

Panama to Galapagos

6th February to 3rd March 2019



For Canal transit join 3rd February in Colon.

6th February 2019; Join Celtic Star in Panama City



Welcome aboard with introductions and safety brief. Explore the local environs.

7th February; Sail to Las Perlas Islands. 45nm

Cruise Las Perlas Islands. The Pearl Islands is a group of 200 or more islands and islets lying about 30 miles off the Pacific coast of Panama in the Gulf of Panama. Named for the large pearls found in its waters.

The Archipiélago de Las Perlas comprises 90 named **islands** and more than 100 unnamed islets, each surrounded white-sand beaches and turquoise waters.



14th February; Set sail to Galapagos 850nm, 6-8 days, Ocean Passage



Celtic Star averages 150 nm /day dependant on wind and sea conditions.

This passage will be an ocean-going sail with a watch keeping system and defined crew roles. Sea safety is paramount. For anyone not experienced who wishes to sail with us on this wonderful voyage, we suggest joining us for training in the UK this summer.

21st February; Arrive San Cristobal Island, Galapagos.

This remote archipelago overflows with curious animals that wander the moon-like landscapes fearlessly, making it an ideal spot for any nature lover. Visit the national park, the oldest of its kind in Ecuador, before taking to the warm oceans to dive among some of the best sites in the world. Home to cheeky penguins, giant tortoises and playful sea lions, the Galapagos Islands offer a wildlife scene like no place else.



San Cristóbal is the easternmost island in the Galápagos archipelago, as well as one of the oldest geologically. We plan to cruise around and explore this island independently.

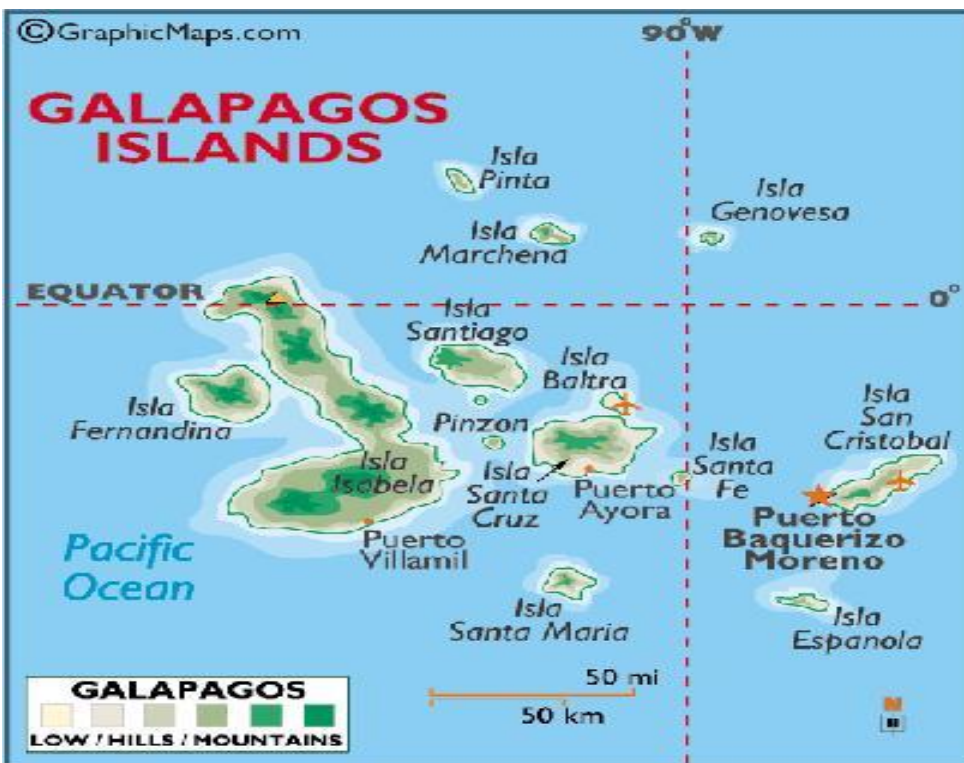


26th February; Sail to Santa Cruz Island, 45nm

Santa Cruz is an island in Ecuador's Galápagos National Park. It's known for sandy beaches like El Garrapatero. The town of Puerto Ayora is the archipelago's tourism hub. Here, the Charles Darwin Research Station has a breeding program for endangered giant tortoises, which live wild in El Chato Reserve. Tortuga Bay attracts sea turtles and marine iguanas. Los Gemelos volcanic calderas and a lava tunnel lie inland. We plan to take tourist trips to explore the island and investigate trips to other islands where restrictions are imposed on using our own boat.

3rd March; Depart Celtic Star

World ARC sets sail for the Marquesas on 6th March 2019. 2980nm 15-24 days.



Cost/person

We have been looking into the structure and additional costs of this leg of the World ARC and have revised our plans to reflect this. There will be three parts to the package:

Las Perlas Isles 7th-14 February 2019

Catered cruising around these beautiful desert islands.

Anchoring, snorkelling and eating and drinking; we will entertain our guests for this part of the cruise and therefore reflect this in the price for this 7 days of relaxation on board with fine foods and wine.

Passage to Galapagos 14th-21st February

For the ocean passage we request a contribution to the cost of running the boat at sea. Cost reflects all the safety equipment and investment required for entry into the World ARC, plus 3 meals/day.

Galapagos Islands 21st February -3rd March

We felt it would be difficult to plan and provide for our guests and decided to charge for B&B only.

There will be opportunities to 'sight see' and visit all the fascinating places that these Islands are famous for. However, we suggest for this part of the cruise individuals are independent. We may decide at the time to share some meals out or in, and sight- seeing trips together but we will not be catering on a daily basis, beyond putting on a bed and breakfast service.

World Arc Crew Fee for Third leg	£120
Las Perlas Cruise £100/day x 7days	£700
7 days ocean passage; £50/day x 7 days	£350
Galapagos islands; £30/day x 10 days	£300
TOTAL	£1470.00

Panama Transit: Additional per person

£200