



Galapagos Cruise

Motor Yacht Monserrat – 5 days cruise



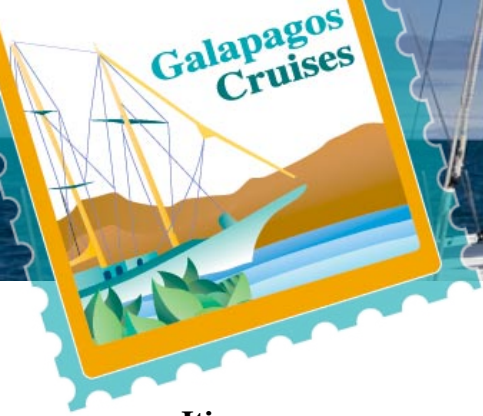
Characteristics:

The M/Y Monserrat was totally refurbished in 2007. The Yacht is fully carpeted and equipped with wooden boarding and original pictures. The lounge is equipped with TV, there is also a bar, a dining room, a small boutique and three sun decks. The navigation and safety equipment corresponds to the regulations of the National Park. The M/Y Monserrat can accommodate 16 passengers in comfortable cabins with private bathroom. There are 8 cabins, 4 on the upper deck, 4 on the lower deck, two of them with double bed. All cabins have air condition.

Technical facts and specifications:

Type	Motor Yacht
Length	28 Meters
Beam	6.6 Meters
Speed	12 knots
Capacity	16 passengers in 8 double cabins
Cabin	Double cabins, private bathroom, hot/cold water, air condition
Crew	8 Plus 1 naturalist guide





Itinerary:

Sunday: Island Santa Cruz - Charles Darwin Station - Highlands

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 Itabaca Channel. Afterwards you will start with your first excursion. 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. During a visit of a hacienda in the highlands you can observe the Galapagos giant tortoises in their natural habitat. If there is enough time, you will also visit the Twin Craters. The vegetation around these is very special and is renowned for its approximately 300 fern species and the many sunflowers. **B/L/D**

Monday: Santiago Island - Sullivan Bay / Island Bartolomé

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 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**

