

M/V LEGEND



The Galapagos Legend is an impressive 92 metre long motor vessel offering ample space and fantastic facilities for cruising the Galapagos archipelago. There are four decks in total ranging from the open air moon deck that features an outdoor BBQ and stargazing area to the sea deck at the bottom of the ship where the Lonesome George restaurant and auditorium is located.

The 55 cabins are spread across all four decks and come in a variety of categories from the luxurious balcony suites to the more economical standard cabins. All cabins except the standard interior category come with ocean view portholes, windows or private balconies. The 60 experienced crew are joined by 6 professional naturalist guides who lead daily excursions to the islands. The ship also has dinghies, kayaks and a glass bottom boat for the guests to enjoy. Among the other superb facilities are two bars, an observation deck, a fully equipped gym, open air jacuzzi, swimming pool, library, a science corner and dedicated kids area.

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YOUR GALAPAGOS CRUISE



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MOON DECK - LEVEL 4

The moon deck is the top deck of the ship where the balcony suites and the legend suite is located. The stargazing area, alfresco restaurant and lifeboat dining area can also be found here.



Moon Deck

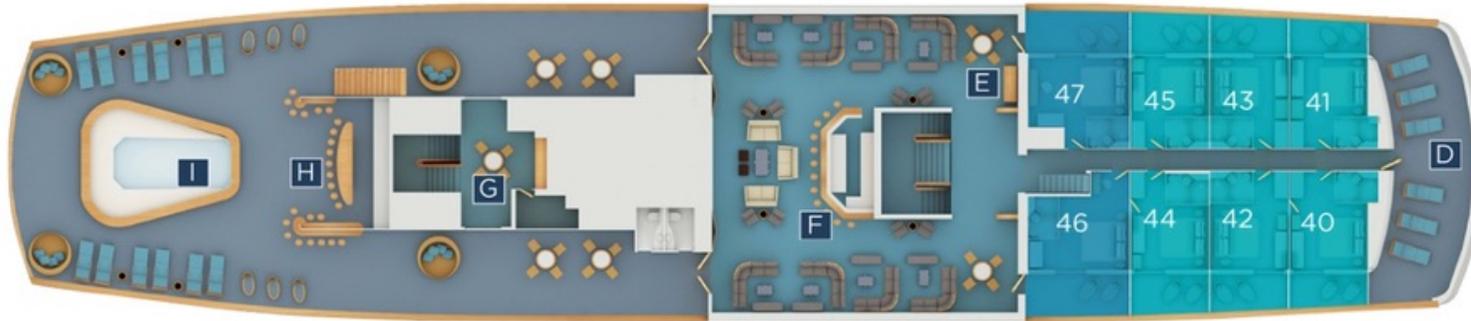
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|  A Stargazing Area |  Legend Balcony Suite |  Junior Suite Plus |  Standard Plus |
|  B Al Fresco Restaurant |  Balcony Suite Plus |  Junior Suite |  Standard Interior |
|  C Lifeboat Dining |  Balcony Suite | | |





SKY DECK - LEVEL 3

The sky deck is below the moon deck where the balcony suites, dolphin observation deck, Darwin panorama lounge, fisherman's bar, guide centre, swimming pool and sun terrace are located.



Sky Deck

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| D Dolphin Observation Deck | Legend Balcony Suite | Junior Suite Plus | Standard Plus |
| E 24-hour Coffee & Tea Station | Balcony Suite Plus | Junior Suite | Standard Interior |
| F Charles Darwin Panorama Lounge Bar | Balcony Suite | | |
| G Naturalist Guide Center | | | |
| H Fisherman's Bar | | | |
| I Swimming Pool & Sun Terrace | | | |





SEA DECK - LEVEL 2

The sea deck is the bottom deck where the standard cabins, Lonesome George restaurant, medical station, embarkation area, auditorium and snorkelling equipment room are located.



