

## ECUADOR - M/Y GALAPAGOS SEA STAR JOURNEY



# INTRODUCTION

M/Y Galapagos Sea Star Journey is a luxury motor yacht with capacity for 16 passengers. Featuring eight spacious suites (approx 25 metres squared) and one Master Suite (35m2 approx) equipped with panoramic windows to enjoy the marvellous landscapes of the islands and complete with private bathroom, hot and cold water, air conditioning with independent controls, minibar and TV. Twin beds or one faux queen bed and connected suites for families.

Local and international dishes are designed by the onboard chef and will be served in the cosy atmosphere of the ship's dining room. The yacht also offers a large solarium with shaded area, two Jacuzzis, comfortable sun loungers and a Mini Spa offering therapies and massages. Social areas include a large living area, mini library and video library and a play zone for kids (during family departures). Snorkelling equipment and kayaks are also available free of charge.

## The Seastar Journey Experience

The SeaStar Journey is designed to offer a luxurious escape to the archipelago of the Galapagos. This luxury boat was built in 2011 and features a combination of contemporary design, privacy and comfort. With a maximum of 16 passengers, the Seastar yacht features seven spacious Galapagos Suites. During this luxurious escape, you can enjoy the breathtaking views, and private areas to relax. Enjoy the Seastar's large solarium and two jacuzzis whilst you soak up the sun as you cruise from island to island. Go snorkelling, swimming or kayaking and get a real look into the underwater world and all the beauty it has to offer. The M/C Galapagos Seastar Journey, another jewel from the well known Galapagos Journey Fleet, the perfect combination of adventure, comfort, service and excellence that offers five, six, ten, eleven and fifteen day itineraries.

The SeaStar also offers a [5 day cruise](#), [6 day cruise](#), [10 day cruise](#)

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## DEPARTURE

Thursdays

### DURATION

11 Days

## LOCATIONS

Galapagos Island, Ecuador



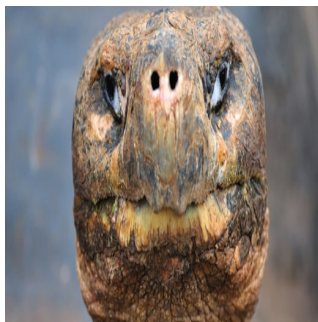
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Please note that the below itinerary is a guide and that itineraries vary depending on departure date. Your sales consultant will provide you with more details on the different itinerary options available and applicable departure dates.

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Thursday, Embark & Charles Darwin Research Station

Upon arrival at Isla Baltra in the Galapagos Islands, you will meet your guide to transfer to, and embark upon, the M/Y Galapagos Sea Star Journey. In the afternoon visit the Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, you can learn about the protection and conservation of the islands. You can also visit the Information Centre, Tortoise Breeding Centre and the giant tortoises that have been reared here.



#### DAY 2: Friday, Tintoreras Islet & Sierra Negra Volcano

Spend the day at Isla Isabela, first visiting Tintoreras Islet, the name for white tipped reef sharks of which there are an abundance. You will also find Galapagos penguins and sea lions in the waters. In the afternoon, land at Puerto Villamil to hike into the highlands for the Sierra Negra slope before hiking on uneven terrain to the rim of the Sierra Negra Volcano, the world's second widest at 6 x 5 miles. Hike to Chico Volcano for its striking lava formations, examples of the geological occurrences that have created the Galapagos Islands.



#### DAY 3: Saturday, Punta Moreno & Elizabeth Bay

Enjoy a hike on Isla Isabella between its volcanoes, Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul, to Punta Moreno. The trail runs along a pahohoe lava flow where the solidified lava appears corrugated like an accordion. The flow runs into lagoons where several species of birds can be found amongst the mangroves. Elizabeth Bay is the next attraction on Isla Isabela, although no land contact will be made. Aboard a zodiac you can see the largest colony of penguins on the Galapagos at Marielas Islets. Continue into a cove surrounded by red mangroves to spot sea turtles, flightless cormorants, spotted eagle rays, golden rays, brown pelicans and sea lions.



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## DAY 4: Sunday, Punta Espinoza & Tagus Cove

Land on Isla Fernandina between many marine iguanas at Punta Espinoza. You can also see the flightless cormorant here, witnessing how it has evolved to find food in the ocean. Continue to Tagus Cove to see Galapagos penguins waddling along the cliff's edge. Land and hike up to the top of the cliff for views over Darwin Lake, several volcanoes and surrounding cliffs complete with graffiti by pirates, whalers and buccaneers.



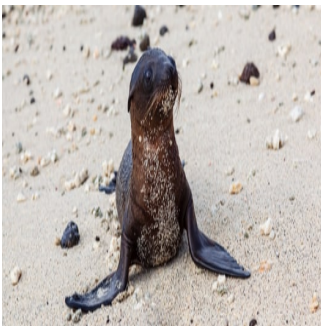
## DAY 5: Monday, Playa Espumilla & Puerto Egas

Visit two sites on Isla Santiago today, starting at Playa Espumilla on the northern coast. With marine iguanas, rays, octopi, sharks and Sally-lightfoot crabs hunted by herons, Espumilla Beach is an excellent spot for swimming and snorkelling. The beach is also an important nesting site for marine turtles. Back on dry land, the palo santo forest is of interest. In the afternoon, visit Puerto Egas, James Bay on the west of Santiago. The black beach is made up of eroded lava and occupied by marine and land iguanas. Further wildlife can be found, with tropical fish, crabs, birdlife and sea lions further down the beach.



## DAY 6: Tuesday, Isla Lobos & Cerro Colorado

Visit the small island, Lobos, in a panga from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. On land, take a trail across dry vegetation, volcanic rocks and sand to find a nesting population of blue-footed boobies and frigate birds. On the beach, you will see a large colony of sea lions. In the afternoon visit Cerro Colorado for its tortoise project with breeding centre and interpretative trail where you can see native and endemic plants and birds such as the San Cristóbal mockingbird, yellow warblers, finches and the Galapagos flycatcher.



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DAY 10: Saturday, Isla Seymour Norte & Playa Las Bachas

On the wave-battered shore lie sea lion colonies on the uplifted island of Seymour Norte. Take a walk through the island on a circular path. You will see nesting sites for the large population of frigate birds and blue-footed boobies, while swallow-tailed gulls perch on the cliff edges. In the afternoon, head to Bachas Beach on Isla Santa Cruz, where you will find the partial remains of US barges from World War II. The beaches are also a favoured nesting site for sea turtles. There is a brackish lagoon behind one of the beaches where you may see flamingos, stilts and whimbrels.



DAY 11: Sunday, Mosquera Islet & Disembark

In the morning visit the small islet of Mosquera where you can find a great white sand beach with a large population of sea lions. The site is excellent for swimming and snorkelling. On the rocks you can see Sally light-foot and red lava crabs. Following the excursion, transfer to Baltra Airport for your return flight to mainland Ecuador.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Cabin on boat.
<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>Accommodation  All meals  Water, Coffee and tea  All excursions  English-Speaking Naturalist guide  Snorkelling equipment  Kayak equipment</p> <p><b>Exclusions</b>  Return airfares from mainland Ecuador  Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee (US\$100 per person subject to change)  Galapagos Transit Control Card (US\$20 per person subject to change)  Wet suit rental  Soft drink and alcoholic drinks  Personal expenses  Gratuities for crew/guides</p>

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## SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

The Sea Star follows a number of sustainability initiatives in line with general Galapagos National Park Policy. Reusable water bottles are provided for all guests on board, food is sourced as sustainably as possible from local markets and plastic has been eliminated from all vessels. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)