

JOURNEY TO THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

MARCH 24 – APRIL 6, 2021

Itinerary

Day 1 - Wednesday, March 24: West Palm Beach, Florida

➔ **Tikal, Guatemala**

800 NM

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

Our flight today will take us directly into Tikal. Once clearing customs, we will transfer to our all-in-one hotel, museum, and spa, Las Lagunas. Located within a private reserve, we will find ourselves in the heart of Maya world.

The rest of the day is yours to relax and enjoy the exclusive experiences this private reserve offers. The hotel offers a daily afternoon expedition that will take you for an ATV ride around the property. You will be able to get a good overview and feel of the preserve, by land.

This evening we will gather for a welcome cocktail and dinner.

Hotel: Las Lagunas Boutique Hotel, Museum and Spa, Tikal
Dinner included





Day 2 - Thursday, March 25: Tikal, Guatemala

After breakfast we will head out for a day of discovery. Tikal translates to “City of Echoes”. It is one of the largest archaeological sites and urban centers of the pre-Columbian Maya civilization. Situated in the department of El Petén, the site is part of Guatemala’s Tikal National Park, which in 1979 was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Tikal is the best understood of any of the large lowland Maya cities, with a long list of dynasty rulers, the discovery of many of their tombs, monuments, temples, and palaces.

We will enjoy lunch together at the Jungle Lodge, a hotel located just minutes from the Tikal center plaza.

Once our time at the Tikal Ruins comes to an end, you are free to explore on your own or enjoy more of what our hotel has to offer. With five lagoons and Monkey Island located within one of those, there’s a lot to take in

This evening before dinner we will meet for a pilot’s briefing for tomorrow’s flight.

Hotel: Las Lagunas Boutique Hotel, Museum and Spa, Tikal
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Day 3 - Friday, March 26: Tikal, Guatemala → Liberia, Costa Rica 455 NM

Fly to Liberia, Costa Rica, once clearing customs, we will transfer to the Peninsula Papagayo for our stay at the magnificent Four Seasons.

Located on a hillside, it is perched overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The resort is a center point for endless adventures and a place where you will most certainly find your “Pura Vida”.

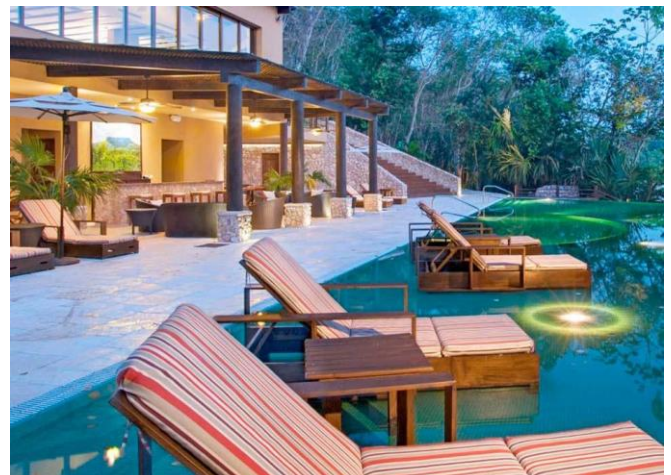
Hotel: Four Seasons, Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo
Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 4 - Saturday, March 27: Liberia, Costa Rica

After breakfast we will board our private Catamaran to sail past and explore the beauty that surrounds this part of Costa Rica. There will be opportunities for swimming and snorkeling. After lunch together, we will head back to our hillside-nestled paradise. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure.

