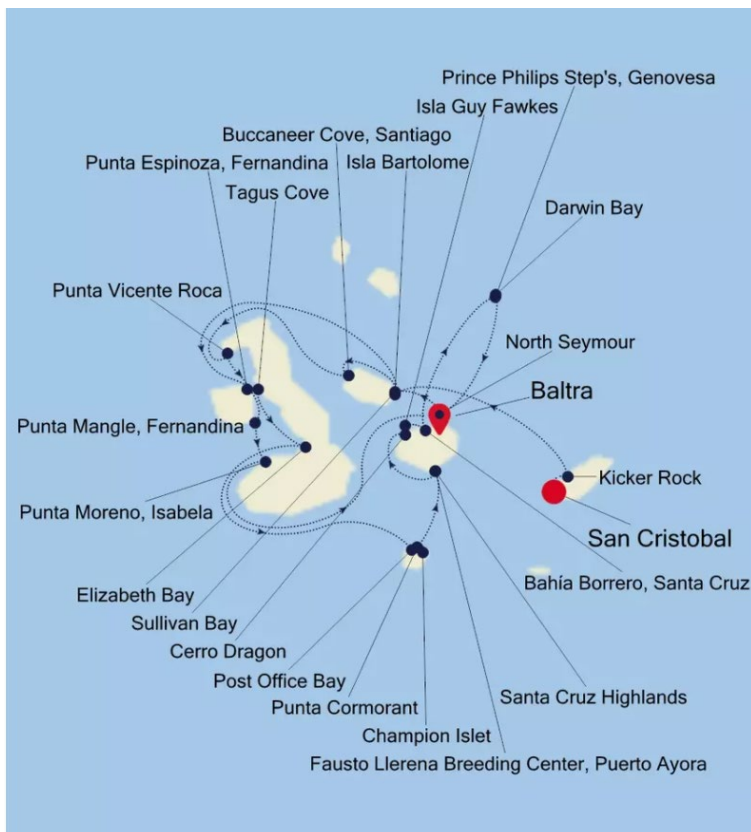


GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

SAN CRISTOBAL TO BALTRA



Join us aboard our beautiful *Silver Origin* as we explore more islands on this special 11-night Holiday Cruise, where nature has taken her evolutionary course. Enjoy learning about the strange and wonderful creatures that inhabit the islands and let our team of expert leaders guide you through the past present and future of the archipelago. If you are a traveller with both compassion and curiosity, then the Galapagos Islands are for you.



DATES: DEC 16-29, 2021

DEC 15-28, 2022

HOLIDAY CRUISE

DURATION: 14 DAYS/13 NIGHTS

EMBARK: SAN CRISTOBAL, GALAPAGOS

DISEMBARK: BALTRA, GALAPAGOS

SHIP: SILVER ORIGIN

FROM: \$17,010

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

- Walk across spectacular lava fields
- Explore tidal pools, lush mangroves and scalesia forests
- See giant tortoises, pelicans and the largest colony of marine iguanas
- Snorkel with green sea turtles, penguins, sea lions and manta rays
- Hike through fragrant forests of Palo Santo “Incense” trees
- Watch for a unique species of flightless cormorant
- Visit one of the most volcanically active places on Earth
- See wild flamingos (in season) and nesting sea turtles
- Photograph iconic Pinnacle Rock

ITINERARY

DAY 1 – THU – DEC 16 - ARRIVE QUITO, ECUADOR

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

DAY 2 – FRI – DEC 17 - 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 – DEC 18 - EMBARK *SILVER ORIGIN*-KICKER ROCK

You will transfer to your included flight to San Cristobal and the *Silver Origin*. 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. The *Silver Origin* will circumnavigate Kicker Rock, one of the most iconic features of the Galapagos Islands.

DAY 4 – DEC 19 - SUN – 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 5 — MON – DEC 20 - 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 6 — TUE – DEC 21 - 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 7 — WED — DEC 22 - 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 8 — THU — DEC 23 - 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 9 — FRI — DEC 24 - 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 10 — SAT DEC 25 - CHRISTMAS — DAY AT SEA

DAY 11 - SUN — DEC 26 - 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 12 — MON — DEC 27 - 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 red-breasted Magnificent Frigate bird.

SULLIVAN BAY - SANTIAGO

At 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 13 - TUE — DEC 28 - PUNTA MANGLE, FERNANDINA

Among the impressive new lava fields of Fernandina Island hides a cove surrounded by mangroves, a great place for bird-watching.

PUNTA MORENO, ISABELA

Here you can see the largest marine iguanas of the archipelago basking on the rocks, Flightless Cormorants and Galapagos Penguins diving for food. You can find shorebirds such as White-cheeked Pintail Ducks, Black-necked Stilts and even sometimes Flamingos.

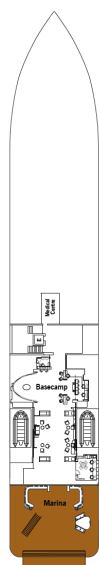
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Say goodbye to your friendly crew. You will transfer to the airport for your flight to Quayaquil, and your flight home.

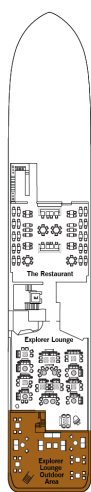


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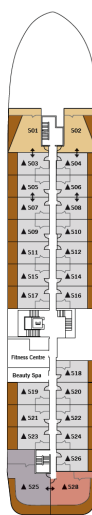
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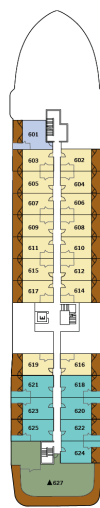
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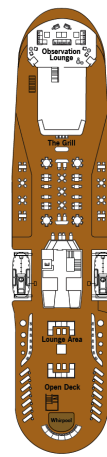
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The Restaurant
Explorer Lounge



DECK 5
Beauty Spa
Fitness Centre



DECK 6



DECK 7
The Grill
Observation Lounge
Open Deck



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	2020
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:

- 11-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 in Guayaquil as needed
- National Park, Ingala Transit Card and portage
- Roundtrip Economy Air to Ecuador from select US/Canadian gateways



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