

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

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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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♻️ 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

11 Days

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

Locations

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

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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Depart San Cristobal Island & Lobos Island

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In the morning, you'll explore San Cristobal

Island's Punta Pitt, situated at its eastern

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

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

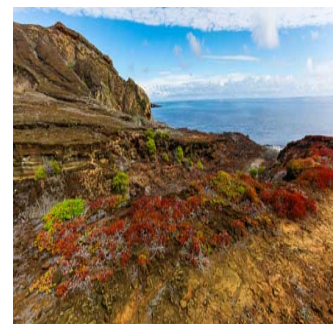
hour-long stroll amidst coastal vegetation.

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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In the morning you will visit Gardner Bay on

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Esperanza Island, located on the north-

eastern coast of Hood. It offers a wonderful

beach for relaxation, swimming, and even

kayaking, with the chance to observe sea

lions (*Zalophus wollebaki*) and sharks in the

crystal-clear waters. Here, you can also spot

three species of Darwin finches, including a

subspecies of the large-billed cactus finch

(*Geospiza fuliginosa*), the small-beaked

ground finch (*Geospiza fuliginosa*), and the

singing finch (*Certhidea Olivacea*), all

endemic to the area. Keep an eye out for

both resident and migratory birds. In the

afternoon, you will explore Suarez Point,

renowned for its blue-footed boobies,

albatrosses, and Nazca boobies. This

beautiful oceanfront site is where large

waved albatrosses use the cliffs as

launching pads. Don't miss the magnificent

blowhole, which shoots water high into the

air, reaching heights of at least 50 to 75

meters. This location offers fantastic

photography opportunities.



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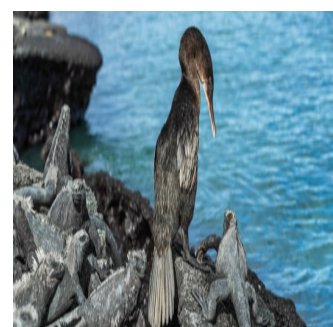
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Saturday, 14th November 2025

Destination

11 Days

Today, explore Cormorant Point on Galapagos Islands, Ecuador
Cormorant Point, located on the Galapagos' best flamingo lagoons and one of the largest on the islands. Situated between two tuff lava cones, the area exudes a unique atmosphere. Aside from flamingos, observe various species of shorebirds such as common stilts, white-checked pintail ducks, and migratory birds. Witness the contrasting beaches: "The Green Beach," with its high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand, and the "Flour Sand Beach," composed of coral. After the walk, head to Champion Islet for fantastic snorkeling opportunities amidst diverse underwater wildlife, including sea turtles, sea lions, and abundant fish near the nearby coral reef. In the afternoon, you will visit Post Office Bay, historically known for a wooden barrel placed by a whaling ship crew in the 18th century, serving as a post office for mariners and tourists since. The tradition involves carrying letters or postcards to their destinations by hand. Additionally, this site served as the landing area for some of the first colonists. Spend a relaxing afternoon enjoying the beach and the beauty of the Galapagos.



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Departure

Santa Cruz Monday

Duration

11 Days

Locations
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Location
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

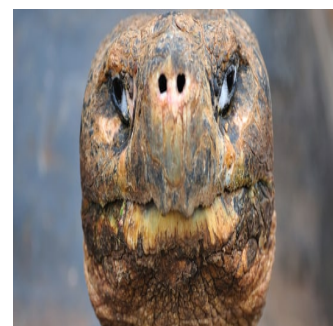
observe the wild Galapagos Tortoises.

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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Departure: Moreno Point & Mangle Point

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In the morning, you'll explore Moreno Point

Location
On Isabela Island, situated along its

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador
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

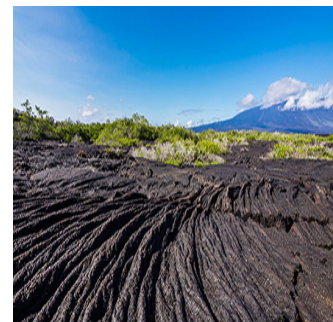
also an option. As you navigate the waters,

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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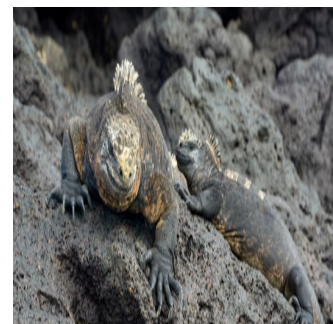
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Duration

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Locations

In the morning, explore Urbina Bay on Galapagos Islands. Founded on Isabela Island. Situated at the base of Alcedo Volcano on the west coast, Urbina Bay underwent a significant uplift in 1954, causing the land to rise over 16 feet and expanding the coast half a mile out. This unique geological event left marine life stranded on the new shore, creating an ideal snorkeling spot. The path at Urbina Bay begins with a wet landing and spans approximately 3200 meters, comprising sand, pumice, lava, coral, and vegetation. Keep an eye out for iguana burrows and the vibrant red and blue lobsters! Darwin's finches and land iguanas, larger than those found on other islands, are among the main attractions here. Don't miss the chance to spot Galapagos tortoises in the wild, sometimes even outside their usual seasons. Amidst abundant vegetation like chamomile and Rosewood, the endemic cotton Darwin flowers stand out, adding to the area's beauty. In the afternoon, visit Tagus Cove on Isabela Island, located west of Darwin Volcano. Once a favored spot for pirates and whalers, Tagus Cove is known for its tradition of boat name inscriptions, some dating back to the 1800s, found in a small cave along the trail. The name "Tagus" originates from a British warship that traversed 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 lapilli or petrified rain, characterized by small nearly spherical shapes.



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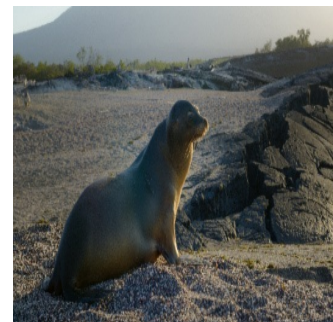
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Departure Espinoza Point & Vicente Roca Point

Duration

11 Days

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.



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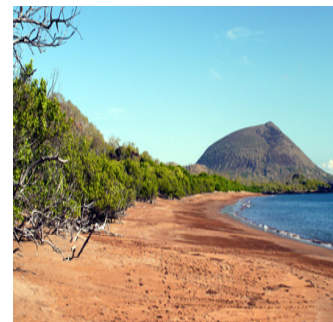
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Locations

In the morning, visit Playa Espumilla on Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. 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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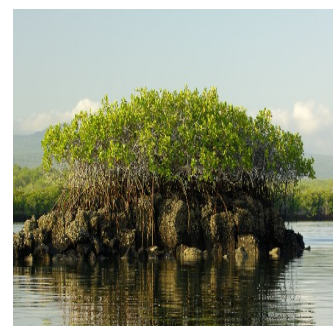
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In the morning, explore Rabida Island,
known for its unique red-colored rocks
and sand. The volcanic material here is

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.



DAY 11: Black Turtle Cove & Departure

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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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)

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)

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

Notes

* 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