



THE BEAGLE
GALAPAGOS



ABOUT M/S BEAGLE

The Beagle is named after the HMS Beagle, on which Charles Darwin made his famous voyage to the Galapagos Islands.

Wide and spacious decks in comfortable seating areas allow passengers to enjoy the sun, the landscapes and observe wildlife. A magnificent 105-foot twin screw steel-hulled brigantine with teak decks and beautifully designed interiors. The Beagle is one of a class by itself among sailing yachts in the Galapagos. She was built by Cubow Ltd. in Woolwich, England, in the 1970s and registered with Lloyd's (number Y 195095), but her designer is unknown.

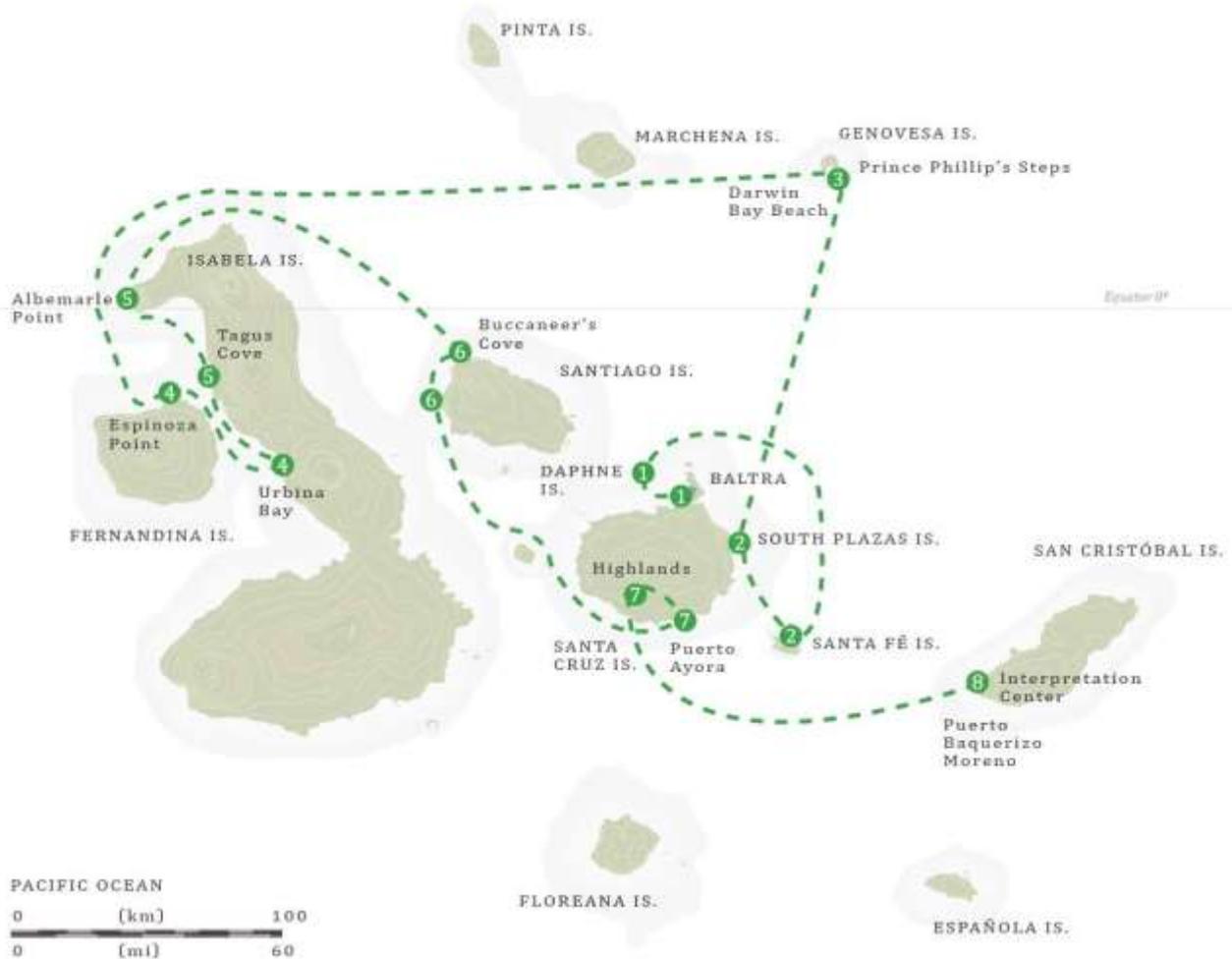
Meals are a fusion of Ecuadorian and international cuisine and are served al-fresco or in the dining room inside. A coffee and tea station, a well-stocked bar, and snacks are also available for passengers.



