

1-855-55-TOURS

Seaman Journey - Northern Island Itinerary
6 Days – 5 nights
Santa Cruz, North Seymour, Barranco, Darwin Bay, Plazas, Santa Fe
Ecotourism, Adventure, Sport, Relaxation

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

The highlight of this itinerary is Genovesa Island and the possibility of walking to the cliff at El Barranco, observing thousands of sea birds fluttering around. Of course, the obvious Red Footed Booby is ever present. Darwin bay offers great encounters with sea birds and to-class snorkeling

## Day 1 - Thu: Guayaquil

After airport formalities at Guayaquil Airport take the shuttle 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: Guayaquil, Baltra, North Seymour

AM: Guayaquil, Santa Cruz: Take the shuttle to the airport to board your flight to Baltra, in the Galapagos Islands. 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. After control you'll meet your guide who will take you and carry the luggage to the bus to the pier where you'll board a motorized boat called panga for a short ride to embark on the Catamaran Seaman Journey. Then settle down in your cabin and enjoy lunch on board.

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

AM: El Barranco: The visitor site of El Barranco is located in the southern part of Darwin Bay in Genovesa Island. The 1 mile long volcanic rock trail 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, composed of very fragile lava, is located in the south,. 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 Genovesa. 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 was formed when the crater of this island collapsed below sea level. The wet landing is on a beautiful white coral sandy beach. This is a favorite island for birdwatchers that allow the following species to be seen: red footed-booby, masked boobies, wandering tattlers, lava gulls, whimbrels, yellow-crowned, 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, you'll have an incredible view of the island and of the many birds living there. [B/L/D]

# Day 4 - Sun: Plazas, Santa Fe

AM: Plazas: 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 land iguanas are smaller than its relatives found on other islands. Throughout the island are several hybrid iguanas, a unique result of crossing a male marine iguana

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and a female land iguana, recognizable at first glance by their black/gray color, 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 tuna fish, their favorite 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 southeastern part of the Galapagos, this island was formed from an uplift instead of a volcanic origin, explaining 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 hawk, Galapagos snake, Galapagos 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 as giant Prickly Pear cactus: gigantism is a characteristic of oceanic islands. There are great possibilities of snorkeling with playful sea lions and tropical fish. [B/L/D]

### Day 5 - Mon: San Cristobal, Guayaquil

AM: Jacinto Cordillo Breeding Center: In 2004 the Breeding and Rearing Center 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. At the Jacinto Breeding Center, you'll learn, hand on, about breeding processes. After the morning excursion you will be taken to San Cristobal airport for your flight to Guayaquil. On arrival take the shuttle to the hotel for check-in and overnight. [B]

**Note**: Depending on your US gateway city the flights may be adjusted and an overnight may have to be added either in Quito or Guayaquil

# Day 6 - Tue: Guayaquil, 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-Guayaquil
- Roundtrip flight Guayaquil/Galapagos
- Airport assistance
- Transfers in the Galapagos
- 5 nights' accommodation
  - o Guayaquil 2 nights
  - o On board 3 nights

- Meals:
  - o Breakfast daily
  - o 3 lunches
  - o 3 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



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### 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
Guayaquil	Wyndham Garden Hotel	Garden room	4
Galapagos	Seaman Journey	Standard Cabin	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of bookings

**Departures Dates & Prices** 

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2021 Departures			2022 Departures					
Dates	Main	Upper	Dates	Main	Upper	Dates	Main	Upper
Aug 12			Jan 13			Jul 28		
Aug 7	¢7 000	3,099 \$3,309	Jan 27	\$3,099		Aug 11, 25		
Dec 2	Ψ5,055		Feb 10, 24			Oct 6, 20	\$3,099 \$3,309	
Dec 16			Mar 10,24		\$3,309	Nov 3,17		
See Special Promotion		Apr 7,21			Dec 1,15			
		May 5,19			See Special Promo	otion		
		June 2, 30			See Special Proffic		otion	

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	\$2,719		
Upper deck	Matrimonial suite	\$2,929		

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

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

# Cancelations

Anytime	\$250
120 to 61 days before departure	
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



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- o Cities and sites
- o Meals

# Other options

- o The program was designed with private services. However, at yor 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:

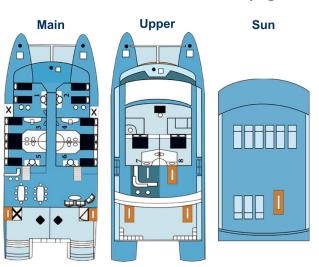
- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated 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 lad 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 liveaboard'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 itinerarires

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.