

Galapagos Islands

Humboldt Explorer

8 to 19 September 2013

Tour Leader: Xavier

9 nights Ex Melbourne
From

Diver **\$8,830** per person

Price Includes:

- Return flights ex. Melbourne to San Cristobal via Santiago and Guayaquil flying with **LAN Airlines and Aero Gal Airlines**
- 2 Nights twin share acc. **Guayaquil**
Includes: Buffet Breakfast
- Return airport transfers
- 7 night Galapagos diving expedition aboard the **Humboldt Explorer**
Twin share cabin accommodation & Breakfast
3 meals daily, plus daily snacks (except Sunday night dinner)
Alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages
Towels and linen
Up to 4 dives per day : Including Wolf and Darwin
Use of tanks and weight belt
Return airport transfers Ex San Cristobal
Various land visits whilst in the Galapagos Islands
- Australian Departure tax

Cost Does Not Include:

- Travel Insurance
- Personal spending monies
- Passport and visa fee's
- Excess Luggage Surcharges
- Nitrox \$150.00 USD per person / per week
- Sunday meal approx \$15.00 USD pp
- Galapagos National park fee \$100.00 USD pp
- Tourist card \$10.00 USD pp
- Chamber fee \$35.00 USD pp
- Fuel surcharge \$150.00 USD pp

Conditions Apply: Prices are subject to change due to 2013 rates increases, schedule changes and fluctuations in USD exchange rates without notice.

Booking Requirements:

To secure your place on this expedition, you will need to complete a booking form and return it together with a non refundable deposit amount of \$800.00 per person.

Booking Reference # S9050

Date : 17/05/11

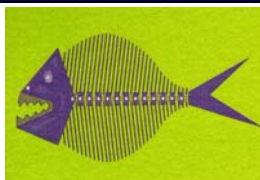
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Galapagos - Humboldt Explorer



Vessel: Humboldt Explorer

Length overall: 106 ft (32.3 meters)
Beam: 21.3 ft (6.5 meters)
Draft: 8.2 ft (2.5 meters)
Tonnage: 169 ITC
Main engines: Detroit Diesel 6V92, 350 hp
Generators: 2x Perkins 73 kw
Maximum Speed: 10 knots
Fuel Capacity: 20,000 liters

Accommodations:

16 passengers in 8 air-conditioned rooms on main and lower decks, all with private bathrooms and showers. All rooms except rooms 3 & 4 (forward below decks) can be converted to either one queen bed or two twin beds. Up to 7 crew and 2 guides in crews' quarters.

Safety Equipment: Life rafts (2), life rings/strobes, life vests/strobes, emergency position locator, flares, oxygen and first aid equipment

Air Systems: 2 electric Bauer compressors with nitrox membrane, producing 32% nitrox, bank storage

Tenders: Rigid hull inflatables (2), used for passenger transport and diver pickup

Accessories: Diving Equipment





Galapagos Itinerary

Days aboard the **M/V Humboldt Explorer** generally involve a 6:30 a.m. dive followed by breakfast, a dive at 9:30, lunch at 12:00, and afternoon dives at 1:30 and 4:00 p.m. Dinner is served at approximately 7:00 p.m. Under current National Parks guidelines, no night dives are allowed by any vessels within the Galapagos National Park.

Please note that this itinerary is an example only, and will change depending on local regulation, weather and logistics at the Captain's discretion. Currently, each week the itinerary includes the same islands. The number of dives and the dive sites may vary depending on sea conditions, crossing times and currents. The order of the island visits, however, is dictated by the Galapagos National Park and may vary weekly.

Monday 9th September 2013 : San Cristobal

Guests fly to the Galapagos Islands from Mainland Ecuador, arriving in the Galapagos islands mid-day. Guests are met at the airport and taken to the vessel.

Boarding the vessel after 12:00 noon, guests will depart for a short crossing to the a calm site for a check out dive and safety briefing. Lunch will be served before the dive and dinner will be served after the check out dive. The vessel will make a late day departure to the next destination.

Tuesday 10th September 2013 : North Seymour - North Seymour Canal, North Seymour Point

6:30, 9:30, dives. Sightings include turtles, hammerheads, sea lions.

Afternoon/overnight transit to Darwin (20 hours).

Wednesday 11th September 2013 : Darwin - Darwin's Arch

6:30, 9:30, 1:30 and 4:00 dives. Sightings often include hammerheads, whale sharks, eagle rays, Galapagos sharks, and silky sharks. Night at anchor.

Thursday 12th September 2013 : Darwin - Darwin's Arch

6:30, 9:30, 1:30 and 4:00 dives. Sightings often include hammerheads, whale sharks, eagle rays, Galapagos sharks, and silky sharks. Evening crossing to Wolf Island (2.5 hrs).

Friday 13th September 2013 : Wolf Island - Landslide, Shark Bay, Pinaculo

6:30, 9:30, 1:30 and 4:00 dives. Sightings often include hammerheads, eagle rays, Galapagos sharks, turtles and silky sharks. Overnight transit to Isabela Island (15 hours).

Saturday 14th September 2013 : Isabela Island – Cabo Marshall

6:30 and 9:30 dives. Sightings include giant manta rays, mobula rays, turtles, hammerheads, black-striped salema. Overnight transit Cousins Rock (8 hours).

Sunday 15th September 2013 : Cousin's Rock

6:30, 8:30 dives – wall and macro diving with excellent chance of seeing sea horses, sea lions, eagle rays. Breakfast and transit back to Santa Cruz (3 hrs). Land trip to see the giant tortoises in the highlands of Santa Cruz, traditional Ecuadorian BBQ lunch at a farm in the highlands (cost is \$15 per person), and transit to Puerto Ayora for shopping and possible visit to Darwin Centre on your own. 7 p.m. return to the boat, dinner and crossing to San Cristobal.

Monday 16th September 2013 : Baltra/San Cristobal

Breakfast; depart the vessel by 8:30 am. Trip to the interpretive centre and time to visit the beach in town to see sea lions and marine iguanas. Transfer back to the airport for flight back to Quito or Guayaquil.

