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## GALAPAGOS A – SOUTHERN/CENTRAL ROUTE - BEACHES & BAYS

Enjoy a unique comprehensive seven-night itinerary, departing every Sunday and visiting the spectacular outer islands of the archipelago. Itinerary A follows a southern/central route. Itinerary A can be combined with Itinerary B for a longer, two-week journey visiting all the corners of the Galapagos Islands. Each day, explore the islands on two guided excursions led by an expert naturalist guide. Activities include nature walks, zodiac rides, and snorkeling, as well as kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) opportunities. · Children age 7 to 11 get 25% discount off the cruise rate, and teenagers age 12 to 17 get 15% discount off the cruise rate, and college students age 18 to 21 get 10% discount. Child and teen discounts cannot be combined with any other discount and exclude holiday weeks. We may limit the number of discounts on any one booking and give one discount per adult/full fare. · Passengers can disembark on Saturday in Baltra for a shorter, 6 night cruise. Terms and conditions apply, please contact us for more details. · Holiday Week Departures - additional charges will apply.

### ITINERARY

Day 1 - Sunday - Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, Cerro Tijeretas & Leon Dormido, SAN CRISTOBAL

Fly to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (SCY) on SAN CRISTOBAL Island, and transfer by bus then Zodiac to the ORIGIN anchored in the bay. After the welcome briefing and safety drill, a delicious buffet lunch is served on board. In the afternoon, travel by bus to Cerro Tijeretas (Frigatebird Hill), one of two sites where you can see nesting colonies of both species of frigatebirds (Great and Magnificent), as well lava lizards, the medium ground finch and the San Cristobal mockingbird. Walk along the trail to Punta Carola for scenic views, then return to the ORIGIN in the evening for a briefing followed by our Captain's welcome party and dinner.

Day 2 - Monday - Cerro Brujo (SN, PR, KY) & Punta Pitt, (SN, PR) SAN CRISTOBAL

Go ashore this morning at Punta Pitt, a tuff formation that serves as a nesting site for many sea birds including all three types of boobies – blue-footed, red-footed and Nazca, both frigatebird species, swallow-tailed gulls, storm petrels, shearwaters and brown pelicans. Punta Pitt is considered one of the best sites for birds in the archipelago, and is also home to a colony of sea lions. At Pitt Rock, we snorkel or swim with sea lions and colorful fish such as King Angel and Surgeon fish. Return to the ORIGIN for lunch. Spend the afternoon at Cerro Brujo, a breathtaking white coral beach, with expansive views and good birdwatching. Take a peaceful walk along the beach, swim with sea lions or use the kayaks or stand-up paddle boards. Enjoy a zodiac ride through a cave called The Cathedral before returning to the

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ORIGIN for a briefing followed by dinner.

Day 3 - Tuesday - Punta Suarez & Gardner Bay (SN, PR, KY) ESPANOLA

Disembark at Punta Suarez on ESPANOLA (Hood) Island, home to the greatest number of endemic species found in Galapagos. Sea lions bark noisy greetings as we land on the beach, while curious mockingbirds peck at our shoelaces. Colonies of blue-footed boobies engage in sky-pointing to show off for potential mates. From April to December, the waved albatross, found only on Espanola, performs its wild mating ritual. Other easily spotted wildlife are the Nazca boobies busily caring for their young, stunning swallow-tailed gulls, the only nocturnal gulls in the world. We also find Darwin's Finches, Galapagos Doves, red-billed tropicbirds and Galapagos Hawks, as well as a unique species of marine iguanas with traces of red and green colorings. Follow the trail to the dramatic ocean blow hold, watch for colorful sally light-foot crabs crawling along the shoreline. Return to the ORIGIN for lunch on board. Disembark at Gardner Bay, where large colonies of sea lions dot the seemingly endless white-sand beach. Enjoy time to take a leisurely stroll or relax on the beach, watching for birds such as the Galapagos hawk, Darwin's finch, or Hood mockingbird. Swim with the playful sea lions from the beach, explore the bay and islets by kayak or take a Zodiac ride to explore the caves covered with invertebrates. Admire the colorful array of underwater life at the excellent snorkeling site near Tortuga Rock. Return to the ORIGIN for a briefing followed by dinner.

Day 4 - Wednesday - Punta Cormorant (PR), Devil's Crown or Champion (SN) Post Office Bay (PR, SN), FLOREANA (Charles)

Step ashore at Punta Cormorant on FLOREANA (Charles) Island, where the olive-sand beach is alive with the sounds of sea lions, lava herons, yellow-crowned night herons, blue-footed boobies,

and penguins. Follow a trail to a brackish lagoon, home to Bahama ducks, common stilts, Galapagos flycatchers, yellow warblers and the greater flamingos. Wind your way past a rich variety of plants including the morning glory, cut-leaf daisies, mangroves (black, red and white), palo verde and scalesia. The trail leads to a beach where sea turtles lay their eggs in the powdery sand dunes and sting rays swim in the shallow water. After the walk, there is an opportunity to snorkel at Devil's Crown, a shallow sunken crater colonized by a brilliant array of colorful fish and coral, white-tipped sharks, sea turtles, spotted eagle rays and sea stars. Lunch is served back on board the ORIGIN on the sundeck, weather permitting. Floreana is one of the few populated islands in Galapagos with a rich and intriguing human history. After lunch, visit one of the most famous sites in Galapagos, Post Office Bay, where a post barrel was erected in the late 18th Century for use by English whaling vessels. Visitors are invited to leave a post card and to pick up any mail destined for their home area. There is an opportunity to swim from the beach with sea lions. Late afternoon, take a Zodiac ride near Baroness Point to look for sea turtles and rays. Return to the ORIGIN for a briefing followed by dinner.

