



Galapagos Cruise

Eco Catamaran Archipell II - 4 Days Cruise

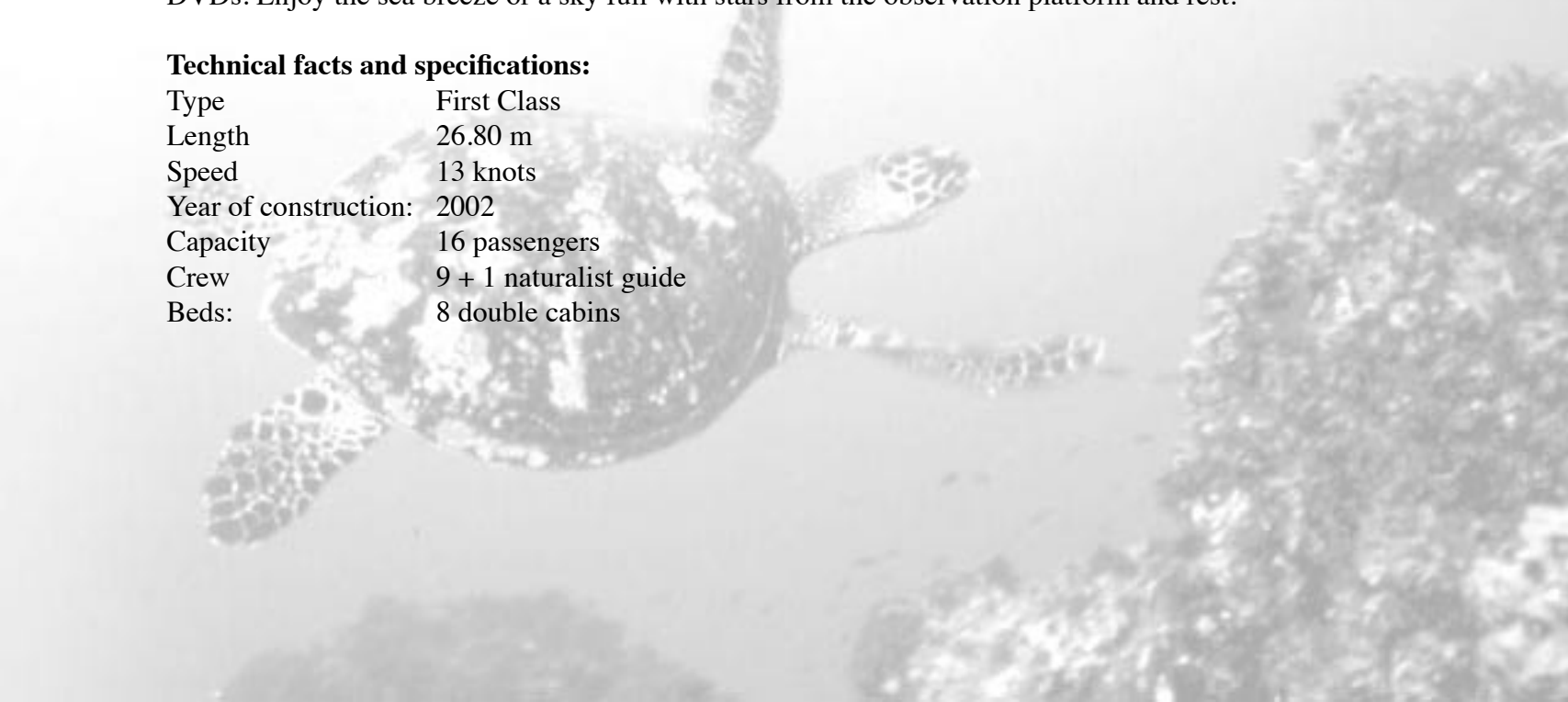


Characteristics:

The Archipell II offers 6 double cabins with twin beds and two matrimonial and all cabins have a private bathroom, wide windows and air conditioning. The social area includes a dining room, a very well-supplied bar and a conference area with television, reproducer of DVD, chart games, library of books and DVDs. Enjoy the sea breeze or a sky full with stars from the observation platform and rest.

