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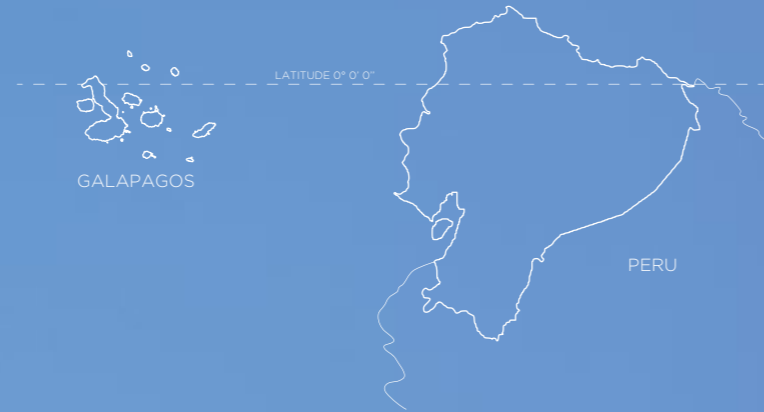
# SOUTH AMERICA



Straddling the Equator, 1000km from the coast of Ecuador on the South American continent, these so-called Enchanted Islands emerge from the vast Pacific Ocean in a seemingly haphazard array of rocky outposts, each as individual as the next.

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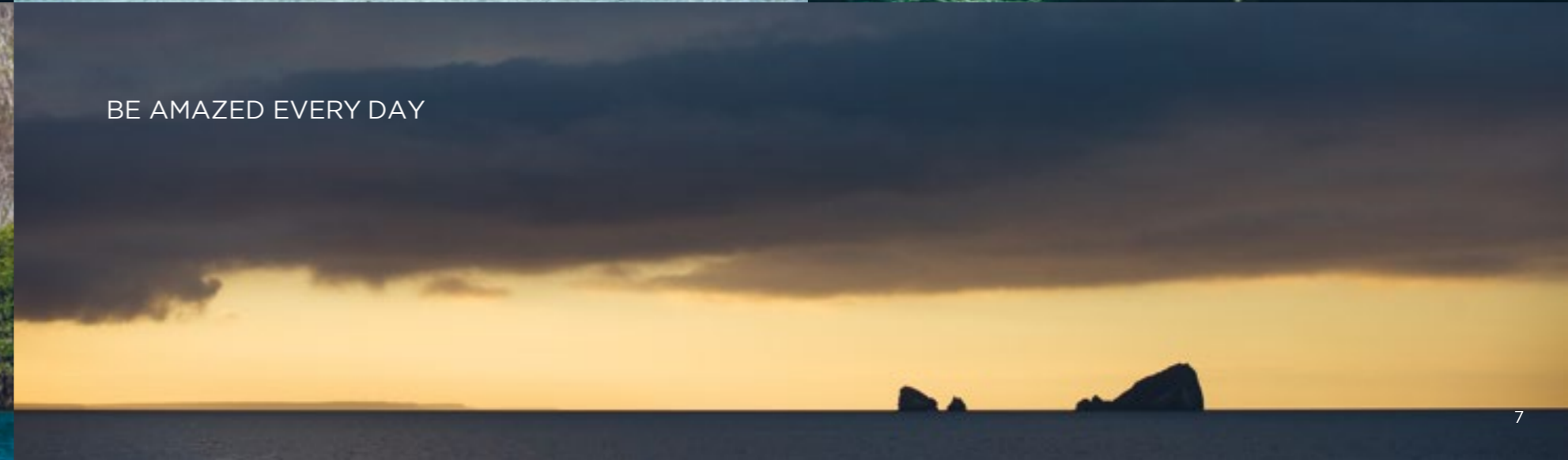


## GALAPAGOS

Galapagos! The name alone resonates on so many levels. It is surely a must-see destination on any naturalist's bucket list. Known as the birth place of the Theory of Evolution and as a Living Laboratory, Galapagos is indeed a place where basic evolutionary principles can be observed first hand. Charles Darwin famously visited the archipelago in 1835 on board the HMS Beagle. He stayed in the archipelago a mere five weeks yet, his profound powers of observation were to change forever the way that we have come to understand how life has evolved. As important as it has proved scientifically the Galapagos will provide any

wildlife-loving visitor with a great sense of enjoyment, satisfaction and oneness with the world. We encourage the respectful visitor to come and see the islands for themselves. They are home to an eclectic, incongruous, mix of species. We have some of the largest shark concentrations anywhere along with sea lions, fur seals and turtles. The islands are a rich mix of active volcanoes, stunning beaches, a rich ocean and abundant, tame wildlife. In short, Galapagos will not fail to please. Come and see for yourself!





BE AMAZED EVERY DAY



## THE GALAPAGOS EXPERIENCE

With the first gaze from your cabin's picture windows, as dawn breaks over the Pacific Ocean, the day begins in earnest. While the stress of a chaotic world fades to a distant memory a new, all-consuming, reality takes shape as our Galapagos adventure develops. Our options are endless and varied, we might find ourselves strolling amongst nesting blue-footed boobies, sitting quietly watching waved albatross in full courtship display or share a quiet corner of a white-sand beach with relaxed sea lions. Each day the ocean beckons. Some will choose to discover her secrets from the novel perspective of a transparent kayak or, perhaps,

the comfort of a glass-bottom boat. Others will crave the intimacy of diving her depths with mask and fins, to be at one with penguins, green turtles, cavorting sea lions or large schools of surgeonfish.

All the while we are in the company of expert naturalist guides and our vessel, a 5-star floating hotel that seems to unobtrusively follow us around, hovering in expectation to receive our happy souls back to her comforts. The pool bar, a cold local beer, the Jacuzzi, an *al fresco* barbeque under a star filled mantle - it really doesn't get much better.



## OUR OFFERED ACTIVITIES

Endless options are available for you to explore the islands. All activities are included except where otherwise noted.



### HIKING

Twice-daily excursions ashore to the best visitor sites permitted by the national park.

We will always be in the company of an expert naturalist guide.

Walks will concentrate on spending quality time learning about the native fauna and flora. We will have ample time to observe, absorb and photograph.

For your convenience walking sticks are available for those who wish.



### SNORKELING

With snorkeling equipment available on board (at no cost) we invite you to explore the exuberant underwater world.

A naturalist guide will always be present while snorkeling.

Our dinghies remain close at hand for snorkeler's convenience and safety.

We will offer snorkeling activities once or twice per day on the best snorkeling spots of the archipelago.



### DINGHY RIDES

We offer guided dinghy tours to extraordinary spots around the islands into otherwise inaccessible areas.



### KAYAKING\*

New, transparent kayaks! Watch the fish while kayaking!

All kayaking activities are in the company of one of our naturalist guides. We supply all necessary kayak and safety equipment.



### SCUBA DIVING\*

Designed for adventurous and certified divers looking for the some of best diving sites within the Galapagos Islands. Now you can combine our scheduled Galapagos Expedition Cruises aboard one of our vessels with fantastic optional diving tours run by a certified professional dive master. Included: diving equipment, pick-up and drop-off fees, transportation to dive sites, snacks and beverages.

\* Optional activity, additional costs may incur.

## SPECIAL INTEREST TRAVEL

We offer ample flexibility to adapt to any special needs or interests of the new traveler. From special activities to dietary needs we have hosted several types of travelers and made their vacation a true tailor-made experience. These are some examples of our programs.



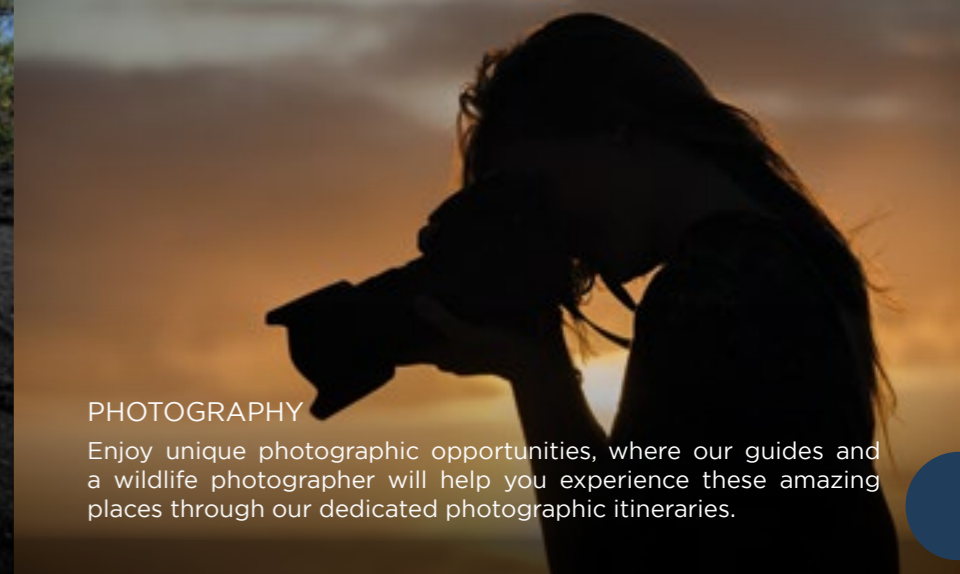
### FAMILY FRIENDLY

Families are welcome on our cruises! Little-ones can relax, play and enjoy a host of activities while on board, complimented by other onboard activities for guests of all ages.



