



# Galapagos Cruise

Motor Yacht Yolita – 5 Days Cruise  
Sunday to Thursday

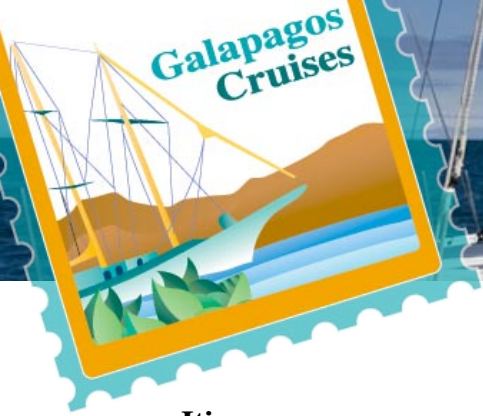
## Characteristics:

The motor yacht Yolita was built in 2007 and is recently operating on the Galapagos Islands. It has 10 comfortable double cabins equipped with private bathroom with cold and hot water. 3 cabins are on the Upper Deck, two of them with twin beds and one with double bed. On the Main Deck there are four cabins with twin beds and on the Lower Deck are two cabins with single beds and with portholes. The ship has a dining room, a bar, TV, DVD, stereo, sun deck and has air conditioning.

## Technical facts and specifications:

Type: Motor Yacht  
Length: 35 Meters  
Beam: 8 Meters  
Capacity: 16 passengers  
Speed: 10 Knots  
Crew: 7 Plus Naturalist guide





## Itinerary:

### **Sunday: Flight to Galápagos – Baltra / Island Santa Cruz – Bachas Beach**

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 dock to board the boat. Here you will start your cruise with your first excursion on Island Santa Cruz. In the afternoon you will visit the long sandy “Las Bachas” Beach. Here you encounter sea lions, herons and marine iguanas and with good luck penguins. You also have the opportunity to swim offshore of this soft white sand beach. Snorkelling enthusiasts can explore the fascinating underwater world as well. -/L/D

### **Monday: South Plaza Island / Island Santa Fé**

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. B/L/D



### **Tuesday: Española Island – Point Suarez – 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 – Cormorant Point – Devils Crown – Post Office Bay**

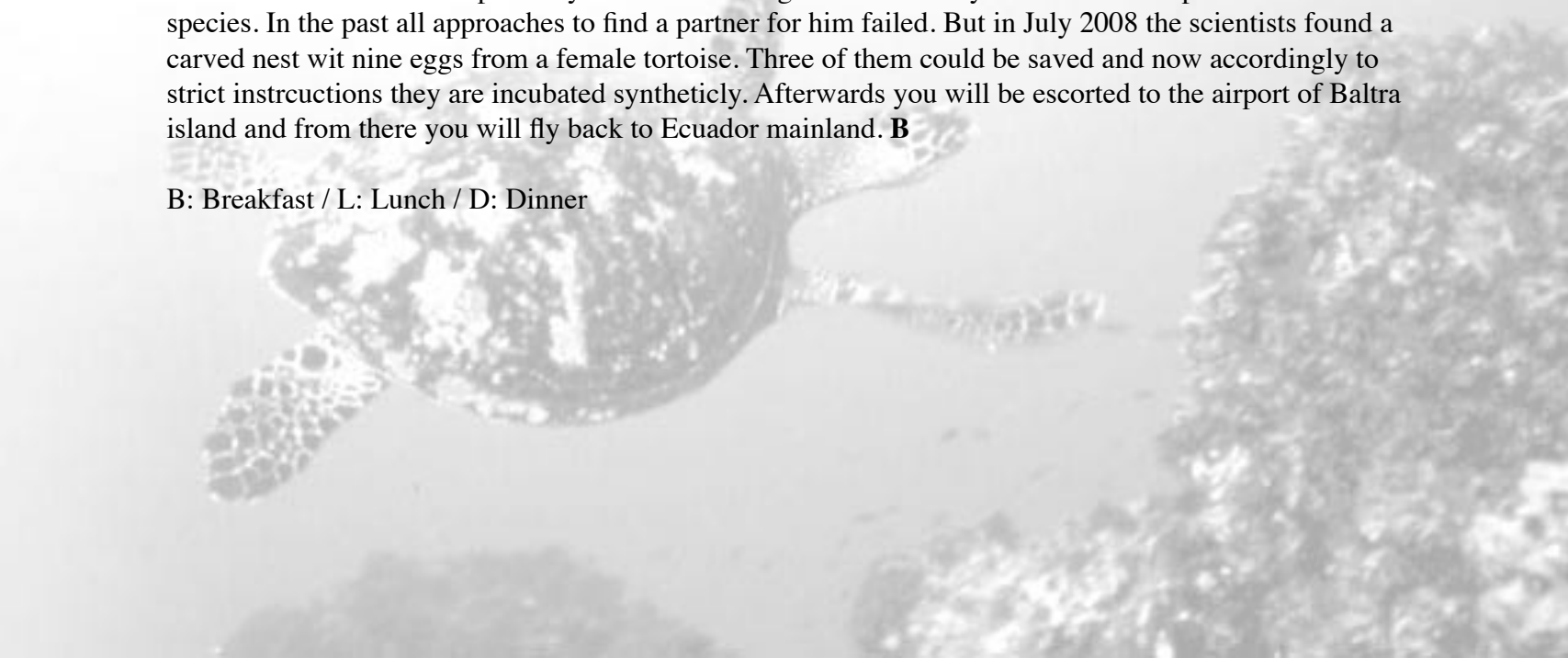
Floreana Island is perceived as one of the most exotic Island of the archipelago. At Cormorant Point you land on a green olivine sand beach. Following a 100 m long path you will soon reach a lagoon with flamingoes, white-checked pintail ducks and other shorebirds. Then you will reach Devils Crown (Corona 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**



**Thursday: Island Santa Cruz – Charles Darwin Research Station / Baltra – flight back to the mainland**

Today you anchor again 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 instrcutions 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 2,039.-

Charter: USD 32,620.-

Single supplement: 90 %  
No child discount!

### Included in the price:

5 days cruise aboard the of Yolita in double cabins with private bathroom, full board, naturalist guide.

### Not included in the price:

Flights mainland to/from Galápagos USD 414.-, entrance fee to Galápagos National Park USD 100.-, migration card USD 10.- per person, drinks, tips, personal expenses, International flight airport tax (USD 41.- per person)

**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.

