

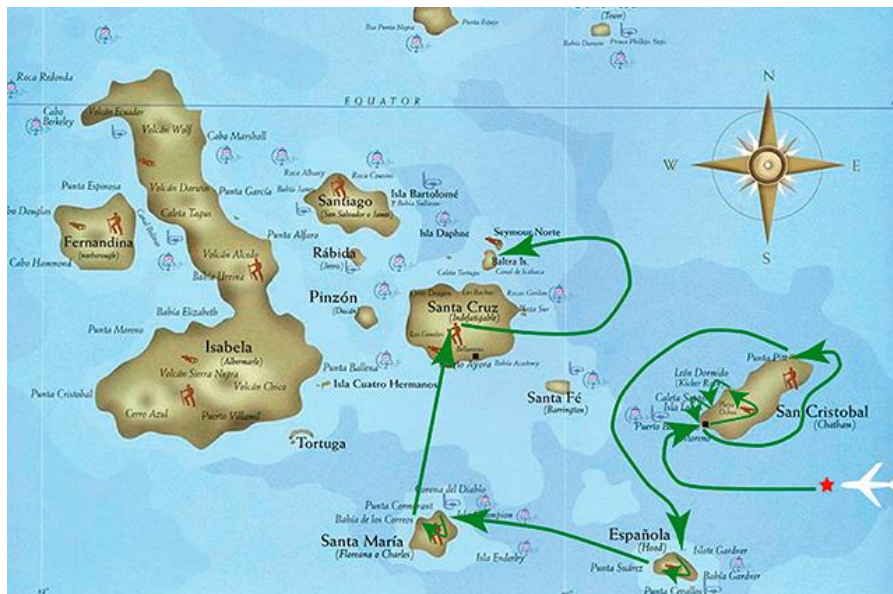


## Seaman Journey 5 Day Itinerary

*M/C Galapagos Seaman Journey is a first class catamaran that began sailing the Galapagos Islands in January 2008. She is a first class expeditionary catamaran offering superior comfort, size, style, and stability. The catamarans large, comfortable double cabins with outside views, private bathrooms, hot water, a locker and closet. The spacious rooms each have full air-conditioning and individual climate control.*

*On-board you'll also find a comfortable dining room, two bars, a lounge, library, TV/DVD, stereo, first aid, an ice maker, observation deck, a water purifier and spacious sundeck with chairs for relaxing in the sea breeze.*





## Day 1 Arrival at San Cristobal Island

You will be taken to board the yacht and after lunch you will have your first visit to the interpretation centre, a perfect way to start your Galapagos experience:

**San Cristobal – Puerto Baquerizo and the Interpretation Centre** The easternmost island in the archipelago, this island has a small town, Puerto Baquerizo Moreno and is home to a fantastic interpretation centre, which provides an excellent overview to the islands human history and the conservation work being done to protect it.

**Activities:** Easy hike (0.2 mi / 0.3 km)

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Type of Landing:** Dry landing

**Highlights & Animals:** Interesting information centre focused on the human history of the islands. Around the centre, finches, mockingbirds and endemic plants



## **Day 2 San Cristobal – Galapaguera Natural**

After landing on a beautiful soft coral beach, which is a nesting site for marine turtles, the trail leads you inland through a tropical dry forest to look for the San Cristobal Giant Tortoises, a species unique to this island. Along the way, you will see Darwin's finches, mockingbirds, Yellow Warblers and flycatchers.

**Activities:** Hike inland (up to 2.5mi / 4 km) or along the beach, dinghy ride, snorkelling

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Type of Landing:** Wet landing

**Highlights & Animals:** Giant Tortoises, Shore birds, land birds: finches and mockingbirds, snorkelling: colourful reef fish

**Cerro Brujo** This striking eroded tuff cone was one of the first sites visited by Charles Darwin. It has a beautiful coral sand beach where you can take a leisurely walk (depending on time of year) visited by Brown Pelicans, Blue-footed Boobies, and Swallow-tailed Gulls as well as Marine Iguanas and sea lions. The beauty of this dramatic area can also be explored from the dinghy, exploring caves and looking for sea birds.

**Activities:** Hike along the beach (1 mi / 1.6 km), dinghy ride, snorkelling & kayaking

**Difficulty:** Easy walk along the beach

**Type of Landing:** Wet landing

**Highlights & Animals:** Beautiful rock formations, sea lions, shore birds, land birds: finches and mockingbirds, snorkelling: sea lions, nice tropical fish, anemones.



