

JOURNEY TO THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS



JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 9, 2021

Itinerary

Day 1 - Saturday, January 30: West Palm Beach, Florida → Boscobel, Jamaica → Cartagena, Colombia 525 + 485 NM

We will meet at Signature Flight Support FBO of Palm Beach Int. (KPBI) for a briefing about the forthcoming flight.

Our flight today will bring us over Cuba before landing in Boscobel, Jamaica to refuel. We will continue on to Colombia – one of the most ethnically diverse nations in South America, for our visit to Cartagena.

Undeniably one of Latin America's most beautiful cities, Cartagena is lost somewhere in time between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries, with the Caribbean Sea as a sparkling backdrop.

Sir Francis Drake laid siege to the city but the fortress walls and cannons remain, making the area within the old walled city a living museum.

There will be time to relax before we enjoy a well-deserved welcome cocktail and dinner.

Hotel: Sofitel Santa Clara

Welcome Cocktail and Dinner included



Day 2 - Sunday, January 31: Cartagena, Colombia

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Cartagena is a city with a wealth of character and well-preserved colonial architecture. With restored mansions, horse-drawn carriages and Old World-style plazas, it is a perfect walking city.

With our local guide, we will enjoy a walking tour of the historic walled old town as we discover the hidden history of this colonial city. See Puerta Del Reloj (Clock tower entrance), a symbol of Cartagena, the Plaza San Pedro Claver with its stunning church, and Plaza Bolivar.

After lunch our tour continues with a drive to visit the impressive Castillo San Felipe. Built in the 17th century to protect the city from marauding invaders, it is the largest Spanish fortification in the Americas. Next, see the 17th century Convent of La Popa, a beautiful convent building that sits atop the highest point in the city, commanding spectacular views of the bay, old town, and Caribbean Sea beyond.

Hotel: Sofitel Santa Clara

Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 3 - Monday, February 1: Cartagena, Colombia → Guayaquil, Ecuador 795 NM

Fly to Guayaquil, Ecuador – Gateway to the Galápagos Islands. Guayaquil is Ecuador's largest city and an important trade center.

Strategically located in the downtown commercial and banking heart of the city, the Hilton Colon Guayaquil is only a short transfer from the airport.

Hotel: Hilton Colon Guayaquil

Breakfast and Dinner included



Days 4 – 7, Tuesday, February 2 to Saturday, February 6: Cruising the Galapagos aboard the “Elite Luxury Yacht



**“M/C Elite ”
5 day / 4 night cruise
Breakfast, lunch and dinner included aboard the Elite
All tours are included**

The Elite is a sleek, twin-hulled catamaran luxury yacht offering superb service, expert crew, the most knowledgeable multilingual naturalist/guides and menus that feature the very best international cuisine. Morning and afternoon sightseeing is included. There will be ample time each day to swim, snorkel and relax. Each suite has grand windows for panoramic ocean views, and a private outdoor balcony.

Day 4 – Tuesday, February 2: Guayaquil, Ecuador → Baltra, Galápagos

Morning: Embarkation

Today we will fly via commercial airline (ticket not included) to Baltra in the Galápagos. Upon arrival we will transfer to our vessel.

Afternoon: Charles Darwin Research Station

The Charles Darwin Research Station provides an unmissable opportunity to find out about the vital work that is being carried out to preserve the archipelago’s ecosystems.

One element of this is a significant breeding program for Galápagos tortoises, whose numbers have been in decline since the 1970’s. These captivating enormous reptiles are very accustomed to humans, so be sure to bring your camera for some close-ups.

Luxury Yacht M/C Elite

Lunch and Dinner included



- *Cozy Bar Salon*
- *Social areas feature extended outdoor balconies*
- *Suites with private outdoor balconies and panoramic sliding glass doors*
- *Two panoramic doors to access the Main Areas*

- *Golden Suites*
- *Al Fresco Dining Area*
- *Skydeck Whirlpool and Exterior bar*
- *Blended partially covered sky deck and Al-fresco space*
- *180 degree Panoramic View from interior lounge*



Day 5 – Wednesday, February 3:

Morning: Prince Philip's Steps/El Barranco

El Barranco, also known as Prince Philip's Steps, is a rocky stairway that will lead you past a colony of Nazca and red-footed boobies up to a plateau of dried lava. Continuing through the thin Palo Santo forest and looking out over the plain, visitors are often treated to sites of storm petrels launching out over the ocean.

