

Seaman Journey – Central Islands

10 days – 9 nights

**Baltra, Santa Cruz Highlands, Isabela, Punta Moreno, Fernandina: Punta Mangle, Urbina Bay, Tagus Cove, Fernandina: Punta Espinoza, Isabela: Punta Vicente Roca, Santiago, Caleta Bucanero, Espumilla Beach, Puerto Egas, Rabida, Chinese Hat, Sullivan Bay, Bartolome, Bachas Beach
Eco-Tourism**

This program is fully customizable and may be operated for individuals, pods and small groups

This program takes you on a journey to the remotest corners of the archipelago. We visit the far west islands, these are the youngest, lava fields are common, scarce vegetation has driven wildlife to adapt the most. Flightless cormorants and penguins share the rocks and waters of Bolivar channel. Fernandina island is the youngest island and perhaps the most unique.

Day 1 - Thu: Quito

After airport formalities at Quito Airport you'll be met by our representative and driven to your hotel for check-in and overnight.

Note: all passengers must show proof of vaccination or negative PCR test for Covid-19 (taken 72 hours before arrival)

Day 2 - Fri: Baltra, Santa Cruz Highlands

Early transfer to the airport for your flight to Baltra, in the Galapagos Islands. Once in Baltra, 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.

AM: Quito, Santa Cruz:

After control you'll meet your guide who will take you and carry the luggage to the bus that transports the tourists to the ferries to cross the Itabaca Channel. Please be aware that passenger's luggage will be sent directly to the Seaman Journey yacht. After this, passengers will be taken by another bus to the first visit to Ranch Manzanillo where visitors must wear comfortable walking shoes, light clothing and a waterproof jacket, sun-block lotion, a camera and repellent for the first activity (It is important to follow these instructions in order to accomplish this itinerary properly).. The visit to Ranch Manzanillo includes a picnic lunch and a short walk before boarding the Motor Catamaran.

PM: Santa Cruz Highlands: Journeying across Santa Cruz into the highlands, visitors are delighted by the island's variety of life and geology. Beginning at the coast and traveling across Santa Cruz the road departs from Puerto Ayora climbing through the agricultural lands and into the mist covered forests. Santa Cruz possesses all of the various life zones present in the archipelago. Birds will surround you across this path. Whether it's the bright red feathers of a vermilion flycatcher or one of Darwin's Finch almost every bird present in the islands can be found here. Santa Cruz offers excellent opportunities to observe the wild Galapagos Tortoises. Tracking tortoises is not the only exciting activity to be found in the highlands. There are also plenty of lava tubes, sinkholes and craters ready to be explored. After this visit they moved to the M / C Seaman Journey. [B/L/D]

Note: To enter the Galapagos you are required to pay a \$20 ingress fee (Ingala Card) at the airport and a conservation fee of \$100 on your arrival at Santa Cruz.

Day 3 - Sat: Isabela, Punta Moreno, Fernandina: Punta Mangle

AM: Mangle Point: Off the eastern coast of Fernandina, Mangle Point can be found, a superior snorkeling site and a beautiful location for riding in a panga or zodiac through a grove of mangrove trees. A hike of about 1/2 mile is possible. While you are on your ride, you are likely to see sea lions, tortoises, pelicans, rays and birds too numerous to name them all.

PM: Punta Moreno: Punta Moreno is located on the north coast of Isabela Island between the volcano Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul volcano. The trail runs along a lava flow Pahohoe (solidified lava in the form of corrugated or an accordion) into a complex of coastal lagoons, where several species of birds which can be found around this lakes and mangroves [B/L/D]

