



GALAPAGOS SEAMAN JOURNEY – 5 DAY CRUISE

The M/C Galapagos Seaman Journey started operating in January 2008. A Boutique, first class Yacht Catamaran offering superior comfort, size, style, and stability. With a variety of cruise itineraries from 5 days to 15 days, there will be an itinerary to suit all travellers. With different itineraries to choose from, you will enjoy a variety of amazing land tours as well as the opportunity to encounter many endemic species like Galapagos Giant Tortoises, Penguins, Land and Marine Iguana's, Frigate Birds, Blue Footed Boobies, and much more!

The Seaman Journey offers well-furnished areas with comfort and privacy in mind and with a maximum capacity of 16 passengers this allows you both intimacy and camaraderie at the same time. There are 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, snorkelling, kayaking, or walking on one of the Galapagos Islands.

Why not check out the gorgeous ocean views with fellow shipmates. Spend some time on the liveboards' spacious sundecks. Whether you feel like getting a little sun on your vacation, or want the best place to enjoy the gorgeous sunsets over the Galapagos Islands, our sundecks are the best place to be.

For the grown-ups who might want to relax and kick back, there is a great bar and lounge area, for your comfort, with the added service of a bartender who will be happy to attend to all your needs and desires whilst you relax.

Day 1: Seaman Journey 5 Days

Today you will fly from Quito or Guayaquil to the Galapagos (Return flight not included, and will be added at the time of booking). Due to the Galapagos Government, a fee of USD\$20.00 per person must be paid for the migration control card.

Upon arrival 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. Also, this inspection point is where passengers have to pay for the entrance to the Galapagos National Park under the following parameters:

Adult Passengers USD\$100 per person and Children USD\$50 per person (under 12 years old)



Once all the formalities have been completed, you will be met & transferred to the port that transports the passengers to the Seaman Journey Catamaran on a motorized boat called panga.

PM: INTERPRETATION CENTER

This is an interpretation centre with exuberant gardens and stunning ocean views. Visitors at the interpretation centre can learn a lot from the geological and human history of the islands, conservation facts

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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.

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Overnight in a Standard Ocean View Room at Seaman - 5 Days - Standard Ocean View.

Day 2: Seaman Journey - Day 2

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! This truly a worth experience to be part of.



PM: CERRO BRUJO, SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND

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.

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Day 3: Seaman Journey – Day 3

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, especially 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.

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Day 4: Seaman Journey – Day 4

AM: CORMORANT POINT

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 & BARONESS LOOKOUT

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. We will continue to the north of the island and proceed to an elevated slope to enjoy a beautiful view at the Baroness lookout. It is said that Baroness Eloisa Von Wagner loved this place and spent several hours watching the horizon. Within walking distance (30 m) are the ruins of what is known as her house. From this lookout, the landscape covers the coastline from the Enderby islet to Post Office Bay, as well as

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Cerro Pajas, the pool of flamingos and wide forest of Palo Santo.

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Day 5: Seaman Journey – Day 5. Ends

AM: CHARLES DARWIN STATION

Although the great majority of Galapagos visitors come here to observe and appreciate natural wonders, it is also interesting to learn how the protection and conservation of the islands are carried out. One of the main attractions are the National Park information centre, the Van Straelen Exhibition Hall, the Breeding and Rearing Centre for young tortoises, the famous Lonesome George, the last of his kind was cared for in this place, and adult Galapagos tortoises in captivity.



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

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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 restrictions; we can adapt the menu to your requirements.
Nature Lectures	After a full day of visits 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 much experience on the Galapagos Island.
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 landing site includes a nature hike, zodiac ride, snorkelling or kayaking and of course time out to relax on the beach.

Excluded: Return flights from Quito or Guayaquil to the Galapagos – This will be added automatically to your booking & charged according to current availability. Galapagos National Park Fee of USD\$100.00 per person & Galapagos Tourist Card of USD\$20.00 per person (subject to changes, payable locally in cash), Any meals not mentioned in the above itinerary. Travel Insurance and tips. Any flights or services not mentioned in this itinerary.

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Hotel Information

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