



Air Journey's

# Journey to the Galapagos Islands

March 21 - 31, 2022



**Duration:**

**11 days / 10 nights**

**Total Distance:**

**3505 Nautical Miles**

**Cost:**

**\$ 10,750 per person (double occupancy)**

**\$ 2,895 plane registration fee**

***Single supplement available upon request***

# Itinerary



## Day 1 - Monday, March 21: West Palm Beach, Florida (KPBI)

► Boscobel, Jamaica (MKBS) ► Cartagena, Colombia  
(SKCG)

525+485 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 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.

**Hotel:** Sofitel Santa Clara Hotel  
*Welcome Cocktail and Dinner included*

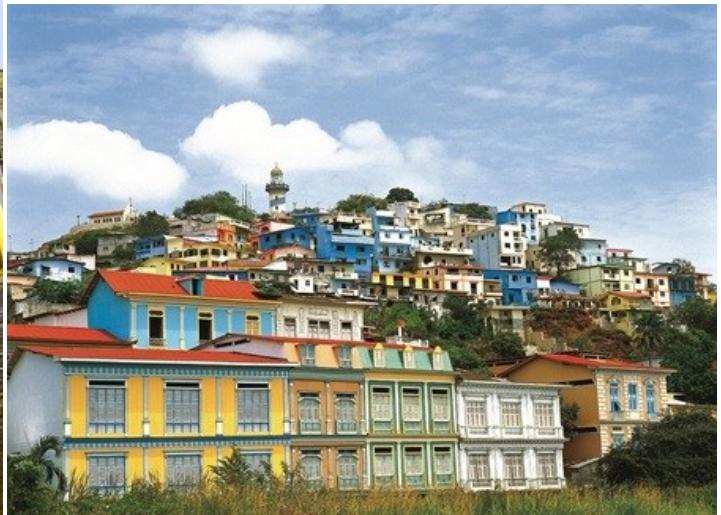
## Day 2 - Tuesday, March 22: Cartagena

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.

**Hotel:** Sofitel Santa Clara Hotel  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*



**Day 3 - Wednesday, March 23: Cartagena, Colombia  
(SKCG) → Guayaquil, Ecuador (SEGU)  
795 NM**

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.

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

**Day 4 - Thursday, March 24: Guayaquil to Baltra, Galapagos - South Plaza Islands**

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

Upon arrival, you will be greeted on board of the luxury yacht La Pinta—our home for the next few days as we explore the Galapagos Islands.

Along the coastline, that offers white sand contrasting with black lava and clear blue water, you will start encounter iguanas that feed on the scarlet sesuvium succulents and green prickly-pear cactus.

Chances are you will also be able to observe sea lions colonies resting while sea birds enjoy the thermals that form along cliffs.

**Hotel:** La Pinta Yacht  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*

**"La Pinta"**  
**5 day / 4 night cruise**  
**Breakfast, lunch and dinner included aboard the Y/La Pinta**  
**All tours are included**

The Y/La Pinta is a 48 guest luxury yacht offering superb service, expert crew, the most knowledgeable multilingual naturalist/guides and menus that feature the very best international cuisine and celebrated Ecuadorian dishes. Morning and afternoon sightseeing is included. There will be ample time each day to swim, snorkel and relax.



## **Day 5 – Friday, March 25: Santa Fe, off San Cristobal Islands**

In the morning, you will be taken to an idyllic sandy-white beach who hosts unique colonies of sea lions. Atop salt bushes often rest Galapagos Hawks and the short walk you will be taken on will allow you to encounter with the very unique Santa Fe land iguanas.

The beach offers a wonderful opportunity for snorkeling and swimming along the natural wave barrier or ride the glass-bottom boat.

You will then embark back on the yacht for lunch and to be taken to the capital of the island: Puerto Baquerizo Moreno.

The breeding center for highly endangered giant tortoise will welcome you. Nestled in the midst of a beautiful forest, home of the San Cristobal lava lizard and mockingbirds.



**Hotel:** La Pinta Yacht  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

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## **Day 6 – Saturday, March 26: San Cristobal Island**

The cruise will take you to the eastern tip of San Cristobal Island this morning.

The trail that ascends from the beach provides spectacular views of the shoreline; you can observe frigates, plus a colony of sea lion. After the walk, if conditions are favorable, there is a chance to swim from the beach and snorkel.

In the afternoon, a dinghy ride along the shores of tuff-stone layers takes us to Cerro Brujo's expansive, white coral beach, great for walking while bird-watching. Also, look out for the Galapagos sea lions. These are the same shores that Charles Darwin walked upon, back in September 1835.



