



**THE BEAGLE**  
GALAPAGOS

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## **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.

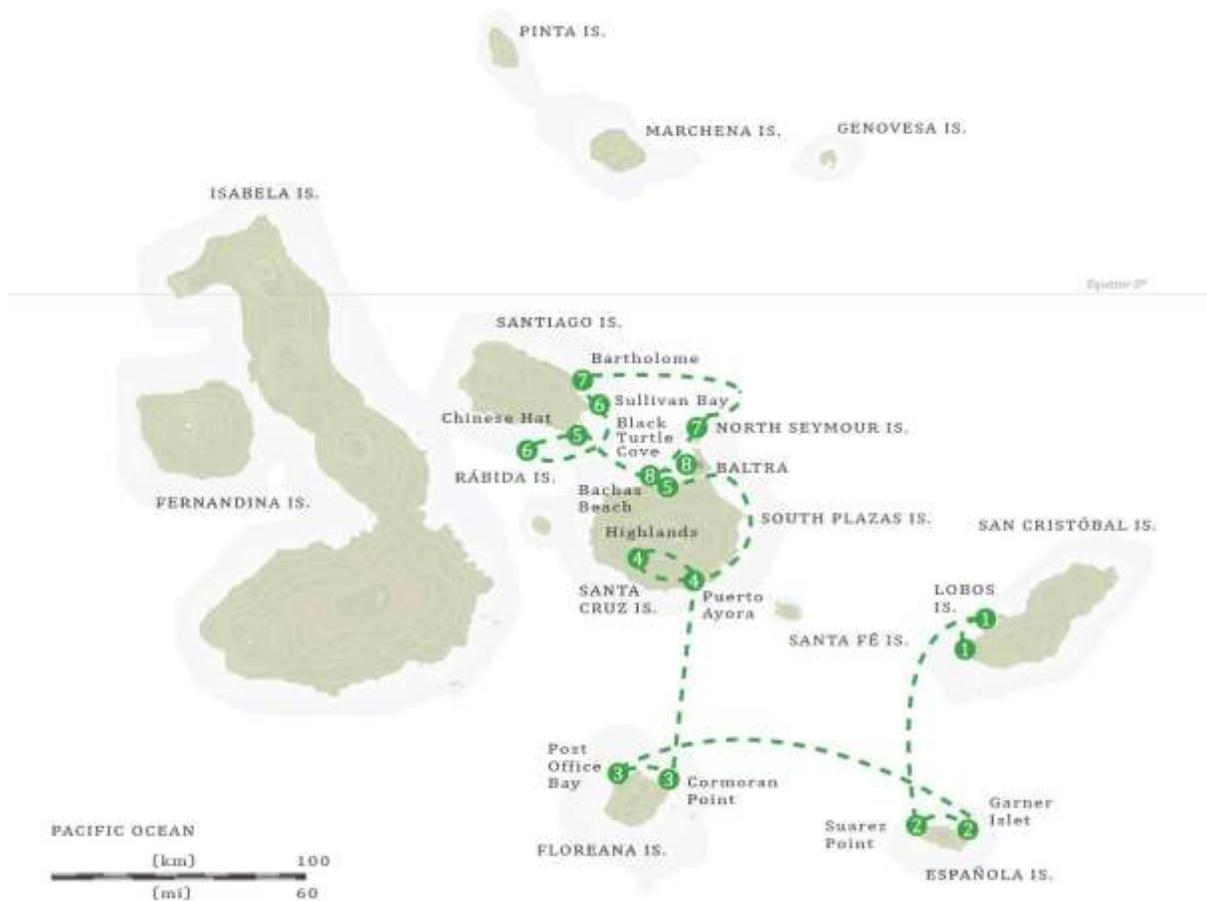
Meals are a fusion of Ecuadorian and international cuisine and are served al-fresco or in the dining room inside. A coffee and tea station, a well-stocked bar, and snacks are also available for passengers.