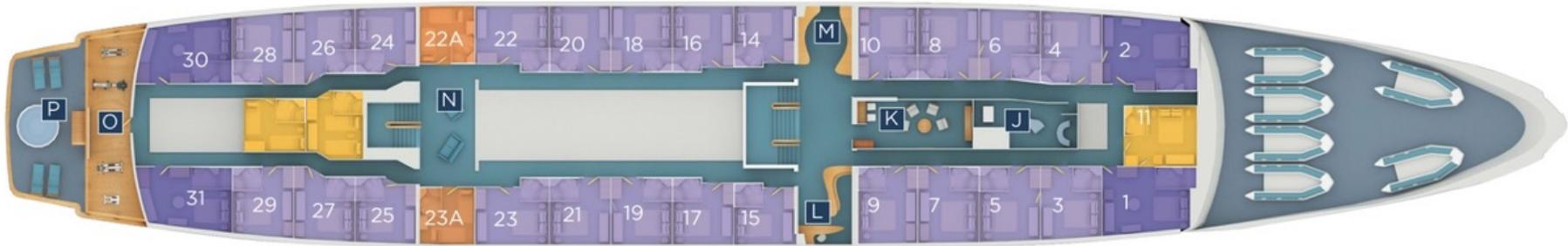
Sea Deck

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| Q Lonesome George Restaurant | Legend Balcony Suite | Junior Suite Plus | Standard Plus |
| R Embarkation Area | Balcony Suite Plus | Junior Suite | Standard Interior |
| S Medical Station | Balcony Suite | | |
| T Snorkeling Equipment Room | | | |
| U Auditorium | | | |



EARTH DECK - LEVEL 1

The earth deck is below the sky deck and contains the standard and junior suite cabins, kids corner, library, boutique, front desk, science corner, fitness centre and jacuzzi.



Earth Deck

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| J Kid's Corner |  Legend Balcony Suite |  Junior Suite Plus |  Standard Plus |
| K Library |  Balcony Suite Plus |  Junior Suite |  Standard Interior |
| L Boutique |  Balcony Suite | | |
| M Front Desk | | | |
| N Science Corner | | | |
| O Fitness Center | | | |
| P Jacuzzi | | | |





TO NOTE

- ✓ Swimming pool & sun terrace
- ✓ Darwin Panorama lounge & bar
- ✓ Dolphin observation deck
- ✓ Glass bottom boat & kayaks

FACILITIES

- ✓ 55 cabins, 100 passenger capacity
- ✓ 60 crew including on board doctor
- ✓ Air conditioning
- ✓ Wifi when anchoring only
- ✓ Stargazing deck
- ✓ Fitness centre & auditorium
- ✓ Lonesome George restaurant
- ✓ Fishermans Bar & lifeboat dining
- ✓ Library & kids corner
- ✓ Alfresco dining



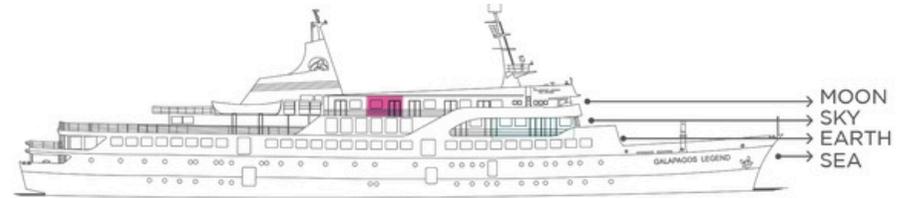


M/V LEGEND - CABINS

LEGEND BALCONY SUITE



We have upsized and renamed our biggest and most comfortable cabin; our new Legend Balcony Suite will feature plenty of space to move around freely; including a generously large balcony, perfect for sophisticated & distinguished clientele.



