



GALAPAGOS SEA STAR JOURNEY – 5 DAYS

Our Galapagos Cruises combine a contemporary design, privacy and comfort all within the marvelous setting of the Galapagos Islands. The Galapagos Sea Star Journey has a capacity of up to 16 passengers, featuring seven spacious Galapagos Suites – Matrimonial (approx. 25,2 m) and one Sea Star Suite (approx. 35,2 m) equipped with panoramic windows to enjoy the wonderful landscapes of the islands. These come with a private bathroom, hot/cold water, air conditioning (with independent controls), a minibar and TV. Twin beds (or one faux queen bed) and connected suites are available for families.

Local and International dishes – especially designed by our chef – are served in the cozy atmosphere of our dining room. Our yacht offers a large solarium with shaded and uncovered areas, two Jacuzzis and comfortable sun loungers. Social areas include a Saloon, mini-library and video library as well as a play zone for kids (during family departures). Snorkeling equipment and kayaks are available too without any extra charge.

Galapagos Sea Star Journey complies with local and international safety regulations. In addition, we implement sustainable practices throughout our journey to protect the fragile environment of the Galapagos archipelago

Day 1: M/Y Galapagos Sea Star Journey 5 Days: Day 1

Upon arrival at Isla Baltra in the Galapagos Islands, you will meet your guide to transfer to, and embark upon, the M/Y Galapagos Sea Star Journey. In the afternoon, visit Cerro Dragón, Dragon Hill, upon which you are afforded beautiful views of the bay. Take a trail to a hyper-saline lagoon situated behind a beach, where you can find flamingos and pintail ducks amongst other shorebirds. There is also a population of re-introduced land iguanas.

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Overnight in a M/Y Galapagos Sea Star Journey 5 Day Twin with all meals included.



Day 2: M/Y Galapagos Sea Star Journey 5 Days : Day 2

AM: BLACK TURTLE COVE

This little cove is located at the northern side of Santa Cruz island, this is a red mangrove lagoon very calm and quiet which made an ideal place as nursery for many sharks and rays. Its crystal waters permits to observe large groups of white-tip reef, black tipped reef and hammer heads sharks, schools of golden rays as well as spotted eagle rays. There are no landing sites so the visit is done by panga or kayak. Sea turtles are frequently seen and sometimes they are seen mating in the mangrove-lined waters. Pelicans and Herons are also seen in this area.



PM: CHINESE HAT

This is a small islet (1 sq km) located just off the south-eastern tip of Santiago Island. It is a recent volcanic cone, it has a shape of one Chinese hat when you see it from north side. On the west it can be seen lava formations, formed under the sea and raised upward, 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. There are many sea lions colonies, marine iguanas and Galapagos penguins.



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Day 3: M/Y Galapagos Sea Star Journey 5 Days : Day 3

AM: DARWIN BAY, GENOVESA ISLAND

This bay has 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: red footed-booby, masked boobies, wandering tattlers, lava gulls, whimbrels Yellow-crowned, black-crowned and lava herons, with and yellow warblers can be seen in the area.

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 the trail at the cliff's edge offers an incredible view of the island and the many birds living there.



PM: EL BARRANCO, GENOVESA ISLAND

El Barranco is located in the southern part of Darwin Bay and it is also known as Prince Philip's Steps, passengers will climb to a plateau that is part of the stretch of land that surrounds Darwin Bay on its eastern side. There is a big population of Masked boobies and Red-Footed boobies in the tree; Storm petrels and Short-eared Owls have found in Genovesa lava flows the ideal place for nesting.

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Day 4: M/Y Galapagos Sea Star Journey 5 Days : Day 4

AM: BARTOLOMÉ ISLAND

Bartolomé Island is situated across Sullivan Bay. It has an altitude of 114 meters, 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 breath-taking beaches where marine turtles exist and at the base of the pinnacle, as well as a very small colony of Galapagos penguins.

PM: THE SULLIVAN BAY, SANTIAGO ISLAND

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. It has many young flows and cones, particularly along the south, west, and east coasts. They are visible from the summit of Darwin Volcano and from space. There were some historic eruptions 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.



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Day 5: M/Y Galapagos Sea Star Journey 5 Days: Day 5

AM: HIGHLANDS, SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

The trail to the highlands leaves from Bellavista and passes through the agricultural zone, near the National Park boundary, the Miconia Zone, and then goes to the Fern and Sedge zone. With clear weather (unpredictable) this area affords beautiful scenes of rolling hills and extinct volcanic cones covered with grass and lush greenery all year round.

Then transfer back to the airport for your departing flight.

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Included: Matrimonial/Twin cabin accommodation with private facilities; All meals, Water, Coffee and Tea; All excursions as mentioned in the itinerary (itinerary subject to change) with English speaking naturalist guide class 2/3, All transfers in Galapagos airport / yacht (on cruise dates and flights reserved by Galapagos Sea Star Journey) ; Snorkelling gear and Kayaks

Excluded: Roundtrip flight to Galapagos Islands (will be added at the time of booking) - Galapagos National Park entrance fee (currently USD\$100 per person) - Transit Control Card (currently USD\$20 per person) - Wet Suit Rental- Soft and alcoholic drinks - Personal expenses - Extras and Tips.

Any meals not mentioned in the above itinerary. Travel Insurance. Any flights or services not mentioned in this itinerary.

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Final payment on bookings are generally due 95 days prior to departure.

Cabin Accommodation

M/Y Galapagos Sea Star Journey 5 Day Twin (upgrades available)

This wonderful yacht combines, privacy and comfort in the marvellous setting of the Galapagos Islands. M/Y Galapagos Sea Star Journey has a capacity for 16 passengers, it features 7 spacious suites (25m2 in average) and 1 Master Suite (35m2) equipped with panoramic windows to enjoy the marvellous landscapes of the islands, private bathroom, hot/cold water, air conditioning with independent controls, mini-bar, TV. Twin beds or one faux queen bed and connected suites for families.

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