



# AIR JOURNEY

JOURNEY TO THE  
**GALAPAGOS**  
**ISLANDS**

**DECEMBER 07-17, 2023**

**3**

COUNTRIES

**11**

DAYS  
10 NIGHTS

**3,435**

NAUTICAL  
MILES

# THE ROUTE

JOURNEY TO THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS | DECEMBER 2023

COLOMBIA | ECUADOR | GALAPAGOS ISLANDS | PANAMA



## JOURNEY PRICE

PRICE PER PERSON  
(DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

**\$13,345**

PLANE  
REGISTRATION FEE

**\$3,495**

SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

Available  
upon request

# ITINERARY & ACCOMMODATIONS

## AT A GLANCE

- DAY 1-2** • CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA  
🏨 *SOFITEL SANTA CLARA*
- DAY 3** • GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR  
🏨 *HOTEL DEL PARQUE*
- DAY 4-7** • GALAPAGOS ISLANDS  
🏨 *ENDEMIC LUXURY YACHT*
- DAY 8** • GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR  
🏨 *HOTEL DEL PARQUE*
- DAY 9-10** • PANAMA CITY, PANAMA  
🏨 *SOFITEL CASCO VIEJO*
- DAY 11** • KEY WEST, FL. - HOME

# HIGHLIGHTS

## THE AIR JOURNEY EXPERIENCE



LUXURY  
GALAPAGOS CRUISE



WILDLIFE  
ENCOUNTERS



UPSCALE  
HOTELS



PRIVATE  
TOURS



FINE  
DINING



FULLY-GUIDED  
EXPERIENCE



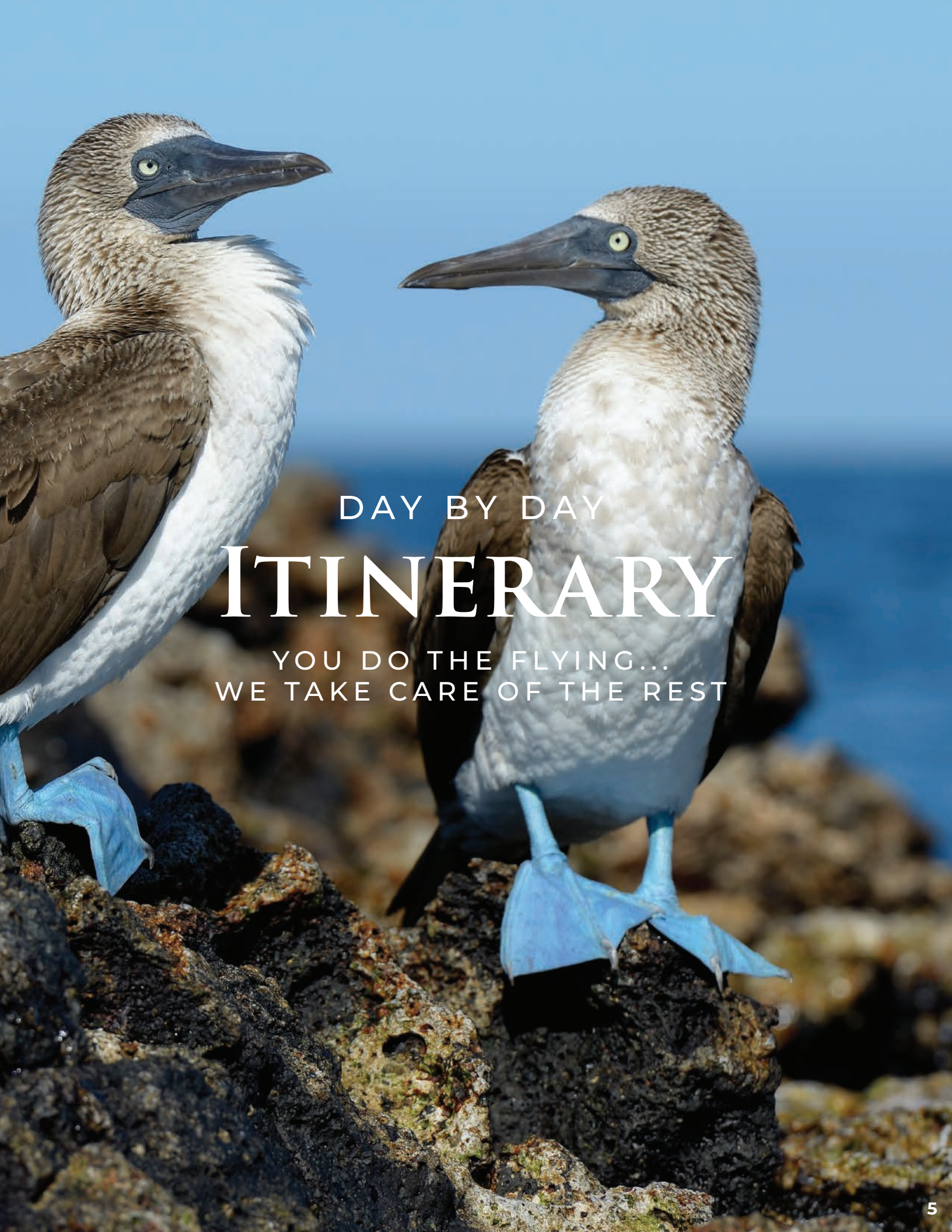
FLIGHT  
PLANNING



### SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Enjoy a guided walking tour of Cartagena's Walled City and see its colorful streets, its restored mansions and its charming colonial architecture.
- ▶ Cruise for four nights in the Galapagos Islands aboard the Endemic Luxury Yacht, a stylish, 16-guest expedition vessel.
- ▶ Experience some of the most intimate and up-close wildlife encounters in the world, both on land and in the water.
- ▶ Explore the Galapagos on shore excursions that include guided nature walks, and choose from activities such as kayaking and snorkeling.
- ▶ Discover the Panama Canal & the Miraflores Locks and enjoy the new navigation simulator.





DAY BY DAY

# ITINERARY

YOU DO THE FLYING...  
WE TAKE CARE OF THE REST



**DAY 1 | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 07**

✈️ 1,035 NM