Legend Balcony Suite

- 1 cabin located on the Moon Deck
- Double & Triple options
- Panoramic windows & private balcony
- Exclusive & exquisite decoration
- Complimentary bottle of champagne
- Top of the line amenities & bathrobe
- Reusable bottles and crossbody bag as souvenirs.
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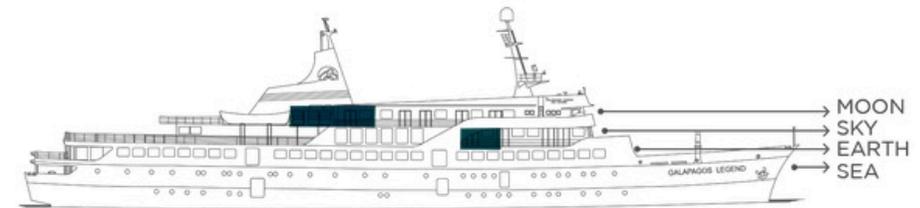


LEGEND BALCONY SUITE

BALCONY SUITE PLUS



One of the most striking aspects of our ship: 7 top of the line Balcony Suites located in the Sky Deck and the Moon Deck, measuring an average of 22 m2 (237 ft2). Including a significant redesign and general upgrades to more than satisfy customer's expectations.



■ Balcony Suite Plus

- 5 Balcony Suites on the Moon Deck.
- 2 Balcony Suites on the Sky Deck
- Double & Triple options.
- Panoramic windows & private balcony
- Complimentary bottle of champagne
- Top of the line amenities & bathrobe
- Reusable bottles and crossbody bag as souvenirs.
- Average Area: From 22m2 / 237ft2



■ Balcony Suite Plus



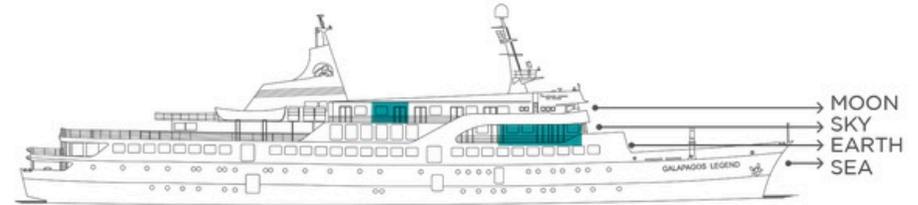
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■ Balcony Suite

- 4 Balcony Suites on the Moon Deck
- 6 Balcony Suites on the Sky Deck
- Double & Triple options.
- Panoramic windows & private balcony
- Complimentary bottle of champagne
- Top of the line amenities & bathrobe
- Reusable bottles and crossbody bag as souvenirs.
- Average Area: From 22m² / 237ft²

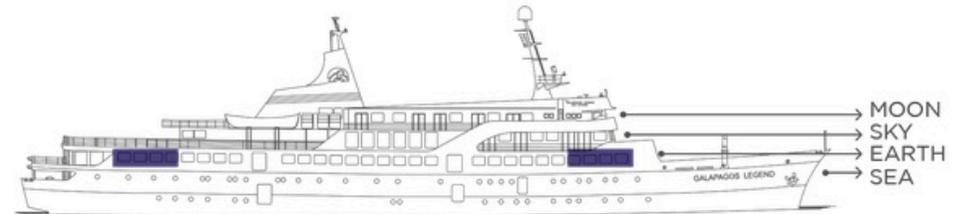


■ Balcony Suite

JUNIOR SUITE PLUS



Featuring big panoramic windows to admire the landscape, offering a wide variety of arrangements in Double & Triple and interconnected configurations, enjoy the perks of having the family together in private quarters with even more space for your comfort.



■ Junior Suite Plus

- 4 Junior Suites Plus on the Earth Deck
- Double, Triple & Quadruple options
- 2 Panoramic windows per cabin
- Interconnected options available
- Reusable bottles and crossbody bag as souvenirs
- Average Area 20m² / 215 ft² in Junior Suites Plus



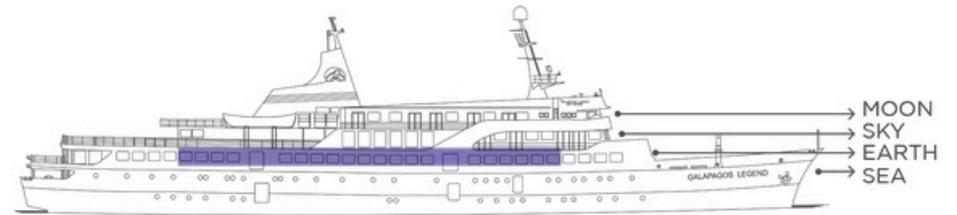
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JUNIOR SUITE



Featuring big panoramic windows to admire the landscape, offering a wide variety of arrangements in Double & Triple and interconnected configurations, enjoy the perks of having the family together in private quarters with even more space for your comfort.