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8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS
SATURDAY TO SATURDAY
(FROM MAY 23, 2020)

“NORTHWESTERN ISLANDS” ITINERARY





ITINERARY IN BRIEF

| DAY | DATE | SERVICES | OVERNIGHT | MEALS |
|-------|-----------|--|------------|-------|
| Day 1 | Saturday | AM: Arrival in airport and transfer to the boat. PM: Daphne Major & Minor Islands | M/S Beagle | L/D |
| Day 2 | Sunday | AM: Santa Fe Island PM: South Plazas Island | M/S Beagle | B/L/D |
| Day 3 | Monday | AM: Genovesa Island – El Barranco PM: Genovesa Island – Darwin Bay | M/S Beagle | B/L/D |
| Day 4 | Tuesday | AM: Fernandina Island – Espinoza Point PM: Isabela Island – Urbina Bay | M/S Beagle | B/L/D |
| Day 5 | Wednesday | AM: Isabela Island – Tagus Cove PM: Isabela Island – Vicente Roca Point | M/S Beagle | B/L/D |
| Day 6 | Thursday | AM: Santiago Island – Espumilla Beach PM: Santiago Island – James Bay | M/S Beagle | B/L/D |
| Day 7 | Friday | AM: Santa Cruz Island – Charles Darwin Research Station PM: Santa Cruz Island – The Highlands | M/S Beagle | B/L/D |
| Day 8 | Monday | AM: San Cristobal Island – Interpretation Center Transfer to San Cristobal Airport for departure | - | B |

B = Breakfast / L = Lunch / BL = Box Lunch / D = Dinner

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1

SATURDAY

AM: ARRIVAL TO BALTRA ISLAND

PM: DAPHNE MAJOR & MINOR ISLANDS





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On arrival at Baltra Airport all visitors pay their entrance fee to the Galapagos National Park. You will then be met by The Beagle's naturalist guide who will assist you with your luggage collection and accompany you on a short bus ride to the harbor to board The Beagle.

PM: Daphne Major & Minor Islands

Daphne Islands, a tuff cone (giant pile of compressed volcanic ash shaped like a cone), sits off the north coast of Santa Cruz Island, west of Baltra Island and North Seymour Island. While off limits to all but limited scientific parties going ashore, we've obtained permission from the National Park to navigate around the island, close by. You will have a front row seat to witness bustling colonies of blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, magnificent frigate birds and more. You'll also have the opportunity to observe short-eared owls and red-billed tropicbirds.

- **Highlights:** Blue Footed Bobbies, red-billed tropic birds, Finches, Short -eared owls, masked boobies, Galapagos martins
- **Possible Activities:** pangaride
- **Type of Landing:** No landing
- **Difficulty:** Easy

Overnight at M/S Beagle

Meals included: lunch & dinner

DAY 2

SUNDAY

AM: SANTA FE ISLAND

PM: SOTUH PLAZA ISLAND



AM: Santa Fe Island

One of the most beautiful coves of all visitor sites in the Galapagos, Santa Fe has a turquoise cove sheltered by a peninsula extending from the shore by a row of rock covered in Opuntia cactus and sea lions. This island was



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formed by an uplift caused by tectonic activity. You can see land iguanas, sea turtles, Galapagos hawks, sea lions, and a forest of giant Opuntia cactus, and it's lovely to swim and snorkel in the clear turquoise blue sea.

