



Galapagos Cruise

Motor Yacht Tip Top III - 5 days Cruise
Friday to Tuesday



Characteristics:

The Motor Yacht Tip Top III provides a great comfort as a bar, dinning room, lounge, and a sun deck. The entire boat is fully carpeted, air-condicioned and has certain features as TV, VCR and a hi-fi system. The cabins have a private bathroom with cot and cold water showers. Furthermore snorkel equipment is available for rent.

Technical facts and specifications:

Type:	Motor Yacht
Year of Construction:	2001
Length:	30 m
Beam:	6,7 m
Speed:	12 knots
Capacity:	up to 16 passengers
Crew:	8 plus 1 naturalist guide
Accommodation	10 double cabins with private bathroom and air conditioning
Upper Deck: :	4 Double cabins with twin bed
Lower Deck:	4 Double cabins with twin bed and 2 with bunk beds





Itinerary:

Friday: Flight to Galapagos – Black Turtle Cove

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 yacht which anchors at the harbour of Island Santa Cruz. In the afternoon 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. -/L/D

Saturday: Rabida Island - Bartolome Island

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. In the afternoon you will visit Bartolomé Island and 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

Sunday: Genoves 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. Afterwards you visit 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**

Monday: 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. You will pass through the highlands of Santa Cruz from south to north. On your way, you will cross the different vegetation zones of this fascinating island. Those vary from lower dry zones with many cactuses to scalesia- woods in the humid highland. You will also visit the twin crater Caldera de los Gemelos, which are known for their diversity of ca. 300 different fern species and the close by “forest” of sunflowers. In the afternoon you have the chance to discover the great Charles Darwin Research Station. 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. Overnight in a hotel in Puerto Ayora. **B/L/D**

Tuesday: Transfer to Baltra - Depature

Today you will be taken to the airport after the breakfast. You will cross the highlands, cross the Itabaca Channel and reach the airport in Baltra. Here you will catch your flight back to the mainland. **B/-/-**

B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner



Prices per person 2009:

Cabin	Double	Single
Cabin 1-6 :	USD 1.800.-	USD 2.700.-
Cabin 7-8 :	USD 2.925.-	N/A
Cabin 9-10 :	USD 1.950.-	USD 2.925.-

Charter: USD 25,920.-

Fuel supplement per person: USD 160.-

Fuel supplement for Charter: USD 2,365.-

Discount for children under 12 years:10%

Included in the price:

All transfers in Galapagos, cruise on board of the MOTOR YACHT TIP TOP 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 – Galapagos – Quito USD 414.- per person), entrance fee to Galapagos National Park USD 100.-, 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.