



Galapagos Cruise

Motor Catamaran Queen of Galapagos - 4 Days Cruise



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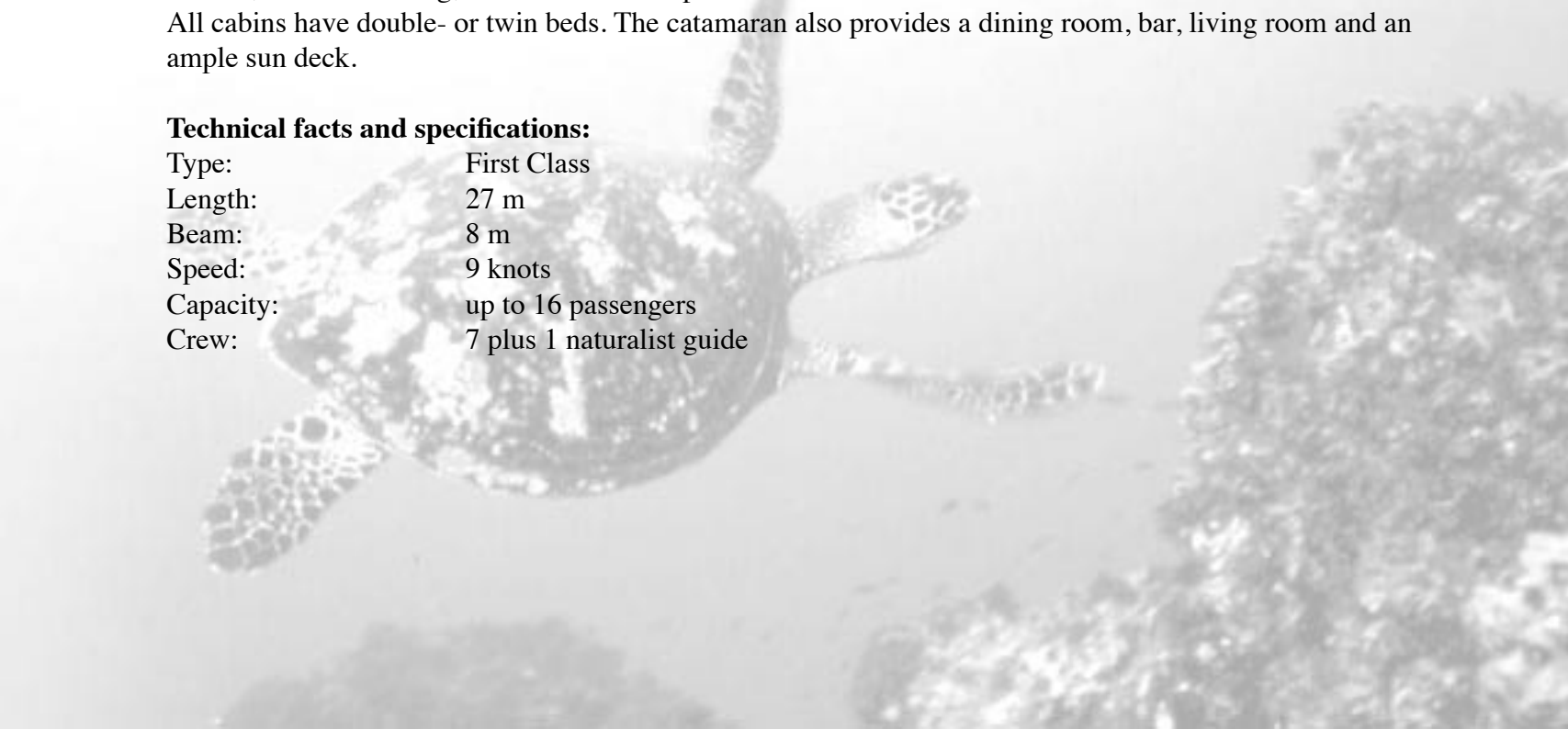
Simply one of the most elegant and comfortable catamaran cruises operated on Galápagos.