**STUART, FL, US (KSUA) → CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA (SKCG)**



Air Journey along with your Journey Director will greet you at Atlantic Aviation FBO at Stuart International Airport.

Our flight today will bring us over Cuba before landing in Boscobel (Jamaica) to refuel. We will then 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.

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

 Sofitel Santa Clara  
 Welcome Cocktail and Dinner Included

**DAY 2 | FRIDAY, DECEMBER 08**

**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’ll enjoy a walking tour of the historic walled old town as we discover the hidden history of this colonial city. We’ll 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.

 Sofitel Santa Clara  
 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included





**DAY 3 | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 09** ✈️ 795 NM

**CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA (SKCG) → GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR (SEGU)**

Fly to Guayaquil, Ecuador – gateway to the Galapagos Islands. Guayaquil is Ecuador’s largest city and an important trade center. 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 colourful Las Peñas neighbourhood, 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. Ecuador’s “four worlds” of attractions and experiences such as The colonial city of Cuenca, the stunning “Avenue of the Volcanoes,” rides aboard the historic railroad, or the pristine beaches along the Pacific Coast’s “Ruta del Sol” are also within easy reach, visited by only a very few.

-  Hotel del Parque
-  Breakfast and Dinner Included

**DAY 4 | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10** COMMERCIAL FLIGHT NOT INCLUDED


**GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR → BALTRA, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS → SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: DRAGON HILL**

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

Upon arrival, transfer to Dragon Hill which is located in the north-western part of Santa Cruz island. Here you will have the opportunity to walk into the island and view the land of iguana.

