

Galapagos Islands - Galapagos Cruise West & Central Islands | Seaman Journey

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ECSJ7C
Departure



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!

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8] The Seaman is single use plastic free ☑ Reusable water-bottles are offered to all guests ☑ Naturalist guides offer educational environmental lectures to all guests. ☑ All guest leave with a deep love and respect for nature.

Duration

7 Days

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

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador



* 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

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Selected Fridays Santa Cruz Island

Duration

7 Days marks the beginning of your journey

to the Galapagos Islands. Please note that

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Due to regulations set by the Galapagos

Government, a fee of 20 USD must be paid

for the migration control card. Upon arrival

in Santa Cruz, passengers are required to

pass through an airport inspection point to

ensure compliance with regulations

prohibiting the introduction of foreign

plants or animals to the archipelago.

Additionally, at this inspection point,

passengers must pay the entrance fee to the

Galapagos National Park. As of August

2024, foreign passengers pay \$200, while

children under 12 years old pay \$100. Our

guide will be there to greet you and assist

with carrying your luggage to the bus that

transports tourists to the ferries crossing

the Itabaca Channel. Subsequently, you'll

board another bus for the first visit to

Ranch Manzanillo. For this activity, it's

essential to wear comfortable walking

shoes, light clothing, a waterproof jacket,

sunblock lotion, and carry a camera and

repellent. The visit to Ranch Manzanillo

includes a picnic lunch and a short walk

before boarding the Motor Catamaran. It's

crucial to adhere to these instructions for

the smooth execution of the itinerary.

Please note that passengers' luggage will be

directly transferred to the Seaman Journey

yacht. Santa Cruz offers excellent

opportunities for observing wild Galapagos

Tortoises. Tracking tortoises is just one of

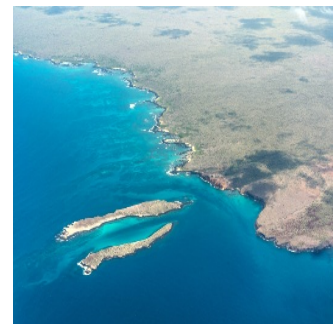
the exciting activities awaiting you in the

highlands, where you can also explore lava

tubes, sinkholes, and craters. After this

visit, you'll proceed to embark on the M/C

Seaman Journey.



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Departure

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Departure Point & Mangle Point

Duration

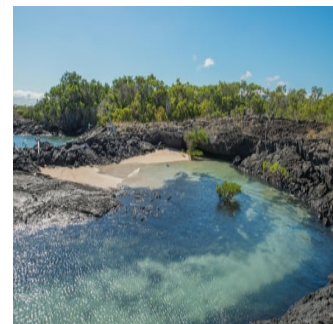
7 Days
Today's excursion takes you to Moreno

Point on Isabela Island. Punta Moreno sits
on the north coast of Isabela Island, nestled

between the Sierra Negra volcano and
Cerro Azul volcano. The trail winds along a
Pahoehoe lava flow, characterized by its
corrugated or accordion-like appearance,
leading to a network of coastal lagoons.

These lagoons and surrounding mangroves
provide habitat for various bird species.

Later in the day, you'll venture to
Fernandina Island's Mangle Point. Situated
off the eastern coast of Fernandina, Mangle
Point offers exceptional snorkeling
opportunities and the chance to glide
through a grove of mangrove trees in a
panga or zodiac. A hike of approximately 1/2
mile is also possible. While exploring, keep
your eyes peeled for sightings of sea lions,
tortoises, pelicans, rays, and numerous bird
species that inhabit the area.



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Darwin, Urbina Bay & Tagus Cove

Duration

7 Days

This morning, you'll embark on an

expedition on Isabela Island, starting with

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador.

Urbina Bay. Nestled at the base of Alcedo

Volcano on the island's west coast, Urbina

Bay lies between Tagus Cove and Elizabeth

Bay. In 1954, a significant uplift occurred,

raising the land over 16 feet and extending

the coast half a mile out, leaving marine life

stranded on the new shore. This area also

offers excellent snorkeling opportunities.

Urbina Bay features a trail beginning with a

wet landing. The approximately 3200m path

consists of sand, pumice, lava, coral, and

vegetation, providing glimpses of iguana

burrows. It's an ideal spot to spot red and

blue lobsters! Darwin's finches can be

observed in Urbina Bay, but its main

attraction is the land iguanas, which are

larger than those found in other locations

like South Plaza Island and Galapagos. Wild

tortoises are also occasionally spotted, even

out of season, roaming the island's terrain.

Abundant vegetation, including chamomile

and Rosewood, can be observed, with the

beautiful flowers of Darwin's cotton,

endemic to the Galapagos Islands, standing

out. In the afternoon, your exploration

continues on Isabela Island with Tagus

Cove. Situated west of Darwin Volcano,

Tagus Cove holds a rich history as a favored

spot for pirates and whalers. It was they

who initiated the tradition of inscribing boat

names. At the trail's beginning, a small cave

displays inscriptions dating back to the

1800s. The name Tagus Cove originated

from a British warship that passed through

the islands in 1814 in search of Galapagos

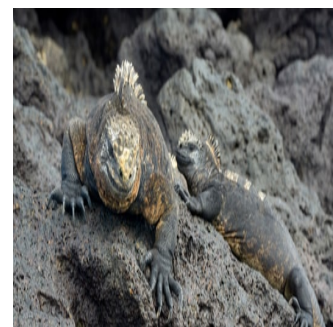
Tortoises for sustenance. Due to past

eruptions, the area's substrate is composed

of various-sized volcanic rocks, including

spherical-shaped lapilli or petrified rain,

which are common in the landscape.