■ Junior Suite

- 24 Junior Suites on the Earth Deck
- Double, Triple options
- 2 Panoramic windows per cabin
- Interconnected options available
- Reusable bottles and crossbody bag as souvenirs
- Average Area 15 m2 / 161 ft2 in Junior Suites

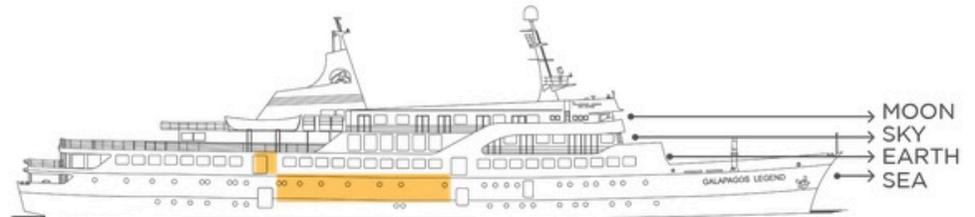


■ Junior Suite

STANDARD PLUS



7 comfortable cabins, located on the Earth and Sea Decks.



■ Standard Plus

- 7 cabins on the Sea & Earth Deck
- Single & Double options
- Interior accommodations
- Reusable bottles and crossbody bag as souvenirs
- Average Area: 11 m2 / 118 ft2

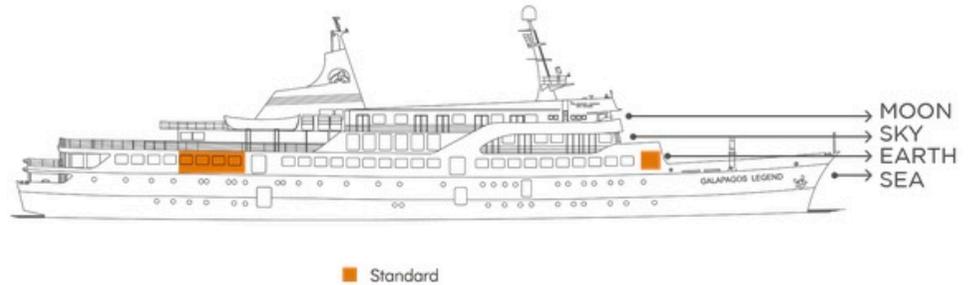


■ Standard Plus





3 comfortable cabins, located on the Earth Deck.



Standard

- 3 cabins on the Earth Deck
- Single & Double options
- Interior accommodations
- Reusable bottles and crossbody bag as souvenirs
- Average Area: From 13m² /140ft²



Standard



BAR



DINING AL FRESCO



DINING INTERIOR



POOL & SUNDECK



KIDS CORNER



WELLNESS CENTRE



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 - MONDAY

DATE TBC

GALAPAGOS

FLIGHT TO BALTRA ISLAND IN THE GALAPAGOS TO START YOUR CRUISE

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This afternoon visit the Highlands Tortoise Reserve on Santa Cruz Island. In the central highlands of Santa Cruz there is the best opportunity to interact at close quarters with totally wild, Galapagos giant tortoises. A short walk among these huge, 600lb / 270kg, reptiles will also offer the chance to see more highland species, especially several species of the famed finches.

Disembarking: dry landing | **Physical Condition:** low | **Type of terrain:** flat & muddy | **Activities:** 1 hour 30 min bus ride / 1 hour 30 min visit.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch (if time depending on the flight) & Dinner.

