

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. Thursday

Arrival

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 San Cristobal 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.



PM. Interpretation Centre. It was built with the cooperation of the Spanish Science Centre and gives a very good introduction to the Galapagos islands, its marine and land life, fauna and flora. It is located in the outskirts of the small city of Pto. Baquerizo Moreno, which is the capital of the Galapagos Province.

Later on we will visit the Lobería, which can be found a short 10 minute bus ride or a nice 30 min. walk south from Puerto Baquerizo. Traveller's frequently note the unusual colour of the plants as they near the beach. La Lobería is home to a large sea lion colony and nursery. There are frequently dozens of sea lions visible at any time. Low tide is one of the best times to visit however, since it is when the mother's bring the pups into the tide pools for swimming lessons.

Here you'll enjoy the sea lions, marine iguanas, bird watching, and even Galapagos giant tortoises. You have to always stay on the path and try not to disturb the wildlife!

-/L/D

Day 2: Cruise. Friday

Española Island



AM. Gardner Bay. Located on the north-eastern coast of Hood, Gardner Bay provides an excellent beach for relaxing, swimming and an opportunity to observe sea lions. Here we can also observe sharks on the crystalline waters of the ocean

PM. Punta Suarez. This rocky point of land 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 hole, where water spouts up to 50-75

feet into the air according to the intensity of the surf.

B/L/D

Day 3: Cruise. Saturday*Floreana Island*

AM. Punta Cormorant. This site probably, offers one of the largest and the best flamingo lagoons in the Galapagos. It is situated between two tuff cones that give the area a special atmosphere. There are various species of shorebirds to be seen besides flamingos, the most frequent are common stilts, white-checked pintail ducks and other migratories. This is a unique zone due to the high percentage of endemism in the plant life. Is also very interesting due to its two distinct beaches: the "green beach" (due to the high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand) and the "Flour sand beach" made up of decomposed coral.



PM. Post Office Bay. Historically, this site is the location of a wooden barrel that was placed in the 18th century by the crew of a whaling ship. It has been used since this time by mariners and tourists as a post office. The idea is to carry letters or postcards to their destination by hand. Apart from being the Post Office Barrel, this site was the landing area for some of the first colonists.

B/L/D

Day 4: Cruise. Sunday*North Seymour Island*

AM. North Seymour is an uplifted (as opposed to volcanic) island and so is generally flat and strewn with boulders. There are good nesting sites here for a large population of magnificent frigate birds. Blue-footed boobies perform their courtship dance in the more open areas and swallow-tailed gulls perch on the cliff edges. Watch your step, as the boobies don't worry much about where they nest, and you might just step on one. The trees are dotted with male frigate birds trying to attract the attention of the ladies by inflating their bright red skin flaps. They sometimes fly in the air to call more attention to themselves, which is in itself a funny display, as the puffy flap throws off their sense of balance!

Despite the tremendous surf that can pound the outer shore, sea lions haul out onto the beach and can be found bodysurfing.

Transfer to Baltra airport.

Flight back to Quito

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

Prices 2010 US\$ GROSS per person Odyssey

PROGRAM	PRICE PER PERSON
4 days/3 nights onboard the Odyssey	\$ 900
AIRFARE: QUITO – GALAPAGOS – QUITO	\$ 417

Includes:

- All transfers and transportation with a bilingual guide
- 4days/3 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

