



Galapagos Cruise

Motor Yacht Estrella del Mar - 5 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:

Monday: Flight to Galápagos / San Cristóbal Island - Lobos Island

In the morning flight to the Galápagos Island San Christobal from which you will start your cruise. After paying the National Park Entrance Fee, a crew member will accompany you to your yacht which anchors at Baquerizo Moreno harbour. After arrival on board, check- in and explanations in general, lunch will be served. 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. **-/L/D**

Tuesday: Española Island / Suarez Point – Gardener Bay

Española is the southernmost and oldest island of the Galápagos archipelago. Because of its isolated position you can explore a lot of endemic wildlife. In the morning 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). 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. **B/L/D**

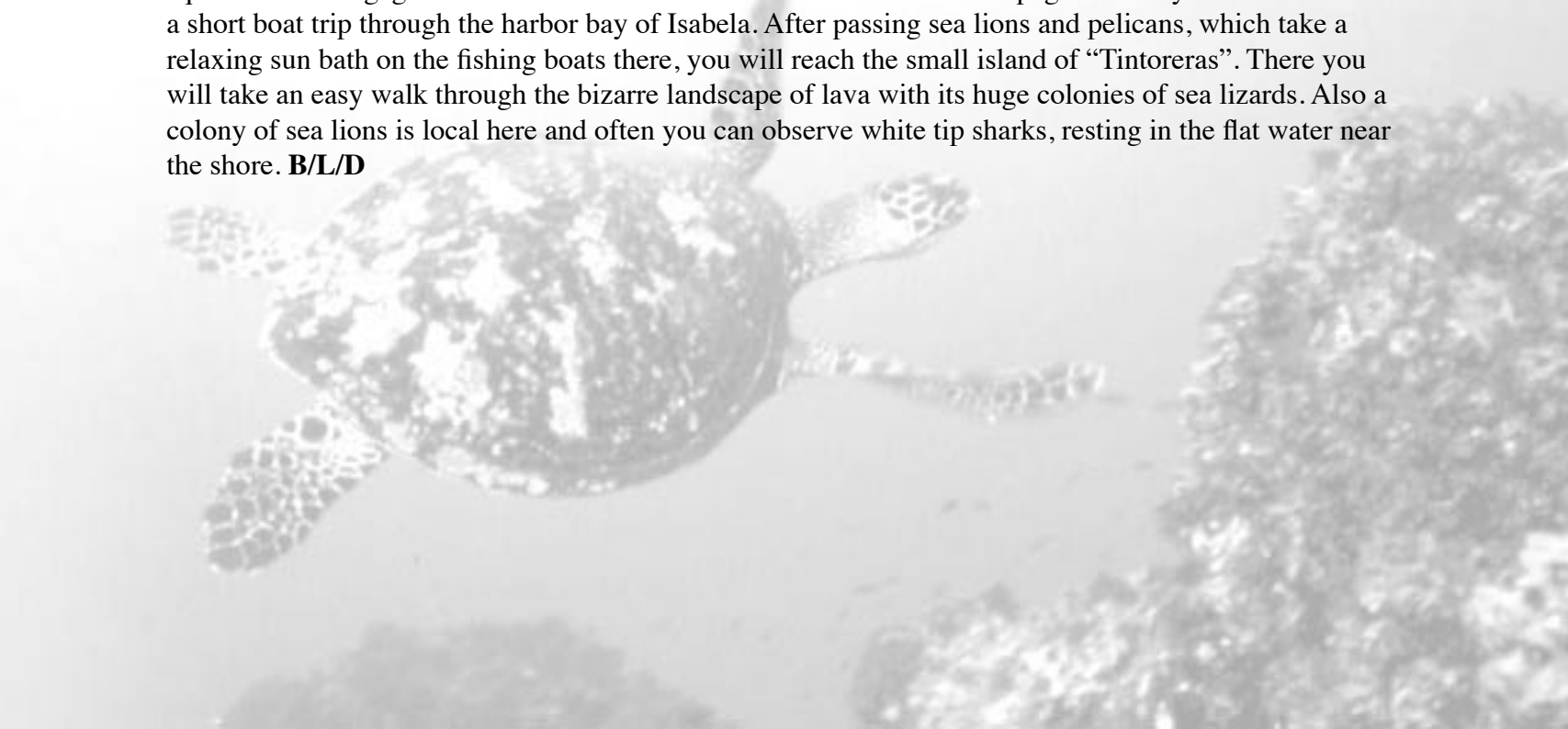


Wednesday: Floreana Island / Post Office Bay – Cormorant Point

Floreana Island is perceived as one of the most exotic Island of the archipelago. In the morning 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**

Thursday: Isabela Island / Puerto Villamil – 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. Here 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**

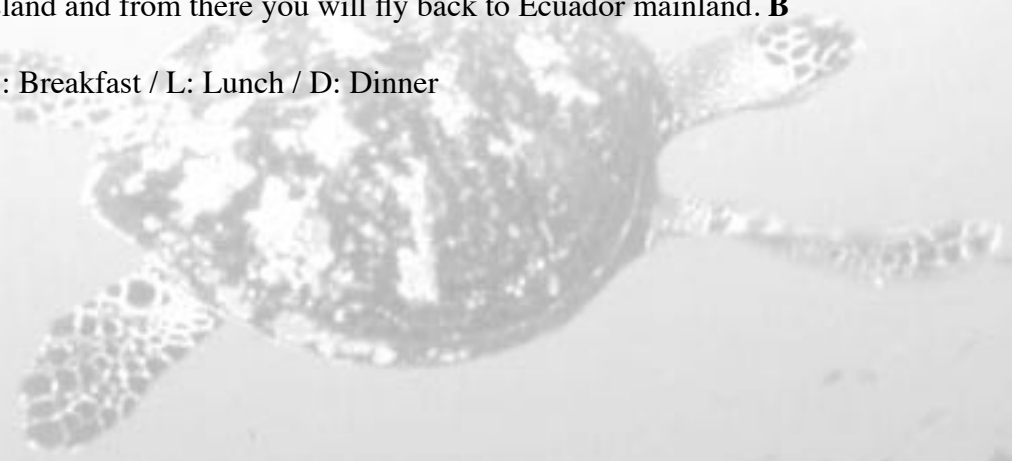




Friday: Santa Cruz Island / Charles Darwin Station - Baltra / Flight back to Quito

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. The Charles Darwin Research Station and the Galapagos National Park offices are based on Santa Cruz Island. The station encompasses an information centre, a museum, a library and the tortoise breeding station as well. 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 island 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 wit nine eggs from a female tortoise. Three of them could be saved and now accordingly to strict instructions they are incubated synthetically. 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:

Double cabin per person: USD 1,740.-
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.