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DAY 2 - TUESDAY

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GALAPAGOS

PRINCE PHILIP'S STEPS & DARWIN BAY ON GENOVESA ISLAND

This morning we take the Legend's dinghies to the far side of the caldera, red-billed tropic birds display vociferously overhead while Galapagos fur seals can be seen on the shoreline. Once at the top of the rocky stairway you 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.

Disembarking: dry landing | **Physical Condition:** medium | **Type of terrain:** rocky | **Activities:** 2-hour hike | 45-min dinghy ride

This afternoon within the flooded caldera of Tower Island set foot onto a sandy beach to be greeted by swallow-tailed gulls often said to be the most beautiful gull in the world. The short, flat, trail leads us past stands of mangroves and saltbush on which you can have a good look 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.

Disembarking: wet landing | **Physical Condition:** low | **Type of terrain:** sandy | **Activities:** 45 min kayaking | 45 min glass-bottom boat or 1-hour deep or beach snorkelling | 1 hour 15 min hike.

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DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY

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GALAPAGOS

VISITS TO SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND & SANTA FE ISLAND

Sea lions, swallow-tailed gulls and land iguanas are all present at this morning's landing site. The small island is covered with a carpet of a red succulent studded with Opuntia cacti. At the cliff edge spend time watching birds fly past at eye level in the up draught. These include, frigate birds, 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 hybridised with their resident marine cousins.

Disembarking: dry landing | **Physical Condition:** medium | **Type of terrain:** rocky | **Activities:** 2 hour 15 min hike

This afternoon, after a snorkel in the turquoise waters of the protected bay you 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. Begin a walk past a forest of island-endemic giant Opuntia cacti. Here 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.

Disembarking: wet landing | **Physical Condition:** medium | **Type of terrain:** rocky | **Activities:** 30 min glass-bottom boat ride / 45 min kayaking / 1-hour hike / 1-hour deep snorkelling.

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BACHAS BEACH ON SANTA CRUZ ISLAND & FLIGHT BACK TO THE MAINLAND

Named for some wrecked World War II barges whose ribs are still visible in the sand this visitor site offers 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.

Disembarking: wet landing | **Physical Condition:** low | **Type of terrain:** sandy | **Activities:** 1-hour hike / beach time.

After the visit, you will be transferred to Baltra Airport for your return flight to the mainland.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.



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DAY 1 - THURSDAY

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This afternoon visit 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. Snorkelling or diving here one can often see sharks, rays and barracudas.

Disembarking: wet landing | **Physical Condition:** low | **Type of terrain:** sandy |

Activities: 1-hour hike / 1-hour beach snorkelling.

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DAY 2 - FRIDAY

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GALAPAGOS

EGAS PORT ON SANTIAGO ISLAND & VISIT RABIDA ISLAND

The black volcanic sand sets this morning's 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.

Disembarking: wet landing | **Physical Condition:** medium | **Type of terrain:** flat & semi-rocky | **Activities:** 2 hour 15 min hike / 1 hour 30 min beach snorkelling.

This afternoon visit 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. Snorkelling here can be excellent, often with large schools of black-striped salemas, sea lions and the ubiquitous turtles.

Disembarking: wet landing | **Physical Condition:** low | **Type of terrain:** sandy & gravel | **Activities:** 45 min kayaking / 1 hour bottom-glass boat or 1 hour deep or beach snorkelling / 1 hour 15 min hike.

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DAY 3 - SATURDAY

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GALAPAGOS

VISITS TO URBINA BAY & TAGUS COVE ON ISABELA ISLAND

For this morning's landing, at the far end of a long, level hike you 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.

Disembarking: wet landing | **Physical Condition:** low | **Type of terrain:** flat |
Activities: 1 hour 45 min hike / 1 hour beach snorkelling.

This afternoon you visit Tagus Cove also on Isabela Island. This was 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 dinghy ride or kayak!

Disembarking: dry landing | **Physical Condition:** medium | **Type of terrain:** steep & eroded tuff | **Activities:** 1 hour hike / 45 min dinghy ride / 45 min kayaking / 1 hour glass-bottom boat / 1 hour deep water snorkelling.