### SCIENCE & EDUCATION

Following in Charles Darwin's footsteps, with a specialized expert, he or she will enthrall us with their in-depth knowledge from science and ecology to history and geology in a comprehensive and fun filled excursion.



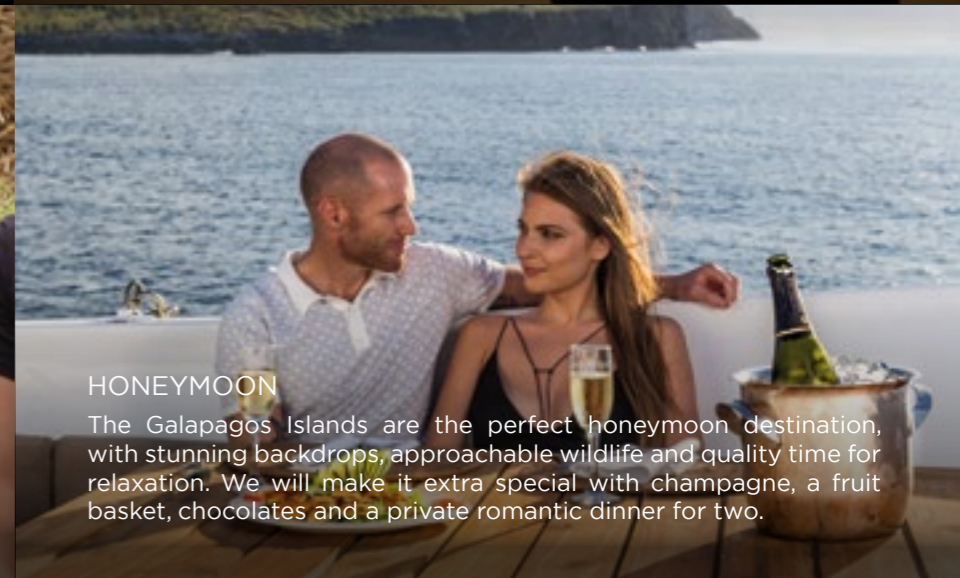
### PHOTOGRAPHY

Enjoy unique photographic opportunities, where our guides and a wildlife photographer will help you experience these amazing places through our dedicated photographic itineraries.



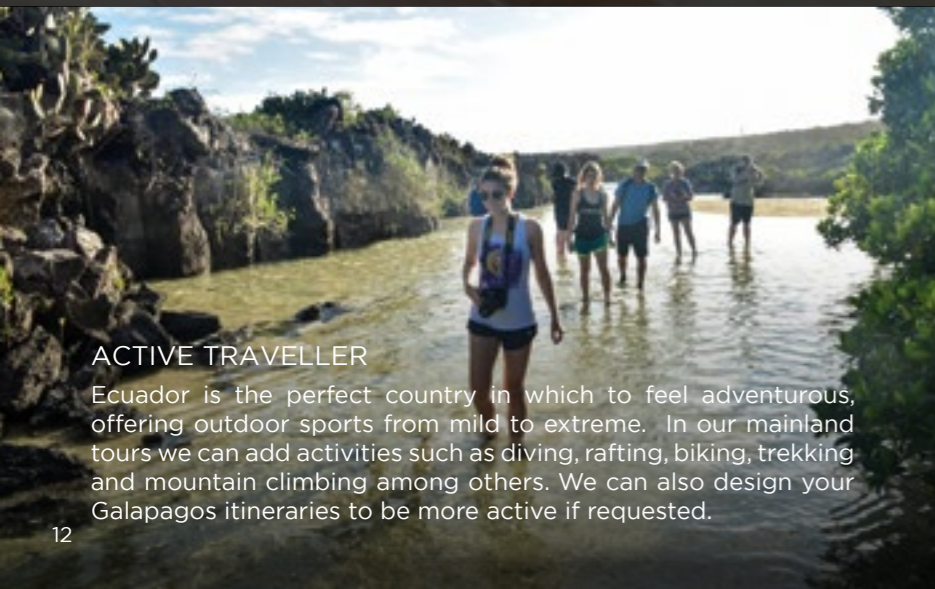
### SOCIAL PROJECTS & DEVELOPMENT

Support local communities by being part of a cross-cultural experience in remote and beautiful settings. We offer tours to the Karanki Community, north of Quito, to promote the growth and development of their people.



### HONEYMOON

The Galapagos Islands are the perfect honeymoon destination, with stunning backdrops, approachable wildlife and quality time for relaxation. We will make it extra special with champagne, a fruit basket, chocolates and a private romantic dinner for two.



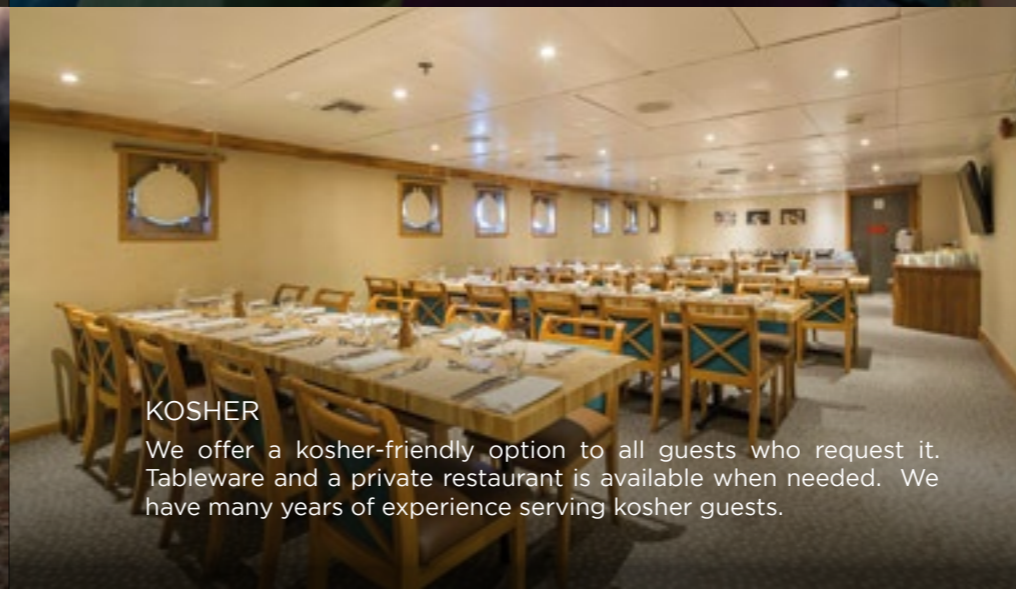
### ACTIVE TRAVELLER

Ecuador is the perfect country in which to feel adventurous, offering outdoor sports from mild to extreme. In our mainland tours we can add activities such as diving, rafting, biking, trekking and mountain climbing among others. We can also design your Galapagos itineraries to be more active if requested.



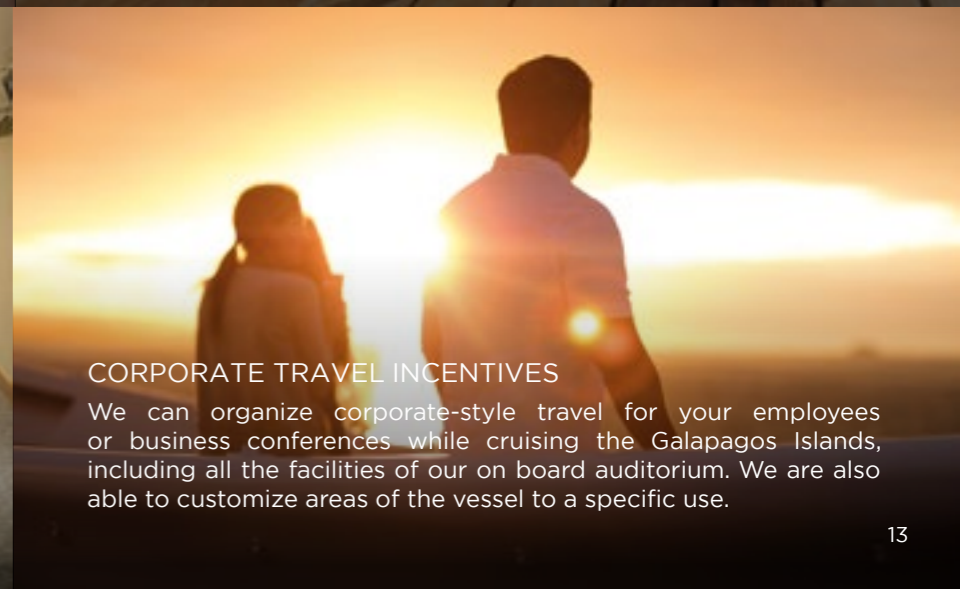
### BIRDWATCHING / ORNITHOLOGIST

With more than 1,650 bird species in continental Ecuador, plus 38 more in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador is a birdwatcher's paradise! Travel with a top ornithologist and let him or her share their expertise of this amazingly diverse avifauna.



