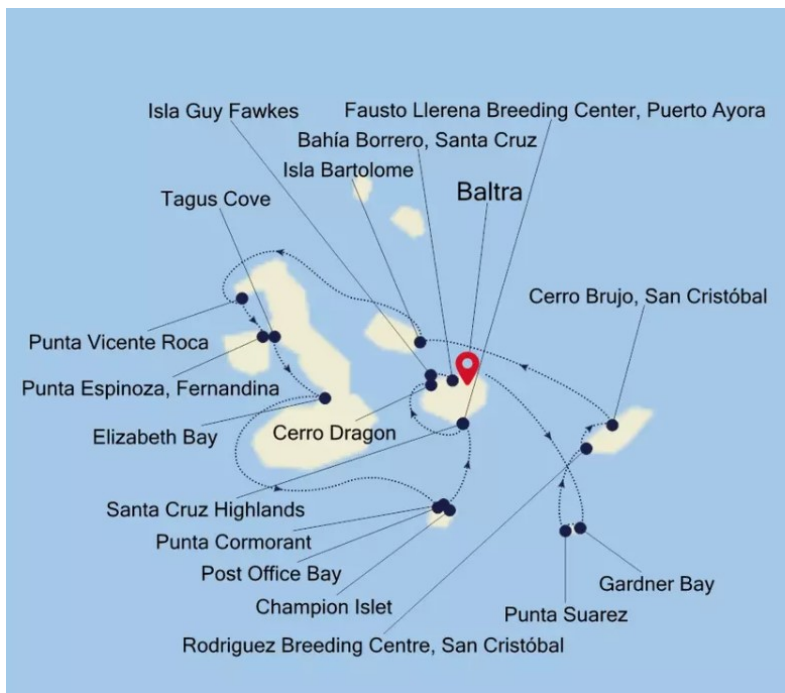


GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

NEW YEARS CRUISE



Lava fields, lush highlands, pristine wetlands, mangrove forests... the Galapagos Islands are as stunning as they are diverse. From Isabela, whose size exceeds that of the rest of the islands combined, to Bartholomé, whose mere 1.2 square kilometers are home to some of the archipelago's most famous sites, this special 11 day Galapagos cruise rewards explorers and nature enthusiasts with rich endemic wildlife and otherworldly landscapes.



DATES:

DEC 29, 2021 - JAN 8, 2022

DEC 28, 2022 – JAN 7, 2023

DURATION: 13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS

EMBARK: BALTRA, GALAPAGOS

DISEMBARK: BALTRA, GALAPAGOS

SHIP: SILVER ORIGIN

FROM: \$15,750

ALL INCLUSIVE – Includes gratuities, open bar, unlimited WiFi, port charges, 2 nights Quito Hotel, transfers, park fees, and free air to Galapagos and from North America

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrate New Year in the Galapagos
- Climb Prince Philip's Steps to see a thriving seabird colony and search for the Galápagos Short-eared Owl.
- Observe sea lion families and the famed giant tortoises and marvel at the fearless behavior of wildlife.
- Admire the antics of Red-footed and Blue-footed Boobies.
- Hike up the sides of an extinct volcano and hike across lava flows.
- See the Waved Albatross (depending on the season — April to December).
- Swim and snorkel in tranquil, clear waters.
- Photograph colorful marine iguanas.
- Cruise by Zodiac along scenic coastlines.
- Learn about conservation efforts at the "Fausto Llerena Breeding Center".
- Visit "Bird Island" home to over 30 bird species.

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DAY 1 – MON – DEC 27 - ARRIVE QUITO, ECUADOR.

Meet and transfer to your included deluxe hotel. Arrive earlier to explore more of this wonderful, diverse country.

DAY 2 – TUE – DEC 28 - FREE DAY TO EXPLORE QUITO

Take in some of the numerous museums, and explore the beautiful historic district, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This evening enjoy a night walking tour of old Quito, where the historic buildings are illuminated.

DAY 3 – WED – DEC 29 - EMBARK SILVER ORIGINS, BALTRA

This morning you will be transferred to the Quito airport for your included flight to Baltra and board the *Silver Origin*.

