

8 DAYS • 16 MEALS • QUITO > GUAYAQUIL • SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

CRUISING ECUADOR'S GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

Departure Date: September 26, 2028

This fascinating journey into the untouched natural wonder of the Galápagos Islands begins in Ecuador's capital city of Quito. Feel what it's like to stand in the middle of the world at the Equator Monument before boarding the *Galápagos Legend* for a four-night cruise through this extraordinary archipelago. Exotic landscapes and unique wildlife await your discovery during expertly guided shore excursions. After the cruise, return to the mainland for a city tour and overnight in Guayquil before returning home from an amazing adventure in Ecuador and its Galápagos Islands.

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Cruise through the islands for four nights aboard the *MV Galápagos Legend*

DAY 1 Depart the USA
Depart the USA on a flight to Quito, Ecuador. Enjoy a free evening to experience this amazing city on your own.

DAY 2 Quito, Ecuador
After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Quito. The first city to be named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, Quito boasts a historic center and centuries-old landmarks, dating back 500 years. Visit 'Mitad del Mundo' and the Equator Monument, which stands at 0 degrees, and feel what it's like to be standing in the middle of the world. During the included city tour, see a bull fighting ring and the gilded Spanish colonial church. This evening, enjoy the city on your own. Meals: B, L



Sea lions lounge on the red-sand beach

DAY 3 *MV Galápagos Legend*
After breakfast, board your flight for San Cristobal Island. Upon arrival, you will be met by naturalist guides who will accompany the short transfer to the *MV Galápagos Legend*. After embarkation, set sail for Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the capital of the Galápagos Islands. A dry landing brings you to the Interpretation Center which provides the perfect overview of the Galápagos, from its formation to its significance in the world, environmental threats and conservation efforts. Enjoy a hike to Frigatebird Hill with its beautiful views of the bay below, where you'll have a chance to observe both species of the frigatebird. Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4 Gardner Bay, Gardner & Osborn Islets (Española Island)
This morning, after a wet landing, visit one of the most stunning beaches in all the Galápagos. The long, white sandy beach and beautiful turquoise waters are home to a colony of Galápagos sea lions who lazily bask in the sun as you walk amongst them. Continue walking along the shoreline as the curious Hood mockingbirds, native to this particular island, eagerly inspect visitors. You may also spy Darwin's finches or a reclusive warbler finch. There is time to snorkel in the shallows of this beautiful bay, home to king angelfish, Creole fish, parrotfish, manta rays and white-tipped reef sharks. The afternoon's adventure takes you to Suarez Point, a naturalist's paradise. A host of marine iguanas and sea lions greet visitors at the dry landing site. Your walk through Punta Suarez brings you up close to endemic lizards, gulls and even a dramatic blow hole. As the oldest existing island in the archipelago, it is the only opportunity to commune with the waved albatross during their breeding season. With luck, you may be able to observe their complex courtship. Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5 Post Office, Cormorant Point, Devil's Crown (Floreana Island)
Start your day with a wet landing on the beach of Floreana Island. A very short walk leads to the famous Post Office Barrel. Claimed to have been first established in 1793 by Captain James Colnett, it remains the oldest functioning "post office" in the Pacific. Sailors frequently left addressed letters in the barrel to be picked up by homeward bound colleagues. In keeping with tradition, visitors today often take letters and hand-deliver them in their home countries.



Blue-footed boobies pose for the camera



EXCEPTIONAL INCLUSIONS

- 16 Meals: 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Pre-cruise hotel stay and touring in Quito
- Local English-speaking guides in Quito and Guayaquil
- Four-night cruise aboard the *MV Galápagos Legend*
- Two excursions per day during the cruise
- English-speaking Naturalist Guides aboard the vessel
- Complimentary snorkel gear onboard
- All meals included onboard the vessel
- Post-cruise hotel stay and touring in Guayaquil

This afternoon, a wet landing takes you to Cormorant Point. Walk past native Scalesia plants to a large, shallow lagoon that is often inhabited by pink flamingoes. Continue through a forest of Palo Santo trees and arrive at a powdery white beach, a popular nesting area for green turtles. Spot diamond stingrays and white-tipped reef sharks in the shallow water. Afterwards, return to the beach to swim or snorkel amongst sea turtles, reef fish and sea lions. You may even see the small colony of resident penguins!

Devil's Crown is a favorite snorkeling location on the island and is home to an abundance of fish and marine animals. Swim with yellow-tailed surgeonfish, salemas and Creole fish. Turtles, spotted eagle rays, parrotfish and hammerhead sharks might even pay you a visit! Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6 Dragon Hill (Santa Cruz Island):

Arriving at a small lava dock for a dry landing, the first encounter is with marine iguanas that blend in perfectly with the dark rock. Walk past large prickly pear cacti and arrive at one end of a long, sickle-shaped beach with Dragon Hill standing in the distance. Enjoy a walk along a circular path, past a shallow lake were flamingos frequently come to feed.