- **Highlights:** Sea lions' colonies, Galapagos Hawks, cactus forest with giant Opuntia, arid zone vegetation, Scalesia helleri, land Iguanas, Galapagos snakes, sea turtles and tropical fish
- **Possible Activities:** Nature hikes, snorkeling and kayaking
- **Type of Landing:** Wet landing
- **Difficulty:** Moderate

PM: South Plaza Island

South Plaza is one of the best spots in the Archipelago to see land iguanas and swallow-tailed gulls, both indigenous to the Galapagos. There are iguana nests scattered all over the hill. The sheer cliffs of the southern shore are a perfect bird habitat, making it an unparalleled bird observatory for especially swallow-tailed gulls, Audubon shearwaters, and red-billed tropicbirds.

- **Highlights:** Sea lion colony, land iguanas and cactus forest, Sesuvium-Portulaca vegetation, cliffs with swallow-tailed gulls, red-billed tropicbirds, Masked boobies, blue footed boobies, Audubon shearwaters, sally light food crabs, manta rays
- **Possible Activities:** Uplifted Island trail, snorkeling, panga ride
- **Type of Landing:** Dry Landing
- **Difficulty:** Easy / Moderate

Overnight at M/S Beagle

Meals included: breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 3

MONDAY

AM: GENOVESA ISLAND – EL BARRANCO (PRINCE PHILIP'S STEPS)

PM: GENOVESA ISLAND – DARWIN BAY



AM: Genovesa Island – El Barranco (Prince Philip's Steps)



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After a dry landing you climb up the fairly steep Prince Philip's Steps that take you onto a lava rock trail leading you through Palo Santo forest full of nesting birds. There's a good chance of seeing the unique short-eared owl at this site.

- **Highlights:** Fur seals, tropicbirds, storm petrels, great frigatebird, red-footed booby, masked booby, doves, finches, short-eared owls, large tropical fish
- **Possible Activities:** Nature hikes, snorkeling, panga rides, kayaking
- **Type of Landing:** Dry landing.
- **Difficulty:** Moderate

PM: Genovesa Island – Darwin Bay

After lunch and a snorkel along the amazing cliff sides, you visit the beach area of Darwin Bay, home to frigate birds, red-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, flycatchers, lava gulls, storm petrels and Darwin finches, to mention some of the birds found in this bay, formed from a caldera collapse.

- **Highlights:** Coral Beach, Swallow-tailed gulls, sea lions, red-footed booby, masked booby, large ground finch, large cactus finch, sharp-billed ground finch, small marine iguanas, great frigatebird, Galapagos Dove, yellow crowned herons, lava herons, lava lizards, lava gulls, pintail ducks
- **Possible Activities:** Nature hikes, snorkeling, panga rides, kayaking
- **Type of Landing:** Wet Landing
- **Difficulty:** Easy / Moderate

Overnight at M/S Beagle

Meals included: breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 4

TUESDAY

AM: FERNANDINA ISLAND – ESPINOZA POINT

PM: ISABELA ISLAND – URBINA BAY



AM: Fernandina Island – Espinoza Point



Fernandina is the youngest island of the Archipelago. As you disembark at Punta Espinoza, you must be careful not to step on the marine iguanas piled up together to retain body heat. This visiting site is rich in wildlife, sea lions, flightless cormorants, penguins, herons, Sally light-foot crabs and much more, all living side by side on this small point with its mangrove forest.

- **Highlights:** Marine Iguanas, flightless cormorant, sea lions, penguins, Galapagos hawk, Brachycereus cactus, aa lava, turquoise-blue zayapas crabs, blue and lava herons, sea turtles
- **Possible Activities:** Nature hikes and snorkeling
- **Type of Landing:** Dry landing
- **Difficulty:** Moderate

PM: Isabela Island – Urbina Bay

Located to the south at the foot of the western side of Alcedo Volcano, Urbina Bay was uplifted in 1954 from the seabed leaving coral heads sitting out of the water. There is a large colony of land iguana, which has grown since the feral dogs and goats have been controlled through Project Isabela. It also affords an opportunity to see the Alcedo Volcano tortoise in its natural habitat.