**Hotel:** La Pinta Yacht  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



## **Day 7 – Sunday, March 27: Espanola Island**

Our morning outing at Punta Suarez provides and exciting walk on lava/boulder terrain to visit its unique sea bird colonies, including the waved albatrosses, boobies, swallow-tail gulls and the famous “blowhole” lava formation. Also, look for red-green-black marine iguanas. Many regards this site as the best in the Galapagos.

In the afternoon, we set down at this beautiful, white coral beach for a short walk to observe sea lions, mockingbirds, finches, or enjoy the beach.

There is great snorkeling in the area or else there is time to kayak or ride the glass-bottom boat.

**Hotel:** La Pinta Yacht

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



## **Day 8 – Monday, March 28: Santa Cruz & Baltra Islands**

Disembarking in the morning, we visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and the captive rearing program for the giant tortoises. Here we witness the efforts and results of Galapagos field-work and study done in the name of science. We transfer via bus across Santa Cruz Island and a short ferry ride to Baltra. Our journey ends at Baltra Island, where we transfer to the airport to take the flight back to the mainland. Baltra's flat substrate (due to its uplifted origin) is the reason why the island was chosen back in the 1940s as the construction site for an airport.

At the end of our tour, we will disembark and head to the airport for our commercial flight to Guayaquil.

**Hotel:** Hotel Del Parque

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



**Day 9 – Tuesday, March 29: Guayaquil, Ecuador (SEGU) → Panama City, Panama (MPPG)** 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 – Wednesday, March 30: 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.

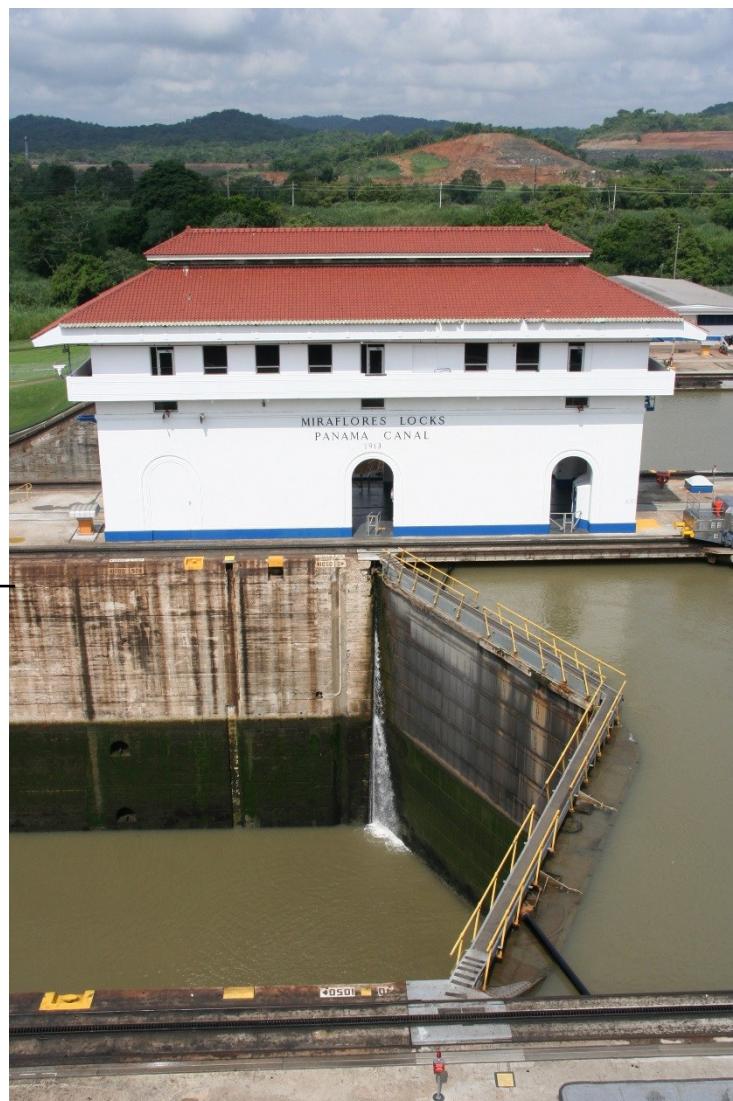
In the afternoon, we will continue our tour including the Old City with the most important sites.

