

ODYSSEY YACHT



The Galapagos Odyssey offers nature avid travelers the opportunity to experience close encounters with the unique wildlife of the Galapagos Islands. We put in over 100 years of combined experience in the design of this brand new luxury yacht. You will not find a private yacht in the Galapagos Islands that offers more space, comfort or service on a 16 passenger boat. The GPS Odyssey offers four decks for the comfort of its passengers. A maximum of 16 passengers are allowed to board the yacht, who have 10 passenger cabins at their disposal.

All cabins feature individually controlled air-conditioning, a small desk, sofa, mini-bar & closet, as well as a spacious bathroom with shower cabin. All main deck & upper deck cabins average a size of 20 square meters, including the bathroom. These cabins have big windows, which can be individually opened.

Lower Deck: Two cabins with a queen size bed, which can be used for single occupancy or tour leaders.

Main Deck: Four cabins, 2 twin cabins & 2 matrimonial cabins. The main deck also gives room to a spacious lounge, chic dining area, bar and library as well as an impressive, shaded terrace for al-fresco dining.

Upper Deck: Four twin cabins. On the upper deck you can also find an outdoor bar with shaded terrace.

Sun Deck: On this deck you will find the jacuzzi and a shaded area with comfortable loungers, as well as a spacious area for sunbathing.

Departures: Sundays and Thursdays

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Day 1, Quito - Galapagos. Sunday

AM. Flight to Galapagos from Quito Airport.

The flight from Quito to the Galapagos is approximately 2 ½ hours on a Boeing 727. Upon arrival at Baltra travellers pass through an airport inspection point to insure that no foreign plants or animals are introduced to the islands and to pay the park entrance fee of \$100 (unless prepaid), and \$10 for the INGALA card which is an identity card that you need. Guides will meet you, collect your luggage and escort you on the short bus ride to the harbour. Motorized rafts, called 'Pangas' will transport you to the Odyssey and our crew will welcome you onboard. After departure and lunch, the first island visit is made.

Santa Cruz Island

PM. Bachas Beach. These two small beaches are found to the West of Turtle Cove. Their sand is made of decomposed coral, which makes it white and soft, making it a favourite nesting site for sea turtles. Behind one of the beaches there is a small brackish water lagoon, where occasionally is possible to observe flamingos and other coastal birds, such as black-necked stilts and whimbrels. The other beach is longer, but it has two old barges that were abandoned during the Second World War, when the USA used Baltra Island as a strategically point to protect the Panama Channel.

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Day 2, Cruise. Monday

Bartolome Island



AM. Bartolome Island is situated across Sullivan Bay. It has an altitude of 114mts, from where we can observe one of the most beautiful scenes of the Galapagos Islands: volcanic cones, lunar-like craters, lava fields and the famous pinnacle formed of Toba eroded by the sea. There is very little vegetation on this island.

It has two breathtaking beaches where marine turtles exist and at the base of the pinnacle, is a very small colony of Galapagos penguins.

Santiago Island

PM. Sullivan Bay. Santiago, also called James, or San Salvador Island, is located in the west central part of the Galapagos archipelago. It is the fourth largest island in the archipelago (following Isabela, Fernandina and Santa Cruz). With the exception of some of the large western volcanoes of Isabela and Fernandina, it is the also most volcanically active, with many young lava flows and cones to be seen, particularly along the south, west, and east coasts. These may even be seen from the summit of Darwin Volcano and from space. A number of historic eruptions have been reported over the last two centuries. Santiago actually consists of two coalesced volcanoes: a typical shield volcano on the northwest end and a low, linear fissure volcano on the southeast end.

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Day 3: Cruise. Tuesday*Isabela Island*

AM. Sierra Negra Volcano. Isabela Island is the largest and one of the youngest islands in the Galapagos. We will arrive at Puerto Villamil, which has the second smallest population in Galapagos with around 3000 habitants. We will then head up to the highlands from Puerto Villamil. For those who chose to horseback ride here we will meet our horses and start the trip to Sierra Negra. Upon arrival the horses will rest whilst we take a hike on uneven terrain until we arrive at the Sierra Negra volcano rim. Sierra Negra is the second widest crater in the world. From this viewpoint you have fantastic sights to the 6 x 5 -mile-wide crater, the rest of the volcanoes, and the Perry Isthmus. From here we can hike to Chico Volcano to watch the striking lava formations, a great example of the geological occurrences that created the Galapagos Islands.



PM. White Tipped Reef Shark Canal (Tintoreras). A delightful place that will be reached by a nice zodiac ride, "Tintoreras" are small islands located in front of the Puerto Villamil coast.

Hérons, Galapagos Penguins, sea lions and white-tipped reef sharks are fairly common in the archipelago. White-tipped Sharks Spanish name is tintorera, thus the name of this site as they are always found here resting in the shallow waters.

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Day 4: Cruise. Wednesday*Santa Cruz Island*

AM. Highlands. The trail to the highlands leaves from Bellavista and passes through the agricultural zone, near the National Park boundary, the Miconia Zone and then goes to the Fern and Sedge zone. With clear weather (unpredictable) this area affords beautiful scenes of rolling hills and extinct volcanic cones covered with grass and lush greenery all year round.



PM. Charles Darwin Station. Although the great majority of Galapagos visitors come here to observe and appreciate natural wonders, it is also interesting to learn how the protection and conservation of the islands are carried out. Some of the principal attractions of the Research Centre are: Information Centre, Van Staelen

Exhibition Hall, Breeding and Rearing Centre for young tortoises, Lonesome George (tortoise from Pinta), adult Galapagos tortoises in captivity.

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Day 5: Cruise. Thursday*San Cristobal Island*

AM. Leon Dormido

In the morning we visit Kicker Rock (Leon Dormido) also known as the Sleeping Lion because of its resemblance. It is located off the coast of San Cristobal. The remains of a lava cone eroded by the sea, the two vertical rocks rising 500 feet from the ocean form a small channel that is navigable by small boats. This Galapagos Islands natural monument has become a favourite sight for cruises due to the many Tropicbirds, Frigates and boobies that fill the surrounding air and beneath the sea the nearly crystal waters offer a brilliant show of colourful tropical fish and invertebrates.



Transfer to San Cristobal airport.

Flight back to Quito

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***** END OF SERVICES *****

Prices 2010 US\$ GROSS per person Odyssey

PROGRAM	PRICE PER PERSON
5 days/4 nights onboard the Odyssey	\$ 1400
Airfare: Quito – Galapagos – Quito	\$ 417

Includes:

- All transfers and transportation with a bilingual guide
- 5days/4 nights on board the Odyssey yacht (Luxury yacht)
- Double accommodation with private bathroom
- All meals as listed (B: breakfast L: lunch D: dinner)
- Daily excursions to the islands with a naturalist bilingual guide
- Transfers to/from the Islands from/to the boat
- Snorkelling equipment and kayaks

Does not include:

- Galapagos National Park fee US\$ 100 per person (subject to change)
- Ecuadorian international departure tax US\$ 40.80 per person (subject to change)
- INGALA identity card for the entrance to Galapagos US\$ 10,00
- Alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages
- Wet suits
- Air ticket Quito-Galapagos-Quito US\$ 417 per person (subject to change)
- Tips, travel insurance, personal expenses, etc.
- Anything not specified

PHOTOS

Cabins



Social Areas

