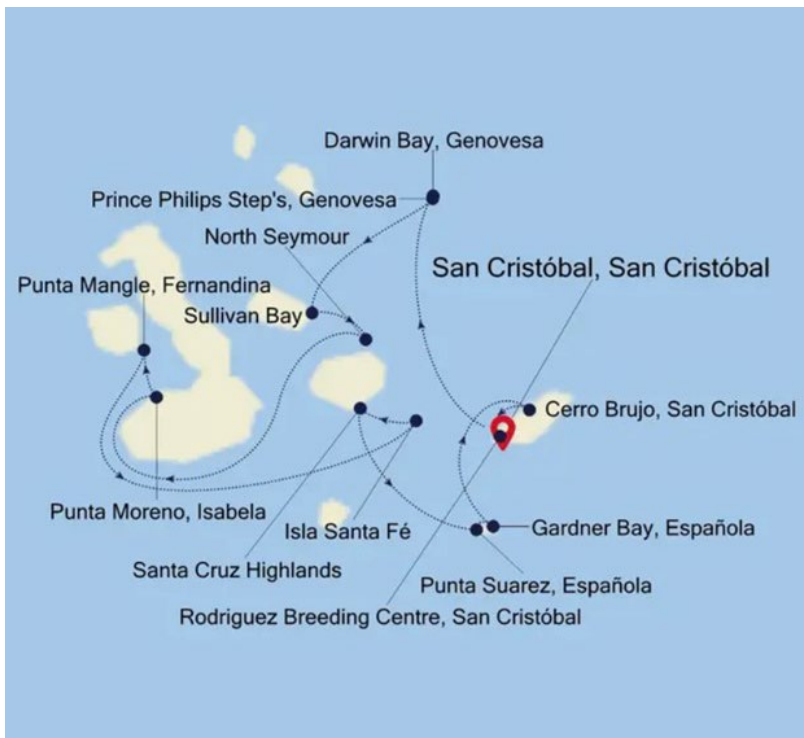


GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

NORTH-CENTRAL ISLANDS



There is a reason why we keep returning to the Galapagos Islands. They offer so much for the interested traveller; a biological wonderland that is visually stunning and educationally fascinating, the Galapagos is where time has stood still. From giant tortoises to lava tunnels, tidal pools to mangrove forests, take the journey of a lifetime and truly discover the distant islands that Darwin made famous.



DATES:

Every other Thursday Year-round

DURATION: 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

EMBARK: SAN CRISTONBAL, GALAPAGOS

DISEMBARK: SAN CRISTOBAL, GALAPAGOS

SHIP: SILVER ORIGIN

FROM: \$12,100*

**Rates vary by departure date.*

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

- 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 – THU - ARRIVE QUITO, ECUADOR.

Meet and transfer to your included deluxe hotel. Arrive earlier to explore more of this wonderful, diverse country. Visit the Amazon region and stay at a fabulous wildlife center. See the colorful birds of Ecuador's Cloud Forest near Quito. We can make all the arrangements for you.

DAY 2 – FRI - 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 – SAT - EMBARK *SILVER ORIGIN* SAN CRISTÓBAL

This morning you will be transferred to the Quito airport for your included flight to San Cristobal and the *Silver Origin*. After settling in, attending a mandatory safety drill and setting sail, you will be introduced to your Expedition Team. *Silver Origin* will then head for Kicker Rock. When approaching Kicker Rock, Blue-footed Boobies, Nazca Boobies and frigatebirds can be observed in the air, while sea lions can be seen along the shore.

DAY 4 – SUN - GENOVESA

El Barranco, Prince Philip Steps, Genovesa Island is dubbed "Bird Island", a name it lives up to in a spectacular way. Huge colonies of seabirds create a birdwatcher's paradise.

BAHÍA DARWIN

Take a walk on the sandy beach of Darwin Bay, home to one of the world's largest Red-footed Booby nesting colonies. Yellow-crowned Night Herons feed near tidal lagoons, while hundreds of Swallow-tailed Gulls nest in the cliffs.