- **Highlights:** Uplifted corals from 1954, marine iguanas, flightless cormorant, dramatic landscape, tropical fish, sea turtles, land iguanas, giant tortoises
- **Possible Activities:** Nature hikes & snorkeling
- **Type of Landing:** Wet landing
- **Difficulty:** Moderate / Easy

Overnight at M/S Beagle

Meals included: breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 5

WEDNESDAY

AM: ISABELA ISLAND – TAGUS COVE

PM: ISABELA ISLAND - VICENTE ROCA POINT



AM: Isabela Island – Tagus Cove



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The 30-minute hike at Tagus Cove takes you to the top of a cliff to view the volcanic landscapes of Darwin Volcano and Darwin Lake, the latter an uplifted ultra-saline lake saltier than the sea. Historically used as an anchorage site by pirates and whalers, this site is again an excellent place for marine and land birds.

- **Highlights:** Tuff cone formations, ash deposits, salt lake crater, historical graffiti, view of Darwin Volcano, arid zone vegetation, flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguins, finches, blue footed boobies, brown noddies, pelicans, tropical fish, marine iguanas, sea turtles
- **Possible Activities:** Nature Hikes, Snorkeling, Panga Ride & Kayaking
- **Type of Landing:** Dry landing
- **Difficulty:** Moderate /Difficult

PM: Isabela Island – Vicente Roca Point

Punta Vicente Roca offers a dinghy ride, excellent for marine life observation, to a snorkel area where underwater wildlife takes full advantage of the nutrient-rich Cromwell current that upswells in this area.

- **Highlights:** Masked boobies, blue footed boobies, flightless cormorants, sea lions, turtles, spotted eagle rays, manta rays, puffer fish
- **Possible Activities:** Snorkeling and panga ride
- **Type of Landing:** No landing
- **Difficulty:** Easy

Overnight at M/S Beagle

Meals included: breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 6

THURSDAY

AM: SANTIAGO ISLAND – ESPUMILLA BEACH

PM: SANTIAGO ISLAND - JAMES BAY



AM: Santiago Island – Espumilla Beach



Today visitors to Espumilla Beach come in search of birds rather than fresh water. The short walk up the beach leads inland to a mangrove typically inhabited by the Common stilts. Beyond the mangroves is a brackish lagoon where flocks of pink flamingos and white cheeked pintails wade in search of mollusks.

- **Highlights:** Flamingo Lagoon, ducks, stilts, some waders, mangroves, palo santo forest, sea turtle nesting site
- **Possible Activities:** Walk inland to transition zone vegetation, snorkeling, panga ride, kayak
- **Type of Landing:** Wet landing
- **Difficulty:** Easy

PM: Santiago Island – Egas Port

After a wet landing at Puerto Egas, also known as James Bay, onto a black beach, an easy stroll takes you near the coast line to observe tidal pools, marine birds, iguanas and sea lions, and often migratory birds are present in this area. This is also a good place to observe the Galapagos hawk. The trail ends at the fur sea lion grottos and, being nocturnal feeders, the fur seals sleep in and around the grottos during the day. On returning to the beach visitors may snorkel or swim.

- **Highlights:** Fur seal, intertidal life, shore birds, marine iguanas, sea lions, Darwin finches, Galapagos hawks, Galapagos doves, flamingos, vermilion flycatcher, woodpecker finch, sea turtles, occasionally golden rays, spotted eagle rays
- **Possible Activities:** Walk along coast to fur seal grotto, snorkeling and swimming, walk to salt mine
- **Type of Landing:** Wet landing
- **Difficulty:** Easy / Moderate

Overnight at M/S Beagle

Meals included: breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 7

FRIDAY

AM: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND – CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH STATION

PM: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND – THE HIGHLANDS





AM: Santa Cruz Island – Charles Darwin Research Station

The Charles Darwin Research Station is on Santa Cruz Island which is the main inhabited island in the archipelago, with a population of approximately 16,000. A visit to the station will increase one's understanding of the work being done by the foundation and the importance of preserving the Archipelago's ecosystems. A series of walkways takes you through the captive breeding program where you will see juvenile and adult tortoises from different islands.

