



Galapagos Cruise

Motor Yacht Yolita – 5 Days Cruise
Wednesday to Sunday



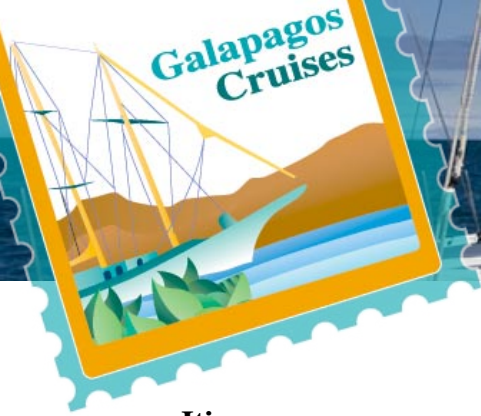
Characteristics:

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:

Wednesday: Flight to Galápagos – Baltra / Puerto Ayora – Tortuga Bay

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 your hotel in Puerto Ayora. Afterwards you will start your first excursion on the island. 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. There you will hike to the long beautiful sandy beach of Tortuga Bay. Enjoy the afternoon while swimming or snorkeling in the width harboured bay and observe the unique world of birds in the surrounded mangroves. -/L/D

Thursday: Island Santa Cruz – Charles Darwin Research Station – Highlands

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 instructions they are incubated synthetically. In the afternoon 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