DAY 5 — MON - NORTH SEYMOUR

North Seymour is a small up-lifted island close to Baltra filled with a spectacular profusion of wildlife — above and below the sea. Two species of frigate birds nest here; one of which, the Magnificent Frigate bird, is an opportunistic breeder. At any month of the year we may see males displaying their bright-red gular pouch to attract females.

SULLIVAN BAY - SANTIAGO

Coming ashore on the east coast of Santiago Island, we will witness the marks Nature has left on the islands through its geological forces. Our landing will be on a white sandy beach or directly onto lava — depending on the conditions. In either case we will see the lava flows that are not much older than a hundred years — dating back to 1897.



DAY 6 — TUE – PUNTA MANGLE, FERNANDINA

Among the impressive new lava fields of Fernandina Island hides a cove surrounded by mangroves. A rewarding place for bird-watching as the bay is the point where the land meets the sea, joining the two environments, with sea birds, shorebirds and land birds all in the same place.

PUNTA MORENO, ISABELA

Impressive Pahoehoe lava field that lies between two active volcanoes, Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul, on the south coast of Isabela Island. The rich waters of Cromwell Current wash the shores, and as a result, you can see the largest marine iguanas of the archipelago basking on the rocks, Flightless Cormorants and Galapagos Penguins diving for food. During the walk you will experience, as an oasis in a desert of lava, some coastal lagoons in the middle of the field, here you can find shorebirds such as White-cheeked Pintail Ducks, Black-necked Stilts and even sometimes Flamingos.

DAY 7 – WED - PUERTO AYORA (SANTA CRUZ)

Silver Origin will anchor in front of Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz, where the prestigious Charles Darwin Research Station is located. 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. To round out the stay in Puerto Ayora, enjoy free time in town where local artists have created charming art galleries and corner cafés.

ISLA SANTA FÉ

This island is home to a reptile that exists nowhere else in the world: The Santa Fe Land Iguana. A beach covered by sea lions is the beginning of our adventure where sea lions' pups welcome the visitors with their naive curiosity. Then a rocky terrain will guide us to explore the island and the view from the cliff becomes a reward by itself. View some of the tallest and the widest prickly pear cactus of the islands. Snorkel and kayak.



DAY 8 — THU - 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 9 — FRI - 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.

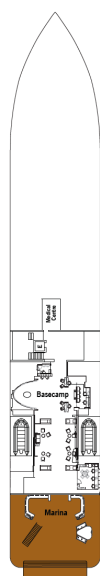
DAY 10 — SAT - CRISTÓBAL

Following breakfast, disembark *Silver Origin* for your return flight from San Cristobal Airport to Guayaquil and connect with your flight home, or to other adventures in Ecuador, Peru, or other South American attractions.

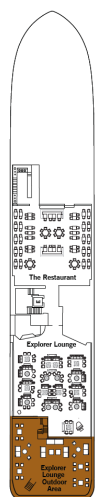


The most elegant ship ever to sail the Galapagos

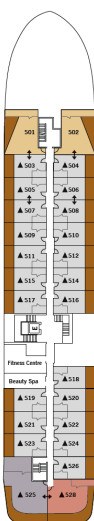
SILVER ORIGIN – Deck Plans



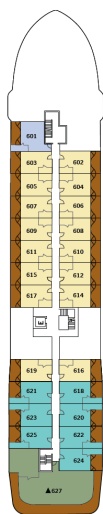
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Medical Centre
Basecamp
Marina



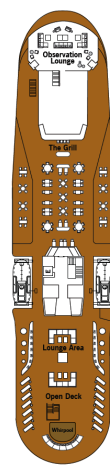
DECK 4
The Restaurant
Explorer Lounge



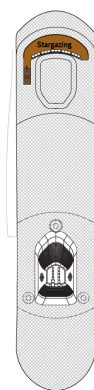
DECK 5
Beauty Spa
Fitness Centre



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	▲
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:

- 7-night Galápagos Expedition aboard *Silver Origin*
- Roundtrip Economy Air between Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands
- Two-night pre-cruise hotel stay with breakfast at the Quito JW Marriott
- 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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