

# Air Journey's Journey to the Galapagos Islands

March 16 - 29, 2022



**Duration:** 13 nights / 14 days

**Total Distance:** 3,825 Nautical Miles

**Cost:** \$ 16,475 per person (double occupancy)

\$ 3,295 plane registration fee

*Single supplement available upon request*



# Itinerary



**Day 1 - Wednesday, March 16: West Palm Beach, Florida (KPBI) ➔ Tikal, Guatemala (MGMM) 800 NM**

Air Journey along with your Journey Director will greet you at Signature Flight Support FBO at Palm Beach International Airport this morning for a briefing about our 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.

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

**Hotel:** Las Lagunas Boutique Hotel  
*Welcome Cocktail and Dinner included*

**Day 2 - Thursday, March 17: 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





**Day 3 - Friday, March 18: Tikal, Guatemala (MGMM) ➔ Liberia, Costa Rica (MRLB) 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 Resort.

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 Papagayo  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*



**Day 4 - Saturday, March 19: Liberia, Costa Rica**

After breakfast we will board our private Catamaran and explore the beauty that surrounds this part of Costa Rica. There will be opportunities for swimming and snorkeling.

After lunch, we will head back to our hillside-nestled paradise.

The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure.

**Hotel:** Four Seasons Papagayo  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*





**Day 5 – Sunday, March 20: Liberia, Costa Rica**

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own. Enjoy guided or unguided on-site activities like snorkeling, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, hiking, bird watching, cycling and more.

Rejuvenate with morning meditation, sound healing and breathing workshops, four types of yoga, HIIT and Sculpt Barre classes at the Hotel.

We will gather this evening for our pilot's briefing for tomorrow's flight followed by dinner.

**Hotel:** Four Seasons Papagayo  
Breakfast and Dinner included

**Day 6 – Monday, March 21: Liberia, Costa Rica (MRLB)  
Guayaquil , Ecuador (SEGU) 835 NM**

Fly to Guayaquil, Ecuador – Gateway to the Galápagos Islands. Upon arrival, we will transfer to Hotel del Parque, located just 10 minutes from the airport.

The hotel provides easy access to area attractions such as the colorful Las Peñas neighborhood, Catedral Metropolitana de Guayaquil, Isla Santay, and the Museo Antropológico y de Arte Contemporáneo.

After we have settled in, we will go for a short city tour exploring these nearby places.

**Hotel:** Hotel Del Parque  
Breakfast and Dinner included





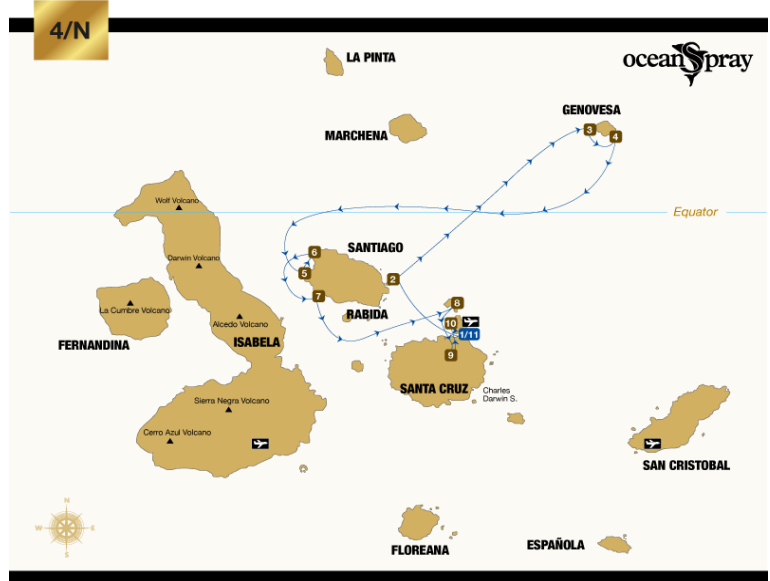
**Day 7 - 10: Tuesday, March 22 to Saturday, March 26: Cruising the Galapagos Islands**

***“Ocean Spray Galapagos Luxury Catamaran ”***

**5 day / 4 night cruise**

***Breakfast, lunch and dinner included aboard - All tours are included***

The *Galapagos Luxury mega catamaran M/C Ocean Spray* is one of the best designed catamarans in the Galapagos Islands. The elegant design features a large and spacious shaded sundeck; a 4 passenger Jacuzzi on the Sky Deck; spacious cabins, each with a private balcony; and Al Fresco dining.