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

**“CENTRAL & SOUTHERN ISLANDS” ITINERARY**





## ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY	DATE	SERVICES	OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Day 1	Saturday	<b>AM:</b> Arrival in airport and transfer to the boat. <b>PM:</b> San Cristobal Island – Lobos Island	M/S Beagle	L/D
Day 2	Sunday	<b>AM:</b> Española Island – Suarez Point <b>PM:</b> Española Island – Gardner Bay	M/S Beagle	B/L/D
Day 3	Monday	<b>AM:</b> Floreana Island – Post Office Bay <b>PM:</b> Floreana Island – Cormorant Point	M/S Beagle	B/L/D
Day 4	Tuesday	<b>AM:</b> Santa Cruz Island – Charles Darwin Research Station <b>PM:</b> Santa Cruz Island – The Highlands	M/S Beagle	B/L/D
Day 5	Wednesday	<b>AM:</b> Santa Cruz Island – Bachas Beach <b>PM:</b> Chinese Hat Islet	M/S Beagle	B/L/D
Day 6	Thursday	<b>AM:</b> Rabida Island <b>PM:</b> Santiago Island – Sullivan Bay	M/S Beagle	B/L/D
Day 7	Friday	<b>AM:</b> Bartholomew Island <b>PM:</b> North Seymour Island	M/S Beagle	B/L/D
Day 8	Saturday	<b>AM:</b> Santa Cruz Island – Black Turtle Cove Transfer to the Airport for departure	-	B

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

## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1

#### SATURDAY

**AM: ARRIVAL TO SAN CRISTOBAL**

**PM: SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND – LOBOS ISLAND**





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At your arrival to Galapagos, you will be met by the M/S Beagle team in order to start an unforgettable 8 days /7 nights exploration cruise through this unique archipelago.

### **PM: Santa Cruz Island – Lobos Island**

The afternoon anchorage is at Isla Lobos and, as its name suggests, it has a sea lion colony and also an endemic lava lizard. It's a good site for swimming and snorkeling alongside the sea lion pups, and on the islet, you can visit the sea lion colony. Perhaps you'll see the frigate birds displaying and building their nests, if their food supply is good.

- **Highlights:** Sea lions' colonies, blue footed boobies, small dark marine iguanas
- **Possible Activities:** Snorkeling, panga ride, walk & hikes
- **Type of Landing:** Dry or wet landing
- **Difficulty:** Easy / Moderate

Overnight at M/S Beagle

**Meals included:** lunch & dinner

### **DAY 2**

#### **SUNDAY**

**AM: ESPAÑOLA ISLAND – SUAREZ POINT**

**PM: ESPAÑOLA ISLAND – GARDNER BAY**

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### **AM: Española Island – Suarez Point**

Hood Island is one of the most popular and attractive islands. The quantity and variety of wildlife here are remarkable. At Punta Suarez you can see the waved albatross from April to December. Blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, Galapagos hawks, Darwin finches, swallow-tailed gulls, Espanola mockingbirds, shorebirds, sea lions, marine iguanas and lava lizards are just some of its residents, and an impressive blowhole can be observed from the high cliffs.

- **Highlights:** Sea lion colonies, colorful subspecies of marine iguana, hood mockingbird, endemic lava lizard, large cactus finch, blue-footed booby colonies, masked booby colonies, swallow-tailed gulls, waved albatross colony, red-billed tropicbirds, oystercatchers, blowhole, Galapagos dove, cactus finch. Mocking birds, swallow-tailed gulls



- **Possible Activities:** Nature hikes
- **Type of Landing:** Dry landing
- **Difficulty:** Moderate / Difficult

**PM: Española Island – Gardner Bay**

Located on the eastern end of the island Gardner Bay has a wonderful sandy beach for swimming and observing the Galapagos sea lions.

- **Highlights:** Long white sand beach, mockingbirds, sea lions' colonies, sea turtles, mockingbirds, yellow tailed surgeonfish, king angelfish, bump-head parrot fish, white-tipped reef sharks
- **Possible Activities:** Nature hikes, Snorkeling, Panga Ride, kayaking
- **Type of Landing:** Wet landing
- **Difficulty:** Easy

Overnight at M/S Beagle

**Meals included:** breakfast, lunch & dinner

**DAY 3**

**MONDAY**

**AM: FLOREANA ISLAND – POST OFFICE BAY**

**PM: FLOREANA ISLAND – CORMORANT POINT**

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**AM: Floreana Island – Post Office Bay**

In 1793 British whalers set up a barrel as the island's post office, to send letters home on passing ships. The tradition continues to this day, simply by dropping a post card into the barrel without a stamp. The catch is you must take a post card from the barrel and see that it gets to the right place.

