

IHRE REISE

Reisetermin
 19.12.2028 - 29.12.2028

Reisedauer
 11 Tage

Reederei / Schiff
 MS Santa Cruz II / HX Expeditions

Explorer Kabine Horizon Deck



Doppelbelegung


€ 11.924
 pro Person

Einzelbelegung


€ 17.628
 pro Person

Explorer Kabine Expedition Deck



Doppelbelegung


€ 12.628
 pro Person

Einzelbelegung


€ 18.719
 pro Person

Explorer Familienkabine Horizon Deck



Doppelbelegung


€ 13.333
 pro Person

Explorer Kabine Panorama Deck



Doppelbelegung


€ 13.333
pro Person

Voyager Einzelkabine Horizon Deck



Einzelbelegung


€ 14.977
pro Person

Darwin Suite



Doppelbelegung


€ 15.512
pro Person



Tag 1 - Quito

Tag 2 - Visit historic Quito

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YOUR CRUISE BEGINS

Tag 3 - 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, meaning 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.

Tag 4 -
Wildlife-rich
Isabela and
Fernandina

WILDLIFE-RICH ISABELA AND FERNANDINA

Scan the coastline and seas for iconic species You'll start your day at Punta Vicente Roca, on the northwestern tip of Isabela Island. After breakfast, we'll explore the coast by small boat, learning about the dramatic geology of the area from your naturalist guides. This site is a nesting place for several bird species, so look out for flightless cormorants, Galápagos penguins, and boobies. Weather permitting, you'll get to snorkel alongside the cliffs, where you might find green sea turtles, oceanic sun fish, and fur seals. In the afternoon, we'll explore Fernandina, an island with a unique ecology and a big population of marine iguanas. Scan the coast for sea lions, Sally Lightfoot crabs, hawks, and penguins.

Tag 5 -
Darwin's Santa
Cruz

DARWIN'S SANTA CRUZ

Meet the famous giant tortoises of Galápagos Today, you'll explore Santa Cruz Island. In the morning, we'll disembark at Puerto Ayora to visit the Charles Darwin Research Station. A giant tortoise breeding centre, here you can see recently hatched tortoises and Darwin's famous finches: the birds he used as a basis for his theory of evolution by natural selection. There's also an impressive forest of prickly pear cacti that's home to many land birds. Enjoy a cooler climate over lunch in the lush highlands, where giant tortoises shuffle about munching on grass and wallowing in pools. You'll have time for another activity, including mountain biking or visiting a sugar plantation.

Tag 6 -
Picturesque
Floreana

PICTURESQUE FLOREANA

Discover Galápagos history and underwater wildlife After breakfast, you'll enjoy a small boat ride among the channels on Floreana's north shore, before taking in the incredible views of the island from Baroness Cove. Later on, we'll land at Post Office Bay to visit the historic barrel that has served as a post office in the archipelago for over two centuries. After lunch, you'll explore the wonders around Champion Islet in a small boat or aboard our glass-bottom boat. Here, you can snorkel in one of the best spots in the archipelago. From there, it's onwards to Cormorant Point, where we'll take a walk from an olivine-crystal beach to a brackish lagoon, where you can commonly see American flamingos, pintail ducks, and more.

Tag 7 - Relax
in Baltra

RELAX IN BALTRA

Unwind and recharge your batteries Relax on board while we anchor off Baltra Island. After four days of exploring the unique nature and environments of the Galápagos, it is the moment to pause for a while and recharge your batteries for the days ahead. Make use of the many onboard facilities, flick through the books in the library or exercise in the gym; it's up to you. In the afternoon, we'll land at Las Bachas beach, located on the northern shore of Santa Cruz Island. This glorious white beach with turquoise waters is a great place to spot iconic Galápagos wildlife like flamingos and sea turtles. Enjoy swimming or snorkelling before heading back to the ship for an expedition briefing about the following day.

Tag 8 -
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.

Tag 9 -
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 small boat 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.

Tag 10 -
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, known as 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.

Tag 11 - 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 Guayaquil or if you prefer, to Quito, to connect to your international airport. To explore more of Ecuador, why not extend your stay and join one of our optional post-voyage programme.

Im Preis inbegriffen

Nicht im Preis inbegriffen

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.

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Bordsprachen



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