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IHRE REISE

Reisetermin	*Reisedauer*	*Reederei / Schiff*
28.12.2026 - 01.01.2027	**5 Tage**	**MS Santa Cruz II / HX Expeditions**

Explorer Kabine Horizon Deck



Doppelbelegung

€ 5.917

pro Person

Einzelbelegung

€ 8.209

pro Person

Explorer Kabine Expedition Deck



Doppelbelegung

€ 6.238

pro Person

Einzelbelegung

€ 8.691

pro Person

Explorer Familienkabine Horizon Deck



Doppelbelegung

Nicht verfügbar

Einzelbelegung

Nicht verfügbar

Darwin Suite



Doppelbelegung

Nicht verfügbar

Einzelbelegung

Nicht verfügbar

Explorer Kabine Panorama Deck



Doppelbelegung

Nicht verfügbar

Einzelbelegung

Nicht verfügbar

Voyager Einzelkabine Horizon Deck



Doppelbelegung

Nicht verfügbar

Einzelbelegung

Nicht verfügbar



VIBRANT QUITO

Begin your adventure in the vibrant city of Quito

Day 1 - Vibrant Quito

Your journey begins on the Equator in the lush Andean foothills. At 9,350 feet, Quito is the second-highest capital city in the world, and its main draw is the exquisite Old Town which was founded on an ancient Inca settlement. A UNESCO World Heritage site, it's packed with well-preserved colonial architecture as evidenced in colourful plazas, magnificent churches and handsome monuments. Settle into your hotel, then head out to explore.

If you have time, why not come a few days earlier and join one of our optional Pre-Programmes.

Day 2 - Visit historic Quito	**VISIT HISTORIC QUITO** **Straddle the Equator at the Middle of the World City** Today you'll enjoy a guided tour of Quito's remarkable Old Town – one of the largest and best-preserved colonial-era quarters in South America. Wander through cobblestone streets as you admire the architecture – and sample some delicious chocolate made from finest Ecuadorian cacao along the way. Next, you'll head to the iconic 'Middle of the World City', located around 16 miles north of Quito. After lunch, you'll visit the famous monument that delineates the imaginary line of the Equator. Have your camera ready to capture the moment you stand with one foot in each hemisphere.
Day 3 - Your cruise begins	**YOUR CRUISE BEGINS** **Get ready to explore the spectacular Galápagos Islands** As your South America land adventure draws to a close, it's time to embark on the next stage of your journey. After breakfast, a short flight will take you to Baltra Island in the spectacular Galápagos archipelago. A transfer brings you straight to the port where your comfortable expedition ship MS Santa Cruz II awaits. In the afternoon we'll begin our exploration of the Galápagos Islands following the north shore of Santa Cruz towards the fascinating landscapes of Cerro Dragón – Dragon Hill – where we'll land. The first part of the walk here passes by a brackish lagoon that's frequented by shorebirds and American Flamingos. Further inland, the trail offers a beautiful view of the bay and the western islands of the archipelago, as well as a chance to get a first look at some land iguanas.
Day 4 - Pristine Santiago Island	**PRISTINE SANTIAGO ISLAND** **See iconic wildlife and spectacular landscapes** Today you'll explore Santiago Island's pristine beaches and picturesque landscapes. Take in the impressive cliffs of Buccaneer Cove on the northwest coast, home to a large number of marine birds and sea lions. Immerse yourself in the scenery through a range of water activities and marvel at fantastic rock formations such as 'Elephant Rock' and 'The Bishop.' In the afternoon, we'll head to Puerto Egas, one of the best visitor sites on the island. You'll have the opportunity to see a colony of Galápagos fur seals and exotic birdlife on an excursion. Or you could just swim or snorkel along the rocky shorelines, typically, in the company of marine turtles.
Day 5 - Stunning Rábida & Bartolomé	**STUNNING RÁBIDA & BARTOLOMÉ** **Soak up the sights and sounds of the Galápagos** Your day starts on tiny Rábida Island, located off the southern shore of Santiago. You can go for a thrilling panga ride along the coast explore the island's mesmerising, red-coloured beach. Soak up the sights and sounds made by a colony of sea lions, and watch for marine iguanas, mockingbirds, Yellow Warblers and several species of Darwin's Finches. In the afternoon, we'll sail to the golden sands of Bartolomé Island, dominated by the imposing Pinnacle Rock. You can swim or snorkel off the beach here, discover colourful marine life from our glass-bottom boat, or watch for Galápagos Penguins on the shore. Hike up to the summit of the island for fantastic views.
Day 6 - Genovesa, a bird paradise	**GENOVESA, A BIRD PARADISE** **Discover a birdlife haven and take a refreshing dip** Today you'll explore Genovesa Island. The morning starts with a steep but short climb – only 90 feet – up Prince Philip's Steps – El Barranco – to reach flat and rocky plateau. Once there, you can walk along comfortably and look out for large colonies of Nazca Boobies, Red-footed Boobies, Great Frigatebirds and Storm Petrels. Afterwards or instead, hop into a kayak for some aquatic adventuring. In the afternoon, we'll land and swim at the beautiful beach that fringes Darwin Bay for a swim. Following this refreshing dip, take a stroll and observe hundreds of island birds, or alternatively just take it easy on the beach, swimming, snorkelling or kayaking.

