

M/Y PASSION

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Length:

159 feet (48.5 meters)

Beam (Width):

28 feet (8.64 meters)

Draft:

10 feet (3 meters)

Speed:

10 knots (18 km/h)

Type of Vessel:

Motor Yacht

Weight:

459 Tons (Gross)

Stabilizers:

Electronic Vosper Stabilizers

Electric Power Supply:

240 V 50HZ / 120 V 60HZ





REDIFINING BAREFOOT LUXURY

The Passion brings new meaning to luxury yachting in the Galapagos Islands. The yacht was originally privately owned, but once Andando Tours/Angermeyer Cruises acquired it to become part of its fleet, it was adapted for tourism while still retaining some of the original luxury detailing that makes it a one-of-a-kind vessel.

The Passion, however, is not only special due to its luxurious décor, comfortable suites and staterooms, and marble bathrooms. It is one of the largest yachts in the islands and has the lowest crew to passenger ratio available. At 159 ft. long, it is almost double the size of the closest comparable yacht, giving its 14 passengers room to roam and the option to come together in the social areas or find a quiet spot on any of its four decks for some privacy without having to go back to their cabins.

There are ample interior and exterior social areas, a panoramic sky lounge with bar and sliding glass doors, separate dining room and wonderfully spacious decks more than 200 sq. meters of fine teak decking and a further secluded sun deck with lounge chairs and Jacuzzi.

Our departures operate with 12 crew members, including a chef and a cruise director, as well as a bilingual naturalist guide. This allows us to provide truly personalized service to each one of our guests, ensuring that their every need is met to perfection. As we mentioned, our chef can meet any dietary requirements – from kosher to vegan, and everything in between – with notice prior to departure.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner can be served al fresco in our exterior dining area, allowing guests to enjoy the amazing views stunning sunsets and moonrises of the Galapagos Islands.

The Passion is also one of the safest, most stable vessels in the islands. With 10-foot draft mono-hull, electronic Vosper stabilizers that automatically sense shifts in currents, and constructed from marine steel, the Passion is more than equipped to handle any eventuality that may arise from open-water navigation in the Pacific Ocean.

Capacity: 14 Passengers

Port of Operation: Baltra

Number of cabins: 2 Suites and 5 Staterooms

PASSION FOR CONSERVATION

WildAid is a California-based global NGO that has been working in Galapagos since 2002. Their primary focus is curtailing illegal fishing, wildlife trafficking, and the introduction of invasive species. They approach this issue on two fronts. First, by working on education campaigns in countries where the purchase of exotic species is widespread, the idea being that “once the buying stops, the killing stops.” WildAid also works with local partners to implement programs that aim at preventing damage to delicate ecosystems.

In 2015, when the Passion became a part of the Angermeyer fleet, our CEO, Fiddi Angermeyer, immediately got in touch with WildAid to offer them a partnership. This initiative stemmed from the Angermeyer family’s commitment to preserving the Galapagos, which has been a part of their legacy since they arrived on the islands over 70 years ago.

As part of the partnership, the M/Y Passion was officially renamed WildAid’s Passion. Also, \$100 of each passenger’s rate on the vessel goes directly into the Galapagos Conservation Fund; a trust fund created specifically for this partnership.

Furthermore, passengers on the Passion are receive detailed information about the partnership and are encouraged to make additional individual donations. Furthermore, Andando Tours has donated one week-long chartered voyage on the Passion per year to be auctioned at WildAid’s annual gala. Proceeds from the sale go directly to funding programs in the Galapagos.

Currently, the Conservation Fund is working on a number of programs on the islands and marine reserve. These include working with the Galapagos Biosecurity Agency by funding training programs, equipment purchases, and awareness campaigns. Through these actions, the agency is able to prevent the entry of invasive species in the islands by making them easier to identify and quarantine. Our illegal fishing program focuses on training park rangers and giving them the most modern technology (AIS monitoring systems) to oversee the Galapagos marine reserve.