Day 4 - Sun: Isabela, Urbina Bay, Tagus Cove

AM: Urbina Bay: Urbina Bay is located at the base of Alcedo Volcano on the west coast, between Tagus Cove and Elizabeth Bay. This area experienced a major uplift in 1954, which caused the land to rise over 16 feet. The coast expanded half a mile out, leaving marine life stranded on the new shore. This area is also a great place to snorkel. Urbina Bay is a path that starts off with a wet landing. The course is approximately 3200m, and made up of sand, pumice, lava, coral and vegetation where one can observe iguana burrows. It is an ideal place to see red and blue lobster! In Bahia Urbina you can see Darwin's finches. Its main attraction is the land iguanas, which are larger than in places like South Plaza Island and Galapagos tortoises also in the wild, sometimes even out of season they are on the bottom of the islands. A large amount of vegetation can be observed such as chamomile and Rosewood, but among all these plants, the beautiful flowers of cotton Darwin, endemic to the Galapagos Islands stand out.

PM: Tagus Cove: Tagus Cove is located west of Darwin Volcano on Isabela Island. This was a favorite spot for pirates and whalers, and it was them who started the following tradition: the inscription of the names of boats. At the beginning of the trail, you will see a small cave where you will find inscriptions dating to the 1800s. Its name originated from a British warship that went across the islands in 1814 looking for Galapagos Tortoise for food. Due to former eruptions, the substrate has a large amount of volcanic rocks of different sizes, among the most common are little balls of nearly spherical shape known as the "lapilli" or petrified rain. [B/L/D]

Day 5 - Mon: Fernandina: Punta Espinoza, Isabela: Punta Vicente Roca

AM: Espinoza Point: Espinoza Point is a famous place known for its large colonies of marine iguanas and as the habitat of unique species like the flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguin, Galapagos hawk, and Galapagos snake.

PM: Vicente Roca Point: One of the most impressive and spectacular places of the enchanted Galapagos Islands; with high cliffs and tuff stone, ash and lava formations give this area a majestic touch, is Punta Vicente Roca. It is located in the north-western coast of the island; comprises two distinct islets. This large bay has a spectacular marine life. Here, you can see seahorses, sea turtles and the strange yet fascinating Mola-mola or sunfish. This bay is a great place to practice Panga Ride and Snorkeling. We can as well find: Penguins, Blue-footed boobies, Terns, Boobies, Sea lions. Also, you can snorkel and observe sea turtles, stingrays and puffer fishes. [B/L/D]

Day 6 - Tue: Santiago, Caleta Bucanero, Espumilla Beach, Puerto Egas

AM: Playa Espumilla: Espumilla beach is located on the northern coast of Santiago Island in James Bay. During the last presence of the El Niño phenomenon, one of the two lagoons in this site, underwent a process of sedimentation, thus causing the disappearance of a representative colony of flamingos. The main attractions are the palosanto forest and the nesting of baby turtles.

PM: Puerto Egas: Its black beach is located on the west side of the island and is the main attraction of the island. Their volcanic tuff deposits have favored the formation of this special black sand beach. This site is called Puerto Egas, because there was an attempt to start the exploitation of salt, which failed because the price of salt in the continent was very cheap, and did not justify its exploitation in Galapagos. The project was abandoned and the infrastructure was left abandoned. [B/L/D]

Day 7 - Wed: Rabida, Chinese Hat

AM: Rabida Island: Rabida Island is unique due to the red color that colours all rocks and sand. The volcanic material in this island is very porous and external factors as rain, salty water, and sea breeze have acted as an oxidizing agent. A short walk along a trail leads you to a coastal lagoon behind the beach which permits you to observe the land birds such as finches, doves, yellow warblers, and mockingbirds. At the lagoon there is a colony of flamingos.

