

Seaman Journey – Southern Islands

7 Days – 6 nights

**San Cristobal, Galapaguera, Cerro Brujo, Española, Gardner Bay, Suarez Point, Cormorant Point,
Floreana, Post Office Bay**

Ecotourism, Adventure, Sport, Relaxation

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

Explore the oldest islands of the archipelago, the highlands of these areas boast tropical cloudforests and developed flora. Espanola island is one of the archipelagos gems, it is the only place in the world where the waved albatross nests and features colorful iguanas. The Post office bay is another highlight of this route.

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, San Cristobal

AM: Quito, Santa Cruz: Take the shuttle to the airport to board your flight to San Cristobal, in the Galapagos Islands. Once in San Cristobal, 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: Interpretation Center: Interpretation Center Galapagos Islands This is an interpretation center with exuberant gardens and stunning ocean views. Visitors at the interpretation center can learn a lot from the geological and human history of the islands, conservation facts and natural history. This is the oldest museum of Natural History in the Galapagos Islands which attempts to preserve the archipelago. It is indeed inspiring and motivating to watch and learn all of their research and attempts. [B/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 - Tue: San Cristobal, Galapaguera, Cerro Brujo

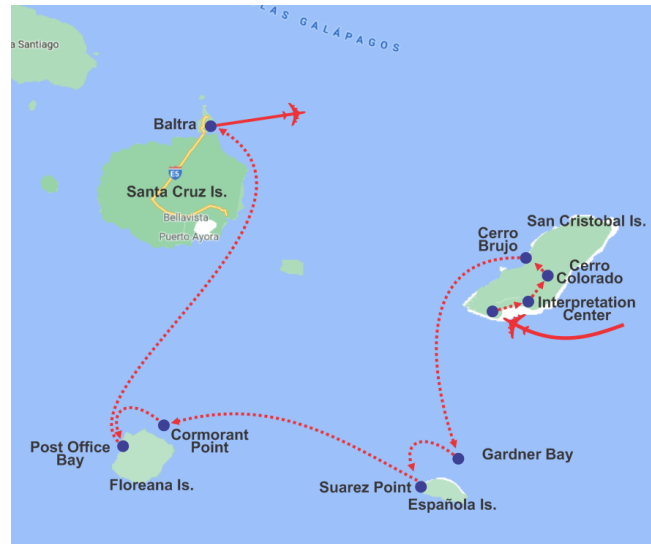
AM: Galapaguera: A short visit will take place at the Galapaguera, a good place to observe Galapagos tortoises in its natural habitat. San Cristobal island has endemic species such as: the Mockingbird *Nesomimus melanotis*, lava lizard (*Microlophus bivittatus*), Chatham Leaf-toed Gecko (*Phyllodactylus leei*) and the tortoises. All of these species can be observed in this place, the beach is really big and it works as a nesting zone for marine tortoises. Between January and May, it is common to find the footprints of the female tortoises who have climbed to the sand dunes to deposit their eggs! It's truly worth to be part of this experience!

PM: Cerro Brujo: Galapagos Islands Iguana Cerro Brujo is a beautiful white coral beach where you can swim and watch birds and sea lions, plus you can snorkel. This is the first coast where Charles Darwin walked on, in 1835. In this marvelous lava landscape, you can watch seabirds like blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, herons, frigate birds and shore birds. The protected bay is well known for its young tortoises which like to swim around. The pools with salty water behind the sand dunes were used by the fishermen as a salt mine in order to preserve food for the local population. Among the fauna you can observe the Chatham Mockingbird and the San Cristobal Lava Lizard, both species are endemic to the island and unique to the area. Furthermore, you will see the Galapagos turtles and with luck, the little bird known as the Pájaro Brujo in Spanish, an endemic species in San Cristobal Island. The vegetation covers all the route, where you can find species like the candelabrum cactus and carob trees. Located on the north coast of Isla San Cristobal it is a peaceful place with white sand and crystal water, a perfect combination for an incredible stay. [B/L/D]