Technical facts and specifications:

Type	First Class
Length	26.80 m
Speed	13 knots
Year of construction:	2002
Capacity	16 passengers
Crew	9 + 1 naturalist guide
Beds:	8 double cabins





Itinerary:

Friday: Island Santa Cruz / Highlands – Charles Darwin Station

In the morning you will fly to the Galapagos Island Baltra. After paying the National Park Entrance Fee, a crew member will accompany you to your cruise ship or yacht which anchors at the harbour of Island Santa Cruz. Transfer from the airport to Itabaca Channel which you have to cross by ferry. After arrival there, you will pass through the highlands of Santa Cruz from north to south. On your way, you will cross the different vegetation zones of this fascinating island. In Puerto Ayora you will go on board of the Archipel II. In the afternoon you will visit the Charles Darwin Research Station. The station encompasses an information centre, a museum, a library and a tortoise breeding station. Here you will have an opportunity to visit some of the best scientists of the Galapagos. Park rangers and park managers among others, who make huge efforts to preserve this Unesco World Heritage Site, conduct the conservation of the islands. In the tortoise breeding and rearing centre you can encounter tortoises of different subspecies, which are prepared for reintroduction to their natural habitats. The most popular inhabitant of this Station is probably Lonesome George. He is the only survivor of his specific turtle species. In the past all approaches to find a partner for him failed. But in July 2008 the scientists found a carved nest with nine eggs from a female tortoise. Three of them could be saved and now accordingly to strict instructions they are incubated synthetically. **B/L/D**

Saturday: Island Santa Cruz / Cerro Dragon – North Seymour Island

In the morning you will visit Cerro Dragon. This mountain is an excellent spot for observing land lizards, wading birds and Darwin's finches. After a dry landing, you will have a short walk in the afternoon along the coast of the northernmost island of Seymour. Guests will encounter swallow tailed gulls, sea lions and cliff crabs. This site is also known for being a major nesting colony of blue footed boobies, and the largest colony of the magnificent frigate bird, a species different to the great frigate bird. You can also spot both endemic species of iguanas, the marine iguanas and land iguanas. You will enjoy this relaxing hike around the nesting sites. **B/L/D**





