



# Galapagos Cruise

Motor Yacht Estrella del Mar - 4 Days Cruise



## Characteristics:

The motor yacht Estrella del Mar is elegantly furnished and thus, is one in a series of ships that cruises the Galapagos with style. All cabins are air-conditioned with bunk beds and hot water. Its spacious interiors, from the comfortable lounge to the dining room are designed to please. Its ample sun decks provide wonderful open and shaded space to take in the Galapagos breeze and equatorial sun.

## Technical facts and specifications:

Type: Motor Yacht  
Length: 22.7 m  
Draft: 6.5 m  
Speed: 9 knots  
Capacity: 16 passengers  
Crew: about 7 + 1 natural guide





## Itinerary:

### Friday: Flight to Galapagos / Baltra - Santa Cruz Island / Highlands

In the morning flight to the Galapagos Island Baltra. After paying the National Park Entrance Fee, a crew member will accompany you to your yacht. 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. 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. -/L/D

### Saturday: North Seymour Island - Bartolomé Island

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. 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



### **Sunday: South Plaza Island - Santa Fé Island**

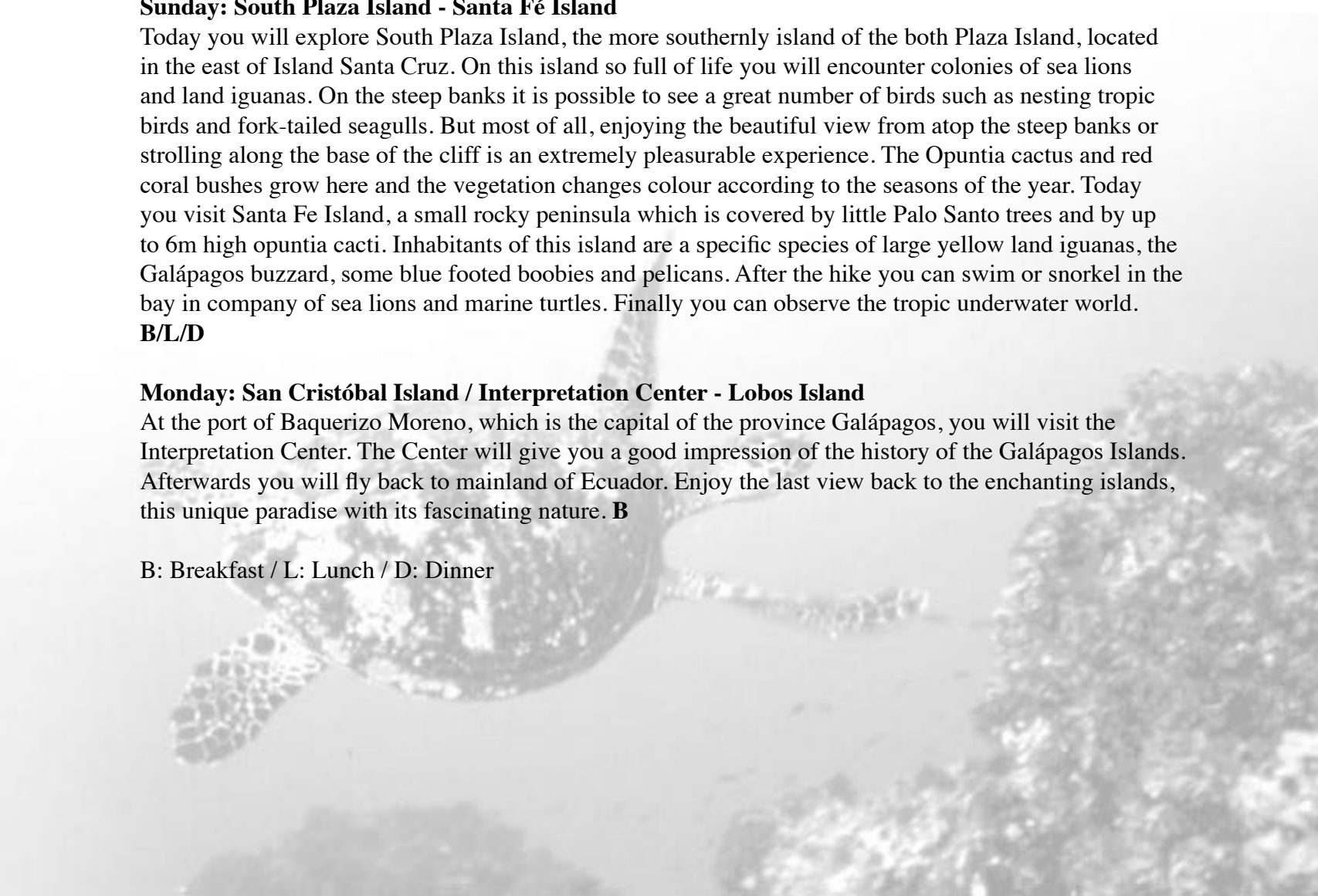
Today you will explore South Plaza Island, the more southernly island of the both Plaza Island, located in the east of Island Santa Cruz. On this island so full of life you will encounter colonies of sea lions and land iguanas. On the steep banks it is possible to see a great number of birds such as nesting tropic birds and fork-tailed seagulls. But most of all, enjoying the beautiful view from atop the steep banks or strolling along the base of the cliff is an extremely pleasurable experience. The Opuntia cactus and red coral bushes grow here and the vegetation changes colour according to the seasons of the year. 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.

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### **Monday: San Cristóbal Island / Interpretation Center - Lobos Island**

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. Afterwards you will fly back to mainland of Ecuador. Enjoy the last view back to the enchanting islands, this unique paradise with its fascinating nature. **B**

B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner





### Prices per person 2009:

Double cabin per person: USD 1,350.-  
Upper Deck supplement: USD 100.-  
Fuel Charge per Person: USD 150.-

Single supplement: 80 %  
Discount for children under 12 years: 25 %  
Discount for children under 4 years: 50%

### Included in the price:

All transfers in Galapagos, cruise on board of the MOTOR YACHT ESTRELLA DEL MAR 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.