

## 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!

♻️ The Seaman is single use plastic free ♻️ Reusable water-bottles are offered to all guests ♻️ Naturalist guides offer educational environmental lectures to all guests. ♻️

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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](#).

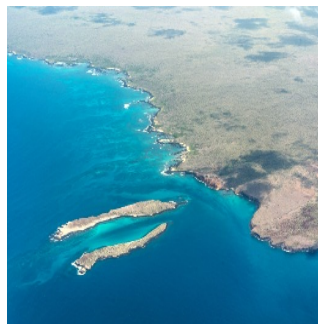
\* Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.

**PLEASE NOTE: Pricing is subject to change and availability at the time of booking. [Contact us](#) for more information.**

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Arrival & Bartolome Island

On this day, you will embark on a flight to the Galapagos Islands. As per the regulations of the Galapagos Government, a fee of 20 USD is required for the migration control card. Upon arrival in Santa Cruz, passengers will undergo an inspection at the airport to prevent the introduction of foreign plants or animals to the archipelago. Additionally, this is where entrance fees to the Galapagos National Park are collected. As of August 2024, foreign passengers are charged \$200, while children under 12 years old pay \$100. Later, your guide will greet you and assist with carrying your luggage to the bus. From there, passengers will board a motorized boat, known as a Panga, to reach the Catamaran Seaman Journey. In the afternoon, you will explore Bartolome Island, situated across Sullivan Bay. With an altitude of 114 meters, the island offers breathtaking scenery, including volcanic cones, lunar-like craters, lava fields, and the iconic Toba-formed pinnacle eroded by the sea. Despite its sparse vegetation, 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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### DAY 2: Mosquera Islet & North Seymour

In the morning, you'll visit Mosquera Islet, situated between North Seymour and Baltra. Despite being one of the smallest islands in the Galápagos, Mosquera Islet is of volcanic origin, formed by geological uplift. Its terrain, though flat, offers a captivating contrast of colors: pristine white sand beaches, crystal-clear turquoise waters, lush green vegetation, and striking jet-black lava rocks. This picturesque setting is ideal for landscape photography, especially during the golden hours of early morning or sunset. In the afternoon, your exploration continues at North Seymour, a raised island known for its flat terrain and rocky landscapes. Despite its non-volcanic origin, North Seymour boasts abundant nesting sites for magnificent frigatebirds. Blue-footed boobies perform their iconic courtship dance in the island's more open areas, while swallow-tailed gulls gracefully perch on cliff edges. Despite the powerful surf pounding the outer shore, you can spot sea lions hauling out onto the beach, occasionally indulging in body-surfing antics.



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### DAY 4: South Plaza & Santa Fe

In the morning, you'll explore the Plazas Islands, situated to the east of Santa Cruz Island and comprising two islands known as Islas Plazas. Despite their small size, these islands are home to some of the most intriguing and remarkable species in the Galapagos. The land iguanas on Plazas are smaller than those on other islands. Throughout the island, you'll encounter several hybrid iguanas, resulting from the crossing of male marine iguanas with female land iguanas. These hybrids are easily recognizable by their black/grey coloration, with the crest of a land iguana but the face and tail of a marine iguana. The abundance of iguanas is attributed to the presence of their favorite food, tunas. Swallow-tailed gulls nest in the rugged cliffs alongside other seabirds such as Audubon shearwaters, red-billed tropicbirds, frigate birds, and brown pelicans. In the afternoon, you'll visit Santa Fe, located in the southeastern part of the Galapagos. This island was formed by uplift rather than volcanic activity, resulting in a mostly flat terrain. Some theories propose that Santa Fe could be the oldest island in the Archipelago. It's home to several endemic species including the Galapagos hawk, Galapagos snake, Galapagos mockingbird, rice rats, and one of the two species of land iguanas found on the islands. Upon disembarking into the beautiful, clear waters, you'll encounter one of the many sea lion colonies. Along the trail, you'll spot numerous salt bushes and giant prickly pear cacti, characteristic of oceanic islands. Snorkeling offers fantastic opportunities to interact with playful sea lions and tropical fish.



