



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!

Galapagos South, Central & West Islands Cruise | Seaman Journey

Trip Code

ECSJ11D

Departure

Selected Fridays

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

Duration

11 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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Departure

~~Selected Fridays~~ Santa Cruz Island

Duration

11 Days you will fly to the Galapagos Islands.

~~Locations~~ Due to the regulations of the Galapagos

~~Galapagos Islands, Ecuador~~ Government, a fee of 20 USD must be paid

for the migration control card. Upon arrival

in Santa Cruz, passengers must proceed

through an inspection point at the airport to

ensure that no foreign plants or animals are

being introduced to the archipelago.

Additionally, this inspection point is where

passengers have to pay for entrance to the

Galapagos National Park under the

following parameters: As of August 2024,

foreign passengers owe \$200 and children

owe \$100 (under 12 years old). Our guide

will pick you up and carry your luggage to

the bus that transports tourists to the

ferries to cross the Itabaca Channel. After

this, you will be taken by another bus for

the first visit to Ranch Manzanillo where

visitors must wear comfortable walking

shoes, light clothing, a waterproof jacket,

sunblock lotion, and carry a camera and

repellent for the first activity. The visit to

Ranch Manzanillo includes a picnic lunch

and a short walk before boarding the Motor

Catamaran. It is important to follow these

instructions in order to accomplish this

itinerary properly. Please be aware that

passengers' luggage will be sent directly to

the Seaman Journey yacht. 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. After this visit, you will move

to the M/C Seaman Journey.



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Departure

Selected Fridays
Departure Point & Mangle Point

Duration

11 Days

In the morning, explore Moreno Point on Santa Cruz Island, situated between the Sierra Negra volcano and Cerro Azul volcano. The trail follows a Pahoehoe lava flow, leading into a complex of coastal lagoons. Here, various bird species can be spotted around the lagoons and mangroves. In the afternoon, venture to Mangle Point off the eastern coast of Fernandina Island. This site offers excellent snorkeling opportunities and a picturesque ride through a grove of mangrove trees on a panga or zodiac. A half-mile hike is also possible, with chances to encounter sea lions, tortoises, pelicans, rays, and a plethora of bird species.



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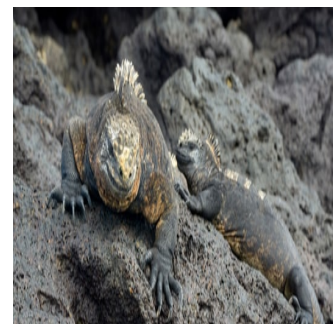
Selected Fridays
Darwin Island: Urbina Bay & Tagus

Duration

11 Days

Locations

In the morning, explore Urbina Bay on Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. A small island, nestled at the base of Alcedo Volcano on the west coast, between Tagus Cove and Elizabeth Bay. This area underwent a significant uplift in 1954, causing the land to rise over 16 feet and expanding the coast half a mile out, leaving marine life stranded. Urbina Bay offers excellent snorkeling opportunities, starting with a wet landing and featuring a 3200-meter path comprised of sand, pumice, lava, coral, and vegetation, with iguana burrows dotting the landscape. Here, you can spot red and blue lobsters and encounter Darwin's finches and land iguanas, larger than those found on other islands. Wild tortoises may also be found, along with abundant vegetation such as chamomile and Rosewood, accentuated by the beautiful flowers of Darwin's cotton, endemic to the Galapagos Islands. In the afternoon, visit Tagus Cove on Isabela Island, situated west of Darwin Volcano. This spot was a favorite haunt for pirates and whalers, who initiated the tradition of inscribing boat names. Along the trail, you'll discover a small cave adorned with inscriptions dating back to the 1800s. The name "Tagus" originated from a British warship that passed through the islands in 1814 in search of Galapagos Tortoises for food. Due to past eruptions, the substrate is rich in volcanic rocks of various sizes, including small spherical formations known as "lapilli" or petrified rain.



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Departure

Saturday, 1st February 2025

Duration

11 Days

In the morning, visit Espinoza Point on

Fernandina Island, renowned for its

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

extensive colonies of marine iguanas and as

the habitat of unique species such as the

flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguin,

Galapagos hawk, and Galapagos snake. In

the afternoon, explore Vicente Roca Point,

one of the most impressive and spectacular

places in the enchanted Galapagos Islands.