That is how the system began and continues to this day. Some claim it works better than the official Ecuadorian post office. You'll have a chance to continue the traditions by sending your own card and picking up others.

- **Highlights:** Human history in the islands, Site of whalers, post office barrel and early settlement, lava tunnel, sea turtles and tropical fish
- **Possible Activities:** Nature hikes and snorkeling



- **Type of Landing:** Wet landing
- **Difficulty:** Easy

**PM: Floreana Island – Cormorant Point**

At Punta Cormorant you land on a beach with green olivine sand. Several trails allow you to explore a brackish water lagoon with a colony of flamingos who are there most of the year, and white-cheeked pintail ducks, stilts, and other shorebirds feeding alongside the flamingos. The trail then goes over a hill and dunes to a stunning white beach consisting of ground coral, where the green sea turtles nest.

- **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

Overnight at M/S Beagle

**Meals included:** breakfast, lunch & dinner

**DAY 4**

**TUESDAY**

**AM: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND – CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH STATION**

**PM: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND – THE HIGHLANDS**

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**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 5**

**WEDNESDAY**

**AM: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND – BACHAS BEACH**

**PM: CHINESE HAT**

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**AM: Santa Cruz Island – Bachas Beach**

Located on the northern shore of Santa Cruz Island. Las Bachas is a white sand beach that is a major nesting site for the green sea turtles. The name “Las Bachas” (“potholes”) refers to the indentations left in the sand by laying turtles or departing hatchlings. On the shore there are marine iguanas, and in the lagoon area flamingos are common. Visitors are welcome to swim from the beach.

- **Highlights:** White sandy coral beaches, sea turtles, blue footed boobies, pink flamingos, blue herons, common stilts, brown noddys, white-cheek pintail ducks, migratory birds
- **Possible Activities:** Nature hikes & snorkeling



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- **Type of Landing:** Wet landing
- **Difficulty:** Easy / moderate

### **PM: Chinese Hat**

Chinese Hat is a little island shaped as its name implies which sits off the southeastern tip of James Island. Its small white beaches have a sea lion colony. Snorkeling is usually very good, and with luck you might see the Galapagos penguins in the water.

- **Highlights:** Volcanic History of the islands, Lava formations, pioneer plants, Tiquilia Chamaesyce, Scalesia stewartia, spatter cones, lava tubes, Brachycereus, Galapagos penguins, sea lions, tropical fish, sea stars, anemones, sea turtles.
- **Possible Activities:** Hike, snorkeling, swimming, panga ride
- **Type of Landing:** Dry landing & Wet landing

Overnight at M/S Beagle

**Meals included:** breakfast, lunch & dinner

### **DAY 6**

#### **THURSDAY**

#### **AM: RABIDA ISLAND**

#### **PM: SANTIAGO ISLAND – SULLIVAN BAY**

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### **AM: Rabida Island**

A short trail inland in Rabida Island offers observations of land birds including Galapagos dove, cactus finch and the large ground-finch. Hidden behind the narrow strip of green saltbush is a briny lagoon frequented by flamingos.

- **Highlights:** Red sand beach, sea lions, flamingos, brown pelican colony, Galapagos dove, cactus finch, large ground-finch, sea turtles, blue footed boobies, masked boobies, stripped salemas, Galapagos sharks, yellow tail surgeon fish, Galapagos penguins, marine iguanas
- **Possible Activities:** Trail and snorkeling, panga ride, kayak
- **Type of Landing:** Wet landing



- **Difficulty:** Easy / moderate

**PM: Santiago Island – Sullivan Bay**

Our next landing site is Sullivan Bay, named for the channel in which we are anchored. Back in 1897 the island fired up its own internal kiln giving birth to a field of pahoehoe (“rope-like” in Hawaiian) lava reaching out into the channel toward Bartolome. The results gleam in the sun like a gigantic, obsidian sculpture.

