



# Galapagos Cruise

Eco Catamaran Archipell II - 5 Days Cruise

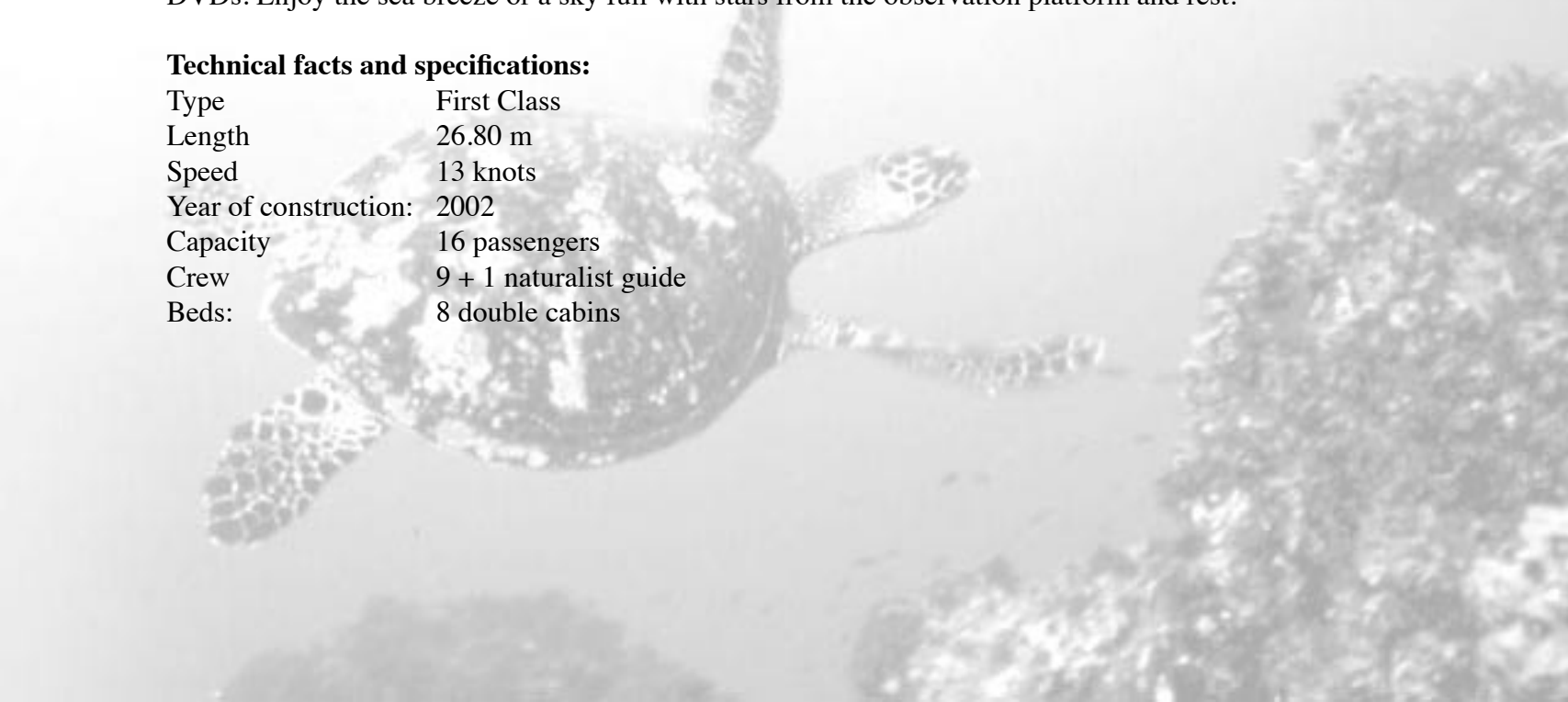


## Characteristics:

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:

### Monday: Island San Cristóbal - Isla Lobos

In the morning you will fly to the Galapagos Island San Cristobal 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 Lobos Island, which is located in front of San Cristobal Island. It is a seasonal nesting location for the blue footed booby and frigate birds. You also should enjoy swimming and snorkelling with sea lions in this calm bay. **-/L/D**

### Tuesday: Española / Gardener Bay – Suarez Point

Española is the southernmost and oldest island of the Galápagos archipelago. Because of its isolated position you can explore a lot of endemic wildlife. Gardener Bay is on the eastern shore with turquoise shot coloured water and a magnificent beach. Around the small islets nearby, snorkelers will find lots of fish and sometimes turtles and sharks. The bay is also frequented by a transient colony of sea lions which like to swim with you. Birds, like the endemic Hood-Mockingbird and different species of Darwin finches, are omnipresent. In the afternoon 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). **B/L/D**

