

Tour Offered by GOLDEN EXPERIENCES

A PLUDGE INTO PARADISE ABOARD THE M/C MONIQUE

5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

DATES: SEPTEMBER 20-24, 2026

START LOCATION: SAN CRISTOBAL

Price: Complimentary for TMLA participants (Buyers priority first)

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**Enjoy the beauty of the Galapagos biodiversity while aboard the unforgettable M/C
Monique**

To make your time at TMLA truly exceptional, we have carefully designed a program that captures the essence of our destination and our signature style of travel.

Immerse yourself in the extraordinary wildlife, pristine landscapes, and unparalleled beauty of this paradise-like archipelago, and experience the Galápagos in a way that is both authentic and unforgettable.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay in a unique brand-new Catamaran and sail across the archipelago.
- Immerse yourself in the local environment, enjoy the breathtaking views and biodiversity.
- Follow Darwin's footsteps & experience evolution firsthand.

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Brief Itinerary 5D/4N

DAY 1. San Cristobal Airport – Witch Hill & Kicker Rock

DAY 2. Santa Fe Island - South Plaza Island

DAY 3. Santiago Island, Sullivan Bay - Bartholomew Island

**DAY 4: Genovesa Island, Prince Philip's Steps - Santa Cruz Island,
Darwin Bay**

DAY 5: Santa Cruz Island, Black Turtle Cove - Baltra Airport

Detailed Itinerary

DAY 1. San Cristobal Airport – Witch Hill & Kicker Rock (September 20th)

Upon arrival, reception and assistance at the airport, transfer from San Cristobal Airport to the M/C Monique.

San Cristobal Island, Witch Hill & Kicker Rock

Witch Hill offers white sand, clear waters, swimming, snorkeling, and views of Kicker Rock. A scenic circumnavigation reveals this volcanic landmark and seabirds such as blue footed boobies and frigatebirds.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy ride, Kayaking/Stand-up paddleboarding (Kicker Rock circumnavigation)

Difficulty: Easy

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DAY 2. Santa Fe Island - South Plaza Island (September 21st)

Santa Fe Island

Santa Fe Island offers Opuntia cactus forests, pale yellow land iguanas, scenic trails, and calm bay waters for swimming or snorkeling with sea lions, rays, and colorful reef fish.

Activities: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy ride, Kayaking/Stand-up paddleboarding

Difficulty: Moderate

South Plaza Island

South Plaza Island offers vivid Sesuvium vegetation, black lava, prickly pear cacti, and rich Galapagos birdlife, including swallow tailed gulls, tropicbirds, and seabirds soaring above the waves.

Activities: Walking, Dinghy ride, Kayaking/Stand-up paddleboarding

Difficulty: Easy

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DAY 3. Santiago Island, Sullivan Bay - Bartholomew Island (September 22nd)

AM: Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island)

In the morning, you will visit Sullivan Bay, located on the east coast of Santiago Island. We land on a white coral sand beach and begin our walk over lava that flowed less than 100 years ago. This is the perfect place to see and feel the volcanic origin of Galapagos. Also, in this area you will admire flora that grows in lava fields.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy Ride

Difficulty: Easy

PM: Bartholomew Island

In the afternoon, you will discover Bartholomew Island. Once here, you will ascend to admire the spectacular panorama of Sullivan Bay and the famous Pinnacle Rock. The beaches at the foot of the Pinnacle Rock are excellent for snorkeling, from which you can discover the marvelous underwater world, and with a little luck, you'll get to snorkel with penguins.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy ride

Difficulty: Easy

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DAY 4. Genovesa Island, Prince Philip's Steps - Santa Cruz Island, Darwin Bay (September 23rd)

AM: Prince Philip's Steps (Genovesa Island)

In the morning, you will go to El Barranco (Prince Philip's Steps), a staircase carved out of stone. This will lead you to a wide plateau, where you can observe large colonies of masked boobies, frigate birds, storm petrels, and red-footed boobies. During this easy stroll you will cross a small Scalesia forest, habitat of the short-eared owl. The same path will lead you back to your boat.

Activities: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy Ride, Kayaking / Stand-up paddleboarding

Difficulty: Moderate

PM: Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island)

In the visit to Darwin Bay, which is the only sandy beach found in the caldera on Genovesa. Colonies of the Great Frigates are found along the beach. Males exhibit their red gular pouch to females in an effort to attract a mate.

Red-footed boobies nest in the trees, in contrast to the other two booby species, which do so on the ground.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy Ride, Kayaking / Stand-up paddleboarding

Difficulty: Moderate

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DAY 5. Santa Cruz Island, Black Turtle Cove - Baltra Airport (September 24th)

AM: Black Turtle Cove (Santa Cruz Island)

In the morning, you'll explore Black Turtle Cove, located along the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. This site vividly demonstrates how mangroves shape the marine ecosystem, forming a vibrant and unique habitat. Three different species of mangroves extend from the shore deep into the water, stretching nearly a mile inland.

While gliding silently through the calm waters aboard a dinghy, you may spot spotted eagle rays and mustard rays gracefully swimming in formation. Keep an eye out for white-tipped reef sharks gliding beneath the surface and Pacific green sea turtles surfacing to breathe or mate. The area is also a haven for waterfowl, such as pelicans, herons, and egrets, all drawn by the cove's rich feeding grounds.

Activities and Excursions: Dinghy ride

Difficulty: Easy

After this last visit, transfer to Baltra airport for your return flight to mainland Ecuador.

Assistance and farewell at the airport.

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End of cruise

*** Itineraries are subject to change without prior notice due to weather conditions, National Park regulations, emergencies on board or any unforeseen circumstances.**

Tour Includes

- Airport reception and assistance
- Transfers airport-yacht-airport in Galapagos
- Accommodation on board
- Guided expeditions according to the itinerary
- Top Bilingual National Park Guide (English/Spanish)
- Activity daily briefing
- Cruise Service officer
- All meals & snacks
- Soft beverages: sparkling water and juices during meals and snack times.
- Regular sodas at all times onboard
- Still purified water dispenser available at all times onboard
- Coffee and tea station available daily from 06:00 to 22:00
- All accommodations are equipped with a coffee maker
- Complimentary choice of one drink per night per adult: craft beer or house wine (red or white). Valid for adults only and is non-transferable and non-exchangeable
- Captain's welcome and farewell cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi on board
- Use of yoga mats, kettlebells and dumbbells
- Expedition gear: sea kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, snorkeling equipment (mask, snorkel, wet suit, fins), binoculars, water container (available upon request onboard)

The tour does not include

- Round trip flights to Galapagos Tips (\$565 – subject to change due to the current fuel crisis)
- Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee (\$200 – subject to change)
- Transit Control Card (\$20 – subject to change)
- Other alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages not otherwise specified

- Gratuities for guide and crew
- Travel and Health insurance

Legendary Moments

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