### KOSHER

We offer a kosher-friendly option to all guests who request it. Tableware and a private restaurant is available when needed. We have many years of experience serving kosher guests.



### CORPORATE TRAVEL INCENTIVES

We can organize corporate-style travel for your employees or business conferences while cruising the Galapagos Islands, including all the facilities of our on board auditorium. We are also able to customize areas of the vessel to a specific use.



### A TYPICAL CRUISE DAY

A soothing morning wakeup call signals a freshly prepared *al fresco* breakfast on deck.

Armed with snorkel gear, sunblock and camera we then board our *pangas* and head towards shore for our morning adventure.

Every excursion is different, but might include a visit where we squeeze past boobies nesting on the narrow trail, sit and watch endemic waved albatross absorbed in their intricate courtship ritual, or stare into the eyes of a curious sea lion underwater as it peers into our face mask.

Returning aboard for a sumptuous, buffet-style, lunch we are able to enjoy time to relax in the pool, jacuzzi or on deck looking for wildlife and watching the scenery change as we cruise to our afternoon destination.

With every new visitor site being different from the last, we can once again expect another uniquely Galapagos experience for the afternoon hike. This could quite possibly be followed by another fabulous snorkel with turtles, large schools of yellow-tailed surgeonfish or even penguins! Some might choose to follow the dramatic shoreline in a kayak or effortlessly glide over the sea bed from the comfort of our motorized glass-bottom boat.

Return to the vessel to enjoy a delicious BBQ on deck as the sun sets on the horizon or, a sophisticated *a la carte* dinner.

After dinner is a time to enjoy one of our many onboard activities, relax or be outside stargazing.

### NATURALIST GUIDES

We fully understand how important your Galapagos experience is to you and as such, our team of naturalist guides has been carefully selected and trained to make it complete. Having been certified by the Galapagos National Park Service, our expert guides are ready to conduct informative walks covering every aspect of biology, geology, oceanography and human history relevant to the islands. Our group size ranges from an average of 12 to a maximum of 16 clients per

guide. English or Spanish speaking groups are standard with many other languages available on previous request. We run a series of specialist conferences, delivered by renown experts, aimed at the naturalist guides to further expand their knowledge in different fields such as geology, biology, photography, ornithology, and other related studies.



### ONBOARD STAFF

Every crew member is trained to provide a first-class service with exceptional professionalism. Genuinely friendly individuals, fully dedicated to providing the best hospitality services, with attention to detail and personalized assistance, our crew's passion and commitment creates a one of a kind experience for our guests.







## ECO-LUXURY BOUTIQUE CRUISE EXPERIENCE

Providing an ecologically sound cruise definitely does not mean that we have to compromise on luxury!

We acutely aware of the fragility and importance of the Galapagos National Park in which we have been operating and doing things right since 1983.

Some of our eco-friendly practices include that all toiletries provided in our cabins are biodegradable and made from natural components as well as all the cleaning products used during housekeeping. As a complimentary gift, guests will find a thermos in each cabin to be refilled at one of our vessel's potable water stations, thus reducing the use of plastic bottles.

Our vessels are equipped with sophisticated water treatment plants to desalinate, filter and purify water for consumable use. The decor of our vessels is acquired from sustainable-certified teak plantations and all our food supply is carefully planned to reduce kitchen waste. We aim to live the present and protect the future.

While being pampered on one of our 5-star, boutique cruises, with true local flavor and personalized service, we want you still feel good about yourself in the comforting knowledge that our sustainable practices will preserve the integrity of the islands for generations to come.





## SERVICES ABOARD OUR FLEET

### Cabin service and facilities

- Double and triple cabin options
- Two types of pillows
- Complimentary thermos and bag
- Organic shampoo, conditioner and soap
- Housekeeping 3 times a day and turn down service
- Hotel and Destination Guide in every cabin
- TV entertainment system
- Alarm clock / speaker
- Telephone
- Air conditioning system
- Reading lights
- Safety deposit box
- Hair dryer
- Plentiful storage space

### Onboard service and facilities

- Two guided excursions every day
- Snorkeling and other optional activities every day
- Snorkel equipment at no cost
- Wetsuit rental available
- Large variety of fresh, local and international cuisine
- *Al fresco* BBQ dinner
- Coffee station available 24 hours
- Wide selection of wines and local beers
- Delicious snacks & beverages after excursions
- Wi-Fi zones with internet service
- Pool, Jacuzzi and sun beds
- Beach & pool towel service
- Drying machines available for complimentary use
- Variety of on board activities
- Briefings on the following day's activities
- Informative lectures about Galapagos
- Kayaks



## CORAL I & CORAL II

### Expedition Yachts

The Coral I & II are gorgeous, comfortable, sister yachts offering charming social areas distributed on three decks, with both outdoor and interior spaces allowing you to enjoy an intimate expedition experience in your own way. With a capacity for 36 and 20 guests respectively, the vessels offer open deck areas with a Jacuzzi to make the best of your relaxing time while cruising the islands. The interiors are thoughtfully designed to resemble a private yacht experience in a cozy ambiance. The restaurant serves delicious Ecuadorian and international cuisine even extending to a BBQ dinner on the open-air Moon Deck. They are the perfect cruise vessels for charter groups where the thrill and comfort are guaranteed.





#### TIME TO RELAX AND ENJOY

Take a break in the on board Jacuzzi in the Coral I & II and enjoy the best of our service. The open areas will allow guests to be more in touch with the surroundings and have close encounters with the local visitors.

The comfort of a small yacht with easy accessible embarkation area, coziness in every deck, ample social spaces for relaxation, comfort and discovery.







## SERVICE AND COMFORT

Social areas, with fine decoration of teak and brass, help make the experience complete with an outstanding onboard service.

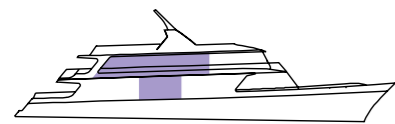




### BEVERAGE PACKAGES

Make the most of your cruise experience by saving time and money with our beverage packages that offer a range of soft drinks, local beer, a selection of sparkling wines and classic cocktails to be served at our bars and restaurants.



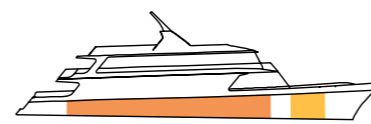


### JUNIOR CABIN

- 15 cabins on the Earth & Sky Decks.
- 8 in the Coral I and 7 in the Coral II.
- Double & Triple options.
- 2 picture windows per cabin.
- Thermos & iconic postcards as souvenirs.
- Average Area 12m<sup>2</sup> / 128 ft<sup>2</sup>.



Junior Cabin



### STANDARD PLUS STANDARD

#### Standard Plus:

- 12 cabins on the Sea Deck.
- 8 in the Coral I and 4 in the Coral II
- Double & Triple options.
- 2 portholes per cabin.
- Thermos & iconic postcards as souvenirs.
- Average Area: 11 m<sup>2</sup> / 118 ft<sup>2</sup>.

#### Standard:

- 3 cabins on the Sea Deck.
- 2 cabins in the Coral I and 1 cabin in the Coral II.
- Matrimonial and single options.
- 2 portholes per cabin.
- Thermos & iconic postcards as souvenirs.
- Average Area: 9 m<sup>2</sup> / 96 ft<sup>2</sup>.



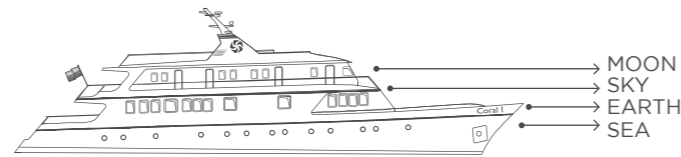
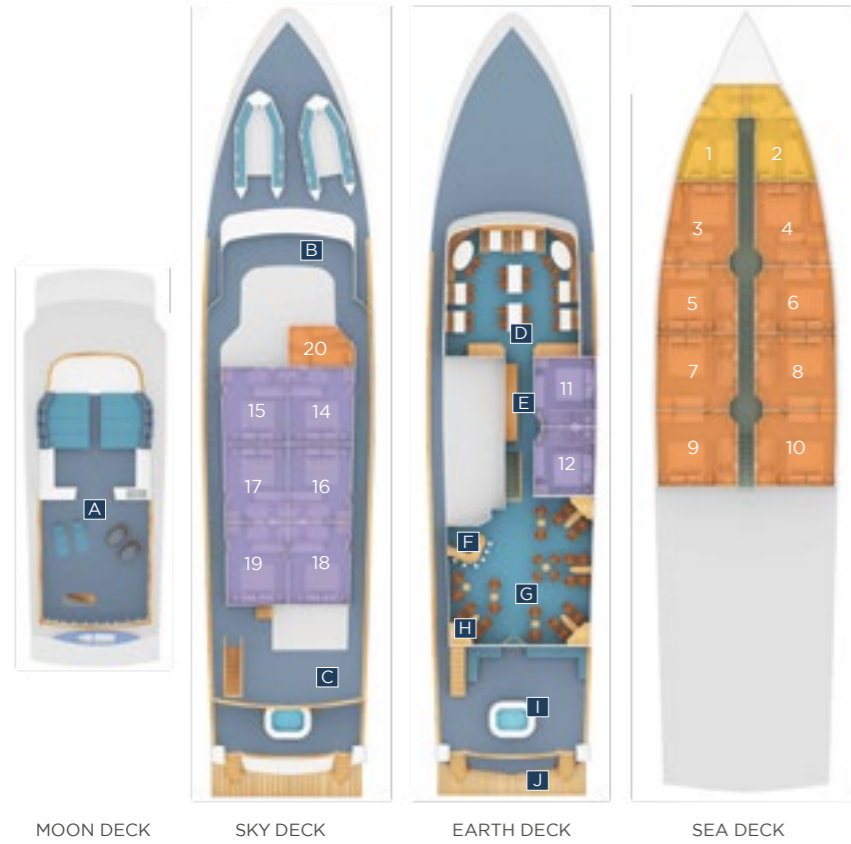
Standard Plus