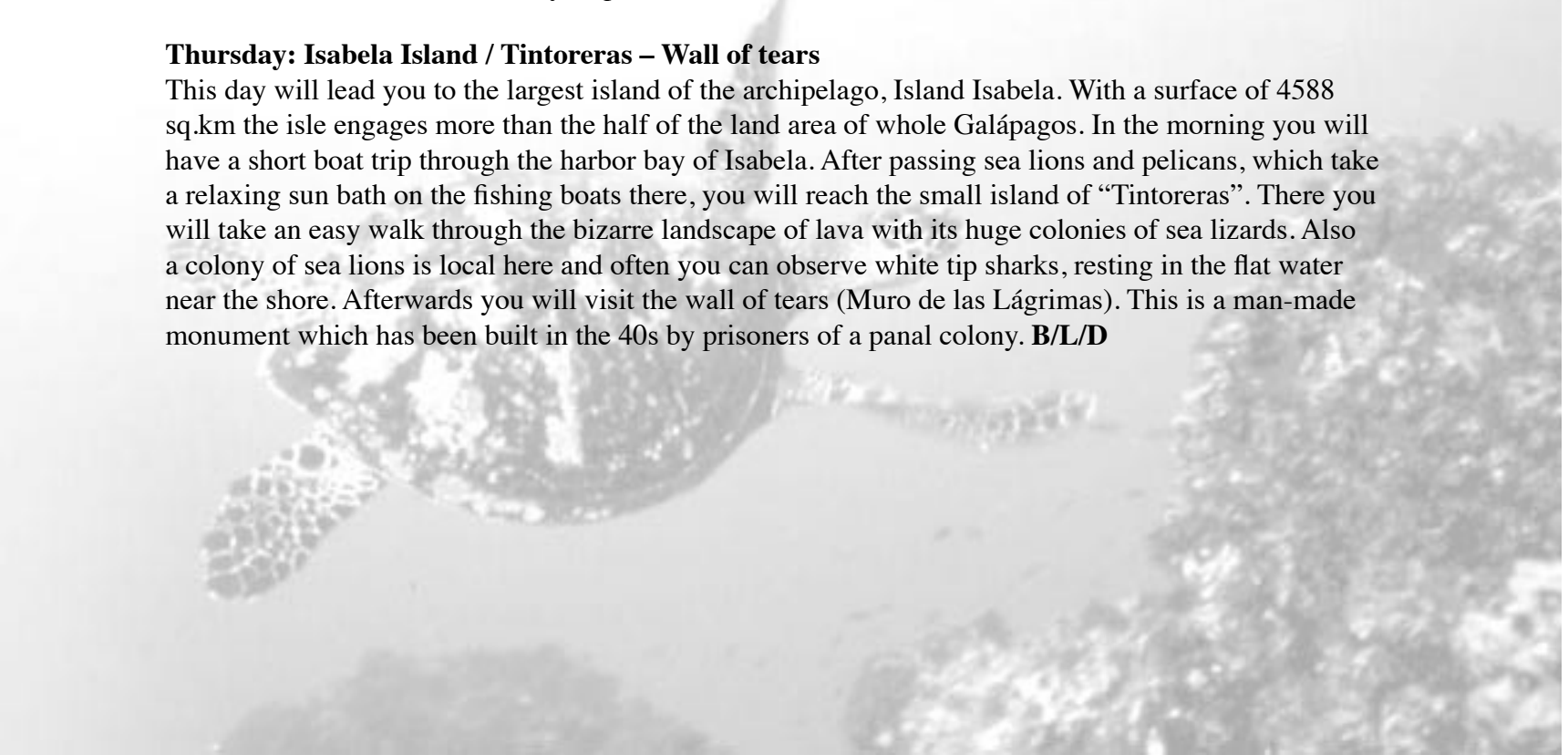


### **Wednesday: Floreana / Post Office Bay – Cormorant Point – Devils Crown**

Floreana Island is perceived as one of the most exotic Island of the archipelago. First you will visit the famous Post Office Bay which keeps the legendary post barrel that whalers historically used to post their mail in. Nowadays you can leave a letter and hope that it will make its destination via another tourist. 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. In the afternoon you will reach Devils Crown (Corona del Diablo), a broken volcanic cone, which is one of the most beautiful places to go snorkeling on Galápagos Island. You can dive or swim between riff sharks, star fishes, marine turtles, sea lions and many tropical ornamental fishes. **B/L/D**

### **Thursday: Isabela Island / Tintoreras – Wall of tears**

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. In the morning you will have a short boat trip through the harbor bay of Isabela. After passing sea lions and pelicans, which take a relaxing sun bath on the fishing boats there, you will reach the small island of “Tintoreras”. There you will take an easy walk through the bizarre landscape of lava with its huge colonies of sea lizards. Also a colony of sea lions is local here and often you can observe white tip sharks, resting in the flat water near the shore. Afterwards you will visit the wall of tears (Muro de las Lágrimas). This is a man-made monument which has been built in the 40s by prisoners of a panal colony. **B/L/D**

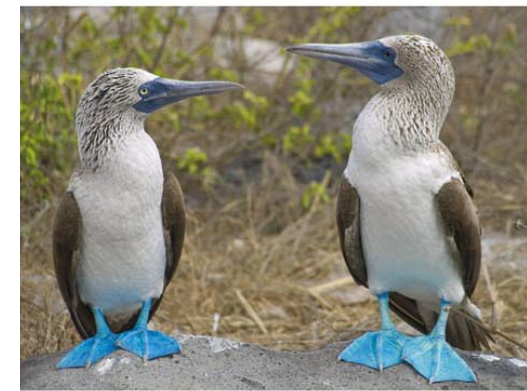




### Friday: Island Santa Cruz / Highlands – Charles Darwin Station

In the morning you will visit the highlands of Santa Cruz. The lush landscape there is a welcome contrast to the arid scenery of the smaller, lower islands. On your way you will cross the different zones of vegetation, from the dry lower region full of cactuses to the woods of scalesia in the highlands. There you will visit the private owned finca “Las Primicias”, which is open to the territory of the National Park of Galápagos. This reserve offers you one of the best possibilities to see the huge turtles of Santa Cruz island in their natural habitat. You can observe them from very close and learn more about their daily activities. 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 1,750.-  
Charter: USD 23,750.-

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.

