

ECUADOR - M/Y GALAPAGOS SEA STAR JOURNEY



INTRODUCTION

Local and international dishes are designed by our onboard chef and will be served in the cosy atmosphere of the ships 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.

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: Sunday, Embark & Cerro Dragón

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 Cerro Dragón, Dragon Hill, upon which you are afforded beautiful views of the bay. Take a trail to a hyper-saline lagoon situated behind a beach, where you can find flamingos and pintail ducks amongst other shorebirds. There is also a population of re-introduced land iguanas.



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DAY 2: Monday, Black Turtle Cove & Chinese Hat

With an absence of bays, take a kayak or panga to the northern side of Santa Cruz for Black Turtle Cove. The calm waters are frequented by sea turtles that can often be seen mating. The area is also ideal for young sharks and rays that can easily be seen in the clear waters. Continue to the small islet of Chinese Hat, so-called for its distinctive shape. The recent volcanic cone shows lava formations on one side with lava tubes and flows all covered by sea lions, marine iguanas and Galapagos penguins.



DAY 3: Tuesday, Isla Genovesa

A great island for birdwatchers, Isla Genovesa, is in the north of the Galapagos Islands. Make a wet landing on the white sand of Darwin Bay. Take a trail towards a cliff edge, observing red-foots in the trees below, as well as sighting sharp-beaked finches, ground finches and swallow-tailed gulls. At the end of the trail, take in spectacular views of the island. Make your way south to the southern part of Darwin Bay to El Barranco, Prince Philip's Steps. Climb up to find large populations of red-footed and masked boobies as well as storm petrels and short-eared owls.



DAY 4: Wednesday, Isla Bartolomé & Sullivan Bay

Visit the stunning beaches of Isla Bartolomé, home to marine turtles and a small colony of Galapagos penguins. Enjoy excellent views from this small volcanic island, also featuring the famous Pinnacle Rock. Continue to Sullivan Bay on Isla Santiago. The island is volcanically active with some recently formed cones and flows to be seen. You can walk across the lava that looks as if it has only just formed at Sullivan Bay.



DAY 5: Thursday, Isla Santa Cruz & Disembark

Head towards the Highlands of Isla Santa Cruz. Up on the trail, on a clear day you will have great views of rolling hills and volcanic cones covered with lush greenery. Transfer to Baltra Airport for your return flight to the mainland.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin on boat.

Inclusions

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All meals
Water, Coffee and tea
All excursions
English-Speaking Naturalist guide
Snorkelling equipment
Kayak equipment
Exclusions
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

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request, contact us for more details.

Notes

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Price Dependent upon

Departure date, seasonality & availability.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

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

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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.

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](#)

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