

Cruising Ecuador's Galápagos Islands

2024 Departure Date: October 1 - 8, 2024



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Native wildlife pose for the camera



Quito's famous monument marks the center of the world

DAY 1 Depart the USA: Depart the USA on a flight to Quito, Ecuador. Enjoy a free evening to experience this amazing city on your own.

DAY 2 Quito, Ecuador: After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Quito. The first city to be named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, Quito boasts a historic center and centuries-old landmarks, dating back 500 years. Visit 'Mitad del Mundo' and the Equator Monument, which stands at 0 degrees, and feel what it's like to be standing in the middle of the world. During the included city tour, see a bull fighting ring and the gilded Spanish colonial church. This evening, enjoy the city on your own. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 3 MV Galápagos Legend: After breakfast, board your flight to Baltra. Upon arrival, embark the *MV Galápagos Legend* for a four-night cruise. Set sail for Mosquera Islet, a tiny, low lying islet covered in coral sand. Experience your first wet landing and see lazy sea lions sunning themselves on the sand as you reach the shore. Shorebirds as well as herons, lava gulls and boobies are also found here. While snorkeling, one can often see sharks, rays and barracuda. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 4 Egas Port (Santiago Island) – Rabida Island: This morning, visit the fourth largest island in the Galápagos, Santiago Island. It provides spectacular views of powerful volcanic activity. A wet landing brings you to Egas Port, a black volcanic sand beach, visited by Darwin in 1835. The unique, truly striking layered terrain of the Santiago shore is home to a variety of animals including the bizarre yellow-crowned night heron, sea lions and lava lizards. Marine wildlife including lobster, starfish and marine iguanas graze on algae beds alongside Sally light-foot crabs. You may also see colonies of endemic fur seals swimming in cool-water volcanic rock pools. The afternoon's adventure is on 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 Galápagos doves and vermilion flycatchers.

A walk takes you through a forest of palo santo and cacti to a beautiful overview of the bay. During a dinghy ride along the marine cliffs, observe nesting seabirds. Snorkeling here can be excellent, often with large schools of black-striped salemas, sea lions and the ubiquitous turtles. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 5 Urbina Bay and Tanguis Cove (Isabela Island): Start your day with a wet landing on the volcanic black beach at Urbina Bay. In 1954, a volcano uplifted the coral reef, leaving marine skeletons that tell of its ancient past. Look for Darwin's finches, land iguanas and the Galápagos cotton flower in bloom. After a short walk inland, outstanding snorkeling awaits in the crystal clear waters, showcasing fascinating marine life. Amazing views of the Alcedo Volcano, which spewed an unusual combination of rhyolite and basalt lava, stands as a powerful backdrop and reminder of nature's power.

This afternoon, a dry landing takes you into Tanguis Cove. A well-known hideout in the days of pirates, it was also one of the few sites visited by Darwin and the *HMS Beagle* in 1835. A trail walk leads to Darwin's salt-water crater lake with excellent views of lava fields and volcanic formations. The dinghy ride along the shoreline showcases blue-footed boobies, brown noddys, terns, and other seabirds. You can also snorkel in the deep water, along the submerged wall with turtles and native fish. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 6 Punta Espinosa (Fernandina Island) – Punta Vicente Roca (Isabela Island): Arrive via dry landing at Espinosa Point on Fernandina Island, one of the most well-preserved of the Galápagos Islands. Discover one of the world's most pristine island ecosystems as you observe hundreds of prehistoric

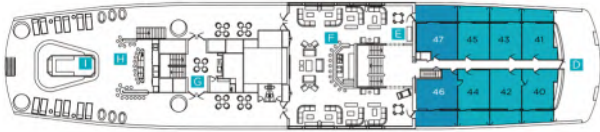
MV Galápagos Legend

Refurbished: 2017 Speed: 19.5 mph Cabins: 55 Length: 301 ft. Crew: 60

Moon Deck



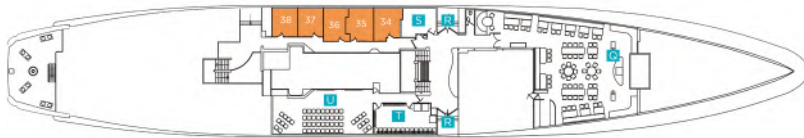
SKY DECK



EARTH DECK



SEA DECK



Public Areas and Ship Amenities

- Swimming pool and sun terrace
- Spa with 2 Jacuzzi's
- Library
- Medical Station
- Panorama Lounge
- Glass bottom boat
- Boutique
- 24 hour coffee / tea station

Junior Cabin (161 sq. ft): Earth Deck

Features two panoramic windows, lower beds, either two twin or one queen, private bath, telephone service for internal, local and international calls, air conditioning, LCD TV with multi-media system, safe deposit box and hair dryer

Standard Plus Cabin (118 sq. ft): Sea and Earth Decks

Features two port holes, lower beds, private bath, telephone service for internal, local and international calls, air conditioning, LCD TV with multi-media system, safe deposit box and hair dryer

Balcony Cabin (237 sq. ft): Sky and Moon Decks

Features private balcony with door, panoramic window, lower beds (either two twin or one queen), private bath, telephone service for internal, local and international calls, air conditioning, LCD TV with multi-media system, safe deposit box and hair dryer

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CAT	CABIN	DECK	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM ADD
Orange	Standard Plus Cabin	Sea	\$5,369	+\$2,399
Purple	Junior Cabin	Earth	\$5,869	+\$2,579
Blue	Balcony Cabin	Sky	\$6,669	+\$2,849

You are cordially invited to join me for this grand adventure in the Galapagos Islands, aboard the M/V Legend, including 5 Star lodging in Ecuador's Capital, Quito. Space is Limited, early reservation encouraged!

Included in Above Pricing is \$600 per person for flights between Quito and Galápagos and to Guayaquil, along with \$170 per person for park licenses, fees and surcharges.

Round-trip AIR from Portland, OR to Quito, returning from Guayaquil, Ecuador is \$1800.00

* This departure feature different ports. Please contact us for details.

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- 91 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour



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