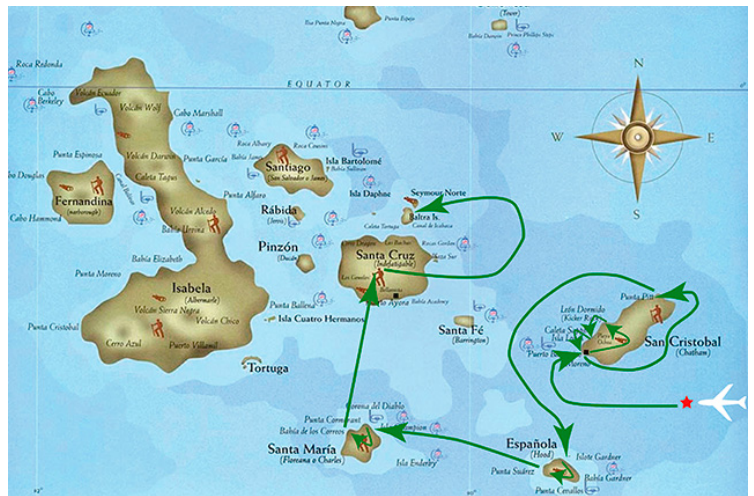




GALAPAGOS SEA JOURNEY (B)

The best way to live a vivid trip in your Galapagos vacation is to cruise around the archipelago and experience the huge diversity between the varieties of islands. Our well-planned excursions at distinct sites allow you to encounter the natural wonders of these enchanted Islands and to understand its continuing evolution fully. You will learn about Galapagos land & marine wildlife, ora, geology, and history. Our excursions include visits to peculiar landmarks, wildlife trails, mangrove forests, tortoise breeding farms, research centers, marine sites, and more. Some of the activities you can enjoy are volcano-hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, amongst others. Each meal on board is a treat for the taste buds as our chef prepares the finest international and local dishes using fresh ingredients of the highest quality. All meals include the choice of meat, poultry or seafood. In the case you have a food allergies or food restriction, we can adapt the menu to your requirements. The dining room and the big saloon are on the main deck, specially designed to offer a great ambiance to the passenger, both for a marvelous meal or a wonderful chat with the shipmates at the end of the day. The chef is delighted to mesmerize your taste with his dishes.



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DAY 1: MONDAY: FLIGHT TO GALAPAGOS then PM: INTERPRETATION CENTER

Once in San Cristobal, our guide will pick you up and carry the luggage to the bus from the port that transports the passengers to the Seaman Journey Catamaran on a motorized boat called panga.

Visit to the interpretation center with exuberant gardens and stunning ocean views. Visitors at the interpretation center can learn a lot from the geological and human history of the islands, conservation facts and natural history. This is the oldest museum of Natural History in the Galapagos Islands which attempts to preserve the archipelago. It is indeed inspiring and motivating to watch and learn all of their research and attempts.



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DAY 2: TUESDAY: SAN CRISTOBAL AM: GALAPAGUERA PM: CERRO BRUJO, SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND

A short visit will take place at the Galapaguera, a good place to observe Galapagos tortoises in its natural habitat.

San Cristobal island has endemic species such as: the Mockingbird *Nesomimus melanotis*, lava lizard (*Microlophus bivittatus*), Chatham Leaf-toed Gecko (*Phyllodactylus leei*) and the tortoises. All of these species can be observed in this place, the beach is really big and it works as a nesting zone for marine tortoises. Between January and May, it is common to find the footprints of the female tortoises who have climbed to the sand dunes to deposit their eggs! This truly a worth experience to be part of.

Cerro Brujo is a beautiful white coral beach where you can swim and watch birds and sea lions, plus you can snorkel.

This is the first coast where Charles Darwin walked on, in 1835. In this marvelous lava landscape, you can watch seabirds like blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, herons, frigate birds and shore birds. The protected bay is well known for its young tortoises which like to swim around. The pools with salty water behind the sand dunes were used by the fishermen as a salt mine in order to preserve food for the local population.

Among the fauna you can observe the Chatham Mockingbird and the San Cristobal Lava Lizard, both species are endemic to the island and unique to the area.

Furthermore, you will see the Galapagos turtles and with luck, the little bird known as the Pajaro Brujo in Spanish, an endemic species in San Cristobal Island. The vegetation covers all the route, where you can find species like the candelabrum cactus and carob trees.

Located on the north coast of Isla San Cristobal it is a peaceful place with white sand and crystal water, a perfect combination for an incredible stay.