Be among these magnificent reptiles, that just a few decades ago were on the brink of extinction. Moreover, at Dragon Hill you will see a flamingos’ lagoon, pintail ducks and other endemic birds including flycatchers and warblers.

After a short trek, an amazing view awaits us up the hill. At the end of the tour we will board the luxury yacht Endemic - our home for the next few days as we explore the Galapagos Islands.

-  Endemic Luxury Yacht
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

# ENDEMIC LUXURY YACHT

## Galapagos Cruise

The Galapagos Endemic is a sleek 16 passengers twin-hulled yacht, designed and built to cruise the cerulean waters of the Galapagos Islands.

With spacious cabins, sophisticated public areas, professional staff and unforgettable food, the Endemic is the ultimate way to see the Enchanted Islands in style and comfort. eagle, enjoying the tranquility of the Amazon basin.

Includes all meals while onboard, all excursions and all beverages (alcoholic & non-alcoholic except premium brands).







## DAY 5 | MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

### GALAPAGOS ISLANDS: CRUISE KICKER ROCK → SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND

In the morning, the first spot to be visited is Kicker Rock, an impressive geological formation due to erosion. This is a nesting place of sea birds and a nice spot to take pictures while the vessels circumnavigate around the rock.

The next attraction to see is Witch Hill, a tuff cone hill located south west from San Cristobal. This name comes from the Spanish name of the bird known in English as Vermilion Flycatcher.

A zodiac ride will take passengers into amazing rock formations along the island shore. A white sand beach and crystal – clear waters are part of this enchanted location. Fantastic opportunity for snorkeling.

In the afternoon, you will be taken to Lobos Island, where a small population of blue – footed boobies, frigates, marine iguanas, and great frigate birds nesting can be observed. Snorkeling with sea lions in this calm bay is also part of the excursion.



Endemic Luxury Yacht

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included



## DAY 6 | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

### GALAPAGOS ISLANDS: OSBORN AND GARDNER ISLETS → ESPANOLA ISLAND

Gardner Bay is a pristine white sandy beach (one of the longest in the Galapagos), that is home to colonies of sea lions and inquisitive mockingbirds. It is also one of the world's most important breeding sites for the waved albatross.

A short dinghy ride will take you to the Osborn and Gardner Islets, which are superb locations for snorkeling with young sea lions and a greater variety of tropical fish and corals.

Suarez Point, Española Island

Suarez Point is an area with an outstanding variety of wildlife. The walking trail will take you past nesting sites of Nazca and blue-footed boobies, whilst Galapagos doves, mockingbirds and finches can be seen foraging nearby.

You will also pass a geyser which can spray water up to 25m into the air; a spectacular feat of nature. Finally, when you reach the top of the breath taking cliffs, you can enjoy watching waved albatrosses launching themselves out across the ocean.



Endemic Luxury Yacht

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included





## DAY 7 | WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

### GALAPAGOS ISLANDS: SANTA FE ISLAND

This island was formed as a result of a volcanic uplift millions of years ago and is inhabited by the endemic yellow-green Santa Fe iguana, Galapagos snake and rice rat. There are two main trails on the island, one that leads to a beach through a forest of tall Opuntia (prickly pear) trees; another that takes you into the highlands and culminates in a stunning cliff top viewpoint where Galapagos hawks can be sighted.

The Darwin research center is instrumental in carrying out important scientific research into the preservation of the archipelago's ecosystems and initiated a significant breeding program in 1970 for giant tortoises. Here you will have the chance to see tortoises at all stages of their development. Having been raised in captivity, they are very accustomed to humans, so don't miss out on getting a photo with one of these remarkable animals.

-  Endemic Luxury Yacht
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included



## DAY 8 | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

COMMERCIAL FLIGHT  
NOT INCLUDED

### SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND, GALAPAGOS → BALTRA AIRPORT, ECUADOR → GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR


One of two small islets, South Plaza island houses a rich diversity of wildlife and vegetation. After passing a large colony of sea lions and ascending the slopes, you may catch a glimpse of swallow-tailed gulls, Nazca boobies, red-billed tropic birds, frigates or the rare lava gull.