Hotel: Four Seasons, Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

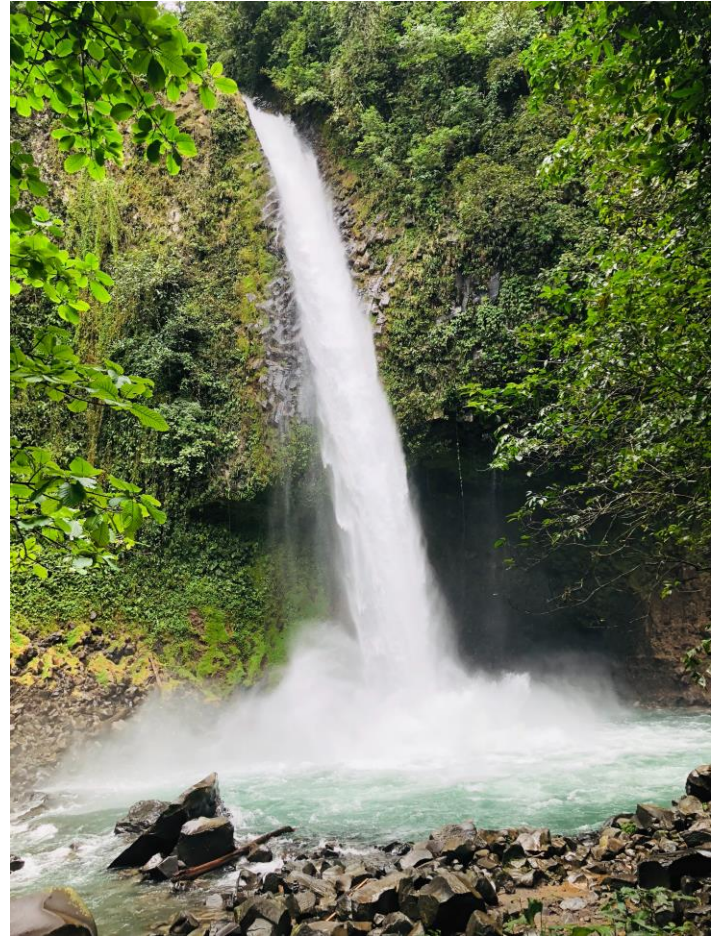


Day 5 - Sunday, March 28: Liberia, Costa Rica

Today is yours to enjoy at your leisure.

This evening before dinner we will meet for a pilot's briefing for tomorrow's flight.

Hotel: Four Seasons Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo
Breakfast and Dinner included



**Day 6 - Monday, March 29: Liberia, Costa Rica →
Guayaquil, Ecuador 835 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 7 – 10, Tuesday, March 30 to Friday, April 2:
Cruising the Galápagos 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 7 – Tuesday, March 30: 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.

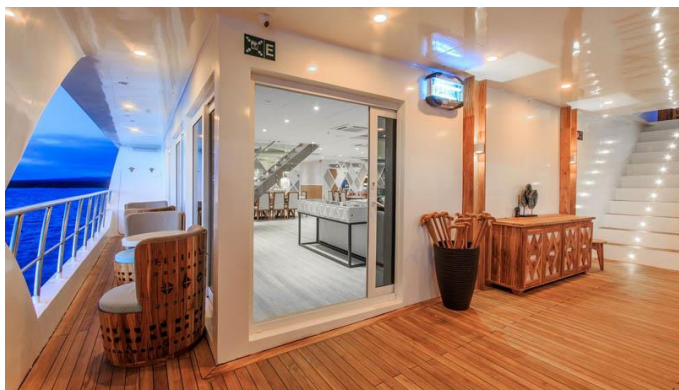
Luxury Yacht M/C Elite

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 8 – Wednesday, March 31:

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, and 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 9 – Thursday, April 1:

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 10 – Friday, April 2:

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 11 – Saturday, April 3: 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.

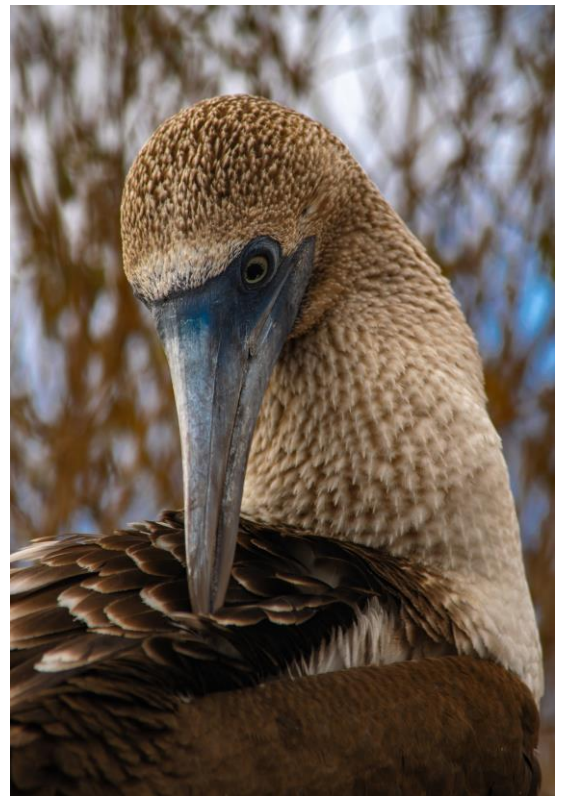
Our time aboard the Elite comes to an end. We disembark on San Cristobal island, where we will transfer to the airport to take the commercial flight (not included) to Guayaquil.

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

This evening before dinner we will meet for a pilot's briefing for tomorrow's flight.

Hotel: Hilton Colon Guayaquil

Breakfast and Dinner included





**Day 12 - Sunday, April 4: 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 14 – Tuesday, April 6: Panama City, Panama → Grand
Cayman, Cayman Islands → West Palm Beach, Florida →
Home 625 + 445 + NM**

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

Breakfast included

Day 13 – Monday, April 5: 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).

