



Galapagos Cruise Journey (#19408)

Note: Price printed on this PDF is valid until **30-11-2024** and is subject to change without notice due to Partner changes and currency fluctuations

Trip Highlights

Galapagos - Santa Cruz - Genovesa, Island El Barranco - Darwin Bay - Plazas, Santa Cruz - Santa Fe - San Cristobal

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

DAY 01 : (Friday) Galapagos - Santa Cruz

AM: FLIGHT TO GALAPAGOS - This day you will fly to the Galapagos Island. Due to the Galapagos Government, a fee of AUD 47 must be paid for the migration control card.

Once in Santa Cruz, passengers must go through an inspection point at the airport to make sure that no foreign plants or animals are being introduced to the archipelago. Also, this inspection point is where passengers have to pay for the entrance to the Galapagos National Park under the following parameters: Passengers Foreigners AUD 234 and Children AUD 117 (under 12 years old).



Later on, your guide will pick you, and will carry your luggage to the bus. Passengers will arrive to the Catamaran Seaman Journey on a motorized boat called panga.

PM: NORTH SEYMOUR - North Seymour is an uplifted (as opposed to volcanic) island. Therefore, it is generally flat and strewn with boulders. There are good nesting sites here for a large population of magnificent frigate birds. Blue-footed boobies perform their courtship dance in the more open areas and swallow-tailed gulls perch on the cliff edges. Despite the tremendous surf that can pound the outer shore, sea lions haul out onto the beach and can be found bodysurfing.

Day 02

DAY 02: (Saturday) Genovesa, Island El Barranco - Darwin Bay

AM: GENOVESA, ISLAND EL BARRANCO - THE CLIFF

The visitor site of El Barranco is located in the southern part of Darwin Bay from Genovese Island. The trail is on volcanic rock, consists of 1.5 km and can be done in about 2 hours. The youngest area of the island, from a geological point of view, lies on this area. The cliff is located in the south, are composed of very fragile lava. The natural erosion in these lava flows has become the ideal place for nesting Storm Petrels. You can see two species of petrels that nest in cavities and holes in the lava. One of its main predators is the short-eared owl. The red-footed booby nests only in the outer islands of the archipelago, Punta Pitt, Gardner (Floreana), Wolf, Darwin and Genovese. Also, present on this island is the masked booby. During the “panga rides” along the cliffs, fur sea lions and several species of seabirds can be seen.

PM: DARWIN BAY - This bay has its origin when the crater of this island collapsed below sea level. The wet landing is on a beautiful white coral sandy beach. This is a favourite island for birdwatchers that allow the following species to be seen: red footed-booby, masked boobies, wandering tattlers, lava gulls, whimbrels, yellow-crowned, and black-crowned lava herons, and yellow warblers. Continuing on the trail, visitors climb gradually to the edge of the cliff seeing Red-Foots nesting in the Mangrove trees below. Bird watching includes sightings of sharp-beaked finches, large cactus and ground finches, Galapagos doves, and swallow-tailed gulls. Reaching the end of the trail, at the cliff's edge an incredible view of the island and the many birds living there can be observed.

Day 03

DAY 03: (Sunday) Plazas, Santa Cruz - Santa Fe

AM: PLAZAS, SANTA CRUZ - Plazas is located at the east of Santa Cruz Island, and forms part of two islands known as Islas Plazas. Despite its small size, some of the most interesting and outstanding species of the Galapagos are found here. The Plazas land iguanas are smaller than its relatives found at other islands. Throughout the island are several hybrid



iguanas, a result of crossing a male marine iguana and a female land iguana, they are unique, recognizable at first glance by their black/gray colour, with a land iguana's crest, but face and tail of the marine iguana. The big population of iguanas is due to the presence of tunas, their favourite food. Swallow tailed gulls nesting in the rugged cliffs are seen along with other seabirds as: Audubon shearwaters, red-billed tropicbirds, frigate birds, and brown pelicans.

PM: SANTA FE - Located in the south-eastern part of the Galapagos, this island was formed from an uplift instead of a volcanic origin, and this is why it is mostly flat. There are some theories which assure this could be the oldest island in the Archipelago. Santa Fe is the home of a number of endemic species like the Galapagos hawk, Galapagos snake, Galapagos mockingbird, rice rats, and one of the two species of land Iguanas of the islands. After disembarking in the beautiful and clear waters you will be in contact with one of the many sea lion colonies. Along the trail many salt bushes can be seen as well giant Prickly pear cactus: gigantism is a characteristic of oceanic islands. There are great possibilities of snorkelling with playful sea lions and tropical fish.

Day 04

DAY 04: (Monday) San Cristobal

AM: SAN CRISTOBAL, Jacinto Gordillo Breeding Centre. In 2004 the Breeding and Rearing Centre for young tortoises Jacinto Gordillo, named after a famous settler, was located in Cerro Colorado, San Cristobal Island, in order to take care of young tortoises. In 2008 an assisted reproduction program started on the island due to the birth of a little turtle in captivity. All of this will be learnt at the Jacinto Breeding Centre. One can not only learn about breeding processes but as well get engaged and experience why this breeding centre does what it does. After the morning excursion you will be taken to the airport for your flight to the mainland.

Inclusions

Airport assistance (Quito or Guayaquil, if flights are booked through GGTS)

Transfers in Galapagos.

Accommodation on board in double cabin.

All meals during the cruise.

Naturalist Bilingual Guide level III.

All visits and excursions according to the itinerary

Snorkel Gear (mask, tube and fins).

Kayaks.

Unlimited purified water, coffee and tea.



Exclusions

International / Domestic Airfare

Round trip flight to/from Galapagos

Galapagos National Park Entrance fee AUD 234,00 p/p

Galápagos Ingala card AUD 47,00 p/p

Negative PCR test for Covid-19 (taken 96 hours before the departure)

Wet suit rental

Local taxes

Meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified in the program

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for drivers

Travel and medical insurance.

Note

Rates do not apply for Christmas and New Year departures, please ask your agent for high season rates.

10% discount for children under 12 years (Applies for 1 child for every 2 adults).

Rates are subject to change in case of additional taxes, fuel increases or many other unforeseen circumstance.

Charter - Maximum 16 pax. (Available on request).

Friday departure.

Fixed Departure



29 Nov, 2024

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AUD 5,775 P P twin share

AUD 9,816 P P single

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