PM: Chinese Hat: This is a small islet (1 sq km) located just off the southeastern tip of Santiago Island. It is a recent volcanic cone, shaped like a Chinese hat when seen from the north. On the west you can see lava formations, formed under the sea and raised upwards, this is why coral heads are found on the lava. This is an excellent visit for interpretation of geological features such as lava tubes and lava flows. The landscape is covered by sea-lions colonies, marine iguanas, and Galapagos penguins. [B/L/D]

Day 8 - Thu: Santiago, Sullivan Bay, Bartolome

AM: Sullivan Bay: Santiago, also called James, or San Salvador Island, is located in the west central part of the Galapagos archipelago. It is the fourth largest island in the archipelago (following Isabela, Fernandina and Santa Cruz). Along with some of the large western volcanoes of Isabela and Fernandina, Santiago is also volcanically active, with many young flows and cones to be seen, particularly along the south, west, and east coasts. These may even be seen from the summit of Darwin Volcano and from space. A number of historic eruptions have been reported over the last 2 centuries. Santiago actually consists of two coalesced volcanoes: a typical shield volcano on the northwest end and a low, linear fissure volcano on the southeast end.

PM: Bartolome Island: Bartolome Island is situated across Sullivan Bay. It has an altitude of 374 Feet, from where we can observe one of the most beautiful sceneries of the Galapagos Islands such as: Volcanic cones, lunar – like craters, lava fields, and the famous Toba formed pinnacle eroded by the sea. There is very little vegetation on this island. It has two breathtaking beaches where marine turtles exist and at the base of the pinnacle, as well as a very small colony of Galapagos penguins. [B/L/D]

**Day 9 - Fri: Bachas Beach, Baltra, Quito**

AM: Bachas Beach: These two small beaches are found to the West of Turtle Cove. Their sand is made of decomposed coral, which makes it white and soft, making it a favorite nesting site for sea turtles. Behind one of the beaches there is a small brackish water lagoon, where it is occasionally possible to observe flamingos and other coastal birds, such as black-necked stilts and whimbrels. The other beach is longer, but it has two old barges that were abandoned during the Second World War, when the USA used Baltra Island as a strategically point to protect the Panama Channel. After the morning excursion you will be taken to the airport for your flight to the mainland. [B]

Day 10 - Sat: Quito, USA

Breakfast at the hotel. At the appropriate time take the shuttle to the airport to board your flight back home. [B]

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

Your Tour includes:

- Roundtrip airfare Miami-Quito
- Roundtrip flight Quito/Galapagos
- Airport assistance
- Transfers in Quito and the Galapagos
- 9 nights' accommodation
 - Quito 2 nights
 - On board 7 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 7 lunches
 - 7 dinners
- All visits and excursions according to the itinerary
- English-speaking Naturalist Guide

- Snorkel Gear (mask, tube and fins)
- Kayaks
- Unlimited purified water, coffee and tea

Tour does not include:

- Airfare related taxes and fees
- Galapagos National Park Entrance fee* (\$100 per adult)
- Galapagos Ingala card* (\$20 p/p)
- Travel Insurance
- Tips
- Local Taxes
- Meals and services not mentioned above
- Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks
- Extras and personal expenses

* Ingala Card & Conservation fee are included in price for Early Bird promotion

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Room Type	Tripadvisor
Quito	Illa Experience Hotel	Luxury room	5
Galapagos	Seaman Journey	Standard Cabin	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of bookings

Departures Dates & Prices

2021 Departures			2022 Departures		
Dates	Main	Upper	Dates	Main	Upper
Aug 19,31	\$5,169	\$5,649	Jan 6*	\$6,045	\$6,255
Nov 11			Feb 3,17*		
Nov 25			Mar 3,17,31*		
Dec 9			May 12,26*		
See Special Promotion			Jun 23*	See Special Promotion	
			Aug 4,18*		
			Sept 29*		

Rates are minimum per person, based on 2 passengers sharing a cabin and are valid through December 2022. All departures are subject to confirmation at the time of booking
Airfare add-ons available from all US gateways.

