

NORTH CENTRAL GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

BALTRA TO SAN CRISTOBAL, GALAPAGOS



Enjoy a Galapagos Expedition to snorkel with sea lions and hike along lava tunnels and back to the beginning of time. Silversea's Galapagos cruise ships take you to the remote islands, whilst indulging you in the unrivalled all-suite comfort and elegant sophistication which has made us famous. Watch bellowing elephant bulls challenge each other in a spectacular display. Admire the courtship of a Blue-footed Booby. Step over iguanas basking in the sun. It is not only the abundance of wildlife, but their fearlessness that makes the Galápagos island cruise a nature lover's dream.



DATES: 2020 – SPECIAL EXPLOR CLUB SAVINGS - Mar 19* | Apr 02**, 16*, 30* | May 14**, 28**

And every other Thursday

DURATION: 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

EMBARK: BALTRA, GALAPAGOS

DISEMBARK: SAN CRISTOBAL, GALAPAGOS

SHIP: SILVER GALAPAGOS

FROM: \$9,900

Includes Transfers, 2 nights Quito Hotel, and free air from North America

***SAVE \$2,000 PP - **SAVE \$3,000 PP**

Expedition Highlights

- Visit “Bird Island” home to over 30 bird species.
- Climb Prince Philip’s Steps to see a thriving seabird colony and search for the Galápagos Short-eared Owl.
- Observe sea lion families and the famed giant tortoises and marvel at the fearless behavior of wildlife.
- Admire the antics of Red-footed and Blue-footed Boobies.
- Hike up the sides of an extinct volcano and hike across lava flows.
- See the Waved Albatross (depending on the season — April to December).
- Swim and snorkel in tranquil, clear waters.
- Photograph colorful marine iguanas.
- Cruise by Zodiac along scenic coastlines.
- Learn about conservation efforts at the “Fausto Llerena Breeding Center”.

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Day 1 – THU - ARRIVE QUITO, ECUADOR.

Meet and transfer to your included JW Marriott hotel. Arrive earlier to explore more of this wonderful, diverse country. Visit the Amazon region and stay at a fabulous wildlife center. See the colorful birds of Ecuador’s Cloud Forest near Quito. We can make all the arrangements for you.

Day 2 – FRI - FREE DAY TO EXPLORE QUITO

Take in some of the numerous museums, and explore the beautiful historic district, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This evening enjoy a night walking tour of old Quito, where the historic buildings are illuminated.

Day 3 – SAT - EMBARK SILVER GALAPAGOS

This morning you will be transferred to the Quito airport for your included flight to Baltra and the *Silver Galapagos*. After settling in, attending a mandatory safety drill and setting sail, you will be introduced to your Expedition Team. *Silver Galapagos* will then head for Isla Daphne to do a circumnavigation – usually only scientists are allowed to land. From the ship we will watch for

Nazca and Blue-footed Boobies, frigate birds, Red-billed Tropicbirds, Brown Noddies and Brown Pelicans, as well as Swallow-tailed Gulls.

Day 4 — SUN - GENOVESA - BAHÍA DARWIN



El Barranco, Prince Philip Steps, Genovesa Island is dubbed “Bird Island”, a name it lives up to in a spectacular way. Huge colonies of seabirds create a birdwatcher’s paradise. Take a walk on the sandy beach of Darwin Bay, home to one of the world’s largest Red-footed Booby nesting colonies. Yellow-crowned Night Herons feed near tidal lagoons, while hundreds of Swallow-tailed Gulls nest in the cliffs.

Day 5 — MON - NORTH SEYMOUR - SULLIVAN BAY - SANTIAGO

North Seymour is a small up-lifted island close to Baltra filled with a spectacular profusion of wildlife — above and below the sea. Two species of frigate birds nest here; one of which, the Magnificent Frigate bird, is an opportunistic breeder. At any month of the year we may see males displaying their bright-red gular pouch to attract females.



Coming ashore on the east coast of Santiago Island, we will witness the marks Nature has left on the islands through its geological forces. Our landing will be on a white sandy beach or directly onto lava — depending on the conditions. In either case we will see the lava flows that are not much older than a hundred years — dating back to 1897.

Day 6 — TUE - RABIDA AND EDEN, SANTA CRUZ

Rabida is a small picturesque island with red rock cliffs and maroon sand. Here we can see Darwin's finches, lava lizards and Galápagos Mockingbirds. Sail to Eden Islet for snorkeling, kayaking and Zodiac rides.



Day 7 — WED - SAN CRISTOBAL - LA GALAPAGUERA & PUNTA PITT

The most emblematic animal in the archipelago is the Galápagos giant tortoise. Since the late 1950s, the tenacious work of the Galápagos National Park Service park rangers and the scientists of the Charles Darwin Research Station has been protecting and breeding these ancient creatures. We may see three species of boobies here: Red-footed, Blue-footed and Nazca, as well as both the Great and Magnificent Frigate bird.

Day 8 — THU - ESPAÑOLA - BAHÍA GARDNER AND PUNTA SUÁREZ

Don't miss a chance to swim with sea lions from the gorgeous beach at Gardner Bay. Relax on the white sands of this idyllic beach as the water laps gently in front of you.