A panga ride or kayaking/paddle boarding along the edge of the cliffs provides a good chance to see the elusive Galápagos fur seals nestled on the rocks. Snorkeling is a great activity if you fancy a dip with a variety of shark species.



Afternoon: Genovesa – Darwin Bay

Darwin Bay has a small sand and coral beach that provides the perfect spot for snorkeling, kayaking or paddle boarding in calm, sheltered waters in the company of hammerhead sharks, rays and a plethora of colorful reef fish. Onshore, a short trail leads along a tidal lagoon and mangroves, home to a variety of land bird species, including Nazca and red-footed boobies and swallow-tailed gulls.

The trail culminates at a viewpoint that offers a stunning view overlooking the cliffs and the bay below.

Luxury Yacht M/C Elite

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



Day 6 – Thursday, February 4:

Morning: Santiago - Espumilla Beach / Buccaneer Cove

Espumilla beach, located on the northern coast of Santiago island, is an exquisite white sand beach, whose name refers to the meringue-like trails of foam left by the lapping of the waves. Sally Lightfoot crabs are in abundance here and as a result, it is common to see predatory birds such as hawks, herons and pelicans.

This idyllic location is perfect for snorkeling or kayaking/paddle boarding amongst a raft of marine life, including species of octopus, eels and sharks. Buccaneer Cove has an interesting history as it is where sailors, buccaneers and whalers frequently anchored their vessels in search for food and water. In more recent times, it has become an important nesting site for turtles and is also popular with sea lions.

A panga ride along the eroded shoreline provides views of intriguing rock formations that provide excellent ledges for boobies, pelicans and gulls.

Afternoon: Egas Port

Egas Port was once the site of a salt mine, but now this impressive black sand beach is an excellent location for snorkeling and observing shorebirds, Sally Lightfoot crabs and marine iguanas.

A stroll along the wide trails inland leads you past tidal pools and rocky volcanic formations known as grottoes where it is possible to spot fur seals enjoying a spot of shade.

Luxury Yacht M/C Elite

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Day 7 – Friday, February 5:

Morning: Santa Cruz - Bachas Beach

Bachas Beach is a glorious white sand beach on which the remnants of a rusted barge, thought to have been abandoned by the Americans during WWI, can be seen. It is a popular nesting site for turtles, so if you go for a snorkel, you might find yourself sharing the water with these wonderful creatures.

The beach is also full of vibrant Sally Lightfoot and hermit crabs and elegant pink flamingos that frequent the salt water lagoon behind.

Afternoon: Twin craters and the Highlands of Santa Cruz

The best way to appreciate these remarkable, almost identical crater-like holes, caused by the collapse of empty lava chambers, is to take the trail that leads up and around the rims.

From this vantage point, one can revel in the beauty of the surrounding highlands, lush with ferns and an abundance of Scalesia trees.

Here, Bird enthusiasts can also enjoy spotting the distinct red feathers of Vermilion Flycatchers, Darwin's finches, Galapagos doves and, with a bit of luck, an endemic short-ear owl.

Luxury Yacht M/C Elite

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Day 8 – Saturday, February 6: San Cristobal → Guayaquil, Ecuador

Morning: San Cristobal - Kicker Rock

Kicker Rock, is an iconic feature of the Galápagos that has been formed over time by the erosion of the cone of an extinct volcano.

The channel that runs between two imposing shards of rock is often described as one of the most thrilling sites for snorkeling and diving where it is common to see spotted eagle rays, sea turtles, marine iguanas, Galápagos sharks and even hammerhead sharks.

Our time aboard the Elite comes to an end. We disembark on San Cristobal Island, where we will transfer to the airport to take the commercial flight (not included) to Guayaquil.

Upon arrival to Guayaquil, we transfer to the Hilton Colon Guayaquil.

Hotel: Hilton Colon Guayaquil

Breakfast and Dinner included





Day 9 - Sunday, February 7: Guayaquil, Ecuador → Panama City, Panama 665 NM

We will retrieve our planes and fly to Panama. Enjoy a scenic approach to Panama City including a beautiful view of the Panama Canal.