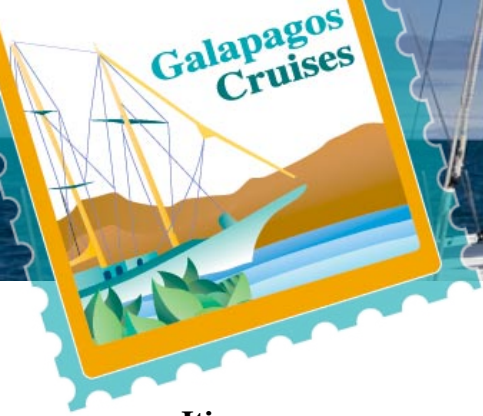
There can be accommodated 16 passengers in comfortable double cabins, each with private bathroom, shower, air conditioning, TV and DVD and panorama windows.

All cabins have double- or twin beds. The catamaran also provides a dining room, bar, living room and an ample sun deck.

Technical facts and specifications:

Type:	First Class
Length:	27 m
Beam:	8 m
Speed:	9 knots
Capacity:	up to 16 passengers
Crew:	7 plus 1 naturalist guide





Itinerary:

Friday: Flight to Galápagos / Baltra Island – Island Santa Cruz / Highlands

In the morning you will fly to the Galapagos Island Baltra. After paying the National Park Entrance Fee, a crew member will accompany you to your cruise ship or yacht which anchors at the harbour of Island Santa Cruz. Transfer from the airport to Itabaca Channel which you have to cross by ferry. After arrival there, you will pass through the highlands of Santa Cruz from north to south. On your way, you will cross the different vegetation zones of this fascinating island. Those vary from lower dry zones with many cactuses to scalesia- woods in the humid highland.-/L/D

Saturday: North Seymour Island – Island Santa Cruz / Las Bachas Beach

After a dry landing, you will have a short walk along the coast of the northernmost island of Seymour. Guests will encounter swallow tailed gulls, sea lions and cliff crabs. This site is also known for being a major nesting colony of blue footed boobies, and the largest colony of the magnificent frigate bird, a species different to the great frigate bird.

You can also spot both endemic species of iguanas, the marine iguanas and land iguanas. You will enjoy this relaxing hike around the nesting sites.

In the afternoon you will visit the long sandy “Las Bachas” Beach. Here you encounter sea lions, herons and marine iguanas and with good luck penguins. You also have the opportunity to swim offshore of this soft white sand beach. Snorkelling enthusiasts can explore the fascinating underwater world as well.

B/L/D





Sunday: Island Bartolomé – Santiago Island / Sullivan Bay

Arriving at Bartolomé you will ascend a lookout point from where you can admire the spectacular panorama of the Sullivan Bay and the famous needle shaped rock, the so called Pinnacle Rock. The beaches at the foot of the Pinnacle Rock boast some fine snorkeling spots from which you can discover the marvelous underwater world with a good chance to encounter penguins or the softly gliding turtles. In the afternoon you will land at Santiago Island, also known as James, or San Salvador Island, which is the fourth largest island in the archipelago. The influences of the former salt mine workers and their imported animals are still alive on the island. The last tries to populate Santiago Island were given up forty years ago. The Sullivan Bay is located on the east coast of Santiago Island. Its lava field with lava cacti is a variety of interesting patterns. After exploring the lava flow, you can swim or snorkel with playful sea lions off two small coralline. **B/L/D**

Monday: Island San Cristóbal / Center of Interpretation – flight back to mainland

At the port of Baquerizo Moreno, which is the capital of the province Galápagos, you will visit the Interpretation Center. The Center will give you a good impression of the history of the Galápagos Islands. After your walkabout you will be escorted across the island to the north of Itabaca Chanel and you will cross over to Baltra Island. After your transfer from the chanel to the airport you will fly back to the mainland of Ecuador. **B**

B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner



Prices per person 2009:

Double cabin per person: USD 1,700.-
Charter: USD 22,500.-

Upper Deck surcharge per person: USD 300.-
Fuel surcharge per person: USD 90.-

Included in the price:

All transfers in Galapagos, cruise on board of the QUEEN OF GALAPAGOS in double accommodation with all facilities, naturalist guide, purified water free to drink.

Not included in the price:

flights mainland to/from Galápagos (e.g. Quito – Galápagos – Quito USD 414.- per person), entrance fee to Galapagos National Park USD 100.- per Person, migration card USD 10.- per person, beverages, tips, personal items, insurance.

NB: Itinerary is subject to change without previous notice, due to weather conditions, operational matters, National Park Authorities advice, or Captain's decision for passengers' security.