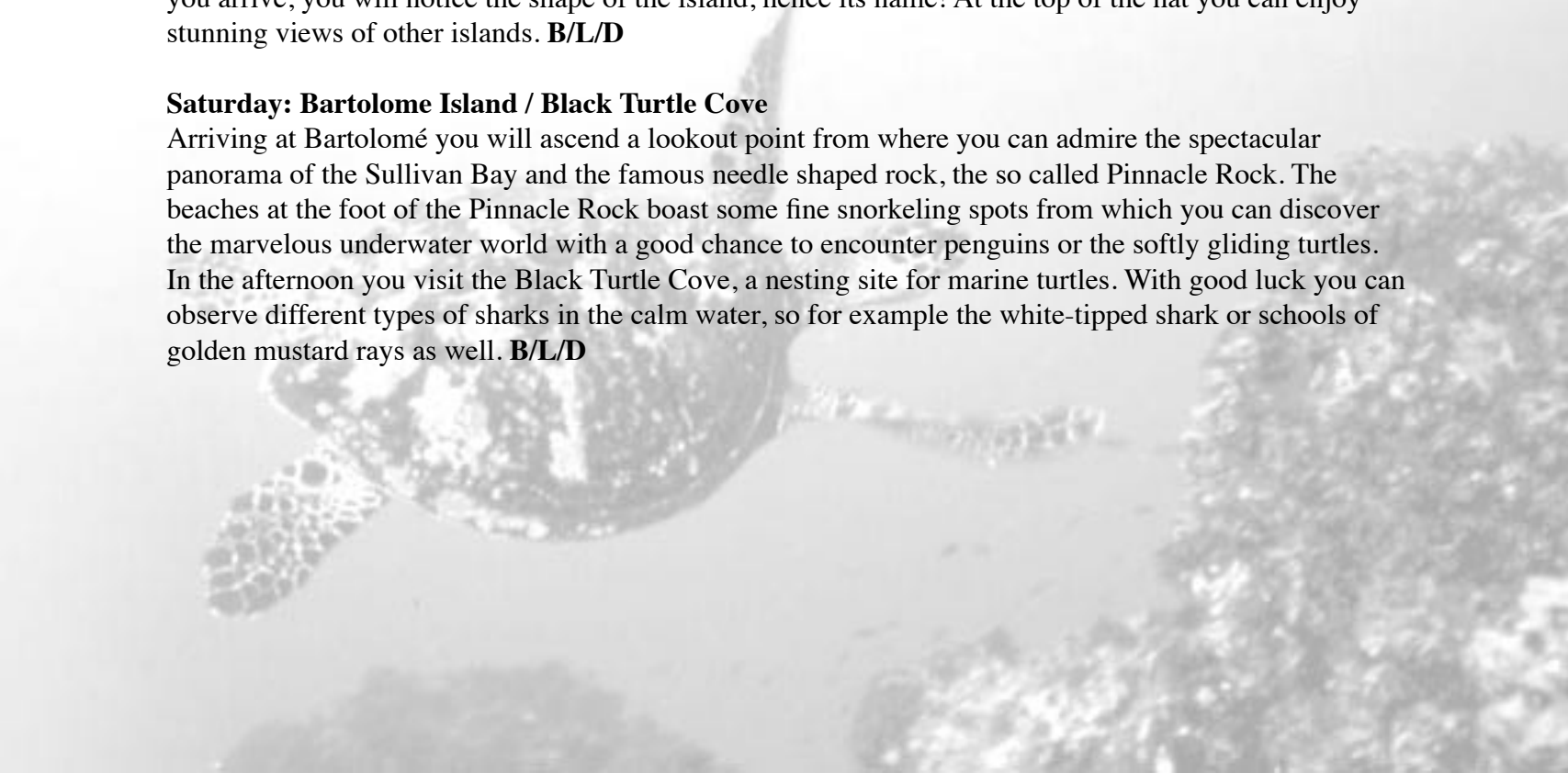
Friday: Rábida Island / Chinese Hat

Today you will make an excursion to the small volcano island Rábida with its dark red beach. A small path there leads you to the little lagoon, which is often visited by flamingos. On your way to this lagoon you will pass nesting pelicans and other sea birds. The beach of Rábida Island is considered as one of the most beautiful places to go snorkeling. Because of a huge richness of fishes you can also observe a lot of sea lions there. After a wet landing, you will encounter a small colony of sea lions and then proceed to hike for approximately one hour up this dark unyielding solid rock island. Amazingly you will encounter a certain type of cacti vegetation growing here; the only flora on the island. From a distance, before you arrive, you will notice the shape of the island, hence its name! At the top of the hat you can enjoy stunning views of other islands. **B/L/D**



Saturday: Bartolome Island / Black Turtle Cove

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. In the afternoon you visit the Black Turtle Cove, a nesting site for marine turtles. With good luck you can observe different types of sharks in the calm water, so for example the white-tipped shark or schools of golden mustard rays as well. **B/L/D**



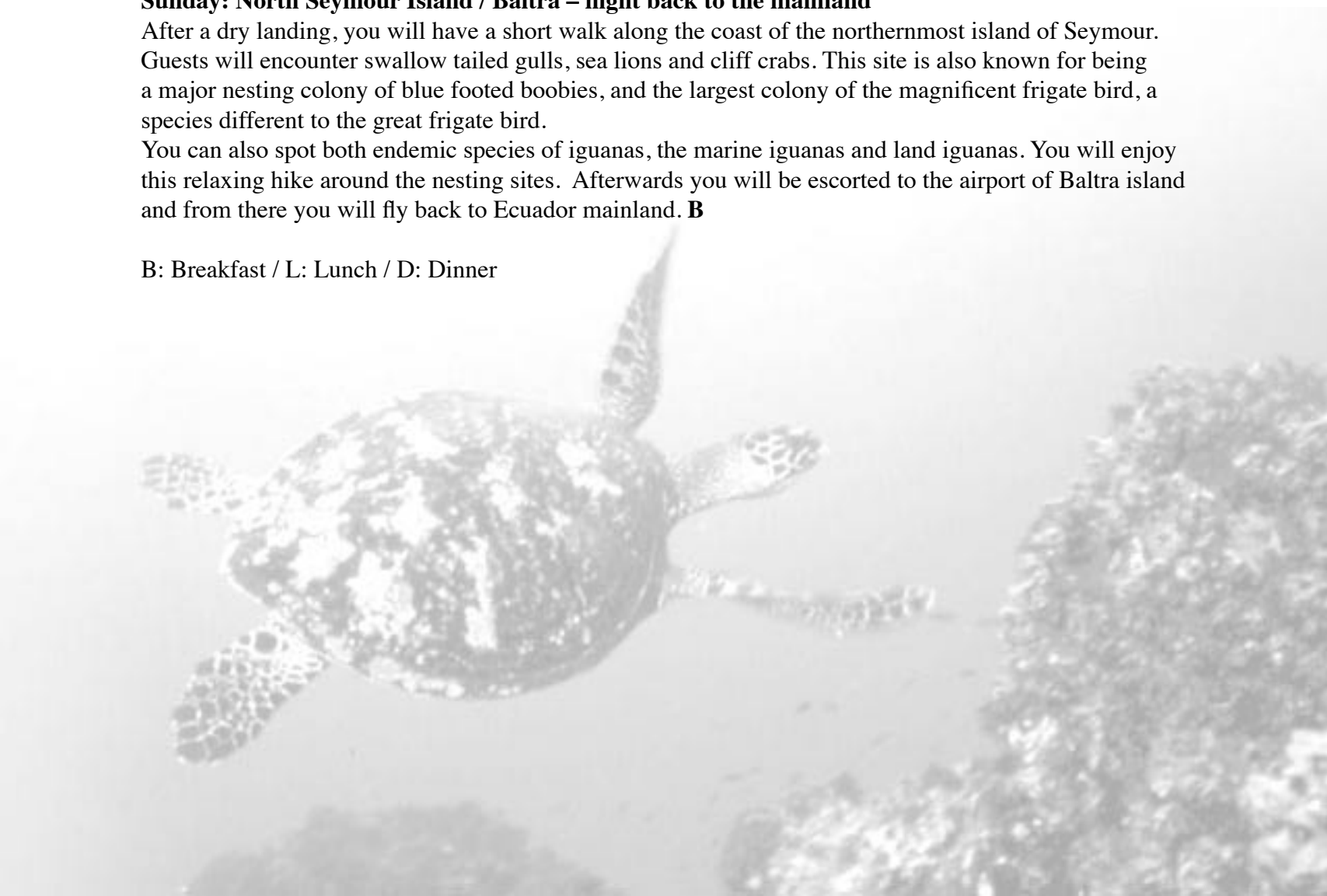


Sunday: North Seymour Island / Baltra – flight back to the mainland

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 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.