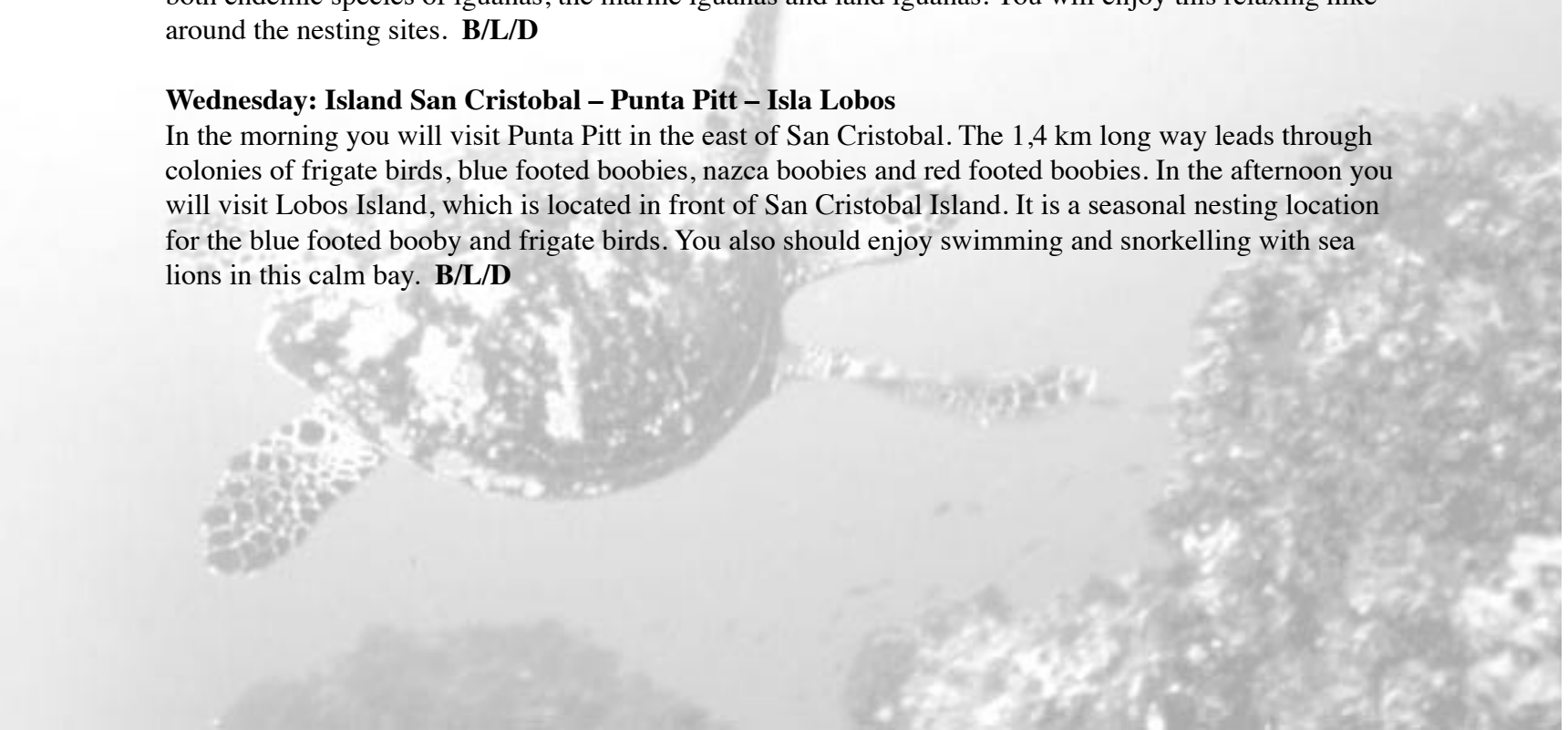


Tuesday: Island Mosquera – Island North Seymour

Today you will anchor at Mosquera Island, which is located near the Itabaca Channel in the near the Island Baltra. The island consists of a long narrow stretch of white sand, rocks, and tide pools with a large population of sea lions. This is one of the best places to take shots of sea lions. Calm waters offer excellent snorkeling opportunities and a stroll down the beach permits views of the Brown Pelicans, Boobies and colonies of Sea Lions that can be found here. After a dry landing, you will have a short walk along the coast of the northernmost island of Seymour. Guests will encounter swallow tailed gulls, sea lions and cliff crabs. This site is also known for being a major nesting colony of blue footed boobies, and the largest colony of the magnificent frigate bird, a species different to the great frigate bird. You can also spot both endemic species of iguanas, the marine iguanas and land iguanas. You will enjoy this relaxing hike around the nesting sites. **B/L/D**

Wednesday: Island San Cristobal – Punta Pitt – Isla Lobos

In the morning you will visit Punta Pitt in the east of San Cristobal. The 1,4 km long way leads through colonies of frigate birds, blue footed boobies, nazca boobies and red footed boobies. 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**





Thursday: Island San Cristóbal - Leon Dormido - Interpretation Center – 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. At the port of Baquerizo Moreno, which is the capital of the province Galápagos, you will visit the Interpretation Center. The center will give you a good impression of the history of the Galápagos Islands. 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:

Lower Deck per person: USD 1,800.-
Upper Deck per person: USD 2,000.-

Charter: USD 28,500.-

Fuel surcharge per person: USD 96. - (for a single cabin the double amount)

Fuel surcharge for charter: USD 1.400.-

Single supplement: 70 %
Discount for children under 12 years: 25 %

Included in the price:

All transfers in Galapagos, cruise on board of the MOTOR YACHT MONSERRAT 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.