### Day 3      Española (Hood)

This island is one of the highlights of any visit to Galapagos. Española is the southernmost island in the Galapagos, and is also one of the oldest. Numerous Sea Lions are seen here, plus hundreds of Marine Iguanas basking on the rocks. Española's Marine Iguanas are unlike other Galapagos Marine Iguanas thanks to their bright colouring. Española is home to thousands of nesting seabirds all year, including Blue-footed Boobies, Nazca Boobies and Frigatebirds. Between late March and December, the Waved Albatross, perhaps the most spectacular of Galapagos birds, returns to Española by the thousands to perform their amazing mating dance and produce the next generation. Almost the entire population breeds on this island during this time, and they spend the rest of the year at sea.



#### Gardner Bay

This beautiful bay is nestled between Gardner islet and the beautiful coral sand beach in Española. You will visit a spectacular white sand beach, home to one of the largest Sea Lion colonies in the islands, where you can also see endemic Española Mockingbirds and with some luck, Galapagos Hawks.

**Activities:** Snorkelling and kayaking. Short hike along the beach (0.6 mi / 1km)

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Type of Landing:** Wet landing

**Highlights & Animals:** White sandy beach, Sea Lion colony, Mockingbirds Galapagos Hawks. Snorkelling: colourful fish, Sea Lion nursery.

#### Punta Suárez

Regarding the amount of wildlife, this one of the best trails in the whole islands. Despite the difficult terrain, the walk is an absolute marvel, as from the beginning to the end you will see large quantities of Sea Lions, Marine Iguanas, Blue-footed and Nazca Boobies, gulls, Galapagos Hawks and during most of the year, Waved Albatross. There are spectacular views of flying birds from the cliffs.

**Activities:** Hike (1.2 mi / 2 km)

**Difficulty:** Difficult, rocky terrain.

**Type of Landing:** Dry Landing

**Highlights & Animals:** Española Mockingbird, Nazca Boobies, Waved Albatross, Red-billed Tropicbirds, lava lizards, Galapagos Hawk, Blue-footed Boobies, blow hole, amazing landscape.



#### Day 4 Floreana - Punta Cormorant

At Punta Cormorant you will walk on an olivine beach (a mineral known for its olive-green quality, that is found in meteorites, the moon and mars as well as on earth), visit a large lagoon where Greater Flamingos sometimes nest, and walk over to Flour Beach, a beautiful white sandy beach to look for Green Sea Turtle nests.

**Activities:** Hike (0.7 mi / 1.2km)

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Type of Landing:** Wet landing

**Highlights and Animals:** An easy walk along a coastal lagoon where Flamingos are often found, along with Stilts and Ducks. White sand beach.



**Champion Islet** A dinghy ride around this small pristine islet gives you the opportunity to see the elusive Floreana Mockingbird. Excellent snorkel.

**Activities:** Snorkelling & dinghy ride & hike (1.2 mi/2km)

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Type of Landing:** No landing

**Highlights and Animals:** One of the best snorkelling sites in Galapagos, with sea lions, reef sharks, rays, rock formations and lots of tropical fish.

### **Floreana - Post Office Bay**

The famous Post Office Bay is where people leave their mail to be picked up and delivered by others in the “post office” barrel—a time-honoured tradition begun by whalers more than two hundred years ago.

**Activities:** Short hike (less than 0.2 mi / 0.3km), lava tunnel & snorkelling

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Type of Landing:** Wet landing

**Highlights:** Barrel Post Office, lava tunnel inland (difficult access), nice sandy beach



### **Day 5**

You will have an early start this morning, and the visit will be a relatively short one as the yacht must then return to Baltra where the cruise will end in time for guests to take their connecting flight back to mainland Ecuador.

### **Santa Cruz - Charles Darwin Research Station**

The Charles Darwin Research Station offers a great chance to learn about the work being done to conserve and protect the islands wildlife. For some visitors (depending on the time of year) this is the only time to see Giant Tortoises and certainly the closest range opportunity. It is also a great chance to see the Tortoise Rearing Centre.

**Activities:** Walking

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Type of Landing:** Dry landing

**Highlights & Animals:** Giant Tortoises, Land and Marine Iguanas, Mockingbirds, Darwin Finches.



From here you will be taken across the island of Santa Cruz to the small islet of Baltra for your return flight to mainland Ecuador or you can continue your Galapagos adventure with a stay on the island of Santa Cruz.

*Please note: Itineraries are unlikely to change significantly but are subject to change. Weather, wildlife breeding, instructions from the Galapagos National Park, specific abilities and interests of passengers as well as operational matters may cause your guide or captain to change the times or nature of your visits. Your guide will always endeavour to have the best itinerary for you within these constraints.*



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