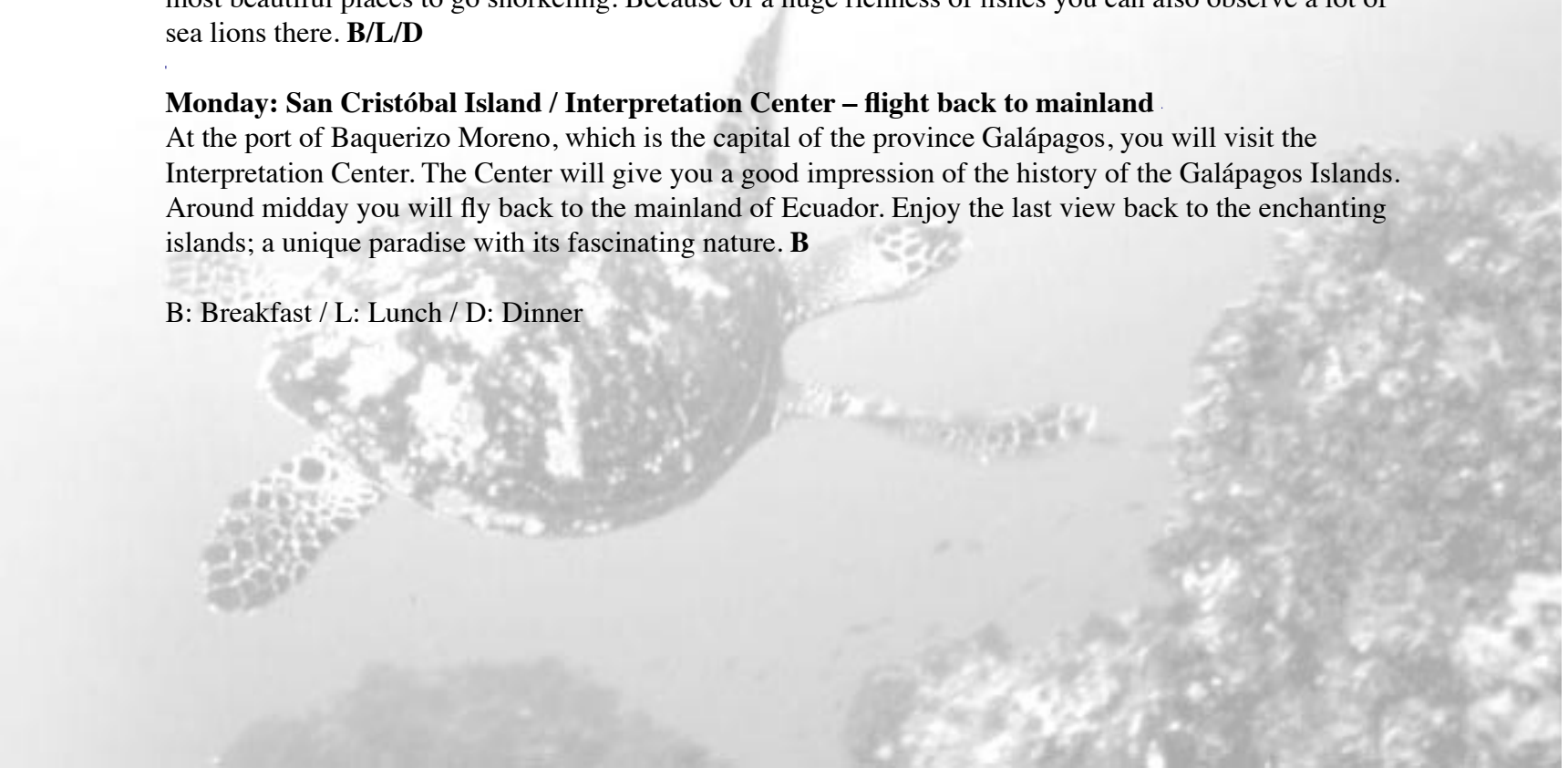
Sunday: Bartolomé Island / Pinnacle Rock – Rábida Island

Arriving at Bartolomé you will ascend a lookout point from where you can admire the spectacular panorama of the Sullivan Bay and the famous needle shaped rock, the so called Pinnacle Rock. The beaches at the foot of the Pinnacle Rock boast some fine snorkeling spots from which you can discover the marvelous underwater world with a good chance to encounter penguins or the softly gliding turtles. Later you will make an excursion to the small volcano island Rábida with its dark red beach. A small path there leads you to the little lagoon, which is often visited by flamingos. On your way to this lagoon you will pass nesting pelicans and other sea birds. The beach of Rábida Island is considered as one of the most beautiful places to go snorkeling. Because of a huge richness of fishes you can also observe a lot of sea lions there. **B/L/D**

Monday: San Cristóbal Island / Interpretation Center – flight back to mainland

At the port of Baquerizo Moreno, which is the capital of the province Galápagos, you will visit the Interpretation Center. The Center will give you a good impression of the history of the Galápagos Islands. Around midday you will fly back to the mainland of Ecuador. Enjoy the last view back to the enchanting islands; a unique paradise with its fascinating nature. **B**

B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner





Prices per person 2009:

Double cabin per person: USD 1,400.-
Charter: USD 20,000.-

Single supplement: 60 %
Discount for children under 12 years: 20 %

Included in the price:

All transfers in Galapagos, cruise on board of the ARCHIPEL II 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 – Galápagos – 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.

