

## **Galapagos Islands** - Galapagos North & Central Islands Cruise | Seaman Journey

Trip Code  
ECSJ5A  
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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5 Days

Locations

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 & Bartolome Island

Today marks the beginning of your journey to the Galapagos Islands. Please note that 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. Later, your guide will meet you and assist with carrying your luggage to the bus. Passengers will then arrive at the Catamaran Seaman Journey via a motorized boat called a panga. Later today, you'll explore Bartolome Island, located across Sullivan Bay. With an altitude of 114 meters, Bartolome offers stunning panoramic views of the Galapagos Islands' landscape, including volcanic cones, lunar-like craters, lava fields, and the iconic Toba-formed pinnacle eroded by the sea. Vegetation on the island is sparse. Bartolome Island boasts two picturesque beaches inhabited by marine turtles and a small colony of Galapagos penguins at the base of the pinnacle.



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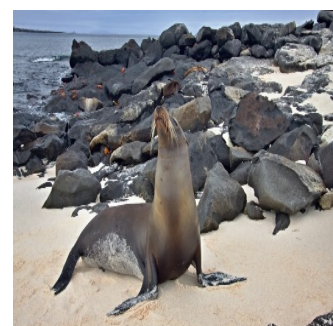
Duration

5 Days Mosquera Islet & North Seymour

Locations

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

This morning, you'll head to Mosquera Islet, located between North Seymour and Baltra. Despite being one of the smallest islands in the Galápagos, Mosquera Islet's volcanic origin and geological uplift offer a unique landscape with a flat terrain and no visible crater. Mosquera is known for its stunning color contrast, featuring white sand beaches, turquoise waters, vibrant green vegetation, and jet-black lava rocks. It's a paradise for landscape photography, especially during the golden hours of sunrise and sunset. In the afternoon, your destination is North Seymour. Unlike volcanic islands, North Seymour is a raised island with a flat terrain dominated by rocky formations. It's home to a large population of magnificent frigatebirds with ample nesting sites. Blue-footed boobies showcase their courtship dances in open areas, while swallow-tailed gulls perch on the cliff edges. Despite the strong surf along the outer shore, you can spot sea lions enjoying the waves and body-surfing on the beach.



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Darwin Bay, Darwin Bay

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Today's excursion takes you to Genovesa Island, also known as The Cliff. Situated in the southern part of Darwin Bay, El Barranco offers a trail on volcanic rock spanning 1.5 km, allowing for a leisurely two-hour exploration. This area represents the youngest geological region of the island. The cliff itself, composed of delicate lava formations, has been shaped by natural erosion, creating ideal nesting grounds for Storm Petrels. Here, you'll encounter two petrel species nesting in the lava's crevices and holes. Keep an eye out for the short-eared owl, a primary predator in this ecosystem. The red-footed booby, unique to the outer islands like Genovesa, can also be spotted here, alongside the masked booby. During panga rides along the cliffs, you may glimpse fur sea lions and various seabird species. In the afternoon, your journey continues to Darwin Bay, formed by the collapsed crater of Genovesa Island below sea level. Upon a wet landing on its pristine white coral sandy beach, birdwatchers will delight in sightings of red-footed boobies, masked boobies, wandering tattlers, lava gulls, and more. As you traverse the trail, ascending gradually to the cliff's edge, you'll witness red-footed boobies nesting in the Mangrove trees below. Keep your eyes peeled for sharp-beaked finches, Galapagos doves, and swallow-tailed gulls. At the trail's end, a breathtaking vista awaits, offering panoramic views of the island and its vibrant avian inhabitants.



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Saturday 4th September Island & Santa Fe

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5 Days

Today's Journey leads you to Plazas, situated

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador and comprising

two islets known as Islas Plazas. Despite its

modest size, Plazas boasts some of the

Galapagos' most fascinating and unique

species. Notably, the land iguanas found

here are smaller than their counterparts on

other islands. Throughout Plazas, you'll

encounter hybrid iguanas, a remarkable

result of crossbreeding between male

marine iguanas and female land iguanas.

These hybrids sport a distinctive black/gray

coloration, featuring a land iguana's crest

alongside the face and tail of a marine

iguana. The island's abundant iguana

population owes much to the availability of

tunas, their preferred sustenance. Along the

rugged cliffs, swallow-tailed gulls nest

alongside other seabirds such as Audubon

shearwaters, red-billed tropicbirds, frigate

birds, and brown pelicans. Later in the day,

you'll venture to Santa Fe, located in the

southeastern reaches of the Galapagos.

Unlike most islands, Santa Fe emerged from

an uplift rather than volcanic activity,

resulting in its predominantly flat terrain.

Some theories even propose Santa Fe as the

archipelago's oldest island. Home to an

array of endemic species including the

Galapagos hawk, Galapagos snake,

Galapagos mockingbird, rice rats, and one

of the two land iguana species in the region.

Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by the clear,

inviting waters and the bustling sea lion

colonies. As you traverse the trail, keep an

eye out for salt bushes and towering giant

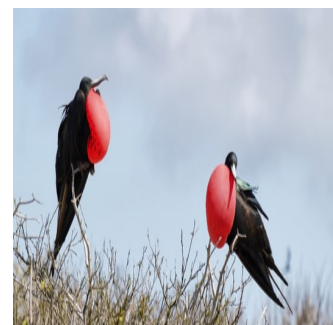
prickly pear cacti, a hallmark of island

gigantism. Snorkeling opportunities abound,

offering encounters with playful sea lions

and colorful tropical fish in the surrounding

marine environment.



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David Rodriguez Land Tortoise Breeding Centre &

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**Location** On this final day of your journey, you'll visit Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

**Cl** The David Rodriguez Land Tortoise Breeding

Centre. Established in 2002 by the

Galapagos National Park Service, this

program focuses on the breeding and

conservation of tortoises in captivity.

Initially named the Jacinto Gordillo Tortoise

Breeding Centre, it was later renamed in

2016 to honor David Rodriguez for his

remarkable 39 years of service as a park

ranger. Located in the southeastern region

of San Cristobal, approximately 22.5 km

from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the David

Rodriguez Tortoise Breeding Centre is

accessible by land. A scenic 40-minute bus

ride near Cerro Colorado brings you to this

facility, meticulously designed to simulate

the natural habitat conditions of the giant

tortoises (*Chelonoides chathamensis*) native

to San Cristóbal Island. Its mission is not

only to bolster the population of these iconic

creatures but also to contribute to the

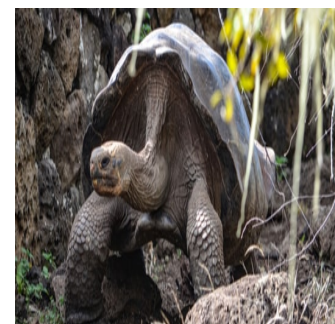
sustainable tourism development of San

Cristóbal. Following your visit, you'll be

escorted to the San Cristobal airport,

ensuring you arrive in time for your return

flight to the mainland.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Cabin on board a Catamaran Yacht

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### 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