Standard



# CORAL I - Deck Plan



36 Guests  
Expedition Yachts

### CABIN CATEGORIES:

Junior Standard Plus Standard

### CABIN INFORMATION:

Sea view cabins with the following general features:

- Lower twin beds or double beds
- Private bathroom
- Safe-deposit box
- Air conditioning
- Phone service for internal, local and international calls
- LCD TV with multimedia system

Cabin No.	Cabin Category	Double with extra bed	Deck	Cabin Area: with WC	
				m <sup>2</sup> approx.	ft <sup>2</sup> approx.
1	Standard		Sea	8,8	94
2	Standard			8,8	94
3	Standard Plus			12	129
4	Standard Plus			12	129
5	Standard Plus			11	118
6	Standard Plus			11	118
7	Standard Plus	◦	Earth	12	129
8	Standard Plus	◦		12	129
9	Standard Plus			12	129
10	Standard Plus			12	129
11	Junior		Earth	11	118
12	Junior			11	118
14	Junior	•	Sky	12	129
15	Junior	•		12	129
16	Junior			12	129
17	Junior			12	129
18	Junior		Sky	12	129
19	Junior			12	129
20	Standard		SGL	7	76

◦ extra child's bed  
Total cabins: 19  
Max. capacity: 36 passengers - double accommodation / connected cabins.

### SOCIAL AREAS:

#### Moon Deck

- A** Sun & Shadow Terrace
- AI Fresco BBQ
- Stargazing Area

#### Sky Deck

- B** Dolphin Observation Deck
- C** Roofed Terrace

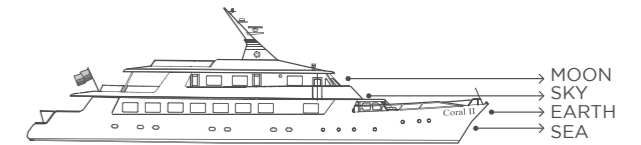
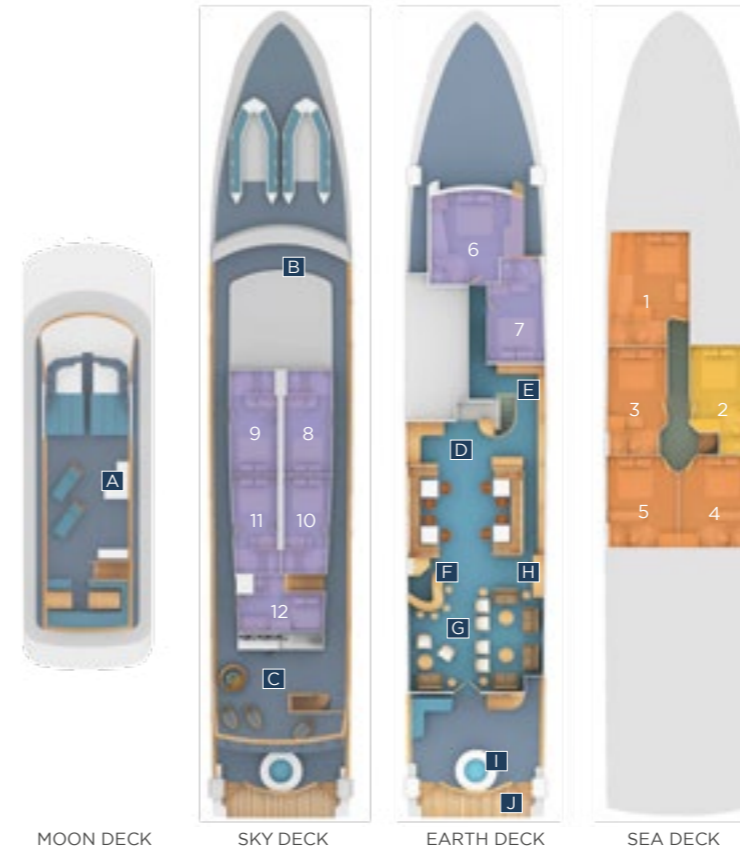
#### Earth Deck

- D** Restaurant
- E** Boutique
- F** Bar
- G** Lounge
- H** Library
- I** Jacuzzi
- J** Embarkation Area

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

**Length:** 131 ft (40 m)  
**Wide:** 28 ft (8.5 m)  
**Decks:** 4  
**Made in:** Germany  
**Rebuilt:** 2004  
**Refurbished in:** August 2016  
**Guest Capacity:** 36  
**Crew:** 11  
**Speed:** 12 knots  
**Cruise speed:** 10 knots  
**Guides:** 3 multilingual naturalists  
**Life Rafts:** 4 for 25 pax each  
**Dinghies:** 2 for 20 pax each  
**Kayaks:** 2 doubles, 1 single  
**Safety:** ISM, SMC, ISSC, IOPP, DOC  
**Electricity:** 110v

# CORAL II - Deck Plan



20 Guests  
Expedition Yachts

### CABIN CATEGORIES:

Junior Standard Plus Standard

### CABIN INFORMATION:

Sea view cabins with the following general features:

- Lower twin beds or double beds
- Private bathroom
- Safe-deposit box
- Air conditioning
- Phone service for internal, local and international calls
- LCD TV with multimedia system

### SOCIAL AREAS:

#### Moon Deck

- A** Sun & Shadow Terrace
- AI Fresco BBQ
- Stargazing Area

#### Sky Deck

- B** Dolphin Observation Deck
- C** Roofed Terrace

#### Earth Deck

- D** Restaurant
- E** Boutique
- F** Bar
- G** Lounge
- H** Library
- I** Jacuzzi
- J** Embarkation Area

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

**Length:** 113 ft (34.4 m)  
**Wide:** 20.80 ft (6.3 m)  
**Decks:** 4  
**Made in:** Holland  
**Rebuilt:** 2006  
**Refurbished in:** September 2017  
**Guest Capacity:** 20  
**Crew:** 9  
**Speed:** 12 knots  
**Cruise speed:** 10 knots  
**Guides:** 2 multilingual naturalists  
**Life Rafts:** 2 for 25 pax each  
 2 for 8 pax each  
**Dinghies:** 2 for 17 pax each  
**Kayaks:** 2 doubles, 1 single  
**Safety:** ISM, SMC, ISSC, IOPP, DOC  
**Electricity:** 110v