The ground is carpeted in Sesuvium, which transforms from bright red in the dry season to a vibrant green in the wet season, and land iguanas crowd around towering prickly pear cacti, waiting patiently for their juicy fruits to fall. At the end of our tour, we will disembark and head to the airport for our commercial flight to Guayaquil.

-  Hotel Del Parque
-  Breakfast and Dinner Included





## DAY 9 | FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

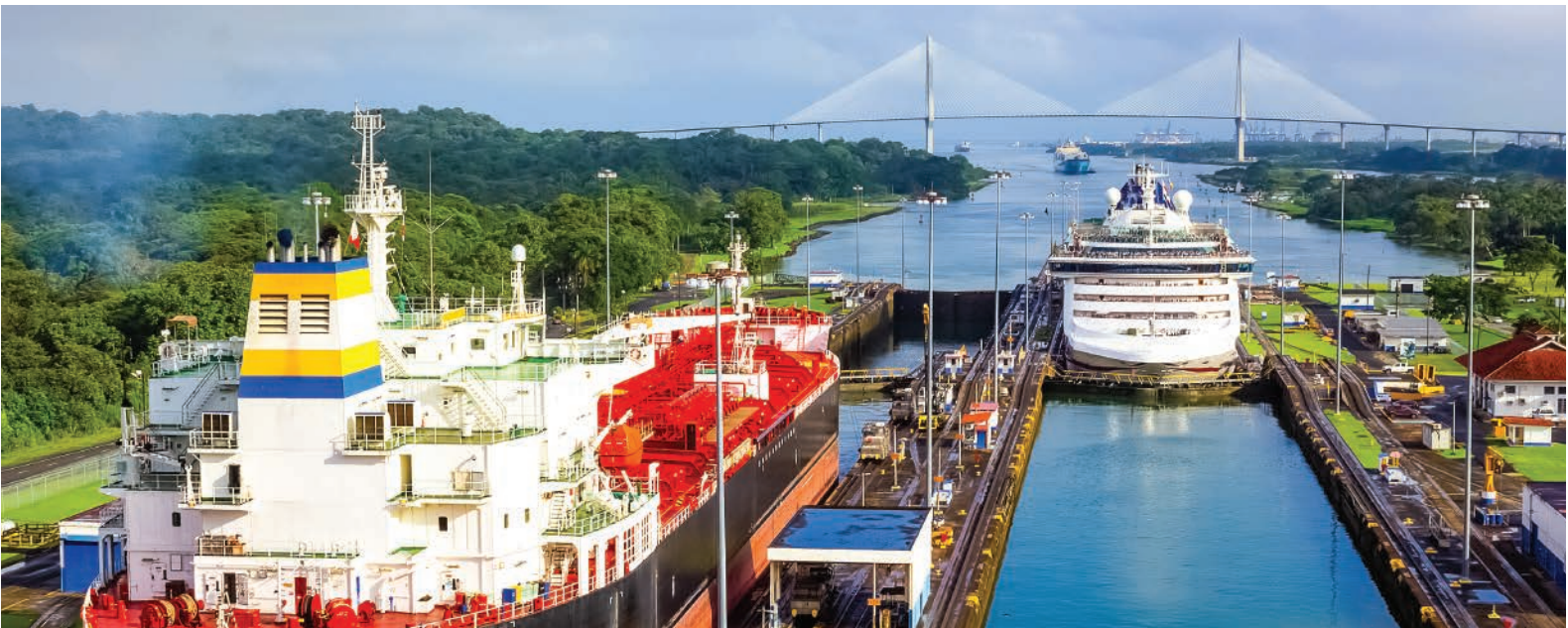
 797 NM

### GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR (SEGU) → PANAMA CITY, PANAMA (MPPA)

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

-  Sofitel Casco Viejo
-  Breakfast and Dinner Included







**DAY 10 | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**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 we 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.