Situated on the northwestern coast of the

island, it comprises two distinct islets and

features high cliffs and tuffstone, ash, and

lava formations, lending the area a majestic

touch. This large bay boasts spectacular

marine life, including seahorses, sea turtles,

and the strange yet fascinating Mola-mola

or sunfish. Punta Vicente Roca is an

excellent location for practicing Panga

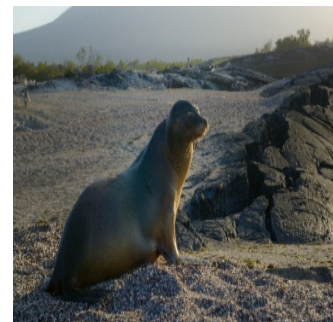
Rides and snorkeling, where you can also

find penguins, blue-footed boobies, terns,

boobies, and sea lions. Additionally,

snorkelers can observe sea turtles,

stingrays, and pufferfish.



DAY 5: Espumilla Beach & Puerto Egas

In the morning, explore Espumilla Beach on

Santiago Island, located on the northern

coast in James Bay. During the last

occurrence of the El Niño phenomenon, one

of the two lagoons at this site underwent

sedimentation, resulting in the

disappearance of a representative colony of

flamingos. The main attractions here are the

palo santo forest and the nesting of baby

turtles. In the afternoon, visit Puerto Egas

on Santiago Island, renowned for its black

beach situated on the west side of the

island. This unique beach formed from

volcanic tuff deposits is the main attraction

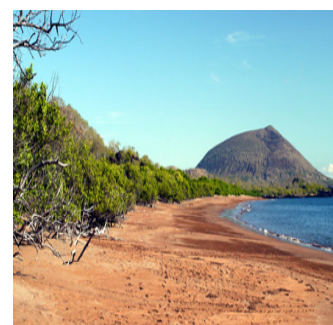
of the island. Puerto Egas earned its name

from an unsuccessful attempt to exploit salt

due to low prices on the continent, leading

to the abandonment of the project and

infrastructure.



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Departure

Selected Fridays
Santiago Island & Chinese Hat

Duration

11 Days

In the morning, explore Rabida Island, known for its unique red-colored rocks and Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. Sand on this island, porous in nature, has been oxidized by external factors like rain, salty water, and sea breeze. A short walk along a trail leads to a coastal lagoon behind the beach, offering opportunities to 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 just off the southeastern tip of Santiago Island. Shaped like a Chinese hat when viewed from the north, this recent volcanic cone features lava formations formed under the sea and raised upwards, resulting in coral heads found on the lava. This site provides an excellent opportunity for interpreting geological features like lava tubes and flows, amidst sea lion colonies, marine iguanas, and Galapagos penguins.



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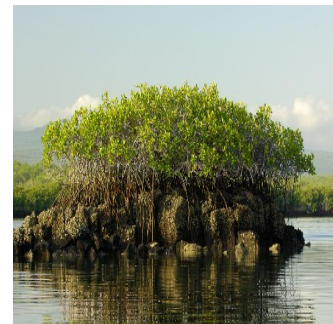
Selected Fridays - Black Turtle Cove & Bartolome

Duration

11 Days

Locations

In the morning, embark on a dinghy ride to Black Turtle Cove, nestled on the north coast of Santa Cruz Island just west of Baltra. This serene hideaway of the Galapagos offers tranquil exploration within the mangrove-protected cove. With engines off, the boat gently navigates the waters, allowing for sightings of sea turtles feeding and mating, along with three species of sharks: the blacktip, white-tip, and Galapagos shark. Spotted rays, egrets, and herons are also commonly spotted here. In the afternoon, visit Bartolome Island, located across Sullivan Bay. With an altitude of 114 meters, it offers breathtaking views of volcanic cones, lunar-like craters, lava fields, and the iconic Toba-formed pinnacle sculpted by the sea. Although vegetation is sparse, Bartolome boasts two stunning beaches where marine turtles nest, along with a small colony of Galapagos penguins at the base of the pinnacle.



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Departure

Selected Fridays
Day 8 Mosquera Islet & North Seymour

Duration

11 Days

In the morning, venture to Mosquera Islet, located between North Seymour and Baltra, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador.

Known as one of the smallest islands in the Galapagos. This volcanic islet, formed by geological uplift, boasts a flat terrain with no visible crater. Its most striking feature is the contrast of colors, with a pristine white sandy beach, transparent turquoise waters, lush green vegetation, and jet-black lava rocks. Capture the beauty of this landscape through photography, especially during the golden light of early morning or sunset. In the afternoon, explore North Seymour, a raised island with a flat terrain filled with rocks. This island hosts nesting sites for a large population of magnificent frigatebirds, while blue-footed boobies showcase their courtship dance in open areas. Swallow-tailed gulls perch on cliff edges, offering splendid views. Despite the powerful surf along the outer shore, sea lions can be spotted hauling out onto the beach and enjoying body-surfing.