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY: ESPAÑOLA ISLAND AM: GARDNER BAY PM: SUAREZ POINT

Gardner Bay is located on the north-eastern coast of Hood, Gardner Bay offers an excellent beach to relax, swim and even kayak, plus the opportunity to observe sea lions (*Zalophus wollebaki*),. Here we can also observe sharks in the crystal clear ocean waters.

At this place one can see three species of Darwin finches: A subspecies of the large-billed cactus finch (*Geospiza fuliginosa*), which is similar to the large-billed terrestrial finch; The small-beaked ground finch (*Geospiza fuliginosa*) and the singing finch (*Certhidea Olivacea*) which is another endemic subspecies. Both resident and migratory birds are observed.

It is worth to notice that this zone is really important for marine tortoises nesting, specially the (*Chelonia mydas*).

The Suarez Point area is great for spotting blue-footed boobies, albatrosses and Nazca boobies. A beautiful site on the oceanfront, the large waved albatrosses use the cliff as a launching pad. The famous attraction is the magnificent blowhole, spurting water high into the air at least from 50 to 75 meters high. This site presents wonderful photograph opportunities.



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DAY 4: THURSDAY: FLOREANA ISLAND AM: CORMORANT POINT PM: POST OFFICE BAY & BARONESS LOOKOUT

Cormorant Point offers probably the best flamingo lagoon in the Galapagos; it is also one of the largest in the islands. It's situated between two tuff lava cones that give the area a special atmosphere.

There are various species of shorebirds to observe besides flamingos; the most frequent are common stilts, white-checked pintail ducks, and other migratory birds. It is very interesting to see the two distinct beaches: "The Green Beach" (due to its high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand) and the "Flour Sand Beach" which is made up of coral.

Historically, Post Office Bay is the location of a wooden barrel that was placed in the 18th century by the crew of a whaling ship. It has been used since this time by marines and tourists as a post office. The idea is to carry letters or postcards to their destination by hand. Besides, this site was the landing area for some of the first colonists. We will continue to the north of the island and proceed to an elevated slope to enjoy a beautiful view at the Baroness lookout. It is said that Baroness Eloisa Von Wagner loved this place and spent several hours watching the horizon. Within walking distance (30 m) are the ruins of what is known as her house. From this lookout, the landscape covers the coastline from the Enderby islet to Post Office Bay, as well as Cerro Pajas, the pool of flamingos and wide forest of Palo Santo.

DAY 5: FRIDAY: SANTA CRUZ AM: CHARLES DARWIN STATION

Although the great majority of Galapagos visitors come here to observe and appreciate natural wonders, it is also interesting to learn how the protection and conservation of the islands are carried out. One of the main attractions are the National Park information center, the Van Straelen Exhibition Hall, the Breeding and Rearing Center for young tortoises, the famous lonesome George, the last of his kind was cared for in this place, and adult Galapagos tortoises in captivity.

After the morning excursion you will be taken to the airport for your flight to the mainland. Transfer to Baltra airport.



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The Galapagos Seaman Journey is a first class catamaran that began sailing the Galapagos Islands in January 2008. It is a Boutique Yacht 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 Iguana's, Frigate Birds, Blue Footed Boobies, and much more! During one of the cruises you can enjoy the well-furnished areas offering comfort and privacy. Galapagos Seaman Journey has a maximum capacity of 16 passengers allowing both intimacy and camaraderie at the same time. There are several resting areas for those who are looking for a quiet place to relax during their Galapagos trip with family and friends in the lazy mid-afternoon sun, or likewise after a busy day of swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, or walking on one of the Galapagos Islands. To check out the gorgeous ocean views with fellow shipmates, you can spend some time on the liveaboards' spacious sun decks. Whether you feel like getting a little sun on your vacation, or want the best place to enjoy the

gorgeous sunsets over the Galapagos Islands, the sun decks are the best place to be. For the adults who might want to relax and kick back, we offer a great bar and lounge area where you are served by our bartender who will be happy to attend to all your needs and desires whilst



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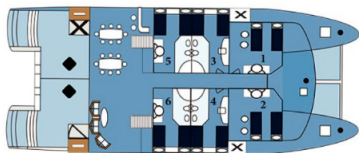


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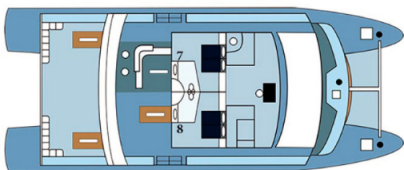
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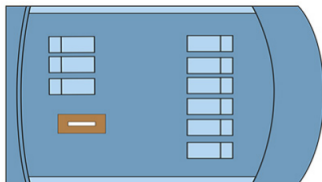
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