

# NOMADIC ECUADOR

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A LOVELY WAY TO EXPERIENCE AN UNFORGETTABLE TRIP ONCE MORE.  
START THE PRIDE MONTH 2023 ON BOARD THE CATAMARAN TREASURE OF  
GALAPAGOS

**GALAPAGOS CRUISE: 30 MAY 2023 - 3 JUN 2023**



## HIGHLIGHTS OF ITINERARY

- 🚩 First class and personalize service.
- 🚩 Gay Friendly Luxury Hotels in Quito or Guayaquil.
- 🚩 Discovering the enchanted Islands by cruise: Private Gay Charter on-board First-Class Cruise: **The Treasure** has been specially designed for cruising the Galapagos with efficient daily operations and minimum impact on the fragile ecosystem. With its private balconies on all cabins, and its master suite on the main deck, our enormous and elegant catamaran is an excellent choice to navigate in privacy.
- 🚩 Gay Friendly staff and Top guides.
- 🚩 Nature, sand-white beach, snorkel, and close-up endemic wildlife encounters.

## MOTOR CATAMARAN THE TREASURE OF GALAPAGOS

Motor Catamaran Treasure of Galapagos cruise around the great outdoors of the unparalleled archipelago of the Galapagos, where you will keep going from one surprise to the next! Each day we anchor at two carefully selected visitor's sites and organize at least two excursions. Our balanced excursion programmed is packed with activities to observe nature from different perspectives, as well as leisure time.

## CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS



- M/C First Class
- Top feature: spacious & bright cabins with private balcony & sea view.
- BBQ area & double delight of a hot tub.
- Have a more intimate nature experience (max. 16 passengers).
- Personal attention from welcoming staff: we want to make you feel at home!
- Optimal use of your scarce time in the Galapagos: visit 2 sites a day.
- Stable & wide motor catamaran with the

comfort of a floating hotel.

- Master Suite & double cabins: excellent choice for your romantic getaway!

## GALAPAGOS CRUISE EXPERIENCE

Instead of travelling with a very large amount of people, our small groups will definitely make your nature and cruise experience more intimate and profound while discovering all the beautiful features the Galapagos has to offer.

A cruise through the Galapagos Archipelago is a unique experience that you won't easily forget. The great outdoors of this National Park form an unrivalled destination for wildlife and bird observation.

**A once in a lifetime naturalist cruise:** It is not uncommon for dolphins to escort our catamaran, or for frigate birds to glide for hours above the Sun Deck, which offers you an excellent lookout for whale watching as well.

**Leisure time in an inviting private ambiance:** Your impressive cabin resembles a floating hotel room with an ample bathroom, private balcony, ample storage space, soft carpeting and regular beds (20m<sup>2</sup>).

**All the comfort you need within easy reach:** Whirlpool with jets on the Sun Deck. Spacious solarium and shaded terraces with deck chairs. Cozy living room with a library, TV and DVD player and board games.

**Delicious food: to make your mouth water:** Our professional cook and kitchen staff will treat you to a substantial breakfast, and mouth-watering warm lunches and dinners, all served in abundant buffet style.

## What makes the Galapagos so unique?

The Galapagos Islands are an excellent destination for wildlife and bird observation, and of course also for photography and filming. Discover the wide range of activities that are included in our cruise programmed to experience the closest and most intimate encounters with wildlife, and to perceive the unique nature of Galapagos from different perspectives. Some activities depend on local conditions and will be coordinated together with the guide; others are optional, such as strolling around touristic towns or leisure and entertainment on-board.

The Biosphere and Marine Reserve team up to offer you abundant wildlife. You can enjoy your journey looking out for incredible land mammals, or peering closely into the ocean to spot beautiful sea creatures.

Enjoy amazing and unexpected encounters with the unique Galapagos wildlife. Meet different types of animals that will open your eyes to species you have never seen before and will never see again!

### CRUISE ITINERARY – TREASURE OF GALAPAGOS (16 Passengers)

Our classic 4-night route to the southeast Galapagos Islands anchors at the most paradisiacal bays and lovely beaches. Some of these oldest islands are true crown jewels where you can become an eye-witness of evolution. Several (sub) species have had enough time to transform into emblematic figureheads, which differ from island to island. Moreover, the open water passages take 4-6 hours instead of long overnight navigations; our stable catamaran mostly floats at sheltered anchorages, which helps you get a restful sleep.