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Duration

7 Days

Location, specifically Espinoza Point.

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Removal of this extensive colonies of

marine iguanas, Espinoza Point is also home

to unique species such as the flightless

cormorant, Galapagos penguin, Galapagos

hawk, and Galapagos snake. Later in the

day, you'll venture to Vicente Roca Point,

one of the most breathtaking spots in the

enchanting Galapagos Islands.

Characterized by high cliffs and formations

of tuffstone, ash, and lava, Punta Vicente

Roca exudes a majestic aura. Situated on

the northwestern coast of the island, it

consists of two distinct islets. This

expansive bay teems with spectacular

marine life. Here, you'll have the

opportunity to spot seahorses, sea turtles,

and the intriguing Mola-mola or sunfish.

Punta Vicente Roca is an ideal location for

Panga Rides and Snorkeling, offering

encounters with penguins, blue-footed

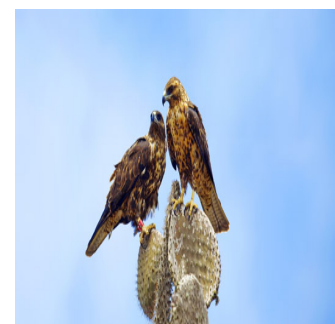
boobies, terns, boobies, and sea lions.

Additionally, snorkeling enthusiasts can

observe sea turtles, stingrays, and

pufferfishes in the pristine waters of the

bay.



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Departure Espumilla Beach & Puerto Egas

Duration

7 Days
This morning, your destination is Espumilla

Location
Espumilla Beach on Santiago Island. Situated along

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador
the northern coast in James Bay, Espumilla

Beach witnessed changes during the last El

Niño phenomenon, causing sedimentation in

one of its lagoons and leading to the

disappearance of a significant flamingo

colony. However, the main attractions

remain intact: the palo santo forest and the

nesting grounds of baby turtles. In the

afternoon, you'll head to Puerto Egas, also

on Santiago Island. This site features a

striking black beach on the island's west

side, formed by volcanic tuff deposits.

Puerto Egas earned its name from a failed

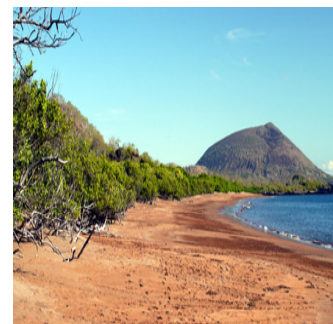
attempt to exploit salt, as the low market

price made it economically unviable to

extract salt in the Galapagos. Consequently,

the project was abandoned, leaving behind

remnants of infrastructure.



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Day 6 Rabida Island & Chinese Hat

Duration

7 Days

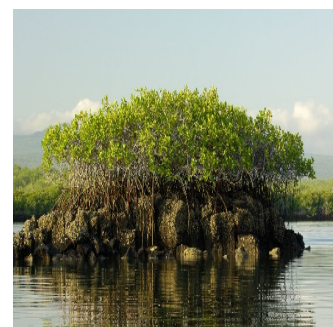
Today, you'll head to Rabida Island,
known for its distinctive red-colored
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forms and shape. The volcanic material on
this island is highly porous, and
environmental elements such as rain, salty
water, and sea breeze have contributed to
its oxidization, giving it its unique hue. A
brief walk along a trail leads you to a
coastal lagoon nestled behind the beach,
providing opportunities to observe land
birds like finches, doves, yellow warblers,
and mockingbirds. The lagoon is also home
to a colony of flamingos. Later in the day,
you'll visit the Chinese Hat, or Sombrero
Chino. This small islet sits just off the
southeastern tip of Santiago Island. It's a
recent volcanic cone, resembling a Chinese
hat when viewed from the north. On its
western side, lava formations, originally
formed under the sea and subsequently
elevated, are adorned with coral heads. This
excursion offers an excellent opportunity to
interpret geological features such as lava
tubes and flows. The landscape is teeming
with colonies of sea lions, marine iguanas,
and Galapagos penguins, adding to the
richness of the experience.



DAY 7: Santa Cruz Island: Black Turtle Cove & Departure

On this final day, your destination is Black
Turtle Cove, situated on the north coast of
Santa Cruz Island, just west of Baltra.
Embarking on a dinghy ride to Black Turtle
Cove offers a serene glimpse into one of the
Galapagos' tranquil hideaways. As you enter
the cove, the boat's engines are silenced,
allowing for a peaceful exploration of the
mangrove-enshrouded inlet. Within these
calm waters, sea turtles gracefully feed and
mate, while three species of sharks—black-
tip, white-tip, and Galapagos—can be
spotted. After the visit, you'll be transferred
to the Baltra airport in time for your return
flight to the mainland.



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Locations & Details

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Accommodation



Cabin on board a Catamaran Yacht

INCLUSIONS

Accommodation

All meals

Water coffee and tea

All excursions

English-Speaking Naturalist guide

Snorkelling equipment

Kayak equipment

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

Return airfares from mainland Ecuador

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

Galapagos Transit Control Card (US\$20 per person - Subject to change)

Wet suit rental

Soft drink & alcoholic drinks

Personal expenses

Gratuities for crew/guides

2 (light adventure)

Difficulty Rating

Single Surcharge

A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Please note kayak activities are subject to weather conditions.

Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated)

Notes

Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time

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Price Dependent upon Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.

Sustainability