

Mary Anne Galapagos Western Islands Sailing Cruise
8 days - 7 nights (Saturday departures)
Baltra, Santa Cruz Is., Floreana Is., Isabela Is., Fernandina Is., Santiago Is., North Seymour Is.
Ecotourism, Wildlife, Culture, Romance, Exploration, History

Day 1 – Sat: Baltra, Santa Cruz Is.

Welcome to the Galapagos Islands. Your guide will pick you up at the airport. Your first stop before boarding the S/S Mary Ann is at the Charles Darwin Research Station in Santa Cruz Island. Founded in 1959 at the centennial celebration of Darwin's Origin of Species, this station houses an international team of scientists that studies the biology and conservation of the Galapagos Islands. You will now drive to the pier to board your S/S Anne Mary and set sail. [L/D]

Day 2 -Sun: Punta Cormorant, Black Beach - Floreana Island**AM: Punta Cormorant, Floreana Island**

Behind the beach is a large brackish lagoon which usually has a large number of flamingos and white cheeked pintails with binoculars you could find black-necked stilts, whimbrels, willets, ruddy turnstones and phalaropes. A short walk leads to a sandy beach composed of coral ground so fine that it feels like flour. Pacific green turtles nest here from December to March. This is also a good place to see sting rays in the sand, but swimming is not allowed.

AM: Devil's Crown Floreana Island

Devils Crown Is an islet with an eroded volcanic cone close to Punta Cormorant and is one of the most interesting underwater sites in the archipelago. Some experience is recommended--at least for free diving.

Divers and snorkelers can expect to see a wide range of brightly colored reef fishes and hammerhead sharks.

PM: Floreana Island Post Office Bay

The best-known site on Floreana is Post Office Bay, a white-sand beach where the crew of a British whaling ship placed a wooden barrel here in 1793, in which home-bound mail was left. [B/L/D]

Day 3 - Mon: Floreana Island**AM: Black Beach**

This morning we will visit Floreana Island's Black Beach, Floreana was the first island in the Archipelago to be inhabited, since it has one of the very few fresh water sources

We will visit the fresh water source known as Asilo de La Paz, as well as the caves that served as hideouts for pirates.

PM: Navigation and whale and dolphin observation

The waters of the Galapagos form the second largest marine reserve in the world, very rich in wildlife. The biggest representatives are the different species of whales and dolphins found here.

We will navigate from Floreana to Isabela Island while looking for these fascinating creatures. At the end of the afternoon we will bask in the landscapes of Isabella and the Cerro Azul volcano. [B/L/D]

Day 4 – Tue: Punta Moreno, Isabela Island**AM: Punta Moreno – Isabela Island**

The pahoehoe lava at this seldom-visited site is a classic example of how gas-rich basaltic rock cools to look like loosely coiled rope. After a little exploration the site reveals natural pools colonized by ducks, waders, stilts, blue-winged teal, flamingos, and moorhens (common gallinules). Great blue herons and flightless cormorants also frequent the areas, while pelicans nest in the mangrove forest. Very large marine iguanas, and white tipped reef sharks may also be spotted in a pool along the shore

PM: Elizabeth Bay - Isabela Island

Landing is not allowed here, but our small boats take you through a couple different sites and caves. First, you visit a group of rocky islets called The Marielas where you will likely observe a

colony of penguins. The biggest colonies of penguins are found in this area due to the cool waters of the west coast of Isabela. You can also see huge marine iguanas due to the abundance of algae (iguana's favorite food), great blue herons, golden rays, spotted eagle rays, white-tip sharks, green turtles and sea lions. [B/L/D]

Day 5 – Wed: Isabela Island, Fernandina Island

AM: Urbina Bay - Isabela Island

This area at the foot of Alcedo volcano was an uplifting of the ocean floor in 1954, and much coral, rounded stones, and other skeletons of marine formations can be seen on land.

A good amount of yellow land iguanas, marine Iguanas, and flightless cormorants are often seen in this area.

PM: Punta Espinosa - Fernandina Island

This craggy peninsula is starkly volcanic. It has been colonized by the endemic lava cactus to form one of the largest growths of its kind in the archipelago. The largest numbers of marine iguanas on the islands bask on lava outcrops, and bright-red Sally light foot crabs contrast with the dark grey pahoehoe lava. Flightless cormorants and penguins frequently nest here. There are usually plenty of sea lions around, with the youngsters playing in the tide pools. Whales and dolphins are often seen feeding on marine iguanas. At low tide, turtles and spotted eagle rays can be seen in an inlet from the trail. There are also tide pools where you can find octopus and damselfish. This is one of the best places to snorkel on the islands. Punta Espinosa is one of the most impressive sites in the archipelago. [B/L/D]

Day 6 – Thu: Isabela Island

AM: Tagus Cove - Isabela Island

Morning dry landing near Tagus Cove, a historic pirate hideaway where it was usual to record the names of the countless ships that passed through here on the cliff face. A large portion of the writing is graffiti left by the US Navy during the mid-1900, but the names of more ancient vessels can still be found. A short hike through some beautiful landscapes to reach Darwin Lake, a small salted water lagoon surrounded by tuff stone and inhabited by many bird species. The hike might be a bit strenuous due to the steep climbs involved. If you have difficulty walking, you may well want to stay on the boat.