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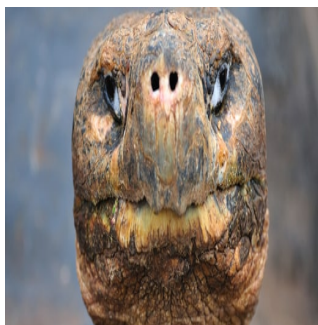
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### DAY 5: Tortoise Breeding Centre & Interpretation Centre

In the morning, you'll visit the 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. Originally named the Jacinto Gordillo Tortoise Breeding Centre, it was renamed in 2016 to honor David Rodriguez's 39 years of service as a Park Ranger. Located in the southeast of San Cristobal, approximately 22.5 km from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the center aims to improve the population status of giant tortoises (*Chelonoides chathamensis*) on San Cristobal Island. Accessible by land, the bus journey takes around 40 minutes and is situated near Cerro Colorado. The breeding center replicates natural conditions to support tortoise conservation efforts and promote tourism development on San Cristobal. In the afternoon, you'll explore the Gianni Arismendy Environmental Interpretation Centre. This center boasts lush gardens and breathtaking ocean views, offering visitors an immersive learning experience. Gain insights into the geological and human history of the islands, conservation efforts, and natural history. As the oldest museum of Natural History in the Galapagos Islands, it plays a crucial role in preserving the archipelago's heritage. Witness ongoing research and conservation initiatives, providing inspiration and motivation for visitors to contribute to the islands' protection and sustainability.



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### DAY 6: San Cristobal Island & Lobos Island

In the morning, you'll explore San Cristobal Island's Punta Pitt, situated at its eastern tip. 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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### DAY 7: Gardner Bay & Suarez Point

In the morning, you'll visit Gardner Bay on the northeastern coast of Hood Island, part of Española Island. This bay boasts a pristine beach, perfect for unwinding, swimming, and kayaking, all while enjoying the company of sea lions (*Zalophus wollebaki*). Crystal-clear waters offer glimpses of sharks gliding gracefully beneath the surface. Here, you'll have the chance to observe three species of Darwin finches: a subspecies of the large-billed cactus finch (*Geospiza fuliginosa*), resembling the terrestrial finch; the small-beaked ground finch (*Geospiza fuliginosa*); and the singing finch (*Certhidea Olivacea*), another endemic subspecies. Keep an eye out for both resident and migratory birds, adding to the area's rich avian diversity. In the afternoon, your exploration continues at Suarez Point, a haven for blue-footed boobies, albatrosses, and Nazca boobies. Perched on the oceanfront, this picturesque site offers spectacular views of large waved albatrosses launching from the cliffs. The highlight of Suarez Point is the awe-inspiring blowhole, shooting water high into the air, reaching towering heights of at least 50 to 75 meters. This natural wonder provides fantastic opportunities for capturing stunning photographs.



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### DAY 10: Punta Moreno & Mangle Point

In the morning, you'll explore Moreno Point on Isabela Island, situated along its 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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### DAY 14: Rabida Island & Chinese hat

In the morning, you'll explore Rabida Island, renowned for its distinctive red-hued rocks and sands, a result of the island's porous volcanic material interacting with external elements like rain, saltwater, and sea breeze, which act as oxidizing agents. As you embark on a leisurely stroll along a scenic trail, you'll encounter a coastal lagoon nestled behind the beach. This tranquil oasis offers prime birdwatching opportunities, with sightings of various land birds including finches, doves, yellow warblers, and mockingbirds. Keep an eye out for the vibrant colony of flamingos that grace the lagoon, adding to the island's charm and ecological diversity. In the afternoon, your journey continues to Chinese Hat, a petite islet situated just off the southeastern tip of Santiago Island. Its distinctive shape, resembling a traditional Chinese hat when viewed from the north, is a testament to its recent volcanic origins. On the western side, you'll encounter fascinating lava formations, formed underwater and subsequently uplifted, resulting in the presence of coral heads atop the lava. Chinese Hat offers an exceptional opportunity to delve into geological wonders such as lava tubes and flows. As you explore the landscape, you'll encounter thriving colonies of sea lions, marine iguanas, and Galapagos penguins, further enhancing your understanding of the island's rich biodiversity and geological history.



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### DAY 15: 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.