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 11 – Thursday, March 31: Panama City, Panama (MPMG) → Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (MWCR) → Key West, FL (KEYW)** 720 + 315 NM

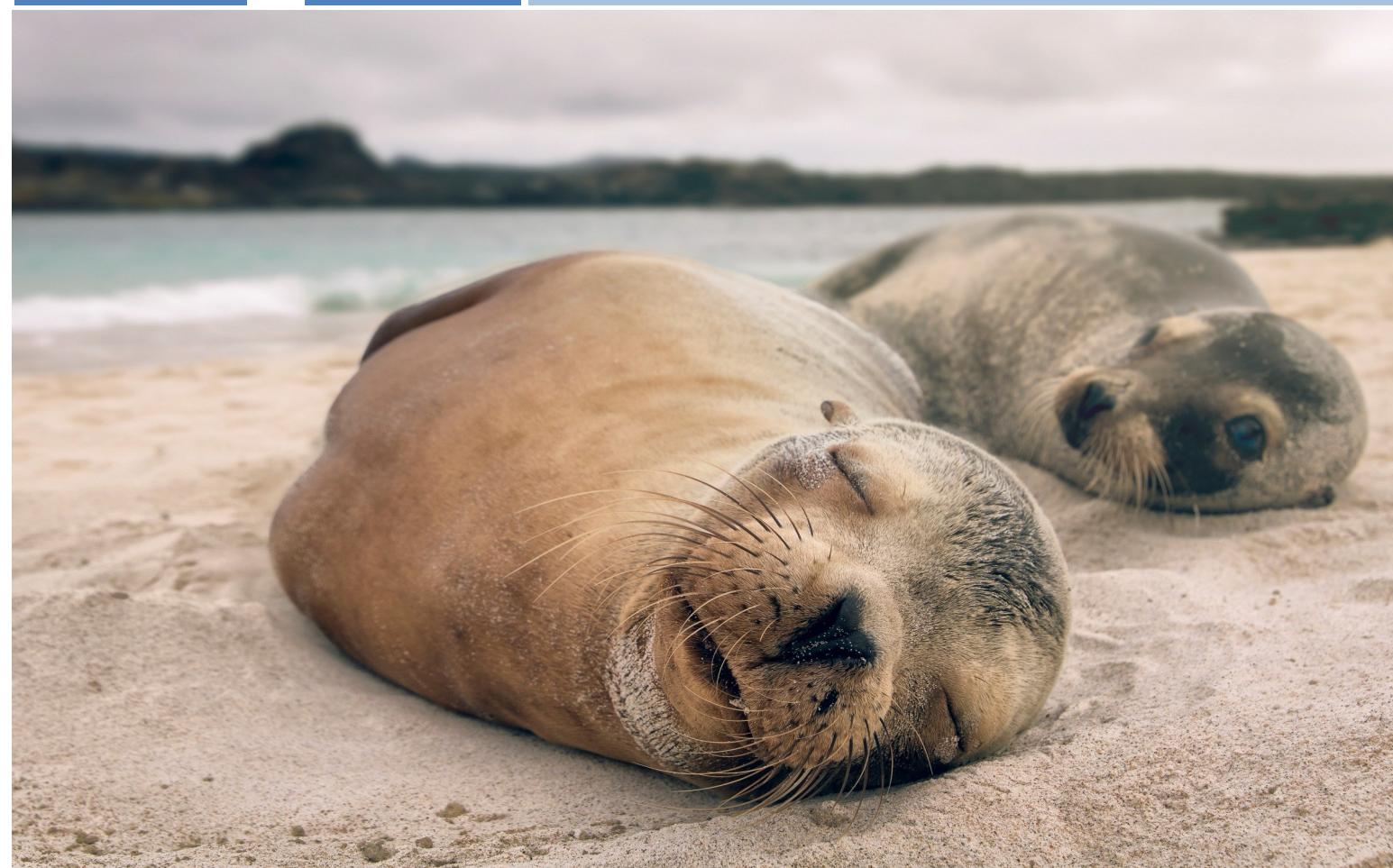
We will transfer to the airport and fly to Key West, FL to clear US Customs. There will be an optional technical stop in Grand Cayman to refuel.



JOURNEY PRICE			
PRICE PER PERSON (based on double occupancy)	PLANE REGISTRATION FEE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	COVID Test Antigen Day Before Journey (per person)
\$10,750	\$2,895	On Request	\$199

### Landing Points, Identifier and Runway Lengths

West Palm Beach FL	KPBI	10,001'
Boscobel	MKBS	3,000'
Cartagena	SKCG	8,333'
Guayaquil	SEGU	9,154'
Grand Cayman	MWCR	7,021'
Panama City	MPMG	10,006'
Key West	KEYW	5,076'



## 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
- 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
- PCR/Antigen COVID Test.
- Airport departure taxes & landing fees
- 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.

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 150 days of departure: AJ retains deposit per person and plane registration fee
  - \* Between 150 and 121 days of departure: AJ retains 50% of tour cost and plane registration fee
  - \* Between 120 and 91 days of departure: AJ retains 100% of tour cost 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 are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs and taxes as of September 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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