**DAY 1 - TUESDAY AM** - Flight to San Cristobal Airport (SCY) Upon arrival at San Cristobal Airport, travelers pass through an airport inspection point to insure that no foreign plants or animals are introduced to the islands, as well as to pay the park entrance fee of \$100 (unless it has been prepaid). A guide will meet you, help you collect your luggage, and escort you on a short bus ride to the harbor. **PM - Colorado Hill (San Cristobal)** Colorado Hill Tortoises Protection and Growing Center, located at 40 minutes approximately by bus to the south east of the island. This center was built to improve the status of the population of the island tortoises. The center includes a large corral, a Visitors center, breeding center and an interpretative trail. Along this trail is possible to see different species of native and endemic plants as well birds as the San Cristobal Mockingbird, Yellow Warblers, and many species of finches and the Galapagos flycatcher.

**DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY AM** - **Gardner Bay (Española)** Located on the north-eastern coast of Hood, Gardner Bay provides an excellent beach for relaxing, swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, and the opportunity to observe sea lions. Here we can also observe sharks in the crystal clear ocean waters. **PM - Suarez Point (Española)** This rocky land spot sustains one of the most impressive and varied colonies of sea birds in the Galapagos. Along its southern shore, high cliffs rise up from the sea affording the visitor spectacular views of soaring birds and of the blow whole where water spouts up to 50-75 feet into the air according to the intensity of the surf.

**DAY 3 - THURSDAY AM** - **Post Office Bay - Baroness lookout (Floreana)** Historically, this site is the location of a wooden barrel that was placed in the 18th century by the crew of a whaling ship. The letters found inside the barrel would be picked up and delivered by sailors returning home. There was no postage fee, and, surprisingly, this mailbox and its honor system are still in use today. Although the letters are no longer important messages from sailors to their loved ones, thousands of them are left by tourists nowadays and many of them still make it to their destination. Apart from being the Post Office Barrel, this site was the landing area for some of the first colonists. It is said that Baroness Eloisa von Wagner loved this place and spent several hours watching the horizon. Within walking distance (30 m) are the ruins of what is known as her house. **PM - Cormorant Point - Champion Islet (Floreana)** This site offers





probably the best Flamingo lagoon in the Galapagos; it is also one of the largest in the islands. It's situated between two tuff lava cones that give the area a special atmosphere. There are various species of shorebirds to observe besides flamingos; the most frequent are common stilts, white-checked pintail ducks and other migratory birds. It is very interesting to see the two distinct beaches: "The Green Beach" (due to its high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand) and the "Flour Sand Beach" which is made up of coral.

**DAY 4 - FRIDAY AM - Santa Fe** Located in the southeastern part of the Galapagos, this island was formed from an uplift instead than a volcanic origin, this is why is mostly flat. There are some theories which assure this could be the oldest island in the Archipelago. Santa Fe is the home of a number of endemic species like the Galapagos Hawk, Galapagos snake, Galapagos mockingbird, rice rats and one of the two species of lands Iguanas of the islands. After disembarkation in the beautiful and clear waters you will be in contact with one of the many sea lion colonies. Along the trail many salt bushes can be seen as well giant Prickly pear cactus, gigantism is a characteristic of oceanic islands.

**AM - El Chato (Santa Cruz)** Santa Cruz also offers excellent opportunities for viewing wild tortoises, both roaming through pastures in the agricultural zone and in the Tortoise Reserve, which is accessible from Santa Rosa or Salasaca. Several farms serve food and allow visitors to explore their grounds in search of tortoises. Descending through the agricultural zone into the Transition Zone where the Tortoise Reserve is located, the introduced vegetation of the farmlands is replaced by native vegetation. The pond at El Chato is surrounded by forest where short-eared owls, Darwin's finches, Vermilion Flycatchers, Yellow Warblers, Galapagos Rails, and Paint-billed Crakes can be seen. As the visitor walks into the forests overgrown with lichens, ferns, and other epiphytes, it is time to listen carefully for the sound of heavy footsteps and the sound of shrubs being slowly crushed as the tortoises make their way through the brush. Welcome Pride Month dinner.

