



# Galapagos Cruise

Motor Yacht Fragata - 5 Days Cruise  
Monday to Friday



## Characteristics:

The motor yacht Fragata is a spacious and comfortable owner operated motor yacht that accommodates 16 passengers in cozy double cabins with bunk beds, all decorated and equipped to provide a relaxed cruise in the islands. The yacht Fragata would like to welcome you on board and invites you to discover the primeval flora and fauna of the Galapagos archipelago. 20 years of experience and a top qualified crew (captain, naturalist guide, cook, assistant of cook, barman, engineer and two sailors) guarantee safety, seriousness and comfort, preserving the fragile ecosystem of the Galapagos Islands, considered Heritage of the Humanity. The experienced naturalist guide will introduce you to the astonishing Galapagos flora and fauna. All 9 comfortable cabins are fully carpeted and have private toilet, shower (hot water), washbasin and vanity. The ship offers a nice atmosphere and attention to minimum details with features such as an ample dining room, bar, saloon, dining room, small library, sundeck, TV, VCR, and stereo music system. The motor yacht Fragata offers lots of space and comfort for naturalist cruises and enables the passengers to admire the incredible sub-marine world.

## Technical facts and specifications:

Type: Motor Yacht  
Length: 25 m  
Draft: 6.5 m  
Speed: 9 knots  
Capacity: 18 passengers  
Crew: 7 + 1 natural guide



## Itinerary:

### Monday: Flight to Galápagos / Baltra - Santa Cruz Island / Charles Darwin Station

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 reach 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 instrcutions they are incubated syntheticly. -/L/D

### Tuesday: Santa Cruz Island / Highlands - Santa Fé Island

In the morning 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. Points of interest are the famed lava tunnels, a fun and geologically informative visit. The trip to the highlands ends with a visit to the Twin Craters. The vegetation around these is very special and is renowned for its approximately 300 fern species and the many sunflowers. In the afternoon 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. **B/L/D**

### **Wednesday: 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**



### **Thursday: Floreana Island / Comorant Point – Devil’s Crown – Post Office Bay**

Floreana Island is perceived as one of the most exotic Island of the archipelago. 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. Then you will reach Devils Crown (Corona del Diablo), a broken volcanic cone, which is one of the most beautiful places to go snorkeling on Galápagos Island. You can dive or swim between riff sharks, star fishes, marine turtles, sea lions and many tropical ornamental fishes. 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. **B/L/D**



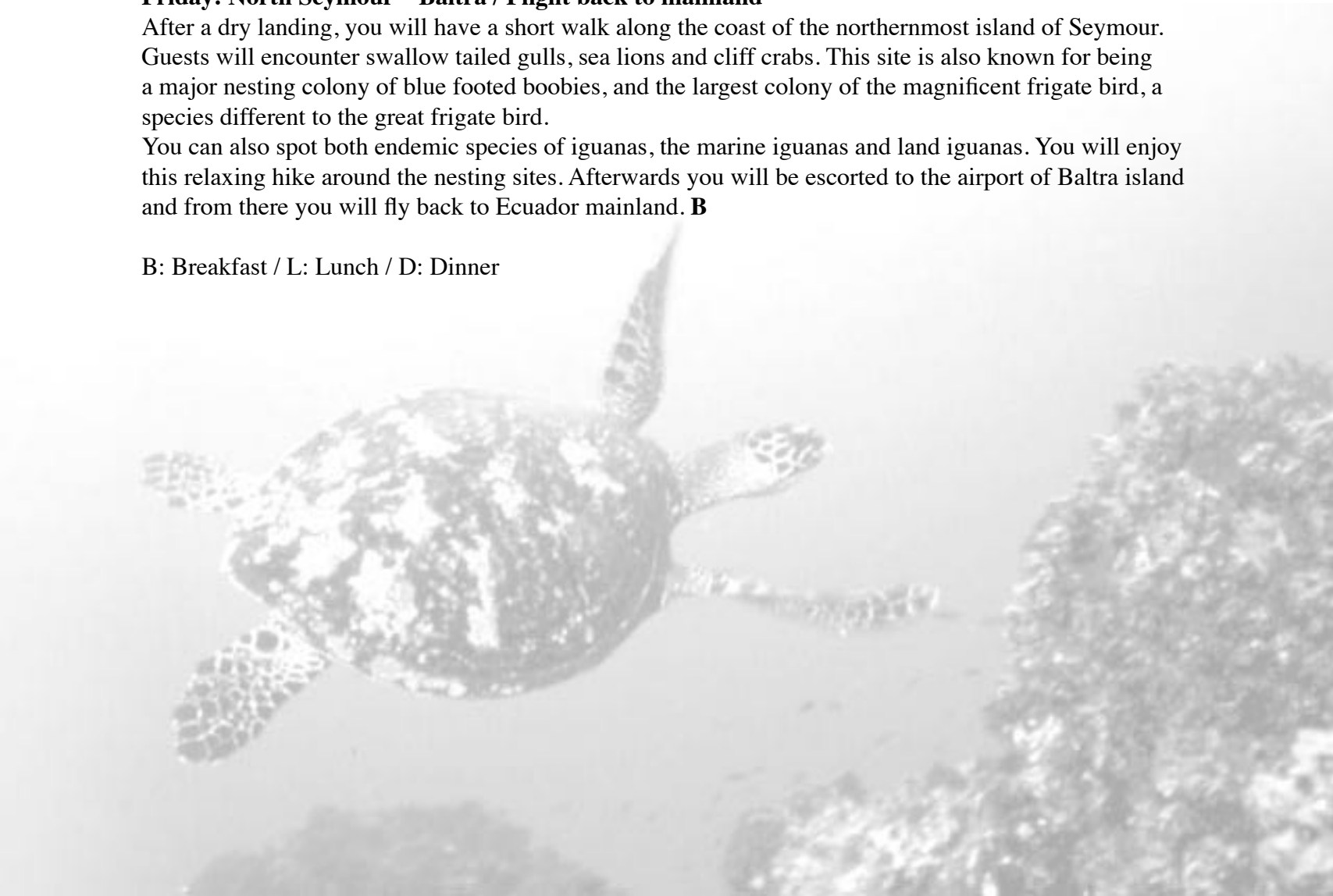


**Friday: North Seymour – Baltra / Flight back to mainland**

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. 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 1,825.-

Charter: USD 29,200.-

Single supplement 80 %

No child discount

### Included in the price:

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