In the afternoon we will visit Punta Suárez at the western point of Española, the oldest island in the

Galápagos. Sheer cliffs provide superb thermals for seabirds. Swallow-tailed Gulls, Nazca Boobies and Blue-footed Boobies can easily be seen. The largest seabird to nest in the islands, the Waved Albatross, may be seen seasonally from April through December, and has made Española its home.

Day 9 — FRI - SANTA CRUZ - PLAZAS SUR - PUERTO AYORA

The headquarters of the Galápagos National Park Service and the Charles Darwin Research Station are located in the small town of Puerto Ayora. The Station is the operative branch of the Charles Darwin Foundation, an organization established in 1959 to provide conservation counsel to the Ecuadorian government. Its flagship program is the restoration of Galápagos giant tortoises.

At the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center, we will get to see tortoises of both morphotypes: dome-shaped and saddle-backed, as well as young giant tortoises up to 5 years old that are waiting to be returned to their home island.

South Plaza is a neat little island located close to the eastern coast of Santa Cruz. Its main attraction is a colony of Galápagos land iguanas.



Day 10 — SAT - SAN CRISTOBAL

Following breakfast, disembark Silver Galapagos for your return flight from San Cristobal Airport to Guayaquil and connect with your flight home, or to other adventures in Ecuador, Peru, or other South American attractions.

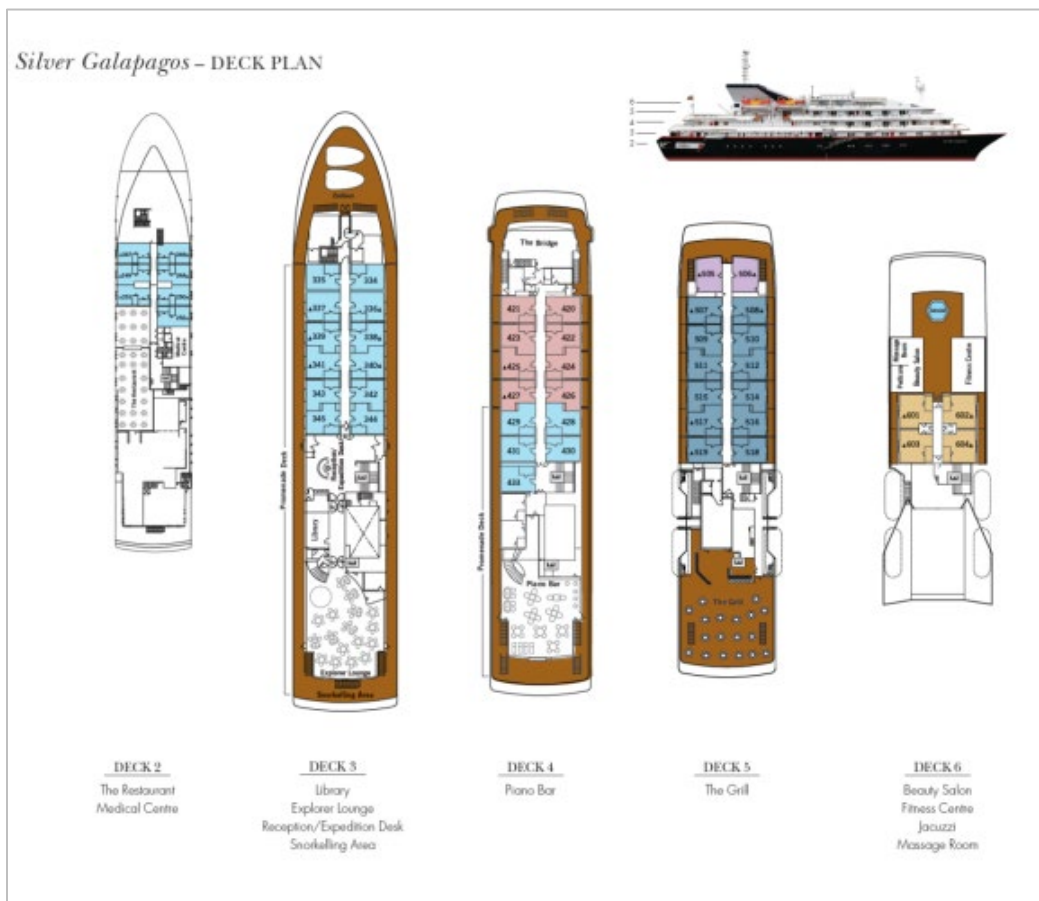


The Galápagos All-Inclusive Experience Includes:

- 7-night Galápagos Expedition aboard *Silver Galapagos*
- Roundtrip Economy Air between Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands
- Two-night pre-cruise hotel stay with breakfast at the Quito JW Marriott
- Evening tour of Quito’s historic city highlights
- All transfers in Quito, Galapagos and Guayaquil
- Post-cruise hotel day room at Hotel Oro Verde in Guayaquil *
- National Park, Ingala Transit Card and portorage
- Roundtrip Economy Air to Ecuador

*For guests with flights after 10pm
 **Flights are available only for guests traveling from select US/Canadian gateways

SILVER GALAPAGOS
GUESTS: 100



2020 RATES – BEFORE SAVINGS
 From \$9,900 – Rates vary by Departure
 Please call for rates on specific dates

Rates include free air from North America, 2 nights in Quito, transfers, open bar and gratuities aboard ship.



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