Day 7 - One last adventure

ONE LAST ADVENTURE

See giant tortoises in the wild

We start our last morning on the north shore of Santa Cruz Island. A dry landing at a passenger wharf and a bus ride to the loftier region of the island will provide a final highlight of your expedition cruise: giant tortoises in the wild.

The windward slopes of the island are set aside as a reserve that's home to two species of giant tortoise. These lush highlands also feature dense forests of Galápagos daisies, orchids and bromeliads.

After this visit we'll transfer directly to the airport in Baltra for your flight to Quito to connect to your international flight, or if you prefer, continue to Guayaquil for another adventure.

To explore more of Ecuador, why not extend your stay and join one of our optional Post-Programmes.

Im Preis inbegriffen

Flights

- Flights in economy class between Quito and Baltra including all taxes

Hotel

- Two hotel nights in Quito before the expedition cruise, including breakfast, and dinner on day 2

Transfers

- Transfers between the airport and the hotel in Quito before the expedition cruise
- Note: If your flights have not been booked with us, please provide your full flight details 30 days prior to travel so we can arrange your transfer (applies to all transfers from the airport to your booked hotel via HX in Quito on the tour start date)
- Transfers between the airport and the ship in Baltra

Excursion

- Full-day excursion: Historic Quito & Middle of the World, including lunch, before the expedition cruise

Extras

- Galápagos Islands National Park admission fee
- Transit Control Card for the Galápagos Islands
- Access to the airport lounge at the Quito (or Guayaquil) airport upon return from the Galápagos Islands for guests flying internationally on the day of disembarkation

Expedition Cruise

- A stay in a cabin of your choice
- Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner
- House wine and beer served with lunch and dinner**.** From 1 October 2024 departures, wine, beer and spirits (excluding premium alcoholic drinks) available from the bar at any time (subject to Ecuadorean licensing laws)
- All day coffee, tea and soft drinks
- A complimentary water bottle to refill on board and take home
- A backpack or another piece of HX kit
- Professional photos from your trip taken by our onboard photographer
- Complimentary Wi-Fi**.** Please note, streaming is not supported
- Use of hot tubs, fitness room, lounges and more
- Gratuities included**.** Fantastic service is standard at HX – though if you'd like to leave something extra, it's always appreciated
- Range of included activities

Onboard Activities

- In-depth lectures and discussions hosted by experts on the Expedition Team
- Full access to the ship's Science Corner
- Citizen Science Programme allows guests to assist with ongoing scientific research
- Professional onboard photographer gives tips and tricks for the best landscape and wildlife photos

- Informal gatherings with the crew for daily briefings

Landing Activities

- Escorted and guided landings with small panga boats
- Loan of all equipment for activities
- Expedition photographers on hand to assist you

Notes

- All planned activities are subject to weather conditions
- Your flight from Baltra will be to Quito. If you wish to end your expedition in Guayaquil, please advise your booking agent
- Quito's altitude is at approximately 9,350 feet above sea level and during your stay, you might experience mild altitude sickness
- Excursions and activities are subject to change
- Please make sure you meet all entry and boarding requirements
- Depending on your flight times, an additional overnight might be needed (not included)

Nicht im Preis inbegriffen

- International flights
- Additional overnight(s) if required due to international flight timings
- Travel insurance
- Luggage handling

Ihr Schiff

Ihr Schiff ist die "MS Santa Cruz II". Ausführlich stellen wir Ihnen dieses Schiff auf unseren Schiffseiten vor. Ausführliche Informationen zu diesem Schiff.

Passagiere	*Bordsprachen*	*Special*
90		**Science-Corner**