Special Promotion

2021-2022 Departures (Before June 30th 2022)		
Must be booked & Paid by 31 Dec '21		
DECK	ROOM TYPE	COST
Main deck	Standard twin	\$5,169
Upper deck	Matrimonial suite	\$5,649

These discounted prices also include the Ingala Card (\$50) and Conservation Fee (\$100)

Deposit:

At time of Booking.....20%
60 days before departure.....80%

Cancelations

Anytime..... \$250
120 to 61 days before departure.....20%
60 days or less before departure.....100%

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups
Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

• **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

• **Program**

You may add or remove;

- o Trip days
- o Cities and sites
- o Meals

• **Other options**

- o The program was designed with private services. However, at your request, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- o If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

• **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

Prices are minimum for low season. Please call for other periods

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Options:

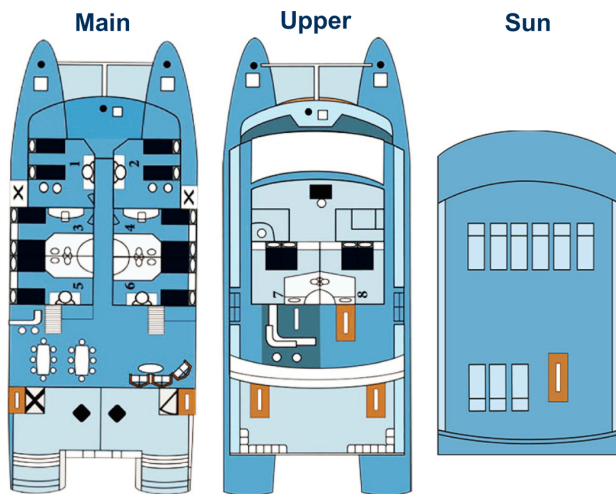
- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Car can be upgraded upon request

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.

M/C Galapagos Seaman Journey Deck Plans



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Your Cruise:

The Ship

M/C Galapagos Seaman Journey is a first-class catamaran that began sailing the Galapagos Islands in January 2008. It is a Boutique Yacht offering superior comfort, size, style, and stability. The Galapagos Seaman Journey makes it possible to enjoy several cruises in the Galapagos with different itineraries that include amazing land tours on most of the Galapagos Islands. During these

Galapagos cruises, guests encounter many endemic species like Galapagos Giant Tortoises, Penguins, Land and Marine Iguana's, Frigate Birds, Blue Footed Boobies, and much more!

Facilities

During one of the cruises, each guest can enjoy the well-furnished facilities offering comfort and privacy. Galapagos Seaman Journey has a maximum capacity of 16 passengers allowing privacy and camaraderie at the same time. We have several resting areas for those who are looking for a quiet place to relax during their Galapagos trip with family and friends in the lazy mid-afternoon sun, or likewise after a busy day of swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, or walking on one of the Galapagos Islands.

Sundecks

To check out the gorgeous ocean views with fellow shipmates, guests can spend some time on the liveboard's spacious sundecks. Whether they feel like getting a little sun on their vacation or want the best place to enjoy the gorgeous sunsets over the Galapagos Islands, our sundecks are the best place to be.

Bar

For the adults who might want to relax and kick back, we offer a great bar and lounge area where they are served by our bartender who will be happy to attend to all their needs and desires whilst you relax.

Fine dining & Cuisine

Each meal on board is a treat for the taste buds as our chef prepares the finest international and local dishes using fresh ingredients of the highest quality. All meals include the choice of meat, poultry or seafood. In the case you have a food allergies or food restriction, we can adapt the menu to your requirements.

Nature Lectures

After a full day of visits to the islands you will get to learn a little more about the sights you visited and will be able to ask your guide specific questions about wildlife, geology, marine life, biology, and other topics. Our certified naturalist guide speaks English and has extensive experience in the Galapagos Islands.

Well planned itineraries

We believe that the key to a great itinerary is variety and therefore the M/C Galapagos Seaman Journey visits several types of ecosystems within the Galapagos Island.

Great shore Excursions

Our shore excursions are packed full of several activities and lots of fun. A typical visit to a National Park landing site includes a nature hike, zodiac ride, snorkeling or kayaking and of course time out to relax on the beach.