Day 4 - Wed: Española, Gardner Bay, Suarez Point

AM: Gardner Bay: Located on the north-eastern coast of Hood, Gardner Bay offers an excellent beach to relax, swim and even kayak, plus the opportunity to observe sea lions (*Zalophus wollebaki*),. Here we can also observe sharks in the crystal-clear ocean waters. At this place one can see three species of Darwin finches: A subspecies of the large-billed cactus finch (*Geospiza fuliginosa*), which is similar to the large-billed terrestrial finch; The small-beaked ground finch (*Geospiza fuliginosa*) and the singing finch (*Certhidea Olivacea*) which is another endemic subspecies. Both resident and migratory birds are observed. It is worth to notice that this zone is really important for marine tortoises nesting, specially the (*Chelonia mydas*).

PM: Suarez Point: This area is great for spotting blue-footed boobies, albatrosses and Nazca boobies. A beautiful site on the oceanfront, the large waved albatrosses use the cliff as a launching pad. The famous attraction is the magnificent blowhole, spurting water high into the air at least from 50 to **75** meters high. This site presents wonderful photograph opportunities. [B/L/D]

**Day 5 - Thu: Floreana, Cormorant Point, Floreana, Post Office Bay**

AM: Cormorant Poinr: This site offers probably the best flamingo lagoon in the Galapagos; it is also one of the largest in the islands. It's situated between two tuff lava cones that give the area a special atmosphere. There are various species of shorebirds to observe besides flamingos; the most frequent are common stilts, white-checked pintail ducks, and other migratory birds. It is very interesting to see the two distinct beaches: "The Green Beach" (due to its high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand) and the "Flour Sand Beach" which is made up of coral.

PM: Post Office Bay: Post Office Galapagos Islands. Historically, this site is the location of a wooden barrel that was placed in the 18th century by the crew of a whaling ship. It has been used since this time by marines and tourists as a post office. The idea is to carry letters or postcards to their destination by hand. Besides, this site was the landing area for some of the first colonists. [B/L/D]

Day 6 - Fri: Santa Cruz, Baltra, Guayaquil

After the morning excursion you will be taken to the Baltra airport for your flight to the mainland. [B]

Day 7 - Sat: 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
- 6 nights' accommodation
 - Guayaquil 2 nights
 - On board 4 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 3 lunches
 - 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

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

2021 Departures			2022 Departures					
Dates	Main	Upper	Dates	Main	Upper	Dates	Main	Upper
Aug 15	\$3,355	\$3,629	Jan 16*	\$3,855	\$4,065	Jul 3	\$3,855	\$4,065
Oct 7			Feb 13*			Jul 17,31		
Oct 24			Feb 27*			Aug 14		
Nov 7			Mar 13*			Oct 9,23		
Dec 5			Mar 27*			Nov 6,20		
See Special Promotion Below			Apr 10,24*			Dec 4,18	See Special Promotion Below	
			May 8,22*					
			June 5,19*					

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	\$3,355
Upper deck	Matrimonial suite	\$3,629

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

- Cities and sites
- Meals
- **Other options**
 - The program was designed with private services. However, at your request, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
 - 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:

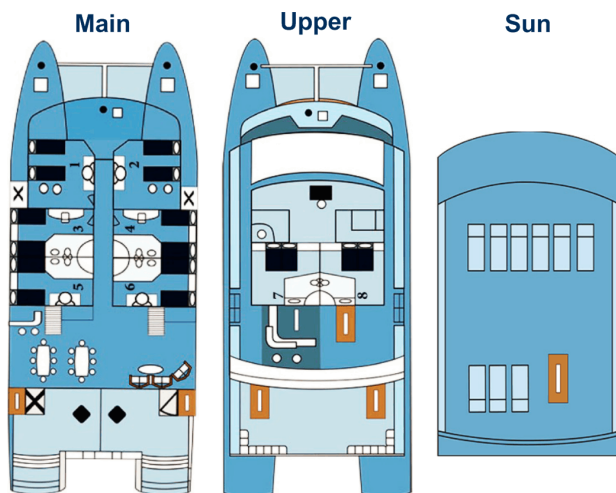
- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated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



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.