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DAY 4 - SUNDAY

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GALAPAGOS

PUNTA ESPINOSA ON FERNANDINA & PUNTA VICENTE ROCA ON ISABELA

This morning make a landing at Punta Espinosa on Fernandina Island. 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.

Disembarking: dry landing | **Physical Condition:** medium | **Type of terrain:** rocky & lava | **Activities:** 1 hour 45 min hike / 45 min glass-bottom boat or 45 min deep snorkelling.

This afternoon's landing is at Punta Vicente Roca on Isabela Island. 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. Snorkelling 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.

Disembarking: Dry landing | **Physical Condition:** low / high | **Type of terrain:** various | **Activities:** 1 hour glass-bottom boat or 1 hour deep snorkelling / 1 hour 15 min dinghy ride.

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This afternoon visit North Seymour Island. This flat, uplifted, island is an important spot to see both magnificent and great frigate bird 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.

Disembarking: dry landing | **Physical Condition:** medium | **Type of terrain:** rocky & sandy | **Activities:** 1 hour 45 min hike / 1 hour glass-bottom boat or deep water snorkelling.

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LAND AT BARTOLOME ISLAND & SULLIVAN BAY ON SANTIAGO ISLAND.

Bartolome Island is considered the most iconic landscape of the entire archipelago and the view from the top of Bartolome 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.

Disembarking: dry landing | **Physical Condition:** medium | **Type of terrain:** wooden path of 372 stairs | **Activities:** 45 min glass-bottom boat or 45 min beach snorkelling / 30 min dinghy ride / 45 min hike.

This after noon we have a wet landing at Sullivan Bay on Santiago Island. 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 you can enjoy a refreshing snorkel in the company of sea lions, turtles and rays.

Disembarking: wet landing | **Physical Condition:** demanding | **Type of terrain:** flat volcanic lava | **Activities:** duration: 1:30-hour walk / 1-hour snorkelling / beach time

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PUNTA PITT & ISLET PITT & CERRO BRUJO ON SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND

This morning land at Punta Pitt & Islet Pitt on San Cristobal Island. Sea lions will greet us as you land on the beach and prepare for the climb to a high point on the steep eroded tuff cone. This is the only place in the islands where you 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.

Disembarking: wet landing | **Physical Condition:** medium | **Type of terrain:** rocky | **Activities:** 2 hour hike / 1 hour beach snorkelling or 45 min kayaking

This afternoon we make a wet landing on Cerro Brujo (San Cristobal Island). From our dinghy ride, 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, snorkelling from shore or take a walk to a hidden lagoon where we might spot black-necked stilts, ruddy turnstones, whimbrels and white-cheeked pintails.

Disembarking: wet landing | **Physical Condition:** low | **Type of terrain:** sandy | **Activities:** 45 min dinghy ride / 1 hour 30 min beach snorkelling or 45 min kayaking

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 **END**

VISIT THE CERRO COLORADO TORTOISE RESERVE & FLIGHT OUT

This morning visit the Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve on San Cristobal Island. 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.

Disembarking: dry landing | **Physical Condition:** medium | **Type of terrain:** sandy |
Activities: 1 hour 30 min bus ride round-trip / 1 hour 15 min visit

After the visit, you will be transferred to San Cristobal Airport for your return flight to the mainland.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.



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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 - THURSDAY

DATE TBC

GALAPAGOS

FLIGHT TO SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND TO START YOUR CRUISE

Transfer to the airport for a 2 hour 30 minute flight to Baltra Island in the Galapagos. Upon arrival in the Galapagos you are picked up at the airport by your guide and taken on a 10-minute bus drive to the pier to board the M/V Galapagos Legend.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All Galapagos itineraries described are subject to weather conditions at the time and may be altered by the Captain whose decision is final.

This afternoon we visit the interpretation center on San Cristobal Island. This is full of interesting information and offers the perfect overview to the formation of the Galapagos, its significance in the world, threats, and conservation efforts. Followed by a hike to Frigatebird (Cerro Tijeretas) we will have a great look at both species of frigatebirds, with the bonus of a beautiful view of the bay below.