DAY 4 - THU – DEC 30 - ESPAÑOLA - BAHÍA GARDNER

Don't miss a chance to swim with sea lions from the gorgeous beach at Gardner Bay. Relax on the white sands of this idyllic beach as the water laps gently in front of you.

PUNTA SUÁREZ

In the afternoon we will visit Punta Suárez at the western point of Española, the oldest island in the Galápagos. Sheer cliffs provide superb thermals for seabirds. Swallow-tailed Gulls, Nazca Boobies and Blue-footed Boobies can easily be seen. The largest seabird to nest in the islands, the Waved Albatross, may be seen seasonally from April through December, and has made Española its home.

DAY 5 - FRI – DEC 31 - RODRIGUEZ BREEDING CENTER, SAN CRISTÓBAL

Like so many of the islands in the Galapagos, San Cristobal is formed by dormant volcanoes. It lies to the east of the archipelago and is one of the oldest islands in the group. Puerto Baquerizo Moreno on the southwestern tip of the island is the capital city of the Galapagos Islands. A statue of Charles Darwin graces the harbor, marking one of the first places he likely stepped ashore in the 1830s.

CERRO BRUJO, SAN CRISTÓBAL

An impressive tuff cone has been carved by erosion into an outstanding natural sculpture, being a resting place for marine birds such as blue-footed bobbies and brown pelicans. One of the most beautiful white sand beaches of the Galapagos (swim or snorkel). View sea lions, sally light footed crabs, blue-footed bobbies. Behind the dunes, you find a coastal lagoon, which was visited in the past by the locals to extract salt, today it is home to some shorebirds such as stilts and plovers.



DAY 6 - SAT - JAN 01 – DAY AT SEA

DAY 7 — SUN - JAN 02 – ISLA BARTOLOMÉ

Our ship anchors in sight of the volcanic moonscape of Isla Bartolomé, at Sullivan Bay. Zodiacs bring guests ashore to ascend a boardwalk of 388 steps. Passing through the arid volcanic landscape provides a chance to watch for lava lizards, Galapagos Hawks, and Blue-footed Boobies.

ISLA SANTIAGO

Playa Espumilla is located on the northwestern side of Santiago Island and is home to a variety of wildlife including nesting green sea turtles, and plentiful birds such as flamingos, White-cheeked Pintails, Yellow Warblers, Galapagos Hawks, Whimbrels, and American Oystercatchers.

DAY 8 - MON – JAN 03 - ISLA ISABELA, PUNTA VICENTE

The agile Silver Origin can hold position in deep water right up against the cliffs of Punta Vicente Roca on the northwest side of Isabela Island. From here Zodiacs set out to cruise beneath the imposing volcanic coastline. The cliffs support endemic Flightless Cormorants, Galapagos fur seals, Blue-footed Boobies, and marine iguanas. Eastern Pacific green sea turtles swim all around the Zodiacs.

PUNTA ESPINOZA, FERNANDINA

With the gentle slopes of La Cumbre volcano in the distance, the low, lava-forged coast of Punta Espinoza on Fernandina Island is a spectacular sight. Marine iguanas rest on the black rock of recent lava flows absorbing heat from the stone. Galapagos sea lions and their pups also take shelter here. Walk past high sandy areas where marine iguanas lay their eggs and along low, shallow mangrove ponds ringed with bright red Sally Lightfoot crabs and Flightless Cormorants.

**DAY 9 —TUE – JAN 04 - TAGUS COVE, ISABELA ISLAND**

Tagus Cove is a sheltered area southwest of Volcán Darwin on Isabela Island. The protected waters of this cove are home to sea turtles, marine iguanas, Flightless Cormorants and Galapagos Penguins.

ELIZABETH BAY, ISABELA ISLAND

The tranquil inlets of Elizabeth Bay are the perfect spot for a Zodiac cruise. In the easternmost embayment lies a hidden inlet. Our nimble Zodiacs can enter this small cove to look for sea turtles, rays and even sharks.

DAY 10 — WED – JAN 05 - POST OFFICE BAY, ISLA FLOREANA

Post Office Bay is steeped in history and received its name thanks to a post box that was placed ashore before 1813. Ships that were visiting the Galapagos on multi-year voyages would leave letters here to be collected and delivered by vessels on their way home.