- **Highlights:** Van Straelen Exhibition Hall, giant tortoise pens, tortoise raising house, arid zone vegetation, Darwin's finches.
- **Possible activities:** Walk
- **Type of Landing:** None (in town)
- **Difficulty:** Easy

PM: Santa Cruz Island – The Highlands

A highlight of any trip to the archipelago is a visit to the Santa Cruz Highlands, where the sparse, dry coastal vegetation transitions to lush wet fields and forests overgrown with moss and lichens. Our afternoon destination is the Wild Tortoise Reserve where we will have chances to track and view these friendly ancient creatures in their natural setting.

- **Highlights:** Tortoise Reserve, lava tubes, Darwin's finches, vermillion flycatcher
- **Possible Activities:** Walking and hiking
- **Type of Landing:** None (visit from town or airport)
- **Difficulty:** Easy / Moderate

Overnight at M/S Beagle

Meals included: breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 8

SATURDAY

AM: SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND – INTERPRETATION CENTER

SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND - DEPARTURE



AM: San Cristobal Island – Interpretation Center



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In 1998 the Galápagos National Park Visitor Centre opened for the benefit of islanders and travelers alike, presenting a comprehensive exhibit of the islands' natural history, human interaction, ecosystems, flora and fauna.

- **Highlights:** Natural and Human history of the islands
- **Possible Activities:** Nature hikes
- **Type of Landing:** None (In town)
- **Difficulty:** Easy

Transfer to Airport

Your guide will take you to the airport in a bus, a ten-minute ride.

Meals included: breakfast

End of services

INCLUDED

Programmed visits to the islands with a certified English-speaking naturalist guide / Snorkel gear (mask, snorkel & fins) / wetsuits / All meals onboard

ADDITIONAL TO CONSIDER

*Roundtrip airfare to Galapagos. / * Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee \$100. / * Galapagos Transit Control Card, -\$20. / Tips for crew & guide. / Alcoholic & nonalcoholic drinks/ Personal Expenses

*** Subject to change**

NOTES

- Itineraries are subject to change due to many different elements such as weather, park authorities and regulations, airline operations out of M/S BEAGLE control, guide experience, and safety concerns.
- Airline tickets, entrances fees, and taxes are subject to change without previous notice.

Suggested Flights schedule:

| Airline | Vuelo | Salida | Horario | llegada | Horario |
|---------|--------|---------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| LAN | XL1413 | QUITO | 09H31 | GUAYAQUIL | 10H30 |
| LAN | XL1413 | GUAYAQUIL | 11H06 | BALTRA | 12H03 |
| LAN | XL1418 | SAN CRISTOBAL | 11H15 | GUAYAQUIL | 14H02 |
| LAN | XL1418 | GUAYAQUIL | 14H40 | QUITO | 15H37 |



M/S BEAGLE DECK PLAN



M/S BEAGLE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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|-------------------------------|--|
| Year of construction: | 1970 |
| Type | Sailing yacht |
| Length | 105 ft. brigantine |
| Beam | 22ft. |
| Speed | 9 knots |
| Range | 3000 miles |
| Capacity | 14 Passengers |
| Crew | 5 Crew members + 1 Bilingual Guide |
| Accommodation | 6 double cabins and 1 smaller double with private bathrooms & A/C |
| Electricity | 1 Koller 33 kW generator-220/110 V, 1 Koller 23 kW generator-220/110 V, 2-12/24 V Battery packs |
| Water-maker | 35 gallons per hour |
| Navigation & Safety Equipment | 2 Furuno GPS Navigator Systems, 2 magnetic compasses, 1 EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon), 1 Boston Whaler dinghy, 1 inflatable Caribe dinghy, 2 double kayaks, 1 Elliot 20-person life raft, 1 Shanghai 20-person life raft, 1 cellular telephone (Movistar), 1 satellite telephone (Iridium), 2 Furuno radars (36 N/M), 1 Water Maker desalination plant, 1 70-band HF DSC radio (ICOM), 1 70-band VHF DCC radio (ICOM), 1 Hummingbird VHF radio, 2 portable VHF radios (ICOM), 2 bidirectional ACR radios, 1 vessel positioner (Hunter), 1 ZART ACR radar responder, |



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1 Furuno Navtex receiver (climate status), 1 Furuno echo-sounding fathometer (500m)