- **Highlights:** Lava flow from turn of this century, still virtually uneroded covers large area, pahoehoe or opey lava, hornitos, Mollugo, Brachycereus lava colonizers, lava lizards, Galapagos penguins, sea lions, spotted eagle rays, sea turtles, white-tipped reef sharks
- **Possible Activities:** Nature hikes, snorkeling
- **Type of Landing:** Dry or Wet landing
- **Difficulty:** Moderate

Overnight at M/S Beagle

**Meals included:** breakfast, lunch & dinner

**DAY 7**

**FRIDAY**

**AM: BARTHOLOMEW ISLAND**

**PM: NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND**

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**AM: Bartholomew Island**

Bartolome Island is a small island located to the east of James Island. Famous for its Pinnacle Rock, it is home to a small rookery of Galapagos penguins. You can swim and snorkel around Pinnacle Rock, or walk to the other side of the island to see sea turtles nesting (from January to March) and sharks swimming close to shore. You can also climb to the highest point of the island, a climb which gives you the chance to see plants that live in lava and ash and many interesting lava formations. On this island we also see sea lions, Galapagos penguins, pelicans, Galapagos hawks, turtles and sharks.



**Highlights:** Volcanic History of the islands, Lava formations, pioneer plants, Tiquilia Chamaesyce, Scalesia stewartia, spatter cones, lava tubes, Brachycereus, Galapagos penguins, sea lions, tropical fish, sea stars, anemones, sea turtles.

- **Possible Activities:** Hike, snorkeling, swimming, panga ride
- **Type of Landing:** Dry landing & Wet landing
- **Difficulty:** Easy / Moderate

**PM: North Seymour Island**

North Seymour is home to several species of marine birds: swallow-tailed gulls, blue-footed boobies, noddy terns and both the great and the magnificent frigate birds compete for nesting sites. Land iguanas are found alongside marine iguanas, and there are the ever-present comic sea lions as well. North Seymour is a low, flat island located north of Baltra that was uplifted from the sea by underground seismic activity

- **Highlights:** Magnificent and Great Frigatebirds, blue footed Boobies, sea lions, marine iguanas, swallow-tailed gulls, brown pelicans, yellow land iguana, snakes, endemic Palo Santo trees, low shrubby-type Opuntia, marble rays, golden eagle rays, spotted rays, sting rays, manta rays, white-tipped reef sharks, schools of king angel fish, yellow tailed surgeonfish, scorpion fish, occasional hammerhead shark
- **Possible Activities:** Nature hikes, snorkeling
- **Type of Landing:** Dry landing
- **Difficulty:** Moderate / Difficult

Overnight at M/S Beagle

**Meals included:** breakfast, lunch & dinner

**DAY 8**

**SATURDAY**

**AM: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND – BLACK TURTLE COVE  
TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT AND DEPARTURE**

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**AM: Santa Cruz Island – Black Turtle Cove**



Your visit to **Black Turtle Cove** is with the dinghy to permit you to motor through the mangrove inlets. These lagoons provide a refuge to rays, sharks, and sea turtles that are clearly visible alongside the boat. The engine is turned off and you slowly approach the different species that live in this peaceful place.

- **Highlights:** Mangrove lagoons, turtles, herons, spotted eagle rays, golden rays. White-tipped reef sharks, Brown pelicans, blue herons, lave herons
- **Possible Activities:** Dinghy ride
- **Type of Landing:** No landing
- **Difficulty:** easy

After your excursion, at a proper time, transfer to Baltra’s airport for your departure to continental Ecuador.

**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	Flight	Departure City	Departure time	Arrival City	Arrival time
LAN	XL1419	QUITO	08H05	GUAYAQUIL	09H00
LAN	XL1419	GUAYAQUIL	09H40	SAN CRISTOBAL	10H32
LAN	XL1412	BALTRA	12H55	GUAYAQUIL	15H57
LAN	XL1412	GUAYAQUIL	16H40	QUITO	17H22



## M/S BEAGLE DECK PLAN



## M/S BEAGLE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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