**DAY 5 - SATURDAY AM - Twin Craters (Santa Cruz)** The Twin Craters are found on either side of the road leading to Puerto Ayora. These impressive formations are not really volcanic craters and were formed by magma domes, which hardened on the outside while the lava continued flowing inside, leaving huge and empty magma chambers that eventually collapsed, leaving two large holes. The craters lie within a lush scalesia cloud forest, a high-altitude plant species that are endemic to the Galapagos. This area is also home to the carpenter finch, which uses tools to search for food. There may also be opportunities to see the vermillion flycatcher, a small red-breasted bird. Transfer out to Baltra Airport (GPS) Assisted by the naturalist guide and some crewmembers, the dinghy will bring you and your luggage to Baltra Airport, where we will take the shuttle back to the airport.

*Itineraries are subject to change. Your local guide (in mainland Ecuador and Galapagos) retains the right to change your itinerary to guarantee the security of each passenger. Vessel's itineraries are subject to change without previous notice, due to seasonal changes, weather conditions or Galapagos National Park regulations.*

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#### **PROGRAM INCLUDES**

- ✓ 1 Private Transfer In (International arrival flight).
- ✓ 1 Shared Transfer Out (Galapagos departure flight).
- ✓ 1 Night hotel in Quito or Guayaquil (night pre cruise departure).
  - **Quito:** Swissôtel (Swiss Business Advantage) or Le Parc (Junior Suite).
  - **Guayaquil:** Hilton Colon (Deluxe).
- ✓ Airport assistance in Quito or Guayaquil.
- ✓ Transfers in Galapagos (same day cruise operation).
- ✓ Accommodation on board in selected cabin with private facilities (04 Nights).
- ✓ All excursions as mentioned in the itinerary (itinerary subject to change) with English speaking naturalist guide.
- ✓ All meals, water, coffee and tea.

- ✓ Welcome Pride Month: Special Dinner
- ✓ Snorkel Gear (masks, flippers and snorkel).

#### SERVICES DO NOT INCLUDED:

- ✗ Round trip airfare to/from Galapagos (\$ 500 - \$ 530 pp).
- ✗ Galapagos Entrance Fee (\$ 100 pp).
- ✗ Galapagos Transit Card (\$ 20 pp).
- ✗ Wetsuit: \$ 35 per 5 Days Cruise.
- ✗ Additional Tours.
- ✗ Soft and Alcoholic Drinks | Tips | Meals, activities not indicated.
- ✗ Travel & Medical insurance (mandatory to confirm).
- ✗ International Services / Flights. Bank Fees. Early Check In / Late Check In. Bank fees.

**Important:** Galapagos air fare, Galápagos entrance fee and Transit Card are subject to change for 2023. Tipping is completely personal and should be at your disposal. However, you must tip based on your experience and the quality of the services provided. The average tip has been USD 10-20 per person per day for crew members, and USD 8-10 per person per day for guides.

#### RATE INFORMATION:

Balcony Stateroom	Master Suite
US\$ 3.681. <sup>00</sup>	US\$ 4.599. <sup>00</sup>

- Rate per person based on Double Room/Cabin.
- Cruise: Willing to share (available option / subject to availability). Land services supplement: US\$ 105.
- Single Supplement 80%.

#### PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICIES FOR PROGRAM: TREASURE OF GALAPAGOS / 30 MAY 2023 - 3 JUN 2023:

All invoices will be sent on confirmation and require full payment prior to the beginning of services and obeying the following due dates:

- At booking confirmation: First Deposit: 10%.
- 95 days prior to cruise departure (February 24, 2023): Balance payment: 90%.

If the deposit/balance is not paid on or before the due date, Nomadic Ecuador cannot guarantee the services and Nomadic Ecuador reserves the right to treat your booking as canceled. Refunds no apply.

The cancellation fees on any cancelled booking will be processed based on the following terms:

- Up to 91 days prior to departure: only the deposit will be withheld.
- 90 – 31 days prior to departure: 40% Penalty Fee.
- 30 days or less prior to departure: 100% Penalty Fee.

#### Learn more about LGBT rights in Ecuador:

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