



# Galapagos Cruise

Motor Yacht Corals I & II - 5 days Cruise

Wednesday to Sunday

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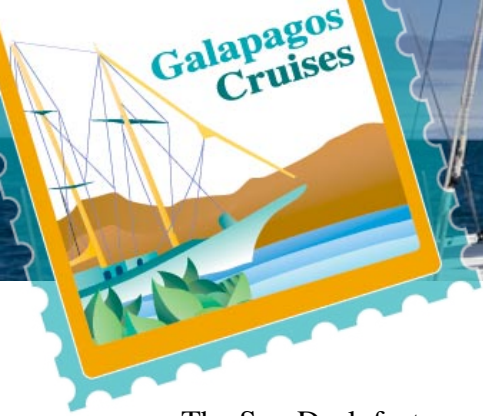
The Motor Yacht Coral I is a wonderful Motor Yacht decorated with teakwood and modern design which give the boat a kind of luxurious touch.

It has eighteen spacious cabins decorated with a marine taste. There is plenty of room for storage, and moreover, all beds in all cabins are lower and they can be arranged as matrimonial, as well as single and double beds. Each cabin has its own private facilities. The accommodation is handmade and carpentered by darkly wood.

The dining room is artfully decorated and the sun decks of the yacht also provide a lot of places with shadow. The outdoor deck of the Coral I is perfect for a brilliant view to make photos or enjoying the sun. The Coral I with its modern and timeless design!

The Motor Yacht Coral II is an elegant and classical Motor Yacht for 20 passengers. It is ideal for explorers, who will enjoy a unique and private adventure on the Galápagos Island combined with supreme comfort. Cruising speed means more time for visiting the islands and enjoying activities, while her small size means less time organizing shore visits.

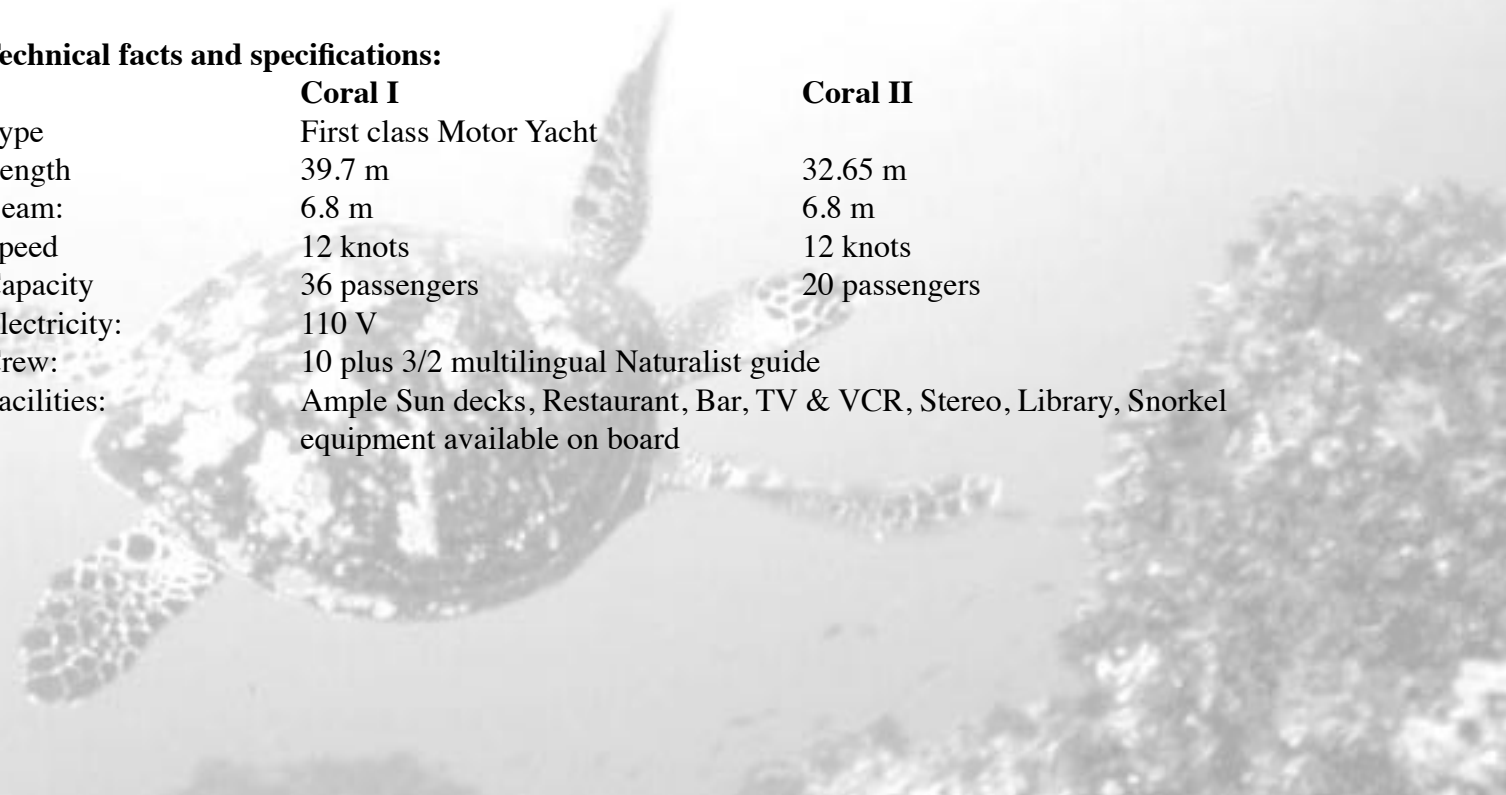




The Sun Deck features a bar and Jacuzzi, along with the observation platform for dolphin and whale watching. The dining room, lounge and bar are elegantly appointed, as is the well-stocked library/reading room. As an alternative to snorkeling, the glass-bottom boat offers another opportunity to observe 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:

	<b>Coral I</b>	<b>Coral II</b>
Type	First class Motor Yacht	
Length	39.7 m	32.65 m
Beam:	6.8 m	6.8 m
Speed	12 knots	12 knots
Capacity	36 passengers	20 passengers
Electricity:	110 V	
Crew:	10 plus 3/2 multilingual Naturalist guide	
Facilities:	Ample Sun decks, Restaurant, Bar, TV & VCR, Stereo, Library, Snorkel equipment available on board	





## Itinerary:

### Wednesday: Flight to Galápagos / Baltra – Cerro Dragon

Morning arrival on Baltra Island where you firstly will pay the National Park Entrance Fee before you will be met by your guide and be transferred to the dock to board the boat. Here you will start your cruise. In the afternoon you will visit Cerro Dragon. This mountain is an excellent spot for observing land lizards, wading birds and Darwin's finches. -/L/D

### Thursday: Rábida Island – Santiago Island / Egas Port

Today 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.

After lunch on board you will land at Santiago Island, also known as James, or San Salvador Island, which is the fourth largest island in the archipelago. The influences of the former salt mine workers and their imported animals are still alive on the island. The last tries to populate Santiago Island were given up forty years ago. Visit the dark sand beach with a lot of marine iguanas at Egas Port after a wet landing. After a short walk of about 2 km along the coast you will reach the cliffy lava coast with natural pools where sea lions take a bath and herons and other sea birds are as well local. Additionally you can encounter a small group of sea bears. The surrounding area is good for spotting and observing colonies of sea lions, red sally light-foot crabs, lava iguanas, Galápagos buzzards and lava herons. B/L/D





### **Friday: Fernandina Island / Espinosa Point – Isabela Island / Tagus Cove**

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 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.

The afternoon 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. After a dry landing you will visit the notorious Tagus Cove, which was historically used as an anchoring place for pirates, buccaneers and whalers. Around the deep blue bay you can observe a large number of blue-footed boobies perched on the ledges of the cliffs, as well as marine iguanas, penguins, brown pelicans, brown noddly terns and swallow-tailed gulls. A steep trail passes through an area of dry vegetation and volcanic landscape with scalesia woods and cactuses. You will reach Darwin Lake, an extremely salted and green crater lake. During a short hike you will explore the scenic uniqueness and beautiness of Isabela Island. You can also enjoy the unique underwater world of this island during a snorkeling trip. **B/L/D**

### **Saturday: Island Bartolomé – Island Santa Cruz / Black Turtle Cove**

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. Today you visit the nearby Black Turtle Cove, a nesting site for marine turtles. With good luck you can observe different types of sharks in the calm water, so for example the white-tipped shark or schools of golden mustard rays as well. **B/L/D**



### **Sunday: Island Santa Cruz / Charles Darwin Station – Baltra / flight back to mainland**

Today you anchor at the harbour of Puerto Ayora on Island Santa Cruz. Beside its rank as homestay for sea lions and pelicans, the marina is a popular starting point for round-the-world-yachtsman. The island itself has come to be both touristic and scientific center of the archipeleago. The Charles Darwin Research Station and the Galapagos National Park offices are based on Santa Cruz Island. 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 Galápagos. 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.

After your walkabout you will be escorted across the island to the north of Itabaca Chanel and you will cross over to Baltra Island. After your transfer from the chanel to the airport you will fly back to the mainland of Ecuador. **B**

B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner





**Prices per person 2009:**

Cabins	Coral I	Coral II	4 days / 3 Nights
Standard Cabins	2	1	USD 1,730.-
Moon Cabins	8	4	USD 2.130.-
Junior Cabins	8	6	USD 2.490.-

Fuel surcharge per person: USD 90.-

Single supplement: 100 %

Discount for children under 12 years: 25 %

**Included in the price:**

All transfers in Galapagos, cruise on board of the CORAL I or 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 advise, or Captain's decision for passengers security.