

IHRE REISE

Reisetermin  
 27.12.2028 - 04.01.2029

Reisedauer  
 9 Tage

Reederei / Schiff  
 MS Santa Cruz II / HX Expeditions

Explorer Kabine Horizon Deck



Doppelbelegung

  
**€ 9.698**  
 pro Person

Einzelbelegung

  
**€ 14.177**  
 pro Person

Explorer Kabine Expedition Deck



Doppelbelegung

  
**€ 10.247**  
 pro Person

Einzelbelegung

  
**€ 15.028**  
 pro Person

Explorer Familienkabine Horizon Deck



Doppelbelegung

  
**€ 10.795**  
 pro Person

Explorer Kabine Panorama Deck



*Doppelbelegung*

  
**€ 10.795**  
 pro Person

Voyager Einzelkabine Horizon Deck



*Einzelbelegung*

  
**€ 12.113**  
 pro Person

Darwin Suite



*Doppelbelegung*

  
**€ 12.475**  
 pro Person



Tag 1 -  
Vibrant Quito

#### VIBRANT QUITO

Begin your adventure in the vibrant city of 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 and enjoy an overnight stay. If you have time, why not come a few days earlier and join one of our pre-voyage option.

Tag 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; it's 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.

#### YOUR CRUISE BEGINS

Tag 3 - Your  
cruise begins

Get ready to explore the spectacular Galápagos Islands 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. You'll get your first glimpse of the islands' incredible wildlife on Mosquera Islet, home to one of the largest sea lion colonies in the archipelago. We'll take our small panga boats ashore to get a closer look. As you stroll across flat and sandy dunes, look out for blue-footed Boobies and Sally Lightfoot crabs, and learn about the marine and terrestrial ecosystems from your naturalist guides.

#### SAN CRISTÓBAL'S TORTOISES

Tag 4 - San  
Cristóbal's  
tortoises

Meet the famous giant tortoises First our small expedition boats will take you to Punta Pitt, the only site in the Galápagos Islands where you might see three species of boobies. Enjoy a nature walk, explore the coastline by boat, or snorkel and swim in the crystal-clear water. Then we'll head to the Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve – a breeding centre for the endangered giant tortoise. It's also home to other endemic species, including the San Cristobal Mockingbird and lava lizard. The giant tortoise is probably the most iconic of all Galápagos wildlife, with a lifespan of over 100 years. Here, they thrive, ambling around forests similar to their natural habitat.

#### SANTA FE AND SOUTH PLAZA

Tag 5 - Santa  
Fe and South  
Plaza

Spot wildlife against idyllic backdrops We start the day with a scenic nature walk on the blissful beaches of Santa Fe, home to the endemic Barrington land iguana and a colony of sea lions. You can swim or snorkel from our small panga boats, take a kayak for a paddle around the island, or join a trip in our glass-bottomed boat to observe the marine life below. After a delicious lunch, prepared by our onboard chefs, we head to South Plaza Island. Keep an eye out for frigatebirds, Swallow-tailed Gulls and Galapagos Shearwaters gliding on the breeze. Here, among a dazzling array of flora, land iguanas laze by the shore while marine iguanas slip in and out of the water.

#### DARWIN'S SANTA CRUZ

Tag 6 -  
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.

#### DRAMATIC ESPAÑOLA

Tag 7 -  
Dramatic  
Española

Lava lizards and incredible birdlife Your Galápagos Islands cruise reaches Española, the archipelago's most southerly island. Birdlife here is truly extraordinary. Look out for Nazca boobies, blue-footed boobies and swallow-tailed gulls, and the mighty waved albatross on cruises April through December. It's also a chance to spot red Española lava lizards and marine iguanas, as well as see the famous blowhole, El Soplador, blasting water 75 feet into the air. After lunch on board the ship, we'll head to the picturesque coral beach of Gardner Bay and nearby Osborn Islet, to seek out sea lions, mockingbirds, and finches. If you're feeling active, you can go snorkelling or kayaking.

#### REEF LIFE ON EDEN ISLET

Tag 8 - Reef  
life on Eden  
Islet

Green turtles, sharks and rare bird colonies The wealth of wildlife watching opportunities continues at Eden Islet, where we hope to see Galapagos green turtles, rays, and friendly reef sharks. On the shore, look out for distinctive frigatebirds with their rubbery, red throats. You can swim or snorkel to explore the reefs. Alternatively, see the reefs from our glass-bottomed boat or by kayak. After lunch, we'll sail to North Seymour. The island is a great site for spotting colonies of blue-footed boobies and Swallow-tailed Gulls. Sea lions and marine iguanas also congregate here, attracted by the bountiful sea life in its waters.

#### END OF YOUR EXPEDITION

Tag 9 - End of  
your  
expedition

From the Galápagos Islands to Guayaquil Your expedition cruise draws to a close as you disembark at Baltra Island. A transfer will take you to the airport in Baltra for your flight to Guayaquil (or if you prefer, to Quito) to connect to your international flight. To explore more of Ecuador, why not extend your stay and join one of our post-voyage options. As you leave this fascinating region, you'll take with you incredible memories of amazing wildlife and wonderful experiences few have the privilege of seeing.

#### 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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