ACCOMMODATIONS

VIP SUITE



2 Windows
1 King Bed
1 Sofa Bed
Private Marble Full Bathroom
Air Conditioning
Hair Dryer
Amenities
110/220V & USB charger

STARTING FROM:

\$3,000 USD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:

80%

MASTER SUITE



2 Windows
1 King Bed
2 Private Marble Full Bathroom
Air Conditioning
Hair Dryer
Amenities
110/220V & USB charger

STARTING FROM:

\$3,000 USD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:

80%

STATEROOM #1



2 Windows
1 Queen Size Bed
Private Marble Bathroom
Air Conditioning
Hair Dryer
Amenities
110/220V & USB charger

STARTING FROM:

\$2,600 USD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:

80%

STATEROOM #2



2 Windows
2 Twin Size Beds
Private Marble Bathroom
Air Conditioning
Hair Dryer
Amenities
110/220V & USB charger

STARTING FROM:

\$2,600 USD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:

80%

STATEROOM #3



1 Full Bed & 1 Twin Bed
1 Private Marble Bathroom
Air Conditioning
Hair Dryer
Amenities
110/220V & USB charger

STARTING FROM:

\$2,600 USD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:

80%

STATEROOM #4



2 Windows
1 Full Bed & 1 Twin Bed
1 Private Marble Bathroom
Air Conditioning
Hair Dryer
Amenities
110/220V & USB charger

STARTING FROM:

\$2,600 USD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:

80%

STATEROOM #5



1 big window
1 Queen Size Bed
Private Bathroom
Air Conditioning
Hair Dryer
Amenities
110/220V & USB charger

STARTING FROM:

\$2,600 USD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:

No single supplement

SOCIAL AREAS

The M/Y Passion, originally built as a private luxury yacht, had never been used for tourism before.

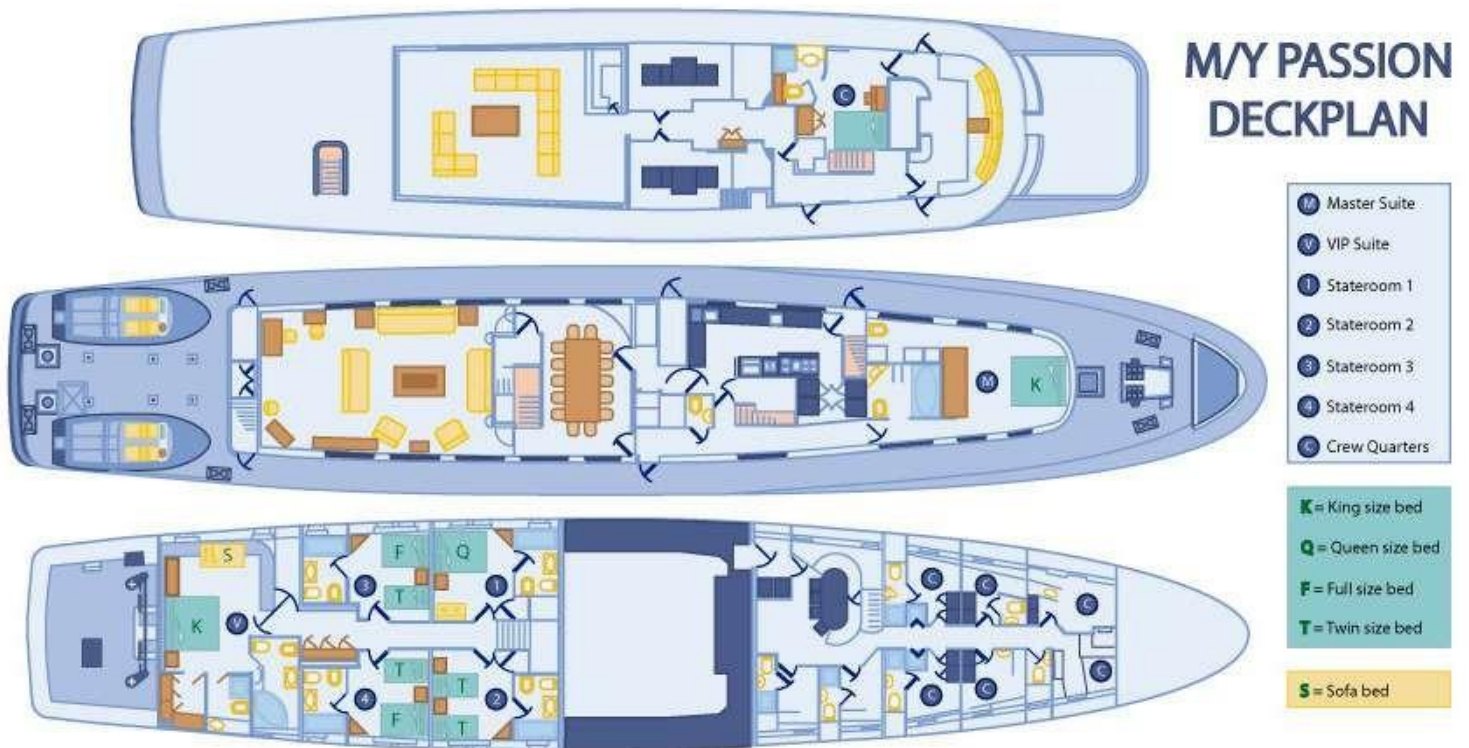
Andando Tours/Angermeyer Cruises incorporated the M/Y Passion into its Galapagos luxury cruise fleet in August 2015.