**Day 7 – Tuesday, March 22: Guayaquil, Ecuador Baltra, Galapagos—Bartholomew Island, Pinnacle Rock**

Today we will fly via commercial airline (ticket not included) to Baltra in the Galapagos.

Upon arrival, we will clear immigration and transfer from Baltra Airport and board the luxury catamaran M/C Ocean Spray, our home for the next few days as we explore the Galapagos Islands.

We sail on to Pinnacle Rock, a volcanic cone formed by magma expelled by an underwater volcano. This huge rock of many, many layers of basalt was formed by the many pieces formed together, as the sea cooled the hot lava and it exploded from contact.

The huge rock also houses a beach where a small population of green sea turtles will nest during breeding season. Galapagos penguins are known to gather here. We will have the opportunity to swim and snorkel and take in the beautiful sights of colorful schools of fish and curious sea lions.

**Hotel:** M/C Ocean Spray Luxury Catamaran  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*

**Day 8 – Wednesday, March 23: Genovesa Island, Darwin Bay / El Barranco**

In the morning, we will take an excursion to Darwin Bay which used to be a shield volcano. Now you can see where one of the sides of its caldera collapsed after hundreds of years of erosion.

The island is known for the wide variety of birds that can be observed. Over 20,000 red – footed boobies are estimated to call this island home within the trees and bushes of Genovesa Island. Snorkeling in this calm bay is part of our activity today!

In the afternoon, we will trail towards El Barranco. This site is also known as Prince Phillip's Steps. It leads to a rocky path up a cliff that will reward you with an incredibly remarkable view.

This is also home to Palo Santo forest, a nesting place of sea birds such as red- footed boobies, Storm Petrels, and Nazca boobies. The panga ride along the cliffs will offer many nice spots to take pictures.

**Hotel:** M/C Ocean Spray Luxury Catamaran  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included





## Day 9 – Thursday, March 24: Santiago Island, Espumilla Beach / Buccaneer Cove

This morning, we will sail to Buccaneer Cove in Espumilla Beach. As the second Island Charles Darwin discovered, it was originally named after King James of England.

A short walk on the beach will take us to Buccaneer Cove, once a refuge for passing sailors and pirates. As we take our short walk, keep an eye out for Marine iguanas and sally lightfoot crabs. This is an excellent opportunity for snorkeling. The underwater formations provide an amazing home for the many different tropical species of fish that can be found here.

In the afternoon, our excursion continues to Egas Port in Santiago. Egas Port is also known as James Bay, home to quick-footed Galapagos lava lizards, colonies of fur sea lions, oyster-catchers, and marine iguanas. This is also considered one of the best snorkeling sites in the Galapagos to be among sea turtles and a greater variety of tropical fish.

**Hotel:** M/C Ocean Spray Luxury Catamaran



## Day 10 – Friday, March 25: North Seymour Island

This morning we arrive in and explore North Seymour Island, named after English nobleman, Lord Hugh Seymour. The formation of this island is due to submarine lava rich in layers of sediment, uplifted by tectonic activity.

This island is characterized by its arid vegetation zone and is home to a huge colony of about 2,500 land iguanas and large populations of sea lions, blue-footed boobies, common noddies, and frigatebirds.

Along the coast, we will be able to see land and marine iguanas, as well as the biggest colony of Magnificent Frigatebirds.

After lunch, our journey continues to The Highlands of Santa Cruz. This site is very interesting due to the rich wildlife, fills, ferns, volcanoes, and lava tubes present. Exploring the lava tubes is a surreal and unique experience.