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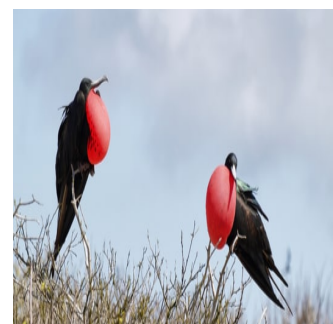
Darwin Bay, Genovesa Island: El Barranco &

Darwin Bay

11 Days

Locations

In the morning, explore El Barranco, also known as The Cliff, located in the southern part of Darwin Bay on Genovesa Island. The trail, stretching for about 1.5 km on volcanic rock, offers a glimpse into the youngest geological area of the island. This fragile lava cliff, shaped by natural erosion, provides nesting grounds for Storm Petrels and two species of petrels that inhabit cavities and holes in the lava. Look out for the short-eared owl, a main predator of these birds, and spot the red-footed and masked boobies nesting on the outer islands. During panga rides along the cliffs, observe fur sea lions and various seabird species. In the afternoon, visit Darwin Bay, formed when the island's crater collapsed below sea level. A wet landing brings you to a stunning white coral sandy beach, a favorite spot for birdwatchers. Here, you can observe a plethora of bird species including red-footed and masked boobies, wandering tattlers, lava gulls, and yellow-crowned and black-crowned lava herons. As you ascend the trail, catch sight of Red-Foots nesting in the Mangrove trees below, along with sharp-beaked finches, cactus and ground finches, Galapagos doves, and swallow-tailed gulls. Finally, at the cliff's edge, enjoy an incredible panoramic view of the island and its abundant birdlife.



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Departure

Selected Fridays
Departed Santa Cruz & Santa Fe

Duration

11 Days

Location

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Get to know Santa Cruz, known as Isla Fernandina. Despite its small size, this area harbors some of the most captivating and remarkable species of the Galapagos. Here, you'll encounter

Plazas land iguanas, smaller than their counterparts found elsewhere. Keep an eye out for hybrid iguanas, a unique sight

resulting from the crossbreeding of male marine iguanas and female land iguanas, identifiable by their distinct black/gray

color, land iguana crest, and marine iguana face and tail. The island boasts a large iguana population, nourished by the

abundance of tunas, their preferred food. Additionally, observe swallow-tailed gulls nesting on the rugged cliffs, along with

other seabirds like Audubon shearwaters, red-billed tropicbirds, frigate birds, and brown pelicans. In the afternoon, visit Santa

Fe, located in the southeastern part of the Galapagos. Unlike most islands formed from volcanic origins, Santa Fe resulted from

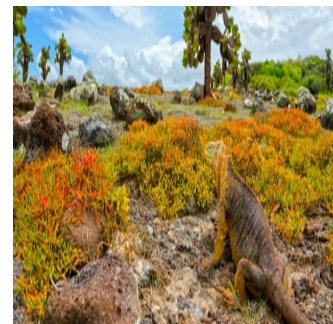
uplift, making it predominantly flat. Some theories suggest it could be the oldest island in the archipelago. Santa Fe is home

to several endemic species such as the Galapagos hawk, Galapagos snake, Galapagos mockingbird, rice rats, and one

of the two species of land iguanas found in the islands. Upon disembarking into the beautiful clear waters, encounter one of the

many sea lion colonies. Along the trail, observe salt bushes and giant prickly pear cacti, characteristic of oceanic islands

known for gigantism. Enjoy snorkeling opportunities with playful sea lions and tropical fish, adding to the island's allure.



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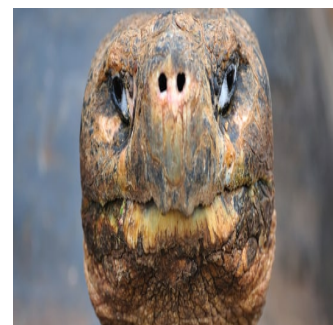
Selected Fridays

Duration

11 Days

Locations

On the final day of your trip, explore the Galapagos Islands. Ecuador
David Rodriguez Land Tortoise Breeding Centre. Established in 2002 by the Galapagos National Park Service, this program focuses on breeding and caring for tortoises in captivity. Initially named the Jacinto Gordillo Tortoise Breeding Centre, it was renamed the David Rodriguez Tortoise Breeding Centre in 2016, honoring the 39 years of service of the park ranger. Situated in the southeast of San Cristobal, approximately 22.5 km from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the center is accessible by land, with a 40-minute bus journey near Cerro Colorado. Designed to mimic the natural habitat of giant tortoises, particularly *Chelonoides chathamensis* of San Cristóbal Island, the center aims to enhance the population status of these tortoises and contribute to the tourist development of San Cristobal. After the visit, you will be transferred to San Cristobal airport in time for your flight back to the mainland.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Cabin on board a Catamaran Yacht

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Duration

11 Days

Locations

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador



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

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

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

Sustainability