It has been completely refurbished while retaining many of its original features such as the rose-colored marble bathrooms and teak wood decks that make the vessel one of a kind.

This exclusive vessel has ample social areas, a panoramic sky lounge and bar, separate dining room, wonderfully spacious sun decks for al fresco dining and a secluded sun deck with hot tub for relaxation and privacy.



DECK PLAN



ITINERARY SUMMARY



EASTERN ISLANDS - 5D / 4N CRUISE

SAT	AM	ARRIVAL TO THE ISLANDS
	PM	BLACK TURTLE COVE – SANTA CRUZ
SUN	AM	DARWIN BAY - GENOVESA
	PM	EL BARRANCO - GENOVESA
MON	AM	BARTOLOME ISLAND
	PM	CHINESE HAT ISLAND
TUE	AM	RABIDA ISLAND
	PM	DRAGON HILL – SANTA CRUZ
WED	AM	HIGHLANDS - SANTA CRUZ
	PM	DEPARTURE BALTRA AIRPORT



EASTERN ISLANDS - 4D / 3N CRUISE

WED	AM	ARRIVAL TO THE ISLANDS
	PM	HIGHLANDS + CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH STATION – SANTA CRUZ
THUR	AM	SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND
	PM	SANTA FE ISLAND
FRI	AM	GARDNER BAY/ISLET + OSBORN
	ISLET	
	PM	SUAREZ POINT – ESPAÑOLA ISLAND
SAT	AM	TWIN CRATERS – SANTA CRUZ
	PM	DEPARTURE BALTRA AIRPORT

WESTERN ISLANDS: 8D/7N ITINERARY

DAY 1 - SATURDAY

SANTA CRUZ HIGHLANDS & CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH STATION

After arriving at Baltra airport, we will be greeted by our naturalist guide to then cross the Itabaca Channel and reach Santa Cruz Island for our first visit in the Archipelago: The Highlands. Here, we will have lunch at a local ranch while looking for the famous giant tortoises, which are in constant migration from the highlands to the coast. After lunch, we will head to Puerto Ayora for our second visit, the Fausto Llerena Tortoise Breeding Center. In the breeding center, we will see tortoises from different islands. The animals are found in large semi natural pens for their protection, but also to ensure an easy view for the tourists. The pens are divided according to four different stages: eggs, neonates, juveniles (held here until they are mature enough to be "repatriated"), and adults.

Afterward, we will head back to Puerto Ayora, where we will have some time to explore the town and shops by ourselves (this is the only chance of shopping during on this itinerary) before boarding the M/Y Passion at around 5:00 p.m.

Once on board, the crew and captain will welcome us, have a short security drill and enjoy dinner and the briefing for the next day's activities.

DAY 2 - SUNDAY

PUNTA CORMORANT, DEVIL'S CROWN & POST OFFICE BAY

AM

Wet landing onto the olivine beaches of Punta Cormorant, where we will be seeking Greater Flamingos on the brackish lagoon on our way to another special beach with the finest sand you'll set foot on, a sea turtle nesting ground where sharks and rays also visit regularly. We end the outing with a short panga ride to snorkel in the Devil's Crown, an old volcanic crater and a key snorkeling site.

PM

After lunch, we will visit Post Office Bay (wet landing), where you can drop your postcards in the barrel as the whalers did centuries ago and select cards to hand deliver when you return home.

ISLANDS VISITED

- Santa Cruz
- Floreana
- Isabela
- Fernandina
- Santiago
- North Seymour
- Mosquera

SUMMARY

Starting in Puerto Ayora, you will learn about the conservation efforts and programs being run at the Charles Darwin Research Station. This tour will then take you to backwater lagoons where flamingoes perform and cormorants nest, and to bays where you can snorkel and see sea turtles, penguins, sea lions and tropical fish. Spend an afternoon relaxing, dozing on the sun deck or whale watching from the bow.

