

Around Ecuador

The Galapagos Islands are a clique of volcanic islands close to the equator and towards the west of continental Ecuador in the Pacific Ocean. It is located in northwestern South America and are a part of Ecuador's national park system. During the Galapagos Tours, it is possible to view the islands that have been made famous by Charles Darwin. The Galapagos Tours adjures all nature lovers, curious travelers and birders to embark on these tours. The Galapagos cruise will facilitate the transport to the uninhabited island treasures. The diversity of Galapagos wildlife and the natural history of this area is a cynosure that is worth getting acquainted with. Watching whales, hiking to lava tunnels, admiring blue-footed Boobies and snorkeling along with sea lions are the highlights of Galapagos Tours. It is also possible to observe five foot marine iguanas, exult at the penguins and get involved in the mating rituals of the frigate birds.

Yacht Categories on Galapagos Tours For the Galapagos Tours, several yachts are extant which embark every week. The tours are of either 7 or 10 days. The 7 days tour comprises of a 5 day / 4 night schedule in the Galapagos Islands. On the other hand, a 10 day tour constitutes 8 day / 7 night plan. For every tour, there is a night on the Ecuadorian mainland, either at the start or termination of the stay to make air travel possible. If the tourist can arrive in Quito or Guayaquil, then a flight is available to facilitate the travel to the Galapagos Islands. From here he can move to the Galapagos yacht.

M/V Galapagos Legend Galapagos Cruises have several ships that have been given a one to five star rating. This aids in taking the decision regarding the choice of the ship. Some of these are Isabela, Mistral, Parrana, Diamante, Lammer Law, Beluga, Coral 2, Coral 1, M/V Galapagos legend, Alta Eric, Flamingo and Letty, M/V Xpedition, M/V Santa Cruz, M/V Galapagos Explorer II, M/V Eclipse and M/C Anahi. Out of these, M/V Galapagos Legend is a five star rated ship. This was built in Germany and registered in Ecuador. It was reconstructed in 2005 and has spacious public regions, conference room, cabins and suites, medical facilities and multilingual naturalist guides. The safety equipment is quite sophisticated. During the cruise, North Seymour Island, El Barranco, Darwin Bay, Suarez Point, Interpretation Center and Black Turtle Cove form the important points of the 3 Nights cruise. For the 4 Nights cruise, Bartolome Island, Espinoza Point, Tagus Cove, Egas Port, Rabida, Charles Darwin Station, Land Tortoise Breeding Center and Bachas Beach are the various points.

M/V Santa Cruz This is a five star rated Cruz and a 90 passenger capacity ship. The weight is 1623 tons and it was originally built for Galapagos Islands cruising. After renovation, it has 48 cabins. The Boat Deck has two new luxury master suites having double beds, a private balcony and two junior suites. The entire ship is air-conditioned and the Sun Deck has a deck-bar and Jacuzzi. A dining room, lounge, bar, reading room and library are extant and liven up the ambience. The cruise passes through North Seymour Island, Bartolome Island, Puerto Egas, Santiago Island, Darwin Bay, Puerto Ayora and Santa Cruz Island.