, Ruminahui and Sincholagua. You

will also have the opportunity to visit a local

indigenous market. (B, L)



### DAY 4: Fly to Galapagos Islands

Fly from Quito to the Galapagos. On arrival

you will meet your naturalist guides who

will collect your luggage and escort you by

bus to the harbour to board the MC

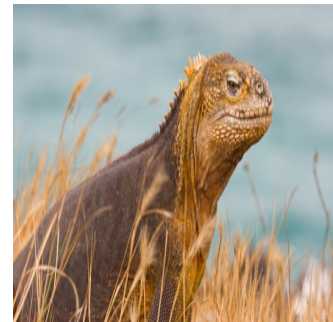
Galapagos Seaman Journey. In the

afternoon you will visit the San Cristobal

Interpretation Centre to learn about the

history of the islands, local conservation

efforts and the natural history. (B,L,D)



### DAY 5: San Cristobal

This morning, visit Punta Pitt, located at the

eastern tip of San Cristobal Island. The site

features a beautiful beach and natural

viewpoints overlooking an eroded volcanic

hill. Sea lions sunbathe here, while frigate

birds, pelicans, and seagulls soar overhead.

Punta Pitt is one of the few places where all

three species of boobies (blue-footed, red-

footed, and masked) and both species of

frigate birds can be seen together. In the

afternoon, head to Isla Lobos, named for the

sea lions that frolic on its white-sand

beaches. Isla Lobos is a popular diving and

snorkeling spot, offering clear waters and a

scenic trail. (B,L,D)



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This morning we head to the isolated

Location island of Espanola. Brimming with

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native species like the Espanola

mockingbird, lava lizard and waved

albatross. Gardner Bay is a prime location

for swimming, snorkelling and relaxing. You

may also see sea lions, sharks and sea

turtles in the clear waters. This afternoon's

excursion takes you to Suarez Point. Watch

the blue-footed and Nazca boobies dance

and the large albatrosses launch off the

cliff. There's a blowhole which can create

sprurts of 30-50 metre high. (B,L,D)



### DAY 7: Floreana Island

One of the most impressive flamingo

lagoons is located at Cormorant Point on

Floreana Island. There you will see

flamingos and various other shorebird

species and there are two beaches to visit,

Green Beach and Flour Sand Beach. Here

green sea turtles come to nest and you can

also see rays in the water. You will have the

chance to take a walk and go snorkelling.

Spend the afternoon relaxing at Post Office

Bay, which is a post office like no other.

Today tourists leave letters and post cards

here and you can sift through them to find

any that might be close to your home. The

idea is to take one and deliver them by

hand. (B,L,D)



### DAY 8: Turtles Trail and Fly to Quito

Spend your final morning learning about the

protection and conservation efforts of the

islands at Fausto Llerena Breeding Centre.

After, you will head to Baltra Airport to fly

back to Quito (or Guayaquil). You will

overnight at a hotel near the airport. (B)



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Onward departure flight



### Inclusions & Details

#### Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin On Board A Catamaran Yacht

### INCLUSIONS

3 nights in Quito / Illa Experience hotel Luxury room

Round trip flight to/from Galapagos

Galapagos National Park Entrance fee (US\$200 per person from Aug 2024 - Subject to change)

Galápagos Ingala card USD 20,00 p/p

Transfers in Galapagos

Accommodation on board in double cabin

All meals during the cruise

Naturalist Bilingual Guide level III

All visits and excursions according to the itinerary

Snorkel Gear (mask, tube and fins)

Kayaks

Unlimited purified water, coffee and tea

#### Inclusions

#### Mainland services

English speaking guide + private transportation

Tours and airport transfers as listed on the program

Hotel accommodations as listed on the program subject to availability

Meals as listed B: breakfast. L: lunch and D: dinner.

### EXCLUSIONS

Local Taxes

Travel Insurance

Personal expenses and tips

Alcoholic drinks

Items not specified

Additional visits

Additional meals

#### Difficulty Rating

2 (Light Adventure - Average Fitness Required)

#### Single Surcharge

A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

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Sustainability