With an intimate ambiance, the La Pinta is perfect for exploring the Galápagos Islands. The ship features yacht-like amenities including a large lounge, outdoor bar, hot tub, library and a Sun Deck perfect for watching the passing scenery.

**ACCOUNTS ON BOARD**
Upon embarkation, a shipboard account is automatically opened for your convenience with an imprint of your credit card. A “chit” system will operate for onboard purchases. Each time you make a purchase, a chit will be signed by you and the purchase amount debited to your shipboard account, which is presented for settlement at the end of the voyage. American Express, MasterCard, VISA, traveler’s checks and cash are the only acceptable forms of payment for your account. The U.S. dollar is the standard currency on board the La Pinta, and all credit card bills and accounts are rendered in U.S. dollars.

**BAGGAGE STORAGE**
Baggage can be stored underneath the beds in your cabin. There are approximately 10 inches between the floor and the bed providing ample room for a standard-sized suitcase.

**BAR**
The bar is stocked with local and international liquors and alcohol. Chilean wines are served in the dining room. Upon request, the service staff will be happy to retain unused portions of bottled wines ordered with your meals for consumption at subsequent seatings. All alcoholic beverages will be charged to your shipboard account. Water, tea and coffee are complimentary.

**BRIDGE VISITS**
There is an open-bridge policy on the La Pinta. However, the bridge may be closed to visitors during maneuvers in port, when anchoring or during periods of inclement weather.

**CABINS AND SERVICE**
The ship has a total of 24 comfortable outside cabins with picture windows. The cabins are fully air-conditioned and heated with individual climate control and have private bathrooms with shower, toilet and wash basin. Shampoo and soap are provided in the bathroom. Hair dryers are also provided in the rooms. All cabins have a small sitting area with a chair and desk, and each cabin is equipped with a telephone (for contacting other cabins only). Valuables can be left at the safe located in every cabin.

Cabin are serviced every morning by your cabin attendant. They are cleaned again in the evening when beds are turned down. If you require additional housekeeping service in addition to these visits, please advise the reception desk.

**COMMUNICATION**
The La Pinta has a satellite link-up system that provides world-wide communication. The ship is equipped with satellite internet and two computers are located in the natural history library (Main Deck). Service has a rate of U$ 25.00 per day. Wireless is now available on social areas, the rate US$ 25.00 per day.

The ship is also equipped with a satellite telephone and fax. Calls and faxes are only possible whenever the satellite is visible over the horizon. Please note, however, that you will be charged for all personal communications whether inbound or outbound, and satellite reception is expensive. Each cabin has a telephone to call the front desk or