Hotel: Waldorf Astoria
Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 10 – Monday, February 8: Panama City, Panama

After breakfast we will depart for our full-day sightseeing tour including a one-hour tour on the Panama Canal with the pleasure to enjoy the vegetation and wildlife (monkeys).

Continue to the Miraflores Lock where you will be able to watch ships entering the lock and discover the new museum where you will have the opportunity to enter the Lock on a simulator. A buffet lunch will be served at the Miraflores Restaurant offering a great view of the canal.

In the afternoon, we will continue our tour including the Old City with the most important sites.

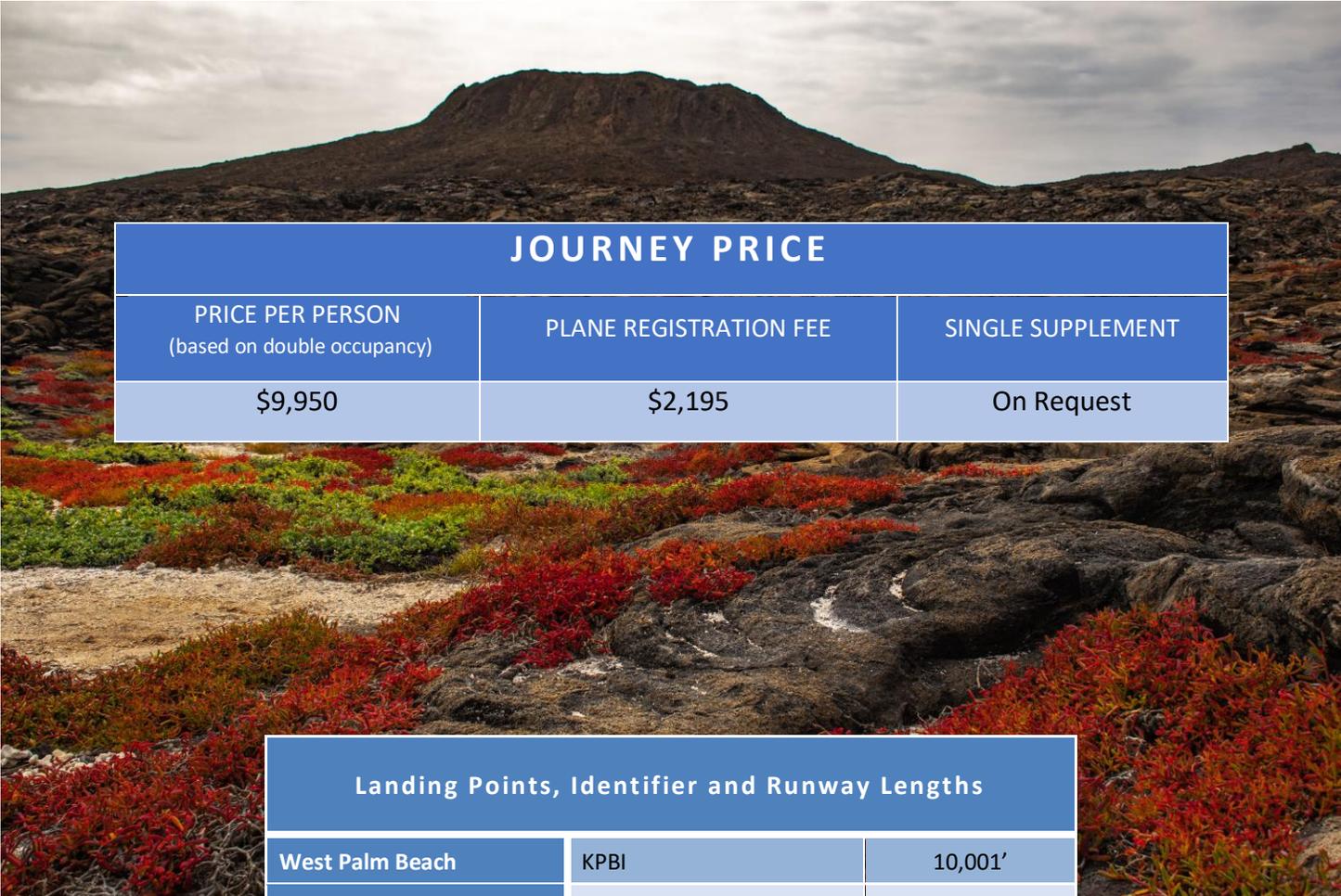
Hotel: Waldorf Astoria
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Day 11 – Tuesday, February 9: Panama City, Panama → Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands → Key West, Florida → Home 625 + 315 + NM

We will transfer to the airport and fly to Key West to clear US Customs. There will be an optional technical stop in Grand Cayman to refuel.

