



Galapagos Cruise

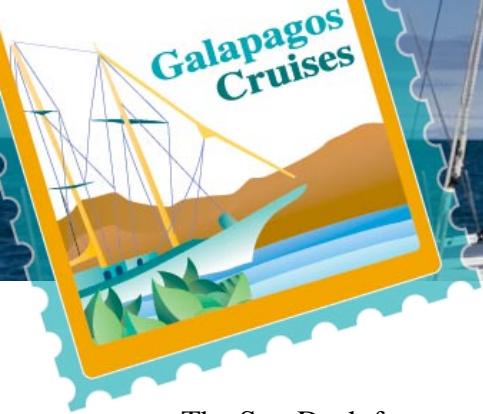
Motor Vessel Santa Cruz - 4 Days Cruise



Characteristics:

The 46 cabin Motor Vessel Santa Cruz, built exclusively for Galápagos Islands cruising was completely renovated in 1998, having been redesigned and refurbished inside and out. The Santa Cruz has gained worldwide recognition for its excellent standards, including superb service, expert crew, the most knowledgeable multilingual naturalist/guides and menus that feature the very best international cuisine and celebrated Ecuadorian dishes. Its capacity is for ninety guests. The Expedition Team consists of a Chief Naturalist and five SC Naturalists. All will delight guests with diverse natural history explanations, superb on-deck talks, and eye-catching lectures regarding natural history issues. Their multimedia presentations and recaps will complement the day's activities. Together with the Captain, they will plan the day's program. They are masters of Galápagos' knowledge. Soon enough, the SC Naturalist will become the highlight of your voyage. At night, when pitch-dark starry skies are seen, stargazing is an amazing nocturnal activity. The southern skies are beautifully arranged with exuberant constellations.

On the Boat Deck, there are two master suites with double beds (plus a sofa bed for a child) and a private balcony, and two junior suites with twin beds (plus a sofa bed for a child). Four Superior-Class cabins have twin or double beds, that together with the remaining Standard Cabins on the Upper and Main decks offer a variety of accommodations, all meeting the same high standard for comfort and style. Family guests have ample choice among single, double, triple and quad accommodations.



The Sun Deck features a bar and Jacuzzi, along with the observation platform for dolphin and whale watching. The dining room, lounge and bar are elegantly appointed, as is the well-stocked library/reading room. As an alternative to snorkeling, the glass-bottom boat offers another opportunity to observe the marine life. The entire ship is air-conditioned. A carefully planned itinerary includes the Galápagos' main highlights plus a flexible program allowing guests to enjoy several alternatives for their daily activities. In essence, an expedition to the best National Park, aboard the only ship exclusively built for exploring the Galápagos.

Technical facts and specifications:

Type	First class Motor Yacht
Year of Construction	1979
Year of reconstruction:	1998
Length	237 ft (72 Meters)
Beam:	39 ft (12 Meters)
Speed	13 knots
Electricity:	110 V
Crew	46 Plus 6 Naturalist guides
Facilities	90 Passenger in 48 double cabins with Private Bathroom with hot/cold water / comfort Equipment-Air Conditioning throughout / al fresco dining area / bar lounge / sun deck / library / boutique and souvenir shop / infirmary



Itinerary:

Friday: Flight to Galápagos / Island San Cristóbal – Cerro Brujo

In the morning flight to the Galápagos Island San Cristóbal from which you will start your cruise. After paying the National Park Entrance Fee, a crew member will accompany you to your cruise ship or yacht which anchors at Baquerizo Moreno harbour. After arrival on board, check-in and explanations in general, lunch will be served. Afterwards you will start with your first excursion to Cerro Brujo. This fascinating lava landscape is located on the northeast coast of San Cristobal. On the rocks you can observe boobies, sea gulls and some pelicans. The protected bay is very popular by young ocean turtles and rays and there are excellent swimming and snorkeling possibilities. -/L/D

Saturday: Española Island / Suarez Point - Floreana Island – Point Cormorant

Española is the southernmost and oldest island of the Galápagos archipelago. Because of its isolated position you can explore a lot of endemic wildlife. In the morning you will have an excursion to Point Suarez which is one of the most outstanding wildlife areas of the archipelago, with a long list of species found along its cliffs and sand or pebble beaches. In addition to five species of nesting seabirds there are the curious and bold Española Island mockingbirds, Galapagos doves and Galapagos hawks. Several types of reptiles, including the marine iguana and the oversized lava lizard, are unique to this island. When heavy swells are running, Point Suarez is also the site of a spectacular blowhole, with thundering spray shooting 30 yards into the air. The walkabout on a stony path is about 2km (duration about 3 hours). Floreana Island is perceived as one of the most exotic Island of the archipelago. At Cormorant Point you land on a green olivine sand beach. Following a 100 m long path you will soon reach a lagoon with flamingoes, white-checked pintail ducks and other shorebirds. B/L/D



Sunday: Island Fernandina / Espinoza Point - Isabela Island – Punta Vicente Roca

In the morning you will visit Fernandina Island which is not only the westernmost but also the youngest and most pristine Island found in Galapagos. The last eruption of the volcano La Cumbre in 2005 created huge interesting fields of lava. Punta Espinoza, one of Fernandina's visit points, is situated within a fascinating lava scenery with Lava-Cactuses and on the surface of the lava growing mangroves. Beside this unique scenery you will come in contact with numerous animals here. The highlights are sea lions, penguins, the flightless cormorant (especially in spring and summer) and one of the biggest iguana colonies of Galápagos. Do not miss a snorkeling trip during which you have the possibility to explore the beautiful underwater world. This day will lead you to the largest island of the archipelago, Island Isabela. With a surface of 4588 sq.km the isle engages more than the half of the land area of whole Galápagos. Located at the 'mouth' of the head of the sea horse, which forms the northern part of the Isabela, is Punta Vicente Roca, an interesting rock formation. Here the remnants of an ancient volcano form two turquoise coves with a bay well protected from the ocean swells. With good luck you can observe penguins in the deep blue sea. Masked and blue-footed boobies and pelicans sit perched along the point and the sheer cliffs, while flightless cormorants inhabit the shoreline. **B/L/D**



Monday: Baltra / flight back to mainland

After breakfast you will be escorted to the airport of Baltra island and from there you will fly back to Ecuador mainland. **B**

B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner





Prices per person 2009:

Boat Deck Master Suite Double USD 2,272.-	Boat Deck Junior Suite Twin USD 1,973.-	Boat Deck Superior Twin / Double USD 1,884.-	Boat Deck Single Standard USD 2,604.-
Boat Deck Standard Plus Twin USD 1,806.-	Boat Deck Twin Standard USD 1,728.-	Upper Deck Twin Standard USD 1,580.-	Main Deck Twin Standard USD 1,500.-

Fuel surcharge per person: USD 72.-

Single supplement: 100 %

Discount for children under 12 years: 25%

Eastern, Christmas and New Year surcharge of USD 130.- per adult and USD 100.- per child (under 12 years)

Included in the price:

All transfers in Galapagos, cruise on board of the SANTA CRUZ in double accommodation with all facilities, naturalist guide, purified water free to drink.

Not included in the price:

flights mainland to/from Galápagos (e.g. Quito – Galapagos – Quito USD 414.- per person), entrance fee to Galapagos National Park USD 100.- per person, migration card USD 10.- per person, beverages, tips, personal items, insurance.

NB: Itinerary is subject to change without previous notice, due to weather conditions, operational matters, National Park Authorities advice, or Captain’s decision for passengers security.