

8 Days/7 Nights

Departs Saturdays from Quito or Guayaquil



## Luxury Yacht Passion 7 Night Eastern Cruise

With a 1 to 1 crew-to-guest ratio, the Passion offers an intimate Galapagos experience. The panoramic sky lounge, spacious social area and secluded sun deck plus jacuzzi are just some of the highlights. 6 cabins.

### INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip air & ground transfers
- Cruise accommodations

- Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee
- Excursions with naturalist guide

- All Meals



### SATURDAY: FLIGHT TO GALAPAGOS FROM QUITO/GUAYAQUIL AIRPORT - SANTA CRUZ ISLAND:

**AM:** After arriving at Baltra airport you will be greeted by an Angermeyer Cruises representative to then board the Passion and have lunch. After lunch, we will navigate a short distance to **Black Turtle Cove**, a large mangrove lagoon on the north coast of **Santa Cruz Island**. Pelicans and herons roost on the branches, while marine dwellers such as green sea turtles or golden rays may cruise right next to the panga as it makes its way through the mangroves.

*(Lunch, Dinner & Accommodations, Passion)*



### SUNDAY: GENOVESA ISLAND:

**AM:** We travel to **Genovesa Island** and reach **Darwin Bay** (wet landing), a unique site lined with red mangroves and soft haired prickly pear cacti where red-footed boobies and great frigatebirds perch tamely.

**PM:** At **El Barranco** (dry landing), we climb the edge of a cliff where frigatebirds, masked boobies, and red-footed boobies nest. We will be seeking out the impressive red-billed tropicbird amidst Galapagos storm petrels.

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### MONDAY: BARTOLOMÉ ISLAND:

**AM:** Dry landing at Bartolomé to climb up the wooden steps and reach the summit of this spatter cone for the most breathtaking panorama of the island's much-photographed Pinnacle Rock, views of neighboring Santiago and many other central islands in the distance.

**PM: Sombrero Chino:** Less than a quarter of one square kilometer in size, this island gets the name "Chinese hat" due to its shape. Lava formations can be seen on the western side of the island, formed under the sea and raised upward and for this reason it is possible to observe coral heads on the lava. Be amazed by the landscapes covered by sea lion colonies, marine iguanas and Galapagos penguins.

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### TUESDAY: RABIDA ISLAND:

**AM:** Wet landing onto **Rabida's** deep-red beaches to explore the red island's fascinating interior and saltwater lagoon. Darwin's finches, Galapagos mockingbirds and yellow warblers feed off the vegetation. Depending on the time of the year, you may see brown pelicans nesting on salt bushes that fringe the beach.

**PM:** Head across to **Cerro Dragon** on Santa Cruz's northwest shore (dry landing) to visit a saltwater lagoon, home to Greater Flamingos, black-necked stilts and white-cheeked pintails. Further inland we find a fantastic land iguana nesting site.

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### WEDNESDAY: SANTA CRUZ:

**AM:** We will spend this day visiting Santa Cruz Island's most famous highlights. After a dry landing at the dock of **Puerto Ayora** you will then board ground transportation and head to the island's highlands. This area, in contrast to the coastal region, has lush vegetation and forest due to the humidity in the higher regions.

We will visit one of the **ranches** of the area where it is possible to see giant tortoises in their natural habitat. As these animals migrate from the coastal area to the highlands and back, the chosen ranch will depend on the presence of the tortoises since they roam free and change locations.

This is also a good place to see the Galapagos hawk and barn owl. The surrounding forests are filled with birds, such as the vermilion flycatcher and the yellow warbler.

**PM:** We will enjoy lunch at the ranch to then head back to Puerto Ayora for our second visit of the day, the **Fausto Llerena Tortoise Breeding Center**. Here, we will see tortoises from different islands. The animals are found in large semi-natural pens for their protection, but also to ensure an easy view for the visitors. The pens are divided according to four different stages: eggs, neonates, juveniles (held here until they are mature enough to be released into the wild), and adults.

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### THURSDAY: PLAZA SUR - SANTA FE:

**AM:** Dry landing on one of the oldest docks of the archipelago to explore colorful **Plaza Sur**, home to vibrant green prickly pears, deep red Sesuvium (ice plant) and coppery-orange land iguanas. Impressive seaward cliffs are excellent nesting grounds for a variety of coastal birds. This is also a great place to observe the adult and pup sea lions swimming along the shores.

**PM:** After a wet landing on **Santa Fe** onto a white beach where sea lions are usually resting, we will look for the endemic species of land iguana, larger and yellow than land iguanas on other islands. The largest prickly pear cacti in the Galapagos are also found here.

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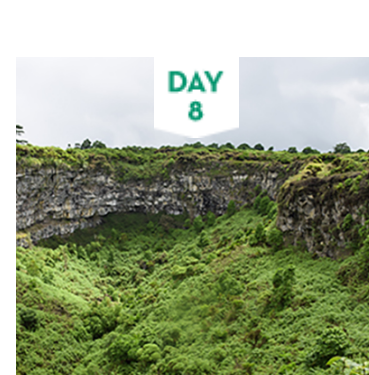
### FRIDAY: ESPAÑOLA ISLAND:

**AM:** We will spend the day in fantastic Española, starting with Gardner Bay (wet landing), an outstanding beach with sea lions, marine iguanas, and the intrepid Española mockingbird.

Close to Española there is a good spot for snorkeling called Gardner Islet. While snorkeling, there is a good chance playful sea lions will join you. Get ready for more snorkeling at Osborn Islet, a great place to observe great quantities of marine life.

**PM:** We will head to **Punta Suarez**. The trail is about 4 km (2 miles) long and the walk takes about 2 hours. A geyser near the trail sprays water some 25 m (75 feet) into the air. This is one of the most popular landing sites in Galapagos. The highlights include: sea lions near the landing place, sometimes to be seen body-surfing in the large breakers; large marine iguanas, with red-colored males in the breeding season; oystercatchers; blue-footed and Nazca boobies; Galapagos hawks; Galapagos doves; swallow-tailed gulls; red billed tropicbirds; and three species endemic to Española - the waved albatross (present only from April to December), Española mockingbird, and Española lava lizard.

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### SATURDAY: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND:

**AM:** This is our last day in the islands. After breakfast we will disembark in **Puerto Ayora** to take our transport to Baltra airport, making a short stop to visit the **Twin Craters**. The Gemelos (twins) are two deep craters located to the side of the road that leads to Puerto Ayora from the other side of the island. These huge holes were probably created in a volcanic explosion or by magma chambers underneath the island's surface.

This is also a good place to see the Galapagos hawk, as well as the contrast of the vegetation of the highlands and the arid coastal zones.

After this visit we will make our way to the Baltra airport for the flight to mainland Ecuador.

*(Breakfast, Passion)*