A photograph of a Galapagos Penguin standing on a dark, jagged rock in the middle of a blue ocean. The penguin has dark brown upperparts and a white underbelly. It is looking towards the right. The water is a deep blue with some whitecaps.

URBINA BAY

GALAPAGOS PENGUIN

DAY 3 - MONDAY

BLACK BEACH & ASILO DE LA PAZ

AM

This morning we will visit Floreana Island's Black Beach to learn about the intriguing human history of the island and its first inhabitants. We will visit this fresh water source known as Asilo de La Paz, as well as the caves that served as hideouts for pirates and where the first Galapagueño was born, according to the stories of Floreana, which involve the infamous Baroness Eloise Wagner von Bousquet and her lovers who mysteriously began to disappear after settling on the island.

PM

After our visit, we will have the best opportunity for a not-so-common yet well-beloved activity in the archipelago, a full afternoon navigation to look for whales and dolphins.

This afternoon is completed by the impressive landscapes of Isabela and the Cerro Azul volcano.

DAY 4 - TUESDAY

PUNTA MORENO & URBINA BAY

AM

We arrive at Isabela, the largest island in the Galapagos. After breakfast, we step ashore at Punta Moreno (dry landing) onto a superb pahoehoe lava flow surrounded by giant shield volcanoes, some of which are still active! From here we will do a short hike to a lagoon where flamingos are usually present.

PM

We disembark at Urbina Bay (wet landing) onto a black sand beach, a nesting site for green sea turtles. We take a brief hike inland in search of land iguanas and giant tortoises (seasonal) that migrate to and from the highlands.

At the beach, we will admire the remains of a geological uplift exposing coral heads and marine fossils, and if the sea conditions and time are on our side, we will also snorkel in these waters.

DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY

TAGUS COVE & PUNTA ESPINOSA

AM

Dry landing near **Tagus Cove**, a historical pirate hideaway where names of countless ships are recorded for posterity on the cliff face. Hike through beautiful Galapagos landscapes to Darwin Lake, a salt-water crater lagoon surrounded by tuff stone.

PM

We cross Bolivar Channel to Fernandina Island, one of the world's most pristine sites, and disembark (dry landing) at **Punta Espinosa**.

Strolling along the shoreline, we will be on the lookout for flightless cormorants, Galapagos sea lions, Galapagos penguins and hawks, sooty-colored marine iguanas and bright red-orange Sally Lightfoot crabs.

DAY 6 - THURSDAY

PUERTO EGAS, BUCANEER'S COVE & ESPUMILLA

AM

At **Puerto Egas** (wet landing) we disembark on a dark sand volcanic beach with an interesting history of human settlement. Sleepy Galapagos fur seals lounge under arches of lava carved by the ocean and occasionally dip into the crystalline pools, also known as "grottos." Walk along the shore and observe the abundant marine life.

PM

At **Buccaneer Cove** we will take a panga ride around the beautiful coastline. This place got its name because it used to be a refuge for British Buccaneers, which anchored here to collect supplies and clean their ships among other activities. The cove is very scenic with views of the cliffs and a dark beach. Do not forget to look for two unusual rock formations known as 'the monk' and 'elephant rock.' We head to central Santiago to disembark at **Espumilla** (wet landing), onto a golden-colored sand beach, used by green sea turtles as a nesting site.

A forest trail will take us through some of the largest specimens of Palo Santo on the islands to observe yellow warblers, the amazing Galapagos flycatcher, and Darwin finches.

DAY 7 - FRIDAY

SULLIVAN BAY & NORTH SEYMOUR

AM

We head across to Sullivan Bay (dry landing) in Santiago to walk over a recent lava flow, including very fresh pahoehoe lava formations, lava bubbles containing crystallized minerals and pioneer plants. Along the shoreline, we may find Galapagos penguins and herons going after small fish.

PM

We disembark on North Seymour (dry landing), a small uplifted island, where we will walk right up to bird nesting colonies of the two species of frigate birds, blue-footed boobies, and swallow-tailed gulls, and experience, depending on the season, spectacular mating ritual displays.

DAY 8 - SATURDAY

MOSQUERA ISLET & DEPARTURE

AM

Mosquera is a small islet located between Baltra and North Seymour Islands and measuring about 160 meters across and 600 meters long. It is home to one of the largest sea lion colonies and is also a haven for shorebirds. Orcas occasionally come to the islet to feed on the sea lions. After this visit, the yacht will sail to Baltra where passengers ending their trip will disembark, and passengers beginning their cruise will join us on board.