PM: Punta Vicente Roca - Isabela Island

This snorkeling site offers a wall dive and the chance to enter two shallow underwater caves. The primitive and unaggressive bullhead shark, known locally as the Port Jackson shark, is often seen here along with red-lipped batfish, frogfishes, Pacific seahorses, the endemic camotillo, schools of barracuda and brown-striped snappers. Sponges, corals, and other marine invertebrates are also abundant in this area. [B/L/D]

Day 7 - Fri: Santiago Island

AM: Espumilla Beach, Buccaneer's Cove - Santiago Island

Espumilla means "foam" in Spanish, and refers to the waves that break along this glorious golden sandy beach. Behind the beach and mangroves, where green turtles nest, there is a semi-dried lagoon where you can see flamingos, pintail ducks, and common stilts. This is a great place to look for the Galapagos hawk, and the Galapagos petrel. You will also spot lots of Pelicans hunting ghost crabs. There is usually enough time at the end for swimming and snorkeling. Pirates once scoured this bay for food (mainly tortoises) and water, but it is now the domain of sea lions and some fur seals. Charles Darwin camped here for nine days in 1835, spending nearly half his time on shore at this one island. This is no longer a landing site, but a panga ride can be rewarding, with views of brown noddies, pelicans, herons, swallow-tailed gulls, and boobies, as well as the sea lions and fur seals. Snorkeling is also allowed.

PM: Puerto Egas - Santiago Island

Puerto Egas is one of the best sites in Santiago Island. The salt-lake crater found on the island is now home to Sally Lightfoot crabs, which attract other types of hunters. Following the trail Fur seal lions are found. Puerto Egas is not only a good spot for taking pictures but also perfect for

snorkeling and seeing many species of tropical fish. This is also one of the best places in Galapagos to see migratory shorebirds feeding at low tide. [B/L/D]

Day 8 - Sat: North Seymour Island, Baltra Airport

North Seymour's topography is flat and strewn with boulders, since this island was formed by seafloor uplift instead of having a volcanic origin as most of the Galapagos Islands. The island is mainly populated by Magnificent Frigate birds--which nest here nearly year-round, and blue footed boobies that use the inland of the island as a nesting site. Your Galapagos adventure has come to an end with a transfer to the airport to board your flight to Quito or Guayaquil. [B]



[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Round trip transfers between the airport and the cruise ship
- 7 nights accommodation in double cabin aboard the ship
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - 5 lunches
 - 6 dinners
- Visits to the islands and sites listed on the itinerary
- Certified naturalist guide
- Snorkeling gear (mask, snorkel and flippers)
- Kayaks

Tour does not include:

- Air ticket to/from Galapagos
- Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee (\$100 per person)
- Transit Control Card (\$20 per person)
- Wet suit
- Options
- Alcoholic and bottled beverages
- Expenses of personal nature
- Tips to guides and shipmates

Your Cruise:

About the Mary Ann:

Launched in 1997, this elegant 216-foot-long barquentine is the most apt way to visit the Galapagos Islands. The Mary Anne is the perfect ship for those who love to sail. She has 1000 square meters of canvas with which she majestically takes to the waves. The Mary Anne is a comfortable and romantic sailing ship.

- Elegant 3 mast barquentine; the only of its kind on the Islands
- Built with steel hull, tall masts and deep draft, the S/S Mary Anne is one of the most stable vessels in the Galapagos Islands.
- When navigating with full sails, you will enjoy travelling without the sound of engines. dolphins and whales are more likely to swim alongside

The Mary Anne can accommodate everyone, with 8 single cabins and no single supplement. All guest's accommodations are located on the Cabin Deck. The Main Deck offers a dining room, kitchen, library and entertainment center. The vessel features a wood-paneled, comfortable lounge area with a cozy bar and ample sun decks.

Cruise Prices:

Season	Cruise Dates	Double	Single
2020 Sailings			
High Season	January 1 - June 30	\$5,289	\$5,289
Summer Special	July 1 - August 31	\$4,499	\$4,499
Low Season	September 1- November 30	\$4,979	\$4,979

*Cruise to the Galapagos Western Islands available upon request**

Rates per person based on double occupancy

The seasonal rates apply according to the cruise start date

No single supplement subject to availability

Children under 12 have a 25% discount

A fuel surcharge may apply in case of a drastic increase in Ecuador's fuel price

Christmas and New Year holidays (from December 16th to January 3rd) have an additional 10% surcharge of the published rate

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