



# Galapagos Cruise

Motor Yacht San Jose - 5 Days Cruise



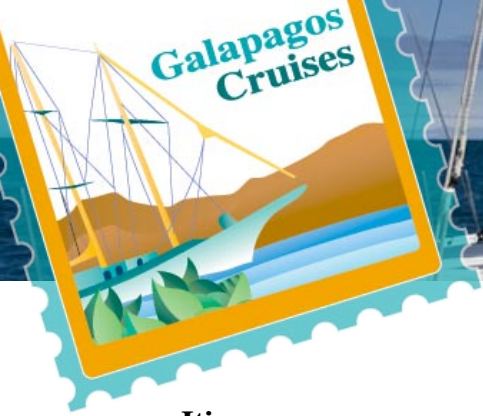
## Characteristics:

The San José is a very spacious yacht with 110 feet length and 25 feet wide. Each of the eight double bedded cabins have private bathrooms, and were build from port to starboard giving you enough space, the dimensions are 5.80 m by 2.50m (18.8 feet by 8 feet). All of the cabins also are exterior and a have a great view of the ocean. With a well thought design the engine room is located below the living and dinning room, in this way all the cabins are quiet giving our guests the possibility to rest well during all the nights they will spend on board our Yacht. The San José also offers you lots of open space areas, such as, two sun green carpeted deck areas with sleeping comfortable chairs, beach tables and benches, where you can enjoy our navigations, the sun, the landscape of the islands, and with a little bit of luck dolphins or whales.

## Technical facts and specifications:

Type:	First Class
Year of construction:	2003
Length:	33.44 m
Beam:	7.6 m
Speed:	10 knots
Capacity:	16 passengers
Crew:	8 + 1 naturalist guide
Beds:	10 cabins with private bath and twin beds





## Itinerary:

### Friday: Flight to Galápagos / Baltra - Island Santa Cruz / Highland

Morning arrival on Baltra Island where you firstly will pay the National Park Entrance Fee before you will be met by your guide. In the afternoon 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 higlands. Here you will visit the tortoise reserve “El Chato”, which was founded in 1964. Explore the huge Galápagos turtles in their natural habitat before we set course for Floreana Island in the south. -/L/D

### Saturday: Island San Cristobal / Isla Lobos – Leon Dormido

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. In the afternoon you will visit 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. B/L/D

### Sunday: Island 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**

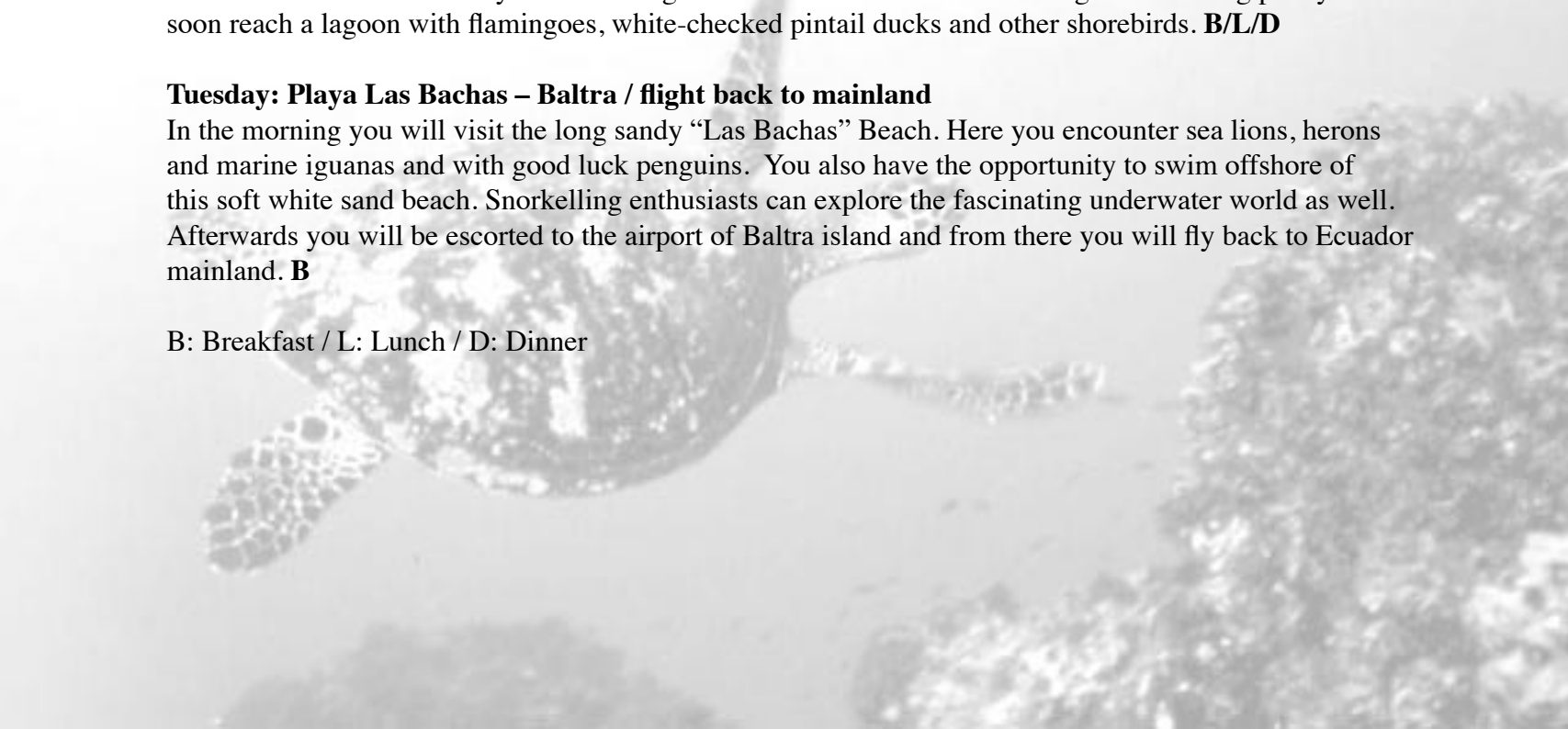
**Monday: Island Floreana / Post Office Bay – Cormorant Point**

Floreana Island is perceived as one of the most exotic Island of the archipelago. Afterwards 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. **B/L/D**

**Tuesday: Playa Las Bachas – Baltra / flight back to mainland**

In the morning you will visit 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. Afterwards you will be escorted to the airport of Baltra island and from there you will fly back to Ecuador mainland. **B**

B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner





**Prices per person 2009:**

Only upon request!!

**Included in the price:**

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