In addition to the land visits, we offer a good balance of other activities such as snorkeling, panga rides, and kayaking.

EASTERN ISLANDS: 8D/7N ITINERARY

DAY 1 - SATURDAY

MORNING FLIGHT TO BALTRA - BLACK TURTLE COVE

After arriving at Baltra airport, we will be greeted by our naturalist guide to then board the M/Y WildAid's Passion and have lunch. After lunch, we will navigate a short distance to Black Turtle Cove, a large mangrove lagoon on the north coast of Santa Cruz Island. Pelicans and herons roost on the branches, while marine dwellers such as green sea turtles or golden rays may cruise right next to the panga as it makes its way through the mangroves.

DAY 2 - SUNDAY

DARWIN BAY & EL BARRANCO

AM

We travel to Genovesa Island and reach **Darwin Bay** (wet landing), a unique site with a beautiful beach, lined with red mangroves and soft-haired prickly pear cacti where red-footed boobies and great frigatebirds perch tamely.

PM

At **El Barranco** (dry landing), we climb the edge of a cliff where frigatebirds, masked boobies, and red-footed boobies nest. The trail will take us to the inner part of the island, populated by holy stick trees and cacti. We will be seeking out the impressive red-billed tropicbird amidst Galapagos storm petrels and the endemic short-ear owl.

ISLANDS VISITED

- Santa Cruz
- South Plaza
- Santa Fe
- Española
- Rabida
- Santiago
- Genovesa

SUMMARY

This tour will take you to the eastern islands of the archipelago, to deep, silent coves where green sea turtles swim, to the iconic Pinnacle Rock and to a red sandy beach where yet more sea lions await you. A panga will take you where red footed boobies perch on prickly pear cacti, Nazca boobies nest and green sea turtles glide alongside.



RABIDA ISLAND

RED SAND BEACH

DAY 3 - MONDAY

BARTOLOME ISLAND & CHINESE HAT

AM

Dry landing at **Bartolome** to climb up the wooden steps and reach the summit of this spatter cone for a most breath-taking panorama of the island's well photographed **Pinnacle Rock** and views of neighboring Santiago and many other central islands in the distance. Afterward, we will visit the white sand beach used as a nest site by sea turtles. Bartolome is also a good place to spot the Galapagos penguin.

PM

Less than a quarter of one square kilometer in size, this island gets its name from being shaped like a **Chinese hat**. The hat shape is best appreciated from the north side. Lava formations can be seen on the western side of the island, formed under the sea and later raised upward, making it possible to observe coral heads on the lava. Be amazed by the landscapes covered by sea lions' colonies, marine iguanas, and Galapagos penguins.

DAY 4 - TUESDAY

RABIDA ISLAND & CERRO DRAGON

AM

Wet landing onto **Rabida's** deep-red beaches to explore the red island's fascinating interior and saltwater lagoon, where flamingos are usually present. Darwin's finches, Galapagos mockingbirds, and yellow warblers feed off the vegetation. Given the right time of the year, we may see brown pelicans nesting on salt bushes that fringe the beach.

PM

We head across to **Cerro Dragon** on Santa Cruz's northwest shore (dry landing) to visit a saltwater lagoon, home to Greater Flamingos, black-necked stilts, and white-cheeked pintails. Further inland we find a fantastic land iguana nesting site.

DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY

SANTA CRUZ HIGHLANDS & DARWIN RESEARCH STATION

AM

We will spend this day visiting **Santa Cruz Island's** most famous highlights. We will have a dry landing at the dock of Puerto Ayora to then board our transportation and head to the island's highlands. This area, in contrast to the coastal region, has lush vegetation and forest due to the humidity in the higher regions.

We will visit one of the ranches of the area where it is possible to see giant tortoises in their natural habitat. As these animals migrate from the coastal area to the highlands and back, the chosen ranch will depend on the presence of the tortoises since they roam free and change locations.

This is also a good place to see the ground finch of the Island, which populates these forests where is also possible to see the vermilion flycatcher or the yellow warbler.

PM

We will return to the yacht for lunch and to freshen up to then head back to Puerto Ayora for our second visit of the day, the Fausto Llerena Tortoise Breeding Center. Here, we will see tortoises from different islands. The animals are found in large semi natural pens for their protection, but also to ensure an easy view for the visitors. The pens are divided according to four different stages: eggs, neonates, juveniles (held here until they are mature enough to be "repatriated"), and adults.