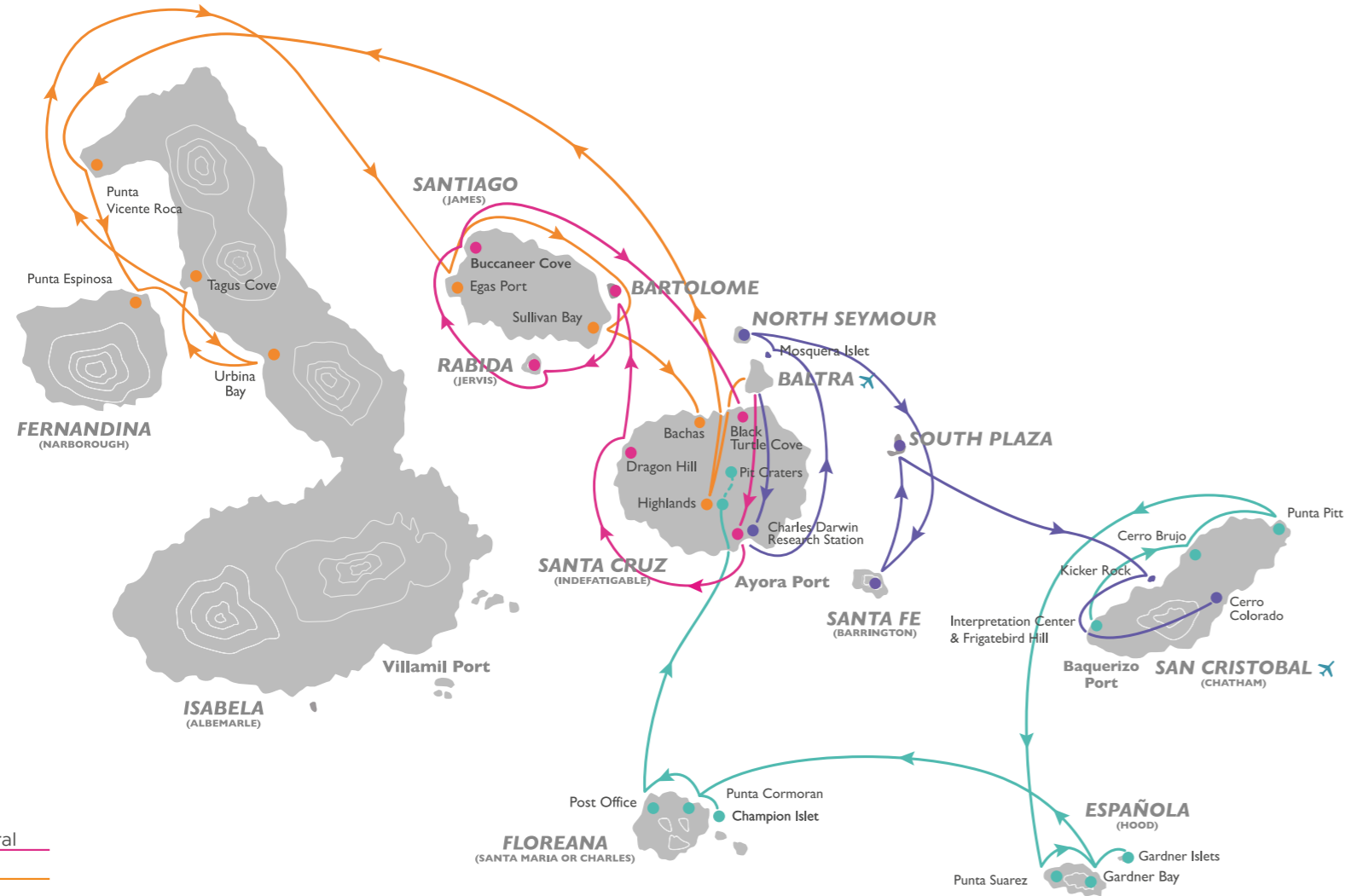
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5	Standard Plus			12	129
6	Junior	•	Earth	14	151
7	Junior			11	118
8	Junior		Sky	10	108
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11	Junior			10	108
12	Junior		Sky	11	118

◦ extra child's bed  
Total cabins: 12  
Max. capacity: 20 passengers - double accommodation / connected cabins.

# CORAL I & CORAL II - Itineraries

3, 4, 7 Up To 14 Night Cruises

Departures: Sundays & Wednesdays



- A** North - Central
- B** West
- C** East
- D** South

For extended cruises only

3, 4, 7 up to 14 Night Cruises

## A NORTH - CENTRAL

4 days / 3 nights  
Sunday - Wednesday

- Sunday:**  
→ Baltra Airport  
pm. Charles Darwin Research Station & Fausto Llerena Breeding Center (Santa Cruz Island)
- Monday:**  
am. Dragon Hill (Santa Cruz Island)  
pm. Bartolome Island
- Tuesday:**  
am. Rabida Island  
pm. Buccaneer Cove & Espumilla Beach (Santiago Island)
- Wednesday:**  
am. Black Turtle Cove (Santa Cruz Island)  
→ Baltra Airport

## C EAST

4 days / 3 nights  
Sunday - Wednesday

- Sunday:**  
→ Baltra Airport  
pm. Charles Darwin Research Station & Fausto Llerena Breeding Center (Santa Cruz Island)
- Monday:**  
am. Mosquera Islet  
pm. North Seymour Island
- Tuesday:**  
am. Santa Fe Island  
pm. South Plaza Island
- Wednesday:**  
am. Kicker Rock circumnavigation.  
Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve (San Cristobal Island)  
→ San Cristobal Airport

## B WEST

5 days / 4 nights  
Wednesday - Sunday

- Wednesday:**  
→ Baltra Airport  
pm. Highlands Tortoise Reserve (Santa Cruz Island)
- Thursday:**  
am. Punta Vicente Roca (Isabela Island)  
pm. Punta Espinosa (Fernandina Island)
- Friday:**  
am. Urbina Bay (Isabela Island)  
pm. Tagus Cove (Isabela Island)
- Saturday:**  
am. Egas Port (Santiago Island)  
pm. Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island)
- Sunday:**  
am. Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz Island)  
→ Baltra Airport

## D SOUTH

5 days / 4 nights  
Wednesday - Sunday

- Wednesday:**  
→ San Cristobal Airport  
pm. Interpretation Center & Frigatebird Hill (San Cristobal Island)
- Thursday:**  
am. Cerro Brujo (San Cristobal Island)  
pm. Punta Pitt (San Cristobal Island)
- Friday:**  
am. Punta Suarez (Española Island)  
pm. Gardner Bay, Osborn or Gardner Islets (Española Island)
- Saturday:**  
am. Punta Cormoran, Devil's Crown or Champion Islet (Floreana Island)  
pm. Post Office (Floreana Island)
- Sunday:**  
am. Highlands Tortoise Reserve & Pit Craters: for extended cruises (Santa Cruz Island)  
→ Baltra airport

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\*We reserve the right to change itineraries without prior notice if considered appropriate due to National Park rules, force majeure or any consideration at Captain's discretion, without being liable for refunds of any kind.



# CORAL I & CORAL II - Day by Day Itineraries

## A NORTH - CENTRAL

4 days / 3 nights  
Sunday - Wednesday

DAY	TIME	VISIT	ISLAND	HIGHLIGHTS	TERRAIN	DIFFICULTY LEVEL	ACTIVITY
SUN	AM	Balra Airport	Balra	Meet and greet, bus transfer to the port, check-in on board. Transfer to Puerto Ayora.	-	-	-
	PM	Fausto Llerena Breeding Center	Santa Cruz	Giant tortoises, Darwin finches, prickly-pear cactus forest, interpretation center.	flat	easy	·trekking
MON	AM	Dragon Hill	Santa Cruz	Dry zone vegetation, endemic land iguanas, Darwin finches, mockingbirds.	rocky	moderate	·trekking
	PM	Bartolome	Bartolome	Landscape, Pinnacle Rock, penguins, blue-footed boobies.	372 steps	moderate	·trekking ·dinghy ride ·snorkeling
TUE	AM	Rabida	Rabida	Incredible landscape, brown pelicans, nesting spot of seabirds, red sand beach.	sandy	easy	·trekking ·dinghy ride ·snorkeling ·kayak
	PM	Buccaneer Cove & Espumilla Beach	Santiago	Eroded shortline home to seabirds, fur seals and sea lions.	sandy	easy	·trekking ·snorkeling
WED	AM	Black Turtle Cove	Santa Cruz	A declared "Turtle Sanctuary", with four species of mangrove.	water	easy	·trekking
		Balra Airport	Balra	Check-out, transfer to airport 7-night guests Balra' shore.	-	-	-

## B WEST

5 days / 4 nights  
Wednesday - Sunday

DAY	TIME	VISIT	ISLAND	HIGHLIGHTS	TERRAIN	DIFFICULTY LEVEL	ACTIVITY
WED	AM	Balra Airport	Balra	Meet and greet, bus transfer to the port, check-in on board.	-	-	-
	PM	Highlands	Santa Cruz	Giant tortoises, tree & ground Darwin finches.	flat & muddy	easy	·trekking
THU	AM	Punta Vicente Roca	Isabela	Nazca and blue-footed boobies, flightless cormorants. Remnants of ancient volcano, turquoise coves along the cliff.	water	low	·dinghy ride ·snorkeling
	PM	Punta Espinosa	Fernandina	Pristine island, largest marine iguana colony, whales seasonal (feeding area) pahoehoe and AA lava formations, unique lava cactus.	rocky & lava	moderate	·trekking ·snorkeling
FRI	AM	Urbina Bay	Isabela	Land iguanas, giant tortoises, sea birds, cormorants, 2 trails for trekking.	flat	easy	·trekking ·snorkeling
	PM	Tagus Cove	Isabela	Calm water, pirates history, lots of seabirds: blue-footed boobies, brown noddy terns, flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguins depending on season; marine iguanas.	steep & lava	moderate	·trekking ·dinghy ride ·snorkeling ·kayak
SAT	AM	Egas Port	Santiago	Landscape tuff cone (volcanic ash) and lava, sea lions.	flat & rocky	moderate	·trekking ·dinghy ride ·snorkeling ·kayak
	PM	Sullivan Bay	Santiago	Walk on lava flows, pahoehoe, great geological place, penguins.	flat & lava	demanding	·trekking ·snorkeling
SUN	AM	Bachas Beach	Santa Cruz	One of the main nesting sites of sea turtles, flamingoes.	sandy	easy	·trekking
		Balra Airport	Balra	Check-out, transfer to airport from Puerto Ayora. 7-night guests Balra' shore.	-	-	-