Breakfast included





JOURNEY PRICE

PRICE PER PERSON (based on double occupancy)	PLANE REGISTRATION FEE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$9,950	\$2,195	On Request

Landing Points, Identifier and Runway Lengths

West Palm Beach	KPBI	10,001'
Boscobel	MKBS	4,769'
Cartagena	SKCG	8,500'
Guayaquil	SEGU	9,154'
Panama City	MPMG	5,906'
Grand Cayman	MWCR	7,021'
Key West	KEYW	4,801'



TERMS & CONDITIONS

Our land program includes:

- All accommodations in hotels listed or similar categories based on double occupancy
- Meals: All breakfasts and most lunches and dinners
- All meals aboard the ship as well as tours (morning and afternoon)
- Wine selected by Air Journey is included with dinner. All other beverages are not included.
- Tips aboard the ship
- \$120 Galapagos National Park entrance fee
- Return transfers between airport and hotel
- All sightseeing, hotel taxes, gratuities and guide services as in indicated in itinerary
- A full time Air Journey pilot escort

Our land program does not include:

- Airport departure taxes and landing fees
- Airline ticket for round-trip flight between Guayaquil – Baltra – Guayaquil
- Beverages except as noted above
- Personal expenses such as laundry, room service, communication charges and other incidentals

Please note that hotel accommodations and sightseeing are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Air Journey reserves the right to amend the order of sightseeing as necessary. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. (As Galapagos authorities decide the ships itinerary, it may be subject to change.)

Our quoted prices include planning, handling and operational charges; they are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs and taxes as of August 2018. Air Journey reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets.

Passports are mandatory for the Journey.

Air Journey has quoted this itinerary with a minimum participation of 5 planes.

The Registration fee includes:

- Extensive Navigation log (airports, route, frequencies, information of airspace, nav-aids, reporting points, international flight plan) tailored for each aircraft;
- Flight plans and eAPIS manifest (departure and arrival) filed on your behalf;
- Pilot briefing prior to each day's flight;
- Weather website with constant updates showing TAF, METAR, Wind Aloft, prognostic forecast and review;
- Fuel availability confirmed along the route of flight;
- Flight bag and collared, cotton shirt for the pilot with his name and aircraft tail number embroidered on the upper front. Shirts are available for passengers and crew at an additional cost.

Cancellation, refunds:

- a) **Cancellation by the client:** Is always required in writing and is subject to the following schedule of dates, whereby some or all moneys paid will be retained:
 - i) Given outside of 151 days of departure: AJ retains the initial deposit of \$1,000 per person
 - ii) Between 151 and 120 days of departure: AJ retains 50% of the tour cost & the registration fee
 - iii) Between 119 and 90 days of departure: AJ retains 75% of the tour cost & the registration fee
 - iv) 89 days or less or No show of departure: AJ retains 100% of the tour cost & the registration fee
- b) **Cancellation by AJ:** Should AJ cancel the tour after deposits have been received due to fewer than the minimum participants required, the full deposit will be refunded. Should AJ cancel the tour at any time due to factors beyond their control (including war, flood, force of nature, riot, civil action), they will refund the client whatever portion of moneys are reimbursed by ground operators and accommodation suppliers.

Survival equipment is available for rental on a daily basis and will be waiting for you at our departure point. Contact us for details. Life vests are mandatory. A survival raft is recommended.

Travel and Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended and not included in the package. It can be purchased from Air Journey for approximately 6% of the cost of the Journey. The actual cost is based on a person's state of residency, birth date and amount covered. Contact Anais (561 841-1551 ext. 3) at Air Journey for more details.