GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - GALAPAGOS CRUISE EAST & SOUTHERN ISLANDS | SEAMAN JOURNEY



TRIP CODE
ECSJ5B
DEPARTURE
Selected Mondays
DURATION
5 Days
LOCATIONS
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

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!

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¢

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All guest leave with a deep love and respect for nature.

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 & Interpretation Centre

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 San Cristobal, passengers are required to pass through an inspection point at the airport to ensure that no foreign plants or animals are introduced to the archipelago. Additionally, this inspection point is where passengers must pay for entrance to the Galapagos National Park. As of August 2024, Foreign Passengers pay $200 and Children $100 (under 12 years old). 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 in the day, you'll visit the Gianni Arismendy Environmental Interpretation Centre. This center boasts exuberant gardens and stunning ocean views. Visitors can delve into the geological and human history of the islands, along with conservation facts and natural history. As the oldest museum of Natural History in the Galapagos Islands, it strives to preserve the archipelago. Witnessing and learning about their research and conservation efforts is truly inspiring and motivating.



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DAY 2: San Cristobal Island: Punta Pitt & Lobos Island

This morning, your destination is San Cristobal Island, specifically Punta Pitt. Situated at the eastern end of the island, Punta Pitt boasts a beach stretching approximately 90 meters and several natural viewpoints overlooking an eroded hill of volcanic tuff. A 1,400-meter trail leads from the beach, known as Oliviana, to the hill's summit, adorned with various types of lava formations. The prevailing strong winds have sculpted the landscape, creating awe-inspiring vistas reminiscent of scenes from a science fiction movie. The sand at Oliviana beach is a striking olive-yellow hue, speckled with bright crystals from eroded lava and shells. Here, sea lions bask in the sun while observing the graceful flight of frigate birds, pelicans, herons, and seagulls. Pitt Islet, nearby, is one of the rare spots where all three species of boobies (blue-footed, red-footed, and masked) and two species of frigate birds can be observed in the same area. In the afternoon, your journey takes you to Lobos Island, also on San Cristobal Island. Isla Lobos, a small, flat islet, earned its name for being home to numerous sea lions that playfully frolic on its shores, their brown fur contrasting against the white sands. Just 20 minutes by boat from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, Isla Lobos is a popular tourist diving site featuring two piers for exploring the ocean floor alongside sea lions. A protected channel in its waters offers fantastic snorkeling opportunities. An 850-meter trail traverses the island, linking the two piers, allowing visitors to admire the coastal vegetation of saltwater-tolerant plants. The island's name stems from the two species of sea lions that inhabit it, with ties to California sea lions and two-furred sea lions from Antarctica.



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DAY 3: Española Island: Gardner Bay & Suarez Point

Today's adventure takes you to Gardner Bay located in Española Island. Nestled on the north-eastern coast of Hood Island, Gardner Bay boasts an idyllic beach perfect for relaxation, swimming, and even kayaking. Here, amidst the crystal-clear ocean waters, you'll have the chance to observe sea lions (Zalophus wollebaki) and spot sharks. Notably, Gardner Bay is a haven for birdwatchers, offering sightings of three species of Darwin finches: a subspecies of the large-billed cactus finch (Geospiza fuliginosa), resembling the large-billed terrestrial finch; the small-beaked ground finch (Geospiza fuliginosa); and the singing finch (Certhidea Olivacea), another endemic subspecies. Both resident and migratory birds grace this area with their presence. In the afternoon, your journey continues to Suarez Point. Renowned for its rich biodiversity, Suarez Point is a paradise for bird enthusiasts, offering glimpses of blue-footed boobies, albatrosses, and Nazca boobies. Perched on the oceanfront, this picturesque site is where magnificent waved albatrosses gracefully soar off the cliff's edge. A highlight of the area is the spectacular blowhole, shooting water high into the air, reaching impressive heights of at least 50 to 75 meters. Suarez Point provides excellent opportunities for capturing stunning photographs amidst its natural beauty.



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DAY 4: Floreana Island

Today's journey invites you to explore the enchanting Floreana Island. In the morning you will visit Cormorant Point and Champion Islet. Renowned for its captivating beauty, Cormorant Point boasts what is arguably the finest flamingo lagoon in the Galapagos archipelago, making it one of the largest in the islands. Nestled between two tuff lava cones, this site exudes a unique atmosphere. Aside from flamingos, visitors can delight in observing various species of shorebirds, including common stilts, white-cheeked pintail ducks, and other migratory birds. Of particular interest are the two distinct beaches: "The Green Beach," distinguished by its high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand, and the "Flour Sand Beach," composed of coral. Following this captivating walk, the journey continues to Champion Islet, an ideal spot for snorkeling and exploring underwater wildlife. Here, amidst the pristine waters, visitors can encounter sea turtles, sea lions, and a plethora of fish species thriving amidst the nearby coral reef. In the afternoon, the adventure unfolds at Post Office Bay. Steeped in history, this site holds significance as the location of a wooden barrel placed by the crew of a whaling ship in the 18th century. Since then, it has served as a post office for mariners and tourists, who carry letters or postcards to their intended recipients by hand. Moreover, this site served as the landing area for some of the first colonists. The afternoon presents a tranquil opportunity for visitors to unwind, bask in the beauty of the beach, and immerse themselves in the enchanting ambiance of the Galapagos Islands.



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DAY 5: Fausto Llerena Nurturing Centre & Departure

On your final day, you'll visit the Fausto Llerena Breeding Centre. Situated in the Galapagos National Park on Charles Darwin Avenue, just a kilometer away from the Gus Angermeyer Tourist Pier, this center is a significant part of the visitor sites network of the Charles Darwin Foundation. Starting at the Galapagos National Park Service (SPNG) information booth, the tour leads you to the Van Straelen Interpretation Centre and then to the breeding center. Here, a raised circular path made of wood offers panoramic views of Lonesome George and the tortoises of Española Island before concluding at the tortoise exhibition corral. Following the visit, you'll be transferred to the Baltra airport for your return flight to the mainland.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board a Catamaran Yacht
Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Accommodation 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$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
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.

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Notes	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 * 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

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