



Galapagos Cruise

GALAPAGOS ODYSSEY - 5 days cruise

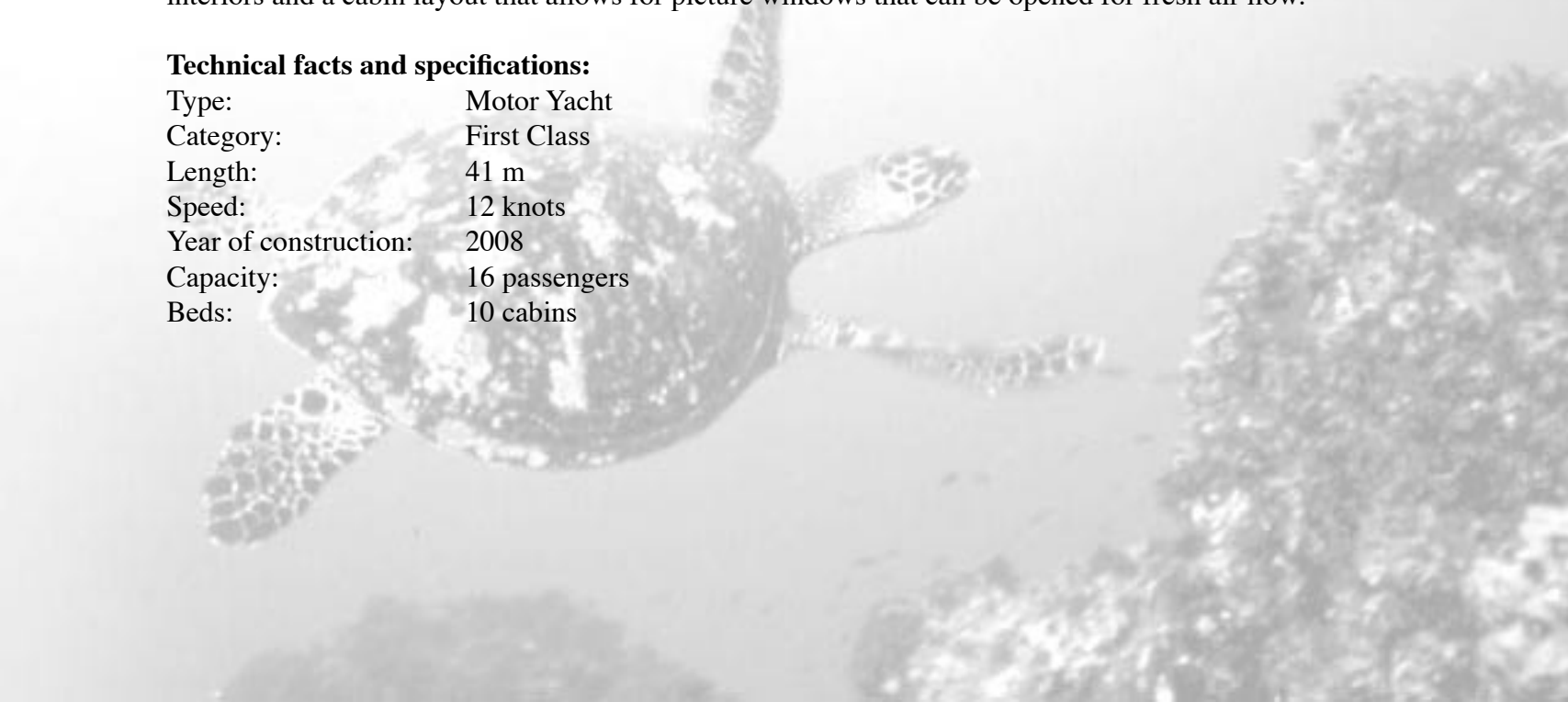


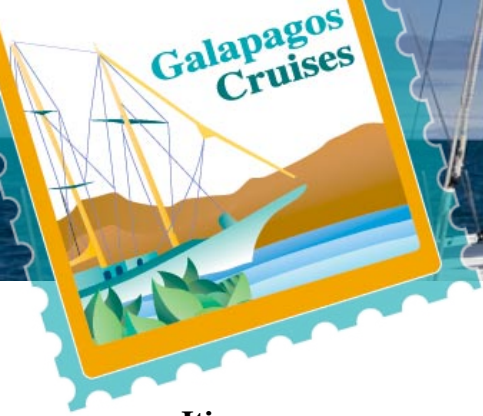
Characteristics:

The Galapagos Odyssey is a brand new first class yacht, which had its maiden voyage in July 2008. The yacht offers a lot of space, comfort and service for the up to 16 passengers on board. Amenities include a Jacuzzi, Al Fresco dining area, spa service, spacious sun and shade decks, combined with elegant interiors and a cabin layout that allows for picture windows that can be opened for fresh air flow.

Technical facts and specifications:

Type:	Motor Yacht
Category:	First Class
Length:	41 m
Speed:	12 knots
Year of construction:	2008
Capacity:	16 passengers
Beds:	10 cabins





Itinerary:

Sunday: flight to Galápagos / Baltra - Island Santa Cruz / Las Bachas Beach

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. After arrival on board, check- in and explanations in general, lunch will be served. Afterwards you will start with your first excursion to the long sandy “Las Bachas” Beach. Here you encounter sea lions, herons and marine iguanas and with good luck penguins. You also have the opportunity to swim offshore of this soft white sand beach. Snorkelling enthusiasts can explore the fascinating underwater world as well. **-/L/D**

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

Arriving at Bartolomé in the morning 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 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. **B/L/D**



Tuesday: Isabela Island / Volcano Sierra Negra – Las Tintoreras

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. You start hiking up the volcano Sierra Negra until the edge of the crater. The volcano with its height of around 1200m and an outer diameter of ca. 9 kilometer is the second biggest lava dome of the world. You take a walk along the crater and move on to visit volcano Chico from where you can enjoy an outstanding view over Bahia Elizabeth and Alcedo, Darwin and Wolf Island. In the afternoon 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. **B/L/D**

Wednesday: Santa Cruz Island / Highlands – Charles Darwin Station

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. 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. The Charles Darwin Research Station will be visited in the afternoon. 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

