



Cruising Ecuador's Galápagos Islands

Dates: October 13-20, 2026
8 DAYS

Sun Tours  Pleasurebent Tours

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Native wildlife pose for the camera



Quito's famous monument marks the center of the world

DAY 1 Depart the USA: Depart the USA on a flight to Quito, Ecuador. Upon arrival, you'll be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises and Tours and assisted with the transfer to the hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the evening to experience this amazing city on your own.

DAY 2 Quito, Ecuador: After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Quito. The first city to be named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, Quito boasts a historic center and centuries-old landmarks, dating back 500 years. See Independence Square, flanked by Presidential and Archbishop's palaces. Visit 'Mitad del Mundo' and the Equator Monument, which stands at 0 degrees, and feel what it's like to be standing in the middle of the world. During the included city tour, see a bull fighting ring and the gilded Spanish colonial church. This evening, enjoy the city on your own. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 3 MV Galápagos Legend: After breakfast, board your flight to Baltra. Upon arrival, embark the *MV Galápagos Legend* for a four-night cruise. Set sail for Mosquera Islet, a tiny, low lying islet covered in coral sand. Experience your first wet landing and see lazy sea lions sunning themselves on the sand as you reach the shore. Shorebirds as well as herons, lava gulls and boobies are also found here. While snorkeling, one can often see sharks, rays and barracuda. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 4 Egas Port (Santiago Island) – Rabida Island:

This morning, visit the fourth largest island in the Galápagos, Santiago Island. It provides spectacular views of powerful volcanic activity. A wet landing brings you to Egas Port, a black volcanic sand beach, visited by Darwin in 1835. The unique, truly striking layered terrain of the Santiago shore is home to a variety of animals including the bizarre yellow-crowned night heron, sea lions and lava lizards. Marine wildlife including lobster, starfish and marine iguanas graze on algae beds

alongside Sally light-foot crabs. You may also see colonies of endemic fur seals swimming in cool-water volcanic rock pools. The afternoon's adventure is on Rabida Island. Lying at the heart of the archipelago, this dramatic island, with its distinctive red-sand beach, is home to sea lions, mockingbirds, finches, endemic Galápagos doves and vermilion flycatchers. A walk takes you through a forest of palo santo and cacti to a beautiful overview of the bay. During a dinghy ride along the marine cliffs, observe nesting seabirds. Snorkeling here can be excellent, often with large schools of black-striped salemas, sea lions and the ubiquitous turtles. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 5 Urbina Bay and Tagus Cove (Isabela Island):

Start your day with a wet landing on the volcanic black beach at Urbina Bay. In 1954, a volcano uplifted the coral reef, leaving marine skeletons that tell of its ancient past. Look for Darwin's finches, land iguanas and the Galápagos cotton flower in bloom. After a short walk inland, outstanding snorkeling awaits in the crystal clear waters, showcasing fascinating marine life. Amazing views of the Alcedo Volcano, which spewed an unusual combination of rhyolite and basalt lava, stands as a powerful backdrop and reminder of nature's power. This afternoon, a dry landing takes you into Tagus Cove. A well-known hideout in the days of pirates, it was also one of the few sites visited by Darwin and the *HMS Beagle* in 1835. A trail walk leads to Darwin's salt-water crater lake with excellent views of lava fields and volcanic formations. The dinghy ride along the shoreline showcases blue-footed boobies, brown noddys, terns, and other seabirds. You can also snorkel in the deep water, along the submerged wall with turtles and native fish. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 6 Punta Espinosa (Fernandina Island) – Punta Vicente Roca (Isabela Island): Arrive via dry landing at Espinosa Point on Fernandina Island, one of the most well-preserved of the Galápagos Islands. Discover one of the world's most pristine

island ecosystems as you observe hundreds of prehistoric marine iguanas sunbathing on black lava rocks. Quiet now as you encounter flightless cormorants on their nesting site, the only place in the world to find this species. These birds once flew, but over time, adapted to their environment and lost their ability to fly. Be on the lookout for the major predator on the island, the Galápagos hawk. This afternoon, visit Vicente Roca Point. This is a marine-only visitor site with great opportunities for deep-water snorkeling. See plenty of red-lipped batfish, sea horses, frogfish, marine turtles, sunfish, nudibranchs and octopi in these waters. On a dinghy ride along the coast, observe brown pelicans, penguins, flightless cormorants, nazca and blue-footed boobies, all ready to pose for pictures! **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 7 Santa Cruz Island / Guayaquil: As your cruise comes to an end, you'll be filled with wonder at the sights and sounds of the Galápagos Islands. Disembark the vessel after a dry landing and journey by coach from the coast to the dense humid forest of the mountains and the Highlands Tortoise Reserve. A variety of birds - tree and ground finches, vermilion flycatchers, paint-billed crakes, yellow warblers and cattle egrets (usually standing on the tortoises' shell!) make this their home, while the Galápagos giant tortoises are also seen meandering through pastures in their natural habitat.

