



Galapagos Cruise

SeaMan Catamaran II - 5 days cruise
Monday to Friday



Characteristics:

The Motor Catamaran Seaman II, which was built in 2007, is equipped with the newest technology and most modern facilities. The nine spacious and comfortable double cabins with Twin- or Double beds offers you a beautiful view on the sea, private bathroom and air conditioning. Two bars (interior and exterior), the lounge and the comfortable dining room are perfect for a comfortable stay. Enjoy the sun on the ample sun deck and explore the fascinating landscape of the Galápagos Islands from the observation deck.

Technical facts and specifications:

Type: First Class Motor Catamaran
Year of Construction: 2006 - 2007
Length: 27.6 m
Beam: 11 m
Speed: 12 knots
Capacity: up to 16 passengers
Crew: 9 plus 1 naturalist guide (Level II or III)
Accommodation: 8 double cabins, private bathroom, air conditioning





Itinerary:

Monday: Flight to Galápagos / Island San Cristóbal – Lobos Island – Leon Dormido

In the morning you will fly to the Galapagos Island San Cristobal from which you will start your cruise. After paying the National Park Entrance Fee, a crew member will accompany you to your cruise ship or yacht which anchors at Baquerizo Moreno harbour. After arrival on board, check- in and explanations in general, lunch will be served. Afterwards you will start with your first excursion. In the afternoon you will visit Lobos Island, which is located in front of San Cristobal Island. It is a seasonal nesting location for the blue footed booby and frigate birds. You also should enjoy swimming and snorkelling with sea lions in this calm bay. Afterwards you will follow the route of Charles Darwin. You will sail around the massive tuff-rock called Leon Dormido or Kicker Rock, which is a nesting site for a lot of sea birds. Because of its steepness you cannot find a landing stage but brave snorkelers can watch out for sharks and rays. -/L/D

Tuesday: Isla Española / Suarez Point – Gardener Bay

Española is the southernmost and oldest island of the Galápagos archipelago. Because of its isolated position you can explore a lot of endemic wildlife. In the morning you will have an excursion to Point Suarez which is one of the most outstanding wildlife areas of the archipelago, with a long list of species found along its cliffs and sand or pebble beaches. In addition to five species of nesting seabirds there are the curious and bold Española Island mockingbirds, Galapagos doves and Galapagos hawks. Several types of reptiles, including the marine iguana and the oversized lava lizard, are unique to this island. When heavy swells are running, Point Suarez is also the site of a spectacular blowhole, with thundering spray shooting 30 yards into the air. The walkabout on a stony path is about 2km (duration about 3 hours). Gardener Bay is on the eastern shore with turquoise shot coloured water and a magnificent beach. Around the small islets nearby, snorkelers will find lots of fish and sometimes turtles and sharks. The bay is also frequented by a transient colony of sea lions which like to swim with you. Birds, like the endemic Hood-Mockingbird and different species of Darwin finches, are omnipresent. B/L/D





Wednesday: Floreana Island / Devils Crown – Post Office Bay – Cormorant Point

Floreana Island is perceived as one of the most exotic Island of the archipelago. In the morning you will reach Devils Crown (Corona del Diablo), a broken volcanic cone, which is one of the most beautiful places to go snorkeling on Galápagos Island. You can dive or swim between riff sharks, star fishes, marine turtles, sea lions and many tropical ornamental fishes. Afterwards you will visit the famous Post Office Bay which keeps the legendary post barrel that whalers historically used to post their mail in. Nowadays you can leave a letter and hope that it will make its destination via another tourist. At Cormorant Point you land on a green olivine sand beach. Following a 100 m long path you will soon reach a lagoon with flamingoes, white-checked pintail ducks and other shorebirds. **B/L/D**

Thursday: Island Santa Cruz / Charles Darwin Station – Highlands

Today you anchor at the harbour of Puerto Ayora on Island Santa Cruz. Beside its rank as homestay for sea lions and pelicans, the marina is a popular starting point for round-the-world-yachtsman. The island itself has come to be both touristic and scientific center of the archipeleago. The Charles Darwin Research Station and the Galapagos National Park offices are based on Santa Cruz Island. The station encompasses an information centre, a museum, a library and a tortoise breeding station. Here you will have an opportunity to visit some of the best scientists of the Galápagos. Park rangers and park managers among others, who make huge efforts to preserve this Unesco World Heritage Site, conduct the conservation of the islands. In the tortoise breeding and rearing centre you can encounter tortoises of different subspecies, which are prepared for reintroduction to their natural habitats. The most popular inhabitant of this Station is probably Lonesome George. He is the only survivor of his specific turtle species. In the past all approaches to find a partner for him failed. But in July 2008 the scientists found a carved nest wit nine eggs from a female tortoise. Three of them could be saved and now accordingly to strict instructions they are incubated synthetically.

In the afternoon you will visit the highlands of Santa Cruz. The lush landscape there is a welcome contrast to the arid scenery of the smaller, lower islands. On your way you will cross the different zones



of vegetation, from the dry lower region full of cactuses to the woods of scalesia in the highlands. Before returning to Puerto Ayora you will visit one of the famed lava tunnels, a fun and geologically informative visit. **B/L/D**

Friday: Baltra Island / Flight back to mainland

After your breakfast 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:

Main Deck per person: USD 2,267.- (Twin Beds)
Upper Deck per person: USD 2,429.- (Double Beds)

Charter: USD 36,909.-

Single supplement: 90 %
No child discount

Included in the price:

All transfers in Galapagos, cruise on board of the SEAMAN CATAMARAN 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.