DAY 6 - THURSDAY

PLAZA SUR & SANTA FE ISLAND

AM

Dry landing on one of the oldest docks of the archipelago on colorful **Plaza Sur**, home to vibrant green prickly pears, deep red *Sesuvium*, and coppery-orange land iguanas. Impressive seaward cliffs make the perfect perching spot for a variety of coastal birds. This is also a great place to observe the adult and pup sea lions swimming along the shores.

PM

After a wet landing on Santa Fe, we will be encountered by a white beach where sea lions are usually resting. We will be looking for the endemic species of land iguana, larger and yellower than land iguanas on other islands. The largest prickly pear cacti in the Galapagos are also found here.

DAY 7 - FRIDAY

GARDNER BAY, GARDNER ISLET, OSBORN ISLET & PUNTA SUAREZ

AM

We will spend the morning in the fantastic **Gardner Bay** (wet landing) of Española Island; an outstanding beach with sea lions, marine iguanas, and the intrepid Española mockingbird. Close to Española, there is a good spot for snorkeling called **Gardner Islet**. While snorkeling, there is a good chance playful sea lions will join you. Get ready for more snorkeling at **Osborn islet**, a great place to observe great quantities of marine life.

PM

In the afternoon we will head to Punta Suarez, one of the most popular landing sites in Galapagos.

The highlights include: sea lions near the landing place, sometimes to be seen body-surfing in the large breakers, large marine iguanas, with red-colored males in the breeding season, oystercatchers, blue-footed and Nazca boobies, Galapagos hawks, Galapagos doves, swallow-tailed gulls, red-billed tropicbirds, and three species endemic to Española: the waved albatross (present only from April to December), the Española mockingbird, and the Española lava lizard. The trail ends in "El Soplador" a blowhole that sprays water some 25 m (75 feet) into the air.

DAY 8 - SATURDAY

TWIN CRATERS & DEPARTURE

AM

This is our last day in the islands. After breakfast we will disembark in Puerto Ayora to take our transport to the Baltra airport, making a short stop to visit the **Twin Craters**. The *Gemelos* (twins) are in fact not craters, but magma domes that have collapsed, leaving two deep and wide holes located to the side of the road that leads to Puerto Ayora from the other side of the island.

After this visit, we will make our way to the Baltra airport for the flight to mainland Ecuador.

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DRAGON HILL

LAND IGUANA

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EASTERN ISLANDS: 4D/3N ITINERARY

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY

SANTA CRUZ HIGHLANDS & CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH STATION

After arriving at Baltra airport, we will be greeted by our personnel to then cross the itabaca channel and reach Santa Cruz Island for our first visit in the Archipelago: the Highlands. This is also a good place to see the ground finch of the Island, which populates these forests where is also possible to see the vermilion flycatcher or the yellow warbler.

We will return to the yacht for lunch and to freshen up to then head back to Puerto Ayora for our second visit of the day, the Fausto Llerena Tortoise Breeding Center. Here, we will see tortoises from different islands. The animals are found in large semi natural pens for their protection, but also to ensure an easy view for the visitors.

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ISLANDS

- Santa Cruz
- South Plaza
- Santa Fe
- Española

SUMMARY

Your time in Galapagos can be short but sweet on the M/Y Passion's 4-day cruise. First, spend a whole day with the world-famous Giant Tortoises in the Santa Cruz Highlands and the Charles Darwin Research Center. Spend time with colorful land iguanas in Plaza Sur and then hang out with sea lions on Santa Fe. Then, marvel at the geologic formations of the coast of Española and snorkel with some of the world's most majestic sea creatures.

ESPAÑOLA ISLAND

WAVED ALBATROSS



DAY 3 - FRIDAY

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SERVICES ON BOARD

DIETARY ACCOMMODATIONS

- Vegetarian
- Vegan
- Supplement: Kosher

GUIDING LANGUAGES

- English / Spanish
- Supplement: German, French and Italian

VISITOR ACTIVITIES

Visitor activities gear: Kayaks 4 to 8 available Snorkeling equipment Wet suits

FOOD SERVING STYLE

- Served meals

CREW LANGUAGES & MEMBERS

- Spanish / Basic English 11 crew
- members

DRINKS

Natural juices, coffee , tea and water

Surcharge: Bottled and alcoholic beverages