Continue to the Baltra airport for your flight to Guayaquil. Upon arrival, enjoy a city tour with a local guide as you visit Centenario Park dedicated to the independence and freedom of the old city. A walk through the legendary colonial district Barrio Las Peñas provides panoramic views of the city and Guayas River. While strolling along the charming river promenade, admire the Rotonda Monument dedicated to leaders of South American Independence, along with other historical landmarks and the Moorish clock tower. The tour concludes at the hotel for an evening at leisure. **Meal: B**

DAY 8 Guayaquil / USA: Bid a fond farewell to Ecuador and its Galápagos Islands and return home filled with so many fond memories of the beauty, animal encounters and life enriching experiences of your small ship adventure. **Meal: B**

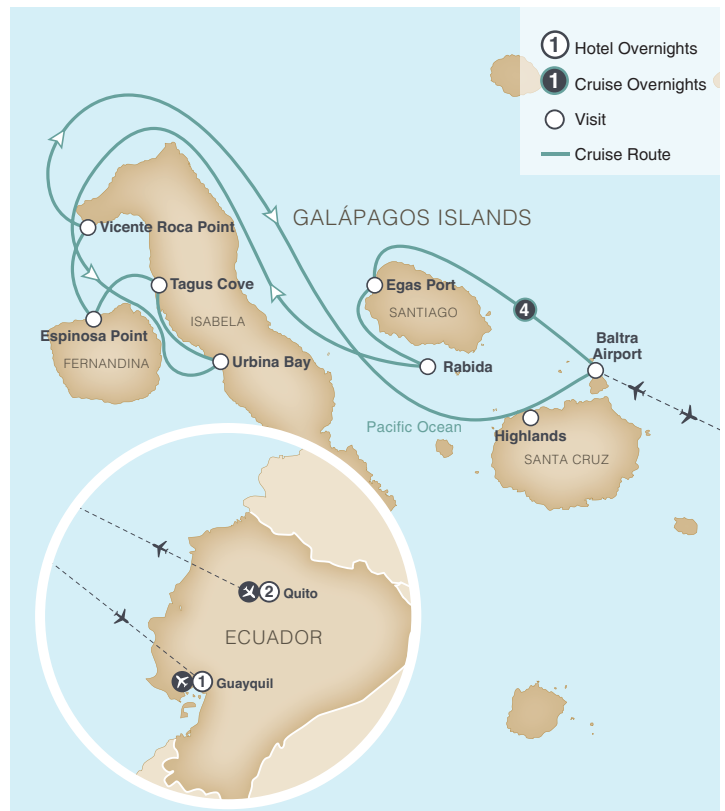
Itinerary and vessel are subject to change based on operating conditions

HOTEL AND CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 and 2 – Go Quito, Quito, Ecuador

Days 3 through 6 – *MV Galápagos Legend*

Day 7 – Oro Verde, Guayaquil, Ecuador



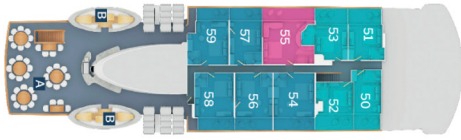
Exceptional Inclusions

- 2 pre-night stay Quito, Ecuador
- 1-night post stay in Guayaquil, Ecuador
- Deluxe hotels with all service charges, taxes and portage included
- Guided Land Tours included with English speaking guides
- 4 nights on board the luxurious *MV Galapagos Legend*
- 2 Shore Excursions included per day while on the cruise
- Complimentary snorkel gear onboard
- 16 meals: 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners
- Includes 2-intra flights
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- English-speaking Naturalist Guides aboard the vessel
- All meals included onboard the vessel

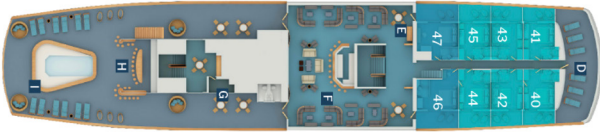
MV Galápagos Legend

Refurbished: 2019 Speed: 19.5 mph Cabins: 54 Length: 301 ft. Crew: 60

MOON DECK



SKY DECK



EARTH DECK



SEA DECK



Public Areas and Ship Amenities

- Swimming pool and sun terrace
- Spa with 2 Jacuzzi's
- Library
- Medical Station
- Panorama Lounge
- Glass bottom boat
- Boutique
- 24 hour coffee / tea station

Junior Cabin (161 sq. ft): Earth Deck

Features two panoramic windows, lower beds, either two twin or one queen, private bath, telephone service for internal, local and international calls, air conditioning, safe deposit box and hair dryer

Standard Plus Cabin (118 sq. ft): Sea and Earth Decks

Features two port holes, lower beds, private bath, telephone service for internal, local and international calls, air conditioning, safe deposit box and hair dryer

Balcony Cabin (237 sq. ft): Sky and Moon Decks

Features private balcony with door, panoramic window, lower beds (either two twin or one queen), private bath, telephone service for internal, local and international calls, air conditioning, safe deposit box and hair dryer

Dates: October 13 - 20, 2026

Deposits: 20%* per person NOW holds your place

**Percentage of total price*

FINAL PAYMENT DATE: July 8, 2026

CANCELLATION FEES:

\$400 Now – July 8, 2026 100% After – July 8, 2026

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		OCT 13, 2026*
		DOUBLE OCCUPANCY PER PERSON
CAT	CABIN	DECK
Standard Plus Stateroom	Earth & Sea	\$8,245
Junior Suite Stateroom	Earth	\$8,565
Balcony Suite Stateroom	Sky & Moon	\$9,425

Call for Single Occupancy Rate

Price Includes:

- ✓ Roundtrip Airfare from ABQ
- ✓ First-class service and tours from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- ✓ All Gratuities Included (except hotel & ship housekeeping)
- ✓ Deluxe hotels with all service charges, taxes and portage included
- ✓ Government Fees, Port & Air Taxes
- ✓ Complimentary Wi-Fi
- ✓ Your Sun Tours / Pleasurebent Tours Escort (with 15 or more travelers)

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