This afternoon, visit Mosquera Islet with a wet landing. A tiny, low-lying islet, converted into coral sand, set between the North and South Seymour Islands, it's home to a group of sea lions that rest on the soft white sand. It's an excellent spot to observe shorebirds, herons, lava gulls, and boobies. While snorkeling here, one can often see sharks, rays and barracuda. Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7 Santa Cruz Island / Guayaquil

As your cruise comes to an end, you'll be filled with wonder at the sights and sounds of the Galápagos Islands. Disembark the vessel after a dry landing and journey by coach from the coast to the dense humid forest of the mountains and the Highlands Tortoise Reserve. A variety of birds - tree and ground finches, vermillion flycatchers, paint-billed crakes, yellow warblers and cattle egrets (usually standing on the tortoises' shell!) make this their home, while the Galápagos giant tortoises are also seen meandering through pastures in their natural habitat. Continue to the Baltra airport for your flight to Guayaquil. Upon arrival, enjoy a city tour with a local guide as you visit Centenario Park dedicated to the independence and freedom of the old city. A walk through the legendary colonial district Barrio Las Peñas provides panoramic views of the city and Guayas River. While strolling along the charming river promenade, admire the Rotonda Monument dedicated to leaders of South American Independence, along with other historical landmarks and the Moorish clock tower. The tour concludes at the hotel for an evening at leisure. Meal: B

DAY 8 Guayaquil / USA

Bid a fond farewell to Ecuador and its Galápagos Islands as you transfer to the Guayaquil airport for your flight home. Return with with so many fond memories of the beauty, animal encounters and life enriching experiences of your small ship adventure. Meal: B

Itinerary and vessel are subject to change based on operating conditions

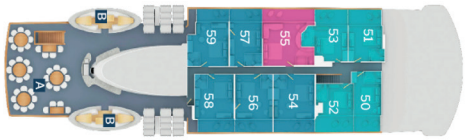
HOTEL AND CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 and 2 – Go Quito, Quito, Ecuador
Days 3 through 6 – *MV Galápagos Legend*
Day 7 – Oro Verde, Guayaquil, Ecuador

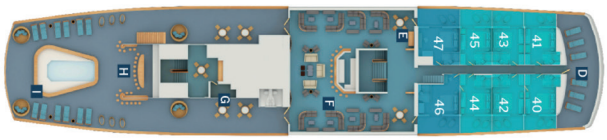
MV GALÁPAGOS LEGEND

Refurbished: 2019 **Speed:** 19.5 mph **Cabins:** 54 **Length:** 301 ft. **Crew:** 60

MOON DECK



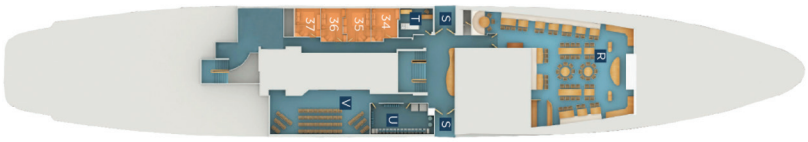
SKY DECK



EARTH DECK



SEA DECK



Public Areas and Ship Amenities

- Swimming pool and sun terrace
- Spa with 2 Jacuzzi's
- Library
- Medical Station
- Panorama Lounge
- Glass bottom boat
- Boutique
- 24 hour coffee / tea station

Standard Plus Cabin (118 ft²)

Features two port holes, lower beds, private bath, telephone service for internal, local and international calls, air conditioning, safe deposit box and hair dryer

Junior Suite (161 ft²)

Features two panoramic windows, lower beds, either two twin or one queen, private bath, telephone service for internal, local and international calls, air conditioning, safe deposit box and hair dryer

Balcony Suite (237 ft²)

Features private balcony with door, panoramic window, lower beds (either two twin or one queen), private bath, telephone service for internal, local and international calls, air conditioning, safe deposit box and hair dryer

	EARTH & SEA DECKS		EARTH DECK		SKY & MOON DECKS	
	Standard Plus Cabin		Junior Suite		Balcony Suite	
Tour Code 894GG **2028 Departure Date**	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM
September 26	$6,544	+$4,439	$7,244	+$4,899	$8,174	+$5,599

Price includes flights in Ecuador, and park licences, fees and surcharges.
Add $1800 per person for flights from OKC.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group and may not be available until airport check-in. Seat changes can only be attempted at the airport and may not be possible. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend booking air on your own rather than booking air with the group.

Passport required on this program

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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EASY ENERGETIC

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP): $619 per person (optional)
This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 121 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 120 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.

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