## C EAST

4 days / 3 nights  
Sunday - Wednesday

DAY	TIME	VISIT	ISLAND	HIGHLIGHTS	TERRAIN	DIFFICULTY LEVEL	ACTIVITY
SUN	AM	Balra Airport	Balra	Meet and greet, bus transfer to the port, check-in on board. Transfer to Puerto Ayora.	-	-	-
	PM	Fausto Llerena Breeding Center	Santa Cruz	Giant tortoises, Darwin finches, prickly-pear, cactus forest, interpretation center.	flat	easy	·trekking
MON	AM	Mosquera Islet	Mosquera	White sand beach, large colony of sea lions.	sandy	easy	·trekking ·dinghy ride ·snorkel
	PM	North Seymour	North Seymour	Unique place for two types of frigate: magnificent and great; swallow-tailed gull, nesting colony of blue-footed boobies.	rocky & beach	demanding	·trekking ·dinghy ride ·snorkel
TUE	AM	Santa Fe	Santa Fe	Santa Fe land iguana unique in Galapagos, Galapagos hawk, mockingbirds, sea lions.	rocky	moderate	·trekking ·dinghy ride ·snorkel ·kayak
	PM	South Plaza	Plazas	Large colony of sea lions, unique landscape of a cactus forest, land and marine iguanas, Nazca and blue-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls.	rocky	moderate	·trekking
WED	AM	Kicker Rock	San Cristobal	Seabirds, sea lions, blue and Nazca boobies and frigate.	flat	easy	·trekking
		Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve	San Cristobal	Giant tortoises in semi-captivity, beautiful landscape on the way to the Reserve La Galapaguera, miconia plants zone.	wooden path	easy	·trekking
		San Cristobal Airport	San Cristobal	Check-out, transfer to airport. 7-night guests free time in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno.	-	-	-

## D SOUTH

5 days / 4 nights  
Wednesday - Sunday

DAY	TIME	VISIT	ISLAND	HIGHLIGHTS	TERRAIN	DIFFICULTY LEVEL	ACTIVITY
WED	AM	San Cristobal Airport	San Cristobal	Meet and greet, bus transfer to the port, check-in on board.	-	-	-
	PM	Interpretation Center & Frigatebird Hill	San Cristobal	Learn about the history of the islands, San Cristobal mockingbird.	flat	easy	·trekking
THU	AM	Cerro Brujo	San Cristobal	Eroding tuff cone, beautiful white sand beach, impressive landscape, sea lions, Ruddy turnstones, lava gulls.	sandy	easy	·trekking ·dinghy ride ·snorkel ·kayak
	PM	Punta Pitt	San Cristobal	Magnificent viewpoints, sea lion colony, 3 booby species and 2 of frigatebirds.	rocky	demanding	·trekking ·dinghy ride ·snorkel ·kayak
FRI	AM	Punta Suarez	Española	Largest colony of waved albatross, Nazca and blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas, landscape El Soplador (the blowhole).	rocky	demanding	·trekking
	PM	Gardner Bay	Española	Hood mockingbird, marine wildlife, sea lion, marine turtles.	sandy	easy	·trekking ·dinghy ride ·snorkel ·kayak
SAT	AM	Champion Islet	Floreana	Sharks, sea lions.	-	-	·dinghy ride
		Punta Cormoran	Floreana	White and black mangrove, flamingoes, sea turtles, sea lions.	sandy & flat	easy	·trekking ·dinghy ride ·snorkel
SUN	AM	Post Office	Floreana	Darwin finches, green pacific sea turtles, historical place since 1793.	sandy	easy	·trekking ·snorkel
		Highlands	Santa Cruz	Giant tortoises, lava tubes, scalesia forest, Chato Reserve.	flat & muddy	easy	·trekking
SUN	AM	Balra Airport	Balra	Check-out, transfer to airport from Puerto Ayora. 7-night guests Balra' shore.	-	-	-

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US\$ 326 net per person (4 hours)

Minimum 2 pax and maximum 8 pax, per diving boat, and it includes:

- Pick up and drop off from the cruise ship.
- Transportation to the diving site (duration of 30 to 60 minutes, depending on the site).
- 2 immersions during a period of half day. Duration: 45 - 60 minutes each.
- Dive equipment (tank, weights, wetsuit, fins, mask, regulator, bcd, snorkel).
- Snack and beverages.

### A NORTH - CENTRAL

Day	Diving	Diving Site	Level
Sunday	am: A + Extra night before cruise	Gordon Rocks / Daphne & Mosquera	Advanced / Intermediate
Sunday	am: D + A	Gordon Rocks	Advanced
Wednesday	am: A + Extra night after cruise	Seymour & Daphne	Intermediate
Wednesday	am: A + B	Seymour & Daphne	Intermediate

### B WEST

Day	Diving	Diving Site	Level
Wednesday	am: B + Extra night before cruise	Seymour & Daphne	Intermediate
Wednesday	am: A + B	Seymour & Daphne	Intermediate
Sunday	am: B + Extra night after cruise	Gordon Rocks / Daphne & Mosquera	Advanced / Intermediate
Sunday	am: B + C	Gordon Rocks / Daphne & Mosquera	Advanced / Intermediate

### C EAST

Day	Diving	Diving Site	Level
Sunday	am: C + Extra night before cruise	Gordon Rocks / Daphne & Mosquera	Advanced / Intermediate
Sunday	am: B + C	Gordon Rocks / Daphne & Mosquera	Advanced / Intermediate
Monday	am: C	Seymour & Mosquera	Intermediate
Wednesday	am: C + Extra night after cruise	Cristobal	Intermediate

### D SOUTH

Day	Diving	Diving Site	Level
Wednesday	am: D + Extra night before cruise	Cristobal	Intermediate
Wednesday	am: C + D	Cristobal	Intermediate
Thursday	D (under request and availability)	Cerro Brujo & Pitt Point	Intermediate
Sunday	am: D + Extra night after cruise	Gordon Rocks / Daphne & Mosquera	Advanced / Intermediate
Sunday	am: D + A	Gordon Rocks / Daphne & Mosquera	Advanced / Intermediate

## PASSENGERS ASSISTANCE AND FLIGHT INFORMATION

Cruise	Route	Ship	Days	FLIGHT TO GALAPAGOS			RETURN FLIGHT				
				AVIANCA Flight Number	DEPARTING		ARRIVING	AVIANCA Flight Number	ARRIVING		
					Quito	Guayaquil			Galapagos	Galapagos	Guayaquil
<b>A</b> NORTH - CENTRAL	To - From Baltra	Coral I & II	Sun-Wed	AV1632	7:15	8:30	9:45	AV1633	10:10	13:10	14:50
<b>B</b> WEST	To - From Baltra	Coral I & II	Wed-Sun	AV1632	6:50	8:25	9:20	AV1633	10:00	13:10	14:50
<b>C</b> EAST	To Baltra From S. Cristobal	Coral I & II	Sun-Wed	AV1632	7:00	8:35	9:45	AV1631	13:20	16:10	17:45
<b>D</b> SOUTH	To S. Cristobal From Baltra	Coral I & II	Wed-Sun	AV1630	10:10	11:50	12:40	AV1633	10:25	13:10	14:50

### COMPLIMENTARY ASSISTANCE FOR PASSENGERS CRUISING ON OUR FLEET ONLY IF USING OUR SCHEDULED FLIGHTS

#### QUITO & GUAYAQUIL AIRPORT

- Free shuttle service in connection with our cruises: Pick up time from hotels to airport: approx. 3 hours before flight, from / to specific hotels in Quito and Guayaquil. Reservation is required.

**Quito:** Patio Andaluz, Mercure, JW Marriott, Swissotel, Hotel Quito, Dann Carlton.

**Guayaquil:** Palace, Grand Hotel, Wyndham, Oro Verde, Hilton Colon.

Pick-up times will be reconfirmed at the hotel the night before the departure.

- We are not responsible if passenger misses the shuttle, flight, cruise for failing to show up on time. Arrive at the airport at least 90 min. before the flight. Itineraries flights and shuttle service are subject to change.

- The cruise documentation will be delivered on the way to the airport.
- SICGAL inspection for seeds, plants, fruits, etc.
- Counsel of the Government of Galapagos - Migration Control Card (if not prepaid \$20).
- At the airport in the Avianca counter, one of our representatives will provide the Migration Control Card (if paid up front) luggage ID & boarding pass.
- Luggage check-in, 1 piece 20 kg (soft case).
- Boarding pass issuance.

#### GALAPAGOS AIRPORT

- Galapagos National Park fee payment (if not invoiced and prepaid by us).
- Pass CGG Consejo de Gobierno de Galapagos control.
- Baltra & San Cristobal Airport assistance.
- Luggage pick-up and deliver to Galapagos guide.
- Transfer to port/dinghy ride to ship.
- Luggage delivery to the cabin by crew members and back to the airport.