 Sofitel Casco Viejo  
 Breakfast and Dinner Included

**DAY 11 | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**

 625 + 315 NM

**PANAMA CITY, PANAMA (MPPA) → GRAND CAYMAN, CAYMAN ISLANDS (MWCR) → KEY WEST, FLORIDA, US (KEYW)**

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

 Breakfast Included

## FLIGHT DAYS & DISTANCES

DAY	DEPARTURE FROM:		ARRIVE AT:		DISTANCE	
	CITY	ICAO CODE	CITY	ICAO CODE		
DAY 1	THU, DEC 07	STUART, FL, US	KSUA	CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA	SKCG	1,035 NM
DAY 3	SAT, DEC 09	CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA	SKCG	GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR	SEGU	795 NM
DAY 4	SUN, DEC 10	GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR		BALTRA, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS		COMMERCIAL FLIGHT
DAY 8	THU, DEC 14	BALTRA, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS		GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR		COMMERCIAL FLIGHT
DAY 9	FRI, DEC 15	GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR	SEGU	PANAMA CITY, PANAMA	MPPA	665 NM
DAY 11	SUN, DEC 17	PANAMA CITY, PANAMA	MPPA	GRAND CAYMAN, C. ISLANDS	MWCR	625 NM
		GRAND CAYMAN, C. ISLANDS	MWCR	KEY WEST, FL, US	KEYW	315 NM
					TOTAL:	3,435 NM

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## Our land program includes:

- Presence of a full time Journey Director to coordinate all arrangements and facilitate flight logistics.
- Full-time services of a professional Air Journey guide and local experts.
- **Lodging: for 11 days, 10 nights**
- Meals as described in the program
- Wine selected by Air journey is included with dinner. All other beverages are not included.
- Tours and admission to all planned group sightseeing as listed in the itinerary
- All service charges and taxes
- Round trip transfers between airport and hotel

## Our land program does not include:

- Airport departure taxes.
- Fees associated with the airports and aircraft.
- Fuel for the aircraft.
- Cost of obtaining passport or visas and or inoculations
- Beverages except as noted.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, room service, communication charges and other incidentals
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)
- Round trip ticket Guayaquil - Baltra - Guayaquil

## Journey Requirements

### Passports & Visas

Passports are mandatory for the Journey and they must be valid for at least six (6) months after the return date. Air Journey will closely monitor visa requirements and will provide you with all the information at least 120 days before the departure date.

### Vaccinations

Air Journey will closely monitor vaccination requirements for each country in the itinerary, to ensure compliance with local health regulations. All the information will be provided to you at least 120 days before the departure date.

### 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. Contact Anais (561 841-1551) at Air Journey for a quote today. Birth dates and State of residence will be required.

### Survival Equipment

**Survival equipment** is available for rental on a daily basis. Life vests are mandatory for all aircraft participating on the journey. Life rafts are recommended. Contact us for more details.

### The Airplane 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.
- A collared, cotton shirt for each traveling participant on the full Journey with their name and aircraft tail number embroidered on the upper front. A bag is provided for each couple.

### 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:

Given outside of 90 days of departure:	Air Journey retains \$,5000 deposit per person & will hold the plane registration fee on credit for 12 months, from the client cancellation date.
Between 90 and 60 days of departure:	Air Journey retains 50% of tour cost & the plane registration fee.
Between 60 and 45 days of departure:	AJ retains 75% of tour cost and plane registration fee.
Less than 45 days or no show of departure:	AJ retains 100% of tour cost and plane 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, disease) they will refund the client whatever portion of moneys are reimbursed by ground operators and accommodation suppliers.

*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 minimum participation of 5 airplanes. Our quoted prices are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs and taxes as of **January 2023**. Air Journey reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets.*



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