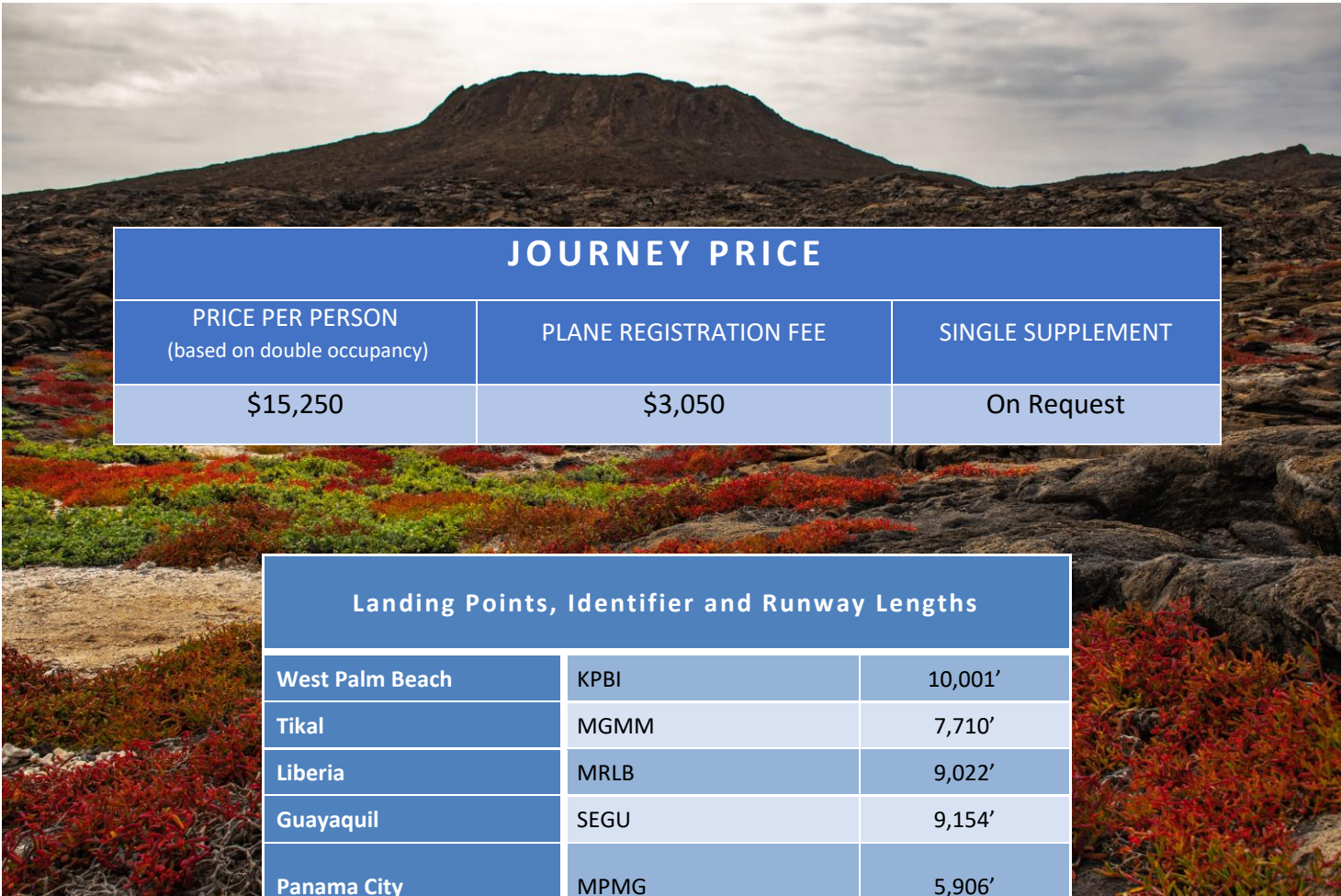
We will continue to the Miraflores Lock where you will be able to watch ships entering the lock and discover the new museum where you will have the opportunity to enter the Lock on a simulator. A buffet lunch will be served at the Miraflores Restaurant offering a great view of the canal.

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

This evening before dinner we will meet for a pilot's briefing for tomorrow's flight.

Hotel: Waldorf Astoria
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included





| JOURNEY PRICE | | |
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| PRICE PER PERSON (based on double occupancy) | PLANE REGISTRATION FEE | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT |
| \$15,250 | \$3,050 | On Request |

| Landing Points, Identifier and Runway Lengths | | |
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| West Palm Beach | KPBI | 10,001’ |
| Tikal | MGMM | 7,710’ |
| Liberia | MRLB | 9,022’ |
| Guayaquil | SEGU | 9,154’ |
| Panama City | MPMG | 5,906’ |
| Grand Cayman | MWCR | 7,021’ |
| West Palm Beach | KPBI | 10,001’ |



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 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.