Day 5 - Thursday - Highlands of SANTA CRUZ (Indefatigable) & CCFL (Darwin Station), SANTA CRUZ

Disembark at Puerto Ayora, SANTA CRUZ Island, the social heart of the Galapagos, with a population of 24,000. Travel by bus to the highlands, passing through all seven vegetation zones found in Galapagos. Visit a tortoise reserve, a private farm that protects giant tortoises in their natural habitat. Stop at the largest lava tubes in the archipelago, and visit Los Gemelos, (The Twins), a pair of large craters. Return to the ORIGIN for lunch on board. This afternoon we visit the Centro de Crianza Fausto Llerena (formerly the Charles Darwin Research Station).

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Visit the tortoise corals and the breeding center with hatchlings and miniature tortoises that will be repatriated when grown. Scientists from all over the globe conduct biological research at the station from anatomy to zoology. Visit the new exhibit honoring Lonesome George, a worldwide icon of conservation as the last surviving tortoise from Pinta Island that tragically died of natural causes. Stroll through town to shop for souvenirs or stop at an internet café. Return to the ORIGIN for dinner or, if you wish, remain ashore for dinner on your own. Zodiac shuttles from ORIGIN to the main dock will be offered throughout the evening.

Day 6 - Friday - Bartolome (PR, SN), Las Bachas (SN) or Black Turtle Cove (PR) or Sombrero Chino (PR,SN)

Go ashore today at Sombrero Chino (Chinese Hat), a small island off the southern tip of Santiago that owes its name to its shape. After landing on a beach with colonies of sea lions, follow the trail to a primeval landscape of volcanic rubble including cracked lava formations and tubes. Marine iguanas and pairs of oystercatchers are commonly seen. Snorkel at a site frequented by large numbers of Galapagos penguins. After lunch, disembark at BARTOLOME, a young Island is inhospitable to most plants and animals. Climb the long wooden staircase to the summit of a dormant volcano, pausing along the way to marvel at lava bombs, spatter cones and cinder cones. It seems as if we are walking on the moon! The panoramic view from the top encompasses the entire island, including the distinctive eroded tuff cone known as Pinnacle Rock. The crystal clear water below beckons for snorkeling with schools of tropical fish, white-tipped reef sharks and Galapagos Penguins. Take a Zodiac ride along the rocky shoreline. Return to the ORIGIN for the evening briefing and dinner.

Day 7 - Saturday - South Plaza Island & North Seymour (PR, SN)

Today's visit is at SOUTH PLAZA, a small geological uplift with tall cliffs where swallow-tailed gulls, shearwaters, and red-billed tropicbirds build their nests. The trail leads us through Opuntia (prickly pear) and Sesuvium, and land iguanas are seen here feeding on cactus leaves. The island is also home to a colony of bachelor sea lions, with dominant bulls in various stages of recovery from battles over prime beach territory. Return to the ORIGIN and snorkel between North and South Seymour in deeper water. After lunch, go ashore at NORTH SEYMOUR, a small geological uplift to observe swallow-tailed gulls, blue-footed boobies and endemic land iguanas. Visit the largest colony of Magnificent frigatebirds in the Galapagos, and watch for marine iguanas and sea lions body surfing the northern swells. Return to the ORIGIN for the Captain's farewell cocktail party and dinner, followed by a slide show presentation.

Day 8 - Sunday - Interpretation Center, SAN CRISTOBAL (Chatham)

Travel by bus to the Interpretation Center on San Cristobal to gain a more complete understanding of the natural and human history of the Islands. Afterwards, spend time in port before heading to the airport for your flight back to the mainland.

SN = snorkel, KY = kayak, PR = panga (dingy) ride

#### Please Note:

All itineraries are subject to change at any time for any reason and without prior notice. Last minute changes to the itinerary can occur at any time including but not limited to changes in National Park rules or at the discretion of the Captain of the vessel or company for any reason including mechanical failure.



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## YOUR SHIP: ORIGIN

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Origin</b>	available.
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<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>		
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>2015</b>	

Type: Superior first class motor yacht Capacity: 20 Cruising Speed: 10-12 knots When the MV ORIGIN makes her appearance in Galapagos January 2016, she will be the newest and most comfortable 20 passenger yacht operating in Galapagos. The vessel will be owned by Ecoventura, a leader in social and environmental responsibility with over two decades of experience in sustainable tourism. Origin will combine modern sophistication and a high level of comfort and service, with quality guided land excursions in small groups, gastronomical experiences, exciting physical activities and a dose of intellectual science providing guests a life enriching experience. For guests with a highly evolved lifestyle, MV ORIGIN features: Experienced crew and high level Captain, Two expert naturalist guides and a Concierge to attend to your every need Gourmet style meals, indoor and al-fresco dining, Open bar policy, Sun deck with Jacuzzi, wet bar, BBQ, Spacious social areas, satellite TV, ten cabins with panoramic windows located all on one deck Fitness center with cardio equipment, Masseur (on charters only for an additional charge) Multiple kayaks and stand up paddle boards (pending park approval), Wet suits and snorkeling equipment cabin cleaned twice daily, laundry service

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