CHAMPION ISLET

Champion Islet is one of four marine sites surrounding Floreana and offers excellent deep-water snorkeling opportunities. Curious sea lions approach the snorkelers while turtles slowly swim by and sharks, sting rays, and a high diversity of colorful fish. During a Zodiac cruise around Champion Islet a variety of seabirds will be seen.

**DAY 11 — THU – JAN 06 - SANTA CRUZ - HIGHLANDS**

Life in the highlands is much easier due to the presence of fresh water, from the constant drizzle that happens during the dry season and heavy rains that occur during the wet season.

PUERTO AYORA

The Charles Darwin Research Station is located here. The station also houses the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center for giant tortoises and land iguanas where guides interpret the center's captive breeding and reintroduction programs. Enjoy free time in town where local artists have created charming art galleries and corner cafés.

DAY 12 - FRI – JAN 07 - CERRO DRAGON, SANTA CRUZ

A dry landing onto volcanic rock covered by Sally light-footed crabs will welcome you for this walk discovering Cerro Dragon. Enjoy this visit that mixes a brackish water lagoon, some elusive pink flamingos and a volcanic rock cover dry enough to be the perfect ecosystem for the Galapagos land iguana.

ISLA GUY FAWKES

Guy Fawkes is a group of four islets situated on the northwestern side of Santa Cruz Island. They are satellite cones, surrounded by deep waters, making it a very colorful place for deep water snorkeling. Guy Fawkes is one of the most exciting places to deep water snorkel.

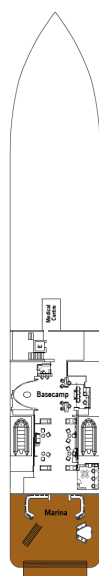
DAY 13 - SAT – JAN 08 - BALTRA - DISEMBARK

Say goodbye to your friendly crew. You will transfer to the airport for your flight to Guayaquil, and your flight home.

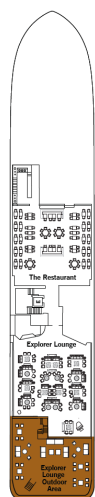


Silver Origin - The most elegant ship ever to sail the Galapagos

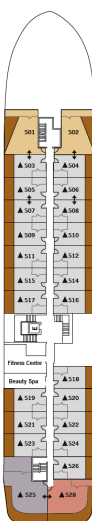
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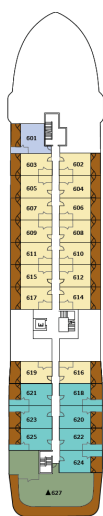
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Basecamp
Marina



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The Restaurant
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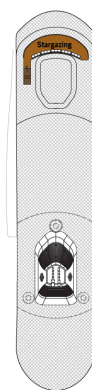
DECK 5
Beauty Spa
Fitness Centre



DECK 6



DECK 7
The Grill
Observation Lounge
Open Deck



DECK 8
Stargazing



SUITE CATEGORIES

Owner's Suite	●
Grand Suite	●
Royal Suite	●
Silver Suite	●
Medallion Suite	●
Deluxe Veranda Suite	●
Superior Veranda Suite	●
Classic Veranda Suite	●

SPECIFICATIONS

Crew	90
Officers	Ecuadorian
Guests	100
Tonnage	5,800
Length	331.4 Feet / 101 Metres
Width	52.5 Feet / 16 Metres
Speed	14 Knots
Passenger Decks	6
Connecting Suites	6
501/503, 502/504, 505/507, 506/508, 525/528*	
3rd Guest Capacity	▲
Built	2020
Registry	Ecuador

*Suites 525 and 528 are connected through a shared foyer
Deck plans are for illustration purposes only and may be subject to change.

The Galápagos All-Inclusive Experience Includes:

- 10-night Galápagos Expedition aboard *Silver Origin*
- Roundtrip Economy Air between Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands
- Two-night pre-cruise hotel stay with breakfast at Quito
- Evening tour of Quito's historic city highlights
- All transfers in Quito, Galapagos and Guayaquil
- Post-cruise hotel day room at Hotel Oro Verde in Guayaquil *
- National Park, Ingala Transit Card and portage
- Roundtrip Economy Air to Ecuador

*For guests with flights after 10pm

**Flights are available only for guests traveling from select US/Canadian gateways



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