Here you can see all the different agricultural zones that are present in the Galapagos in one place.

The sheer variety of birds, makes this a bird watchers delight!

**Hotel:** M/C Ocean Spray Luxury Catamaran  
**Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included**

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## Day 11 – Saturday, March 26: Mosquera Islet - Baltra Airport ➔ Guayaquil, Ecuador (commercial flight)

This morning we will cruise to Mosquera Islet, located between the islands of Baltra and North Seymour. It is a reef of rocks and coral, the result of an uprising, and a great white sand beach. At its most narrow width, it reaches about 160 meters and has an estimated length of 600 meters.

Throughout most of the perimeter there is a base of lava rocks, as evidence of the lava uprising, with the exception of the southwest side, where we land.

This island has one of the largest populations of sea lions. You can also observe several species of shorebirds.

There have been occasional reports at this site of Orcas feeding on sea lions.

At the end of our tour, we will disembark and head to Baltra airport for our commercial flight to Guayaquil. Upon arrival to Guayaquil, we transfer to the Hotel Del Parque.





**Day 12 – Sunday, March 27: Guayaquil, Ecuador (SEGU) ➔ Panama City, Panama (MPMG) 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 13 – Monday, March 28: 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.

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

**Day 14 – Tuesday, March 29: Panama City, Panama (MPPG) ➔ Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (MWCR) ➔ West Palm Beach, Florida (KPBI) 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.





JOURNEY PRICE			
PRICE PER PERSON (based on double occupancy)	PLANE REGISTRATION FEE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	COVID Test Antigen Day Before Journey (per person)
\$16,475	\$3,295	On Request	\$199

Landing Points, Identifier and Runway Lengths		
West Palm Beach FL	KPBI	10,001'
Tikal	MGTK	9,850'
Liberia	MRLB	9012'
Guayaquil	SEGU	9,154'
Panama City	MPMG	10,006'
Grand Cayman	MWCR	7,021'





## Terms and Conditions

### Our land program includes:

- Presence of an Air Journey tour leader who will facilitate clearances, Immigration, refueling, flight planning, and provide help with any difficulty that might arise
- Accommodation based on double occupancy
- All Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All Meals aboard the ship as well as tours (morning and afternoon)
- Tips aboard the ship.
- \$120 Galapagos National park entrance fee.
- Wine selected by Air journey is included with dinner. All other beverages are not included.
- Welcome cocktail
- Round trip transfers between airport and hotel
- Tours and admission to all planned group sightseeing
- All service charges and taxes
- Customs expediting
- Customs and Immigration forms (filled by Air Journey when possible)

### Our land program does not include:

- Travel Insurance (available, call us for details)
- Airline ticket for round-trip flight between Guayaquil – Baltra – Guayaquil
- Airport departure taxes & landing fees
- Beverages except as noted above
- Personal expenses such as laundry, room service, communication charges and other incidentals.
- Covid Related Testing

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.

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

### 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, aircraft tail number embroidered on the upper front.

### Cancellation, refunds:

- **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:
  - \* Given outside of 180 days of departure: AJ retains deposit per person and plane registration fee
  - \* Between 180 and 121 days of departure: AJ retains 25% of program price and plane registration fee
  - \* Between 120 and 91 days of departure: AJ retains 50% of program price and plane registration fee
  - \* Between 90 and 61 days of departure: AJ retains 75% of program price and plane registration fee
  - \* 60 days or less from departure: AJ retains 100% of the program price and plane registration fee
- **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, disease, riot, civil action), they will refund the client whatever portion of moneys are reimbursed by ground operators and accommodation suppliers.

### Valid Passports are mandatory for this Journey.

\*\*Our quoted prices include planning, handling and operational charges; they are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs and taxes as of March 2021.

Air Journey reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets.

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

### Travel and Cancellation Insurance

Travel and Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended and not included in the package but it can be purchased from Air Journey. There are varying packages available. The price is based on a person's state of residency, birth date and amount covered. Contact Anais ([561 841-1551 ext. 3](tel:5618411551)) at Air Journey for more details and to provide you with a quote.

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