## GALAPAGOS ISLANDS VISITOR SITES



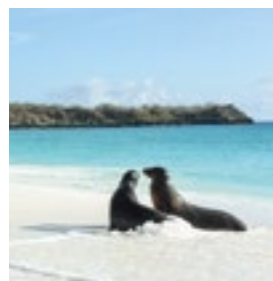
### BARTOLOME ISLAND

Considered the most iconic landscape of the entire archipelago the view from the top of Bartolomé Island, overlooking the famous Pinnacle Rock and the austere Santiago Island beyond, is well worth the climb up the wooden boardwalk. This volcanic scene has often been likened to a lunar landscape. Our subsequent snorkel here might put us face to face with Galapagos penguins, white-tipped reef sharks and playful sea lions.



### FLOREANA ISLAND: PUNTA CORMORAN

On arriving, the observant visitor will notice that olivine, a volcanic crystal, has proffered a subtle green hue on the dark beach. Our walk takes us past island-endemic *Scalesia* plants to a large, shallow, lagoon often inhabited by a variable number of shockingly pink greater flamingoes. We continue through a forest of *palo santo* trees to arrive at a powdery white beach, a nesting area of green turtles. As we paddle barefoot in the shallow water we will spot diamond stingrays and white-tipped reef sharks.



### ESPAÑOLA ISLAND: GARDNER BAY

One of the most stunning beaches in all of Galapagos. The long, white, sandy beach, lapped by turquoise waters is home to a colony of Galapagos sea lions, indifferent to the humans that walk amongst them. The Hood mockingbirds, endemic to this particular island, will be eager to inspect the visitors and satisfy their innate curiosity. Darwin's finches may also join the throng including the reclusive warbler finch. We can also snorkel here from the beach, in the shallows of the bay.



### FLOREANA ISLAND: DEVIL'S CROWN

One of the favourite snorkeling sites in the islands. Devil's Crown, an eroded volcanic cone, is home to an abundance of fish and marine animals. We will swim with big schools of yellow-tailed surgeonfish, salemas and creolefish and with luck may spot turtles, spotted eagle rays, parrotfish, and even hammerhead sharks! The jagged 'crown' is a roosting area for boobies, noddies, tropicbirds and frigates.



### ESPAÑOLA ISLAND: PUNTA SUAREZ

One of the highlight visits of the trip. Punta Suarez seems to have everything - a naturalist's paradise. A slew of marine iguanas and sea lions greet us at the landing site from where our walk continues with close encounters of boobies, endemic lizards, gulls and even a dramatic blow hole. The oldest extant island in the archipelago it is our only opportunity to commune with the endemic waved albatross during their breeding season between April and December. With luck, we can watch their complex courtship display.



### FLOREANA ISLAND: POST OFFICE BAY

A very short walk from the beach leads us to the famous Post Office Barrel. Claimed to have been first setup in 1793 by Captain James Colnett it remains the oldest functioning 'post office' in the Pacific. The system was that whalers and fur sealers would leave addressed letters in the barrel to be picked up by homeward bound colleagues. In the spirit of maintaining tradition visitors today will often take letters and hand-deliver them in their home countries.



### FERNANDINA ISLAND: PUNTA ESPINOSA

The youngest island of Galapagos and one of the most pristine in the world. Fernandina is simply the 'marine iguana capital of the world'. This desolate volcanic backdrop is home to a huge concentration of these enigmatic reptiles. Incongruously, sharing the same shoreline, we can find the diminutive Galapagos penguins. Here we also have the exciting opportunity to snorkel with marine iguanas feeding underwater, penguins, turtles and the bizarre, endemic, flightless cormorants.



### GENOVESA ISLAND: DARWIN BAY

From within the flooded caldera of Tower Island we set foot onto a sandy beach to be greeted by swallow-tailed gulls often said to be the most beautiful gull in the world. Our short, flat, trail leads us past stands of mangroves and saltbush on which we have our best possible looks at nesting red-footed boobies and great frigatebirds. At the tidal lagoon we may also see the rarest gull in the world, our very own, endemic lava gull.



### FLOREANA ISLAND: CHAMPION ISLET

A truly magical place to snorkel. We would expect to see here green turtles, harmless white-tipped reef sharks, an impressive diversity and abundance of fish as well as some playful sea lions often approaching very close, itching to show off their prowess in the water. Champion Islet also happens to be the last remaining home of the island-endemic Floreana mockingbird which we may be lucky enough to see from our *pangas*.



### GENOVESA ISLAND: EL BARRANCO, PRINCE PHILIP'S STEPS

Riding our *pangas* to the far side of the caldera, red-billed tropicbirds display vociferously overhead while Galapagos fur seals can be seen on the shoreline. Once at the top of the rocky stairway we are immediately met by Nazca boobies, red-footed boobies, mockingbirds and finches that line our way through a *palo santo* forest until we arrive at an expansive open lava field. Wedge-rumped storm petrels swarm above the lava where we keep our eyes peeled for short-eared owls.



### ISABELA ISLAND: TAGUS COVE

A well-known hideout and deep water anchorage in the days of pirates, Tagus Cove was also one of the few sites visited by Charles Darwin and the HMS Beagle in 1835. A beautiful hike leads us past an overview of Darwin Lake and on to a stunning volcanic landscape revealing Isabela island's dramatic northern volcanoes. Once back at sea level the perfect activity is to snorkel along a submerged wall with turtles, lots of fish, penguins and potentially flightless cormorants. You might even be tempted by a *panga* ride or kayak!



### ISABELA ISLAND: URBINA BAY

At the far end of a long, level hike we arrive at a strange phenomenon where large blocks of coral lie completely exposed after a dramatic geological uplift in 1954. Located at the western base of Alcedo Volcano we hope to run into a few very impressive land iguanas as well as some of the volcano's endemic Galapagos giant tortoises during the wet season.



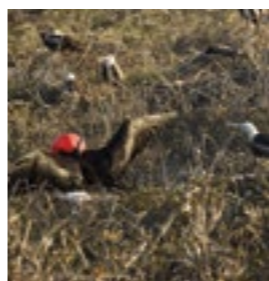
### ISABELA ISLAND: PUNTA VICENTE ROCA

This is a spectacular visitor site, surrounded by immense cliffs of the eroded volcano. Studded with resting sea birds such as brown noddies and Nazca boobies, we will enjoy them in close proximity from our dinghies. Snorkeling here is superb, with certain species of fish only found in the west of the archipelago. We also have a very real chance of swimming with penguins and potentially a plethora of green turtles.



### MOSQUERA ISLET

This tiny, low lying islet, covered in coral sand, is set between North and South Seymour Islands. It is home to a group of sea lions that come to laze on the soft white sand. It is a good spot to observe shorebirds as well as herons, lava gulls and boobies. Snorkeling or diving here one can often see sharks, rays and barracudas.



### NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND

This flat, uplifted, island is an important spot to see both magnificent and great frigatebird males courting the females by clicking, bill-clapping, shuddering and flapping their wings, all while showing off their grossly inflated, bright red, gular pouch. We will also likely see courting blue-footed boobies displaying their unique feet while 'dancing' to a prospective mate. Sea lions, swallow-tailed gulls, crashing surf and distant views of the Daphne Islands top off a great visit.



### SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND: CERRO BRUJO

From our *pangas*, as we head to shore, we are first humbled by the immensity of the stunning cliffs of 'Sorcerer's Hill'. We can enjoy simply sharing the beach with sea lions, snorkeling from shore or take a walk to a hidden lagoon where we might spot black-necked stilts, ruddy turnstones, whimbrels and white-cheeked pintails.



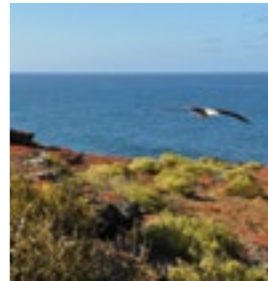
### SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND: CERRO COLORADO TORTOISE RESERVE

In the moist highlands of San Cristobal we will visit the giant tortoise breeding center "La Galapaguera" to witness the most iconic creature of the archipelago in its various life stages. The tortoises wander in a semi-natural habitat which lends itself to good photographic opportunities. The aim of the reserve is to help restore populations of the threatened San Cristobal tortoise back into the wild. In town, there are shops to purchase local handicrafts and souvenirs.



### SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND: INTERPRETATION CENTER & FRIGATEBIRD HILL

The interpretation center is full of interesting information and offers the perfect overview to the formation of Galapagos, its significance in the world, threats and conservation efforts. Followed by a hike to Frigatebird Hill (Cerro Tijeretas) we will have great looks at both species of frigatebird, with the bonus of a beautiful view of the bay below.



### SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND: PUNTA PITT & ISLET

Sea lions will greet us as we land on the beach and prepare for our climb to a high point on the steep eroded tuff cone. This is the only place in the islands where we will enjoy the chance to see all three of the booby species in the same place. The red-foots will be perched on the *Cordia lutea* and small trees, the Nazca's on the ground near the cliff edge while the blue-foots will be a little further inland. Frigatebirds will be all around and the views are breathtaking.



### SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: BACHAS BEACH

Named for some wrecked World War II barges whose ribs are still visible in the sand this visitor site offers great swimming, a lovely walk along the shore and a visit to a lagoon behind the high tide line with wading birds, marine iguanas and sometimes even flamingoes. The two beaches are also favourite nesting sites for green turtles which often leave tractor-like tracks in the sand.



**SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: EDEN ISLET & BALLENA BAY**  
The perfect spot to enjoy our water activities of snorkeling, kayaking or the glass-bottom boat. Expect to see lots of fish species including king angelfish, surgeonfish, parrotfish, damsels, rays and sharks. From the land portion of the visit there will be sea lions and basking marine iguanas with herons and turtles in the mangrove areas. We might even discover some antique ceramic relics left behind by previous settlements.



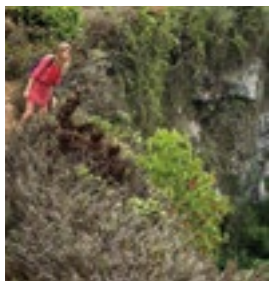
**SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: BLACK TURTLE COVE**  
Here we can find four species of mangrove in the extensive tidal lagoon system that stretches for almost a mile inland. During our *panga* ride through the labyrinth we will spot many turtles, herons of several species, sharks and rays. The experience is otherworldly and seems to transport us back to the beginning of time.



**SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: DRAGON HILL**  
Arriving to a small lava dock our first encounters are with marine iguanas that blend-in perfectly to the dark rock. As we walk past large prickly pear cacti we arrive to one end of a long, sickle-shaped, beach with Dragon Hill standing in the distance. Our walk takes us on a circular path, past a shallow lake where flamingoes frequently come to feed. Waders such as stilts, turnstones and sandpipers work the muddy edges frenetically looking for food as we continue inland to a dry, forested habitat where land iguanas nest and burrow.



**SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: FAUSTO LLERENA BREEDING CENTER**  
Once home to the famous Lonesome George, the last tortoise of the *Pinta* race, the breeding and relocation center is named in honour of his long-time guardian. The center is set in the Galapagos National Park Service where various interpretative buildings are available to visit. The grounds, with large stands of native vegetation are one of the better places to spot some of the seldom seen Darwin's finches such as the woodpecker, cactus and vegetarian finches.



**SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: HIGHLANDS & PIT CRATERS**  
In the central highlands of Santa Cruz Island we have our best opportunity to interact at close quarters with totally wild, Galapagos giant tortoises. A short walk among these huge, 600lb, reptiles will also offer the chance for more highland species, especially several species of the famed finches. A visit to the collapsed, twin sink holes (Gemelos) puts us in a stunning forest of the endemic tree-forming *Scalesia*. Apart from the dramatic scenery this area is well known for its diversity of passerine bird species.



**SANTA FE ISLAND**  
After a fabulous snorkel in the turquoise waters of the protected bay we may have enjoyed time with sea lions, turtles, reef sharks and spotted eagle rays. Landing onto a sandy beach we are immediately distracted by the abundant sea lions there with us. We begin a walk past a forest of island-endemic giant *Opuntia* cacti. Here we search for another island-endemic the Santa Fe land iguana, paler than its cousins on other islands. Galapagos hawks and even endemic rice rats are also things to look out for.



**SANTIAGO ISLAND: EGAS PORT**  
The black volcanic sand sets this landing apart from most. It is best known for the dramatic shoreline where we meet a host of species that chose to live between land and sea. Particular among these are the endemic Galapagos fur seals which maintain a small colony at the end of our walk. Other species of note include American oystercatchers, sea lions, waders, herons, lava lizards and even Galapagos hawks. An optional visit takes us to an abandoned salt mine famous in its day for supplying salt to mainland Ecuador.



**SANTIAGO ISLAND: SULLIVAN BAY**  
Although, when viewed from the sea, the site does not look especially interesting visitors are always totally enthralled by the amazing beds of pahoehoe lava from the recent flow on the island. It is a landscape and macro photographer's dream. The importance of pioneer plants such as the tiny *Mollugo* will be discussed as we hike over the lava. After our land visit we can enjoy a refreshing snorkel in the company of sea lions, turtles and rays.



**SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND**  
Sea lions, swallow-tailed gulls and land iguanas are all present at the landing site. The small island is covered with a carpet of a red succulent studded with *Opuntia* cacti. At the cliff edge, we spend time watching birds fly past at eye level in the updraught. These include, frigatebirds, flocks of Galapagos shearwaters and of particular note, flights of displaying red-billed tropicbirds. Back at sea level, we once again encounter land iguanas, some of which have hybridized with their resident marine cousins.



**RABIDA ISLAND**  
Lying at the heart of the archipelago this dramatic island, with its distinctive red-sand beach, is home to sea lions, mockingbirds, finches, endemic Galapagos doves and vermilion flycatchers. A walk takes us through a forest of *palo santo* and cacti to a beautiful overview of the bay. Snorkeling here can be excellent, often with large schools of black-striped salemas, sea lions and the ubiquitous turtles.



## Our other Cruise Ship GALAPAGOS LEGEND

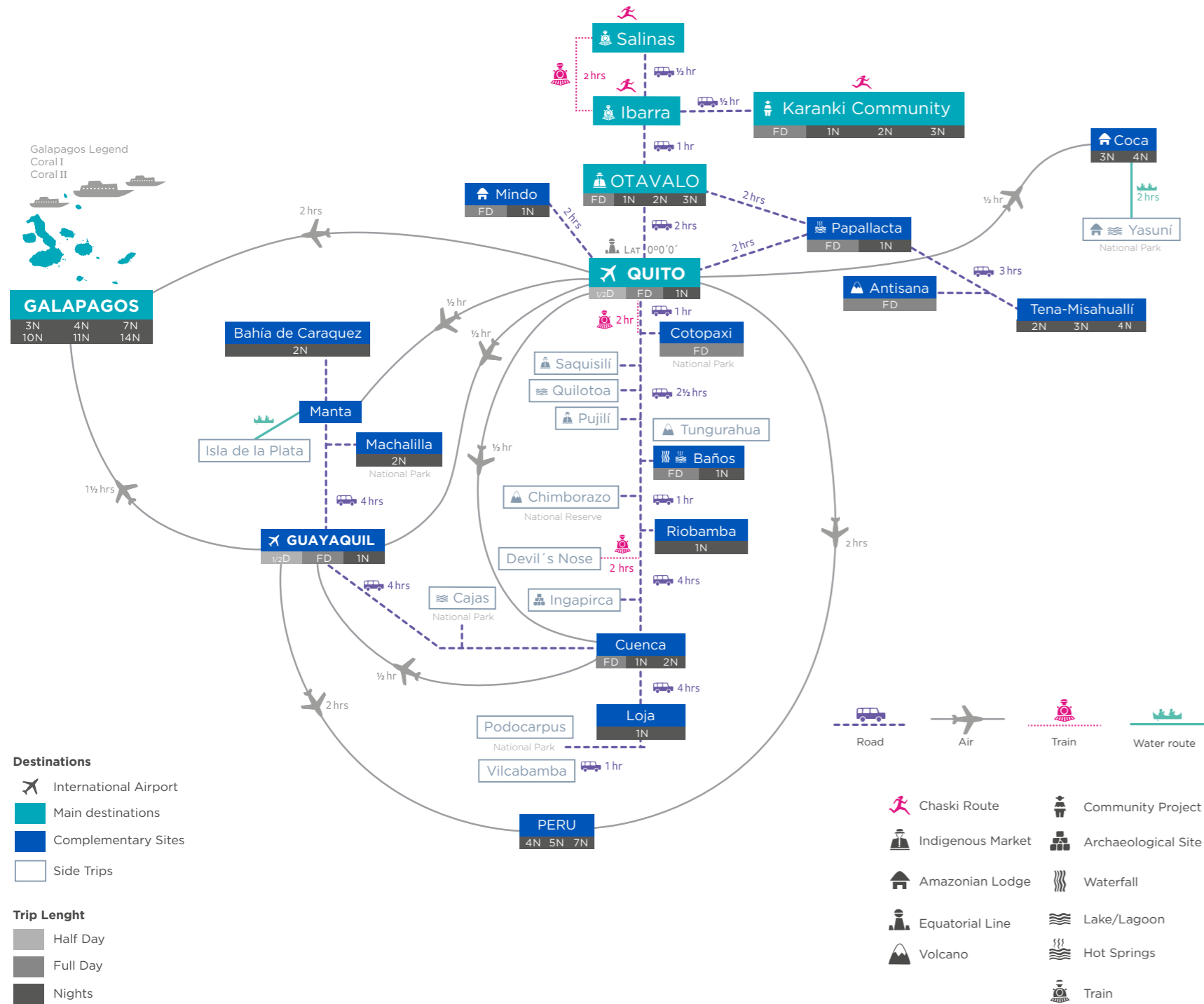
This impressive vessel, with capacity for 100 guests, was extensively refitted in 2017 to better enhance your Galapagos experience. As well as being the fastest cruise ship operating in the islands, she remains the only vessel with an onboard pool. Fast, sleek and beautifully appointed, she retains a cozy, homely and intimate atmosphere. Her classic, yet contemporary interiors perfectly balance the huge open deck space.

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