Disembarking: dry landing | **Physical Condition:** low | **Type of terrain:** flat path | **Activities:** 1 hour hike / 1 hour visit.

NOTE: Frigate bird Hill (San Cristobal Island) | **Physical Condition:** difficult | **Type of terrain:** Rocky / duration: 1-hour visit

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch (if time depending on the flight) & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT

M/V GALAPAGOS LEGEND



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DAY 2 - FRIDAY

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GALAPAGOS

LANDINGS AT GARDNER BAY AND PUNTA SUAREZ ON ESPAÑOLA ISLAND.

Land this morning at Gardner Bay on Española Island and 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.

Disembarking: wet landing | **Physical Condition:** low | **Type of terrain:** sandy | **Activities:** 1-hour hike / 1 hour 45 min beach snorkelling / 30 min kayaking / 30 min glass-bottom boat.

This afternoon we continue to explore Española Island with 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, watch their complex courtship display.

Disembarking: dry landing | **Physical Condition:** high | **Type of terrain:** rocky / activities: 2 hour 15 min hike.

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DAY 3 - SATURDAY

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GALAPAGOS

POST OFFICE & PUNTA CORMORAN & DEVIL'S CROWN ON FLOREANA

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.

Disembarking: wet landing | **Physical Condition:** low | **Type of terrain:** sandy & rocky | **Activities:** 45 min dinghy ride / 45 min visit / 1 hour 15 min beach snorkelling / 30 min kayaking.

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. This coral-sand beach marks the end of our trail, and we head back to the olivine beach we landed on, to swim or snorkel amongst sea turtles, reef fish, sea lions and, on a good day, white-tipped reef sharks. A small colony of penguins resides on Floreana and can sometimes be observed as well.

One of the favourite snorkelling sites in the islands. Devil's Crown, an eroded volcanic cone, is home to an abundance of fish and marine animals. Swim with big schools of yellow-tailed surgeonfish, salemas and creole fish 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.

Disembarking: wet landing | **Physical Condition:** low | **Type of terrain:** sandy & flat | **Activities:** 45 min glass-bottom boat or 45 min deep or beach snorkelling / 1 hour 45 min hike

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

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DAY 4 - SUNDAY

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GALAPAGOS

LANDINGS AT DRAGON HILL & PUNTA BOWDITCH ON SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

This morning we arrive at Dragon Hill on Santa Cruz Island. Disembark at 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.

Disembarking: dry landing | **Physical Condition:** medium | **Type of terrain:** rocky | **Activities:** 2-hour hike / 1-hour beach snorkelling.

This afternoon feel the indescribable feeling of being where no one else has. Relax on a powdery Punta Bowditch beach. Snorkel around turquoise water islets and hike beside salt pools and dried white corals. Be one of the first humans to visit Punta Bowditch at Legend's South

Physical Condition: easy | **Type of terrain:** sandy | **Activities:** 30 minute walk / 1 hour snorkelling.

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DAY 5 - MONDAY

DATE TBC

 **END**

VISIT THE HIGHLANDS TORTOISE RESERVE & FLIGHT OUT

This morning visit the Highlands Tortoise Reserve on Santa Cruz Island. In the mountains of Galapagos is possible to admire different kinds of birds, such as tree and ground finches, vermillion flycatchers, paint-billed crakers, yellow warblers, and cattle egrets(usually standing on the tortoises' shells) The journey to the reserve offers great opportunities to see the contrast that the island offers in reference to the variety of ecosystems. The road goes from the coast through the agriculture zone straight up to the dense humid forests. Often, Galapagos giant tortoises are also seen on the way wandering through pastures in the paddocks. this spot is a birdwatcher's haven since almost every land bird present on the island lives or migrates here.

Physical Condition: easy | **Type of terrain:** flat –muddy (depending on the season) | **Activities:** 45-minute drive/ 1 ½ hour walk.

After the visit, you will be transferred to Baltra Airport for your return flight to the mainland.

On arrival a transfer to your hotel with the rest of the day free.

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