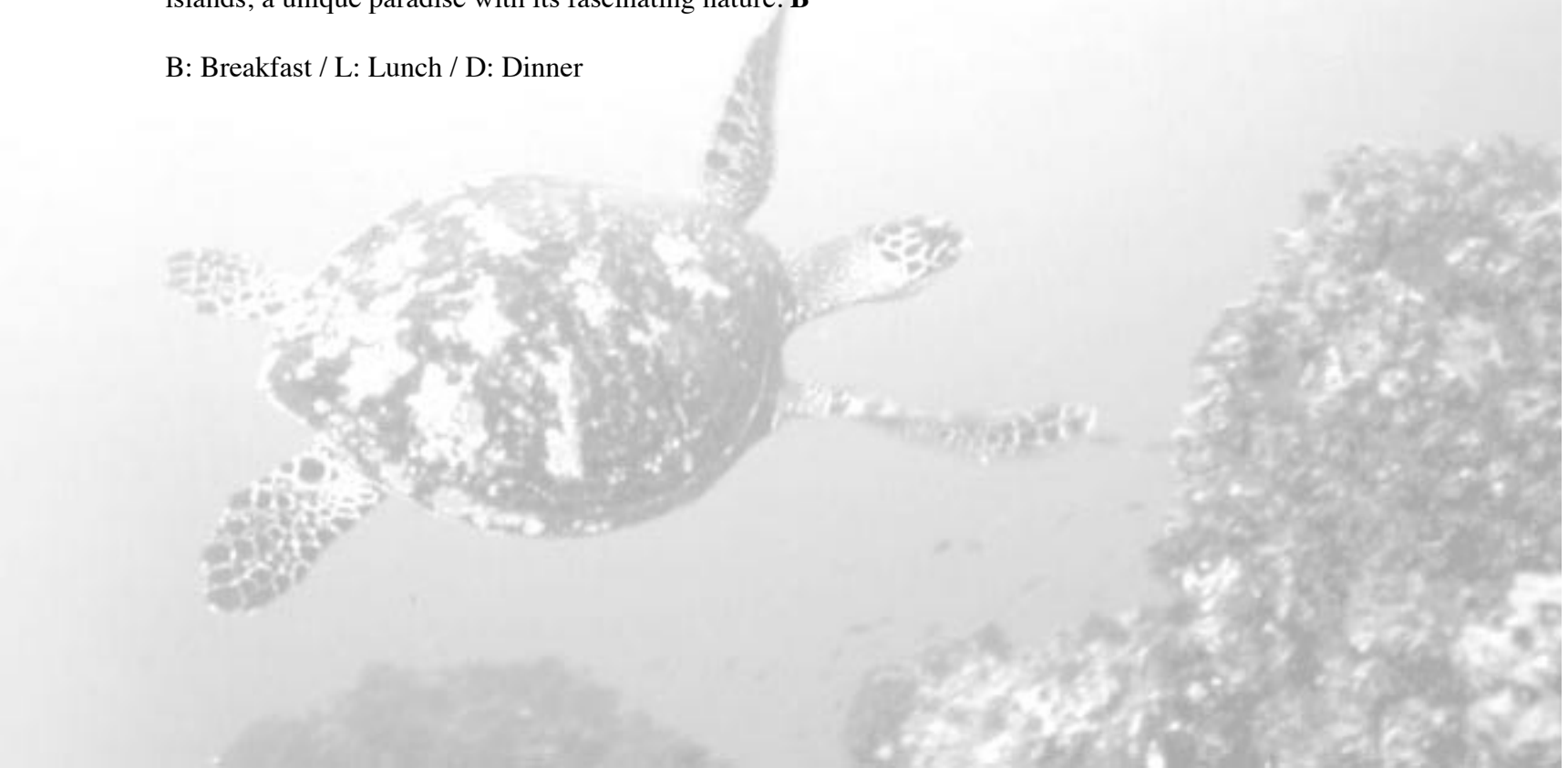
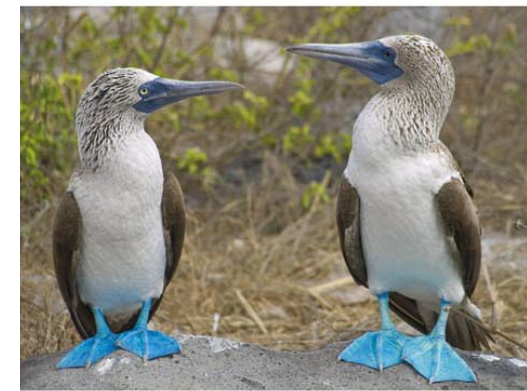


July 2008 the scientists found a carved nest with nine eggs from a female tortoise. Three of them could be saved and now accordingly to strict instructions they are incubated synthetically. **B/L/D**

Thursday: Island San Cristóbal / Leon Dormido – flight back to mainland

After a delicious breakfast you will follow the route of Charles Darwin. You will sail around the massive tuff-rock called Leon Dormido or Kicker Rock, which is a nesting site for a lot of sea birds. Because of its steepness you cannot find a landing stage but brave snorkelers can watch out for sharks and rays. 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/Twin Cabin per person:	USD 2,500,-
Single Cabin Lower Deck per person:	USD 3,750,-
Single Cabin Main Deck / Upper Deck per person:	USD 5,000,-
Charter:	USD 40,000,-

Included in the price:

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

