



Galapagos Cruise

Motor Yacht Galapagos Galaxy – 5 days cruise



Characteristics:

Galaxy Yacht gives you the best option to visit the wonderful world of the Galapagos Islands. We are proud to offer you 4, 5 and 8 days cruises with the best service, excellence and security. We assure you a beautiful time and relax cruise with us. We offer 9 beautiful and comfortable double cabins with lower beds and outside views; 3 on the lower deck, 3 on the main deck and 3 on the upper deck. They all have a private bathroom and air conditioning. The ship also offers you a dining room, a bar and lounge, TV and DVD, a library and a sundeck.

Technical facts and specifications:

Type:	First Class
Length:	35 m
Speed:	12 knots
Year of construction:	2007
Capacity:	16 passengers
Crew:	9 + 1 naturalist guide
Beds:	9 double cabins





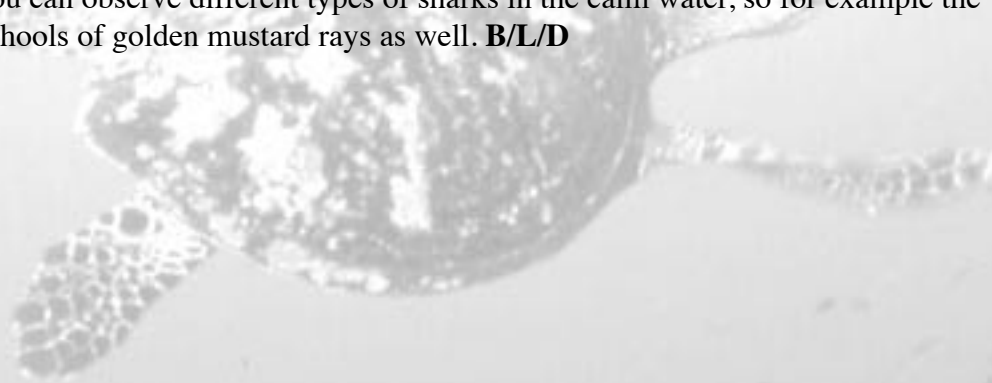
Itinerary:

Tuesday: flight to Galapagos –/ 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**

Wednesday: Island Santa Fe – Island Santa Cruz / Black Turtle Cove

Today you visit Santa Fe Island, a small rocky peninsula which is covered by little Palo Santo trees and by up to 6m high opuntia cacti. Inhabitants of this island are a specific species of large yellow land iguanas, the Galápagos buzzard, some blue footed boobies and pelicans. After the hike you can swim or snorkel in the bay in company of sea lions and marine turtles. Finally you can observe the tropic underwater world. Later you visit the 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**





Thursday: Genovesa Island / Darwin Bay – Prince Philips Steps

Your destination for today is Genovesa Island. Genovesa is considered as one of the wildest and untouched within the National Park of Galápagos. It is also known as “Bird Island” or “Tower Island”. On your way to this island you will cross the equator. After breakfast make a wet landing onto Tower Island at Darwin Bay for an easy stroll observing seemingly thousands of birds, mainly frigate and red footed and masked boobies. On the beach you can see the interesting spectacle how the frigates try to catch the prey of the boobies. After a panga ride along the cliffs of Genovesa Island you will make a dry landing at Prince Philip’s Steps, a carved out of stone stair. This will lead you to a wide plateau, where you can observe large colonies of masked boobies, frigate birds, storm petrels and bahama ducks. During this easy stroll you will cross a little Scalesia wood, in which you can observe the short-eared owl. The same path will lead you back to your boat. **B/L/D**



Friday: Island Santiago / Sullivan Bay – Island Bartolome – Pinnacle Rock

Today 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. The Sullivan Bay is located on the east coast of Santiago Island. Its lava field with lava cacti is a variety of interesting patterns. After exploring the lava flow, you can swim or snorkel with playful sea lions off two small coralline. Arriving at Bartolomé in the afternoon 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. **B/L/D**

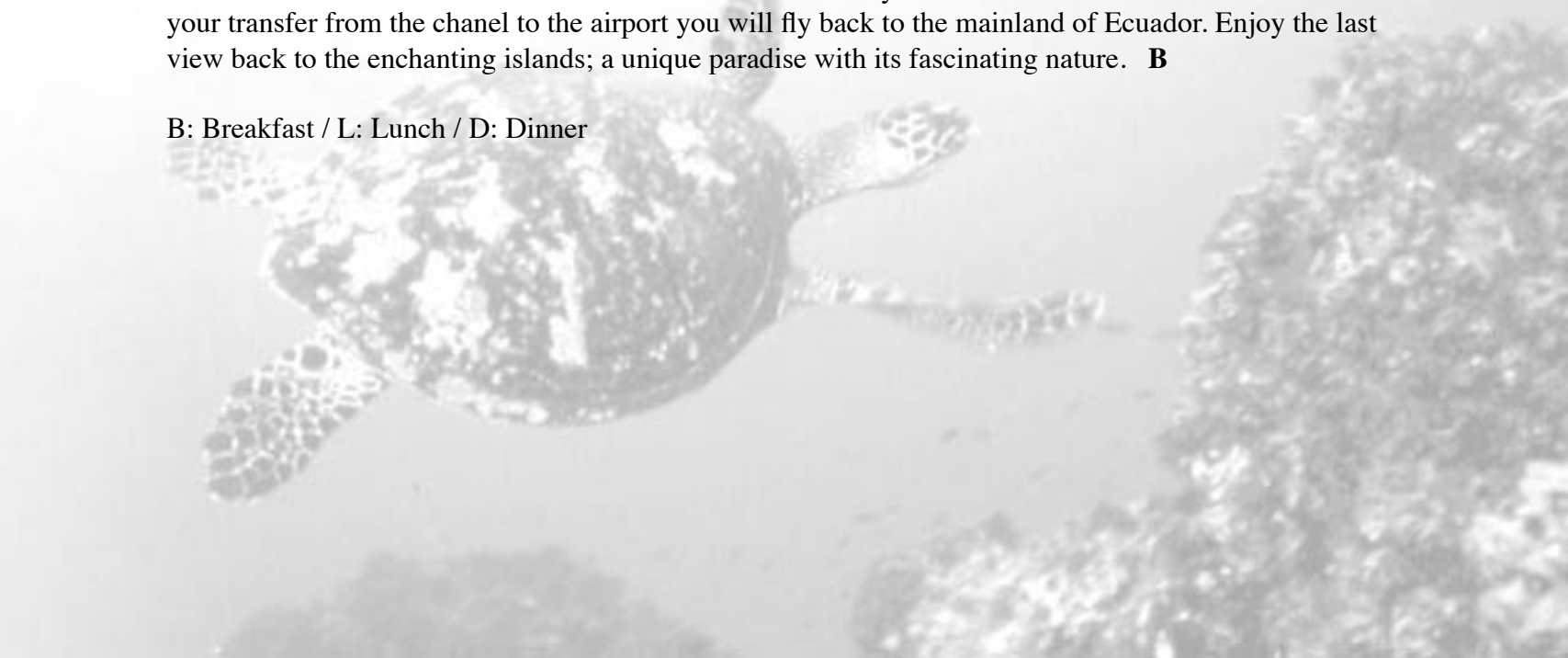




Saturday: Santa Cruz / Charles Darwin Station – flight back to mainland

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. 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:

Upper/Main Deck USD 2,087.-

Lower Deck USD 1,984.-

Charter USD 30,717.-

Single Supplement: 50 %

Discount for children under 12 years: 10 %

Included in the price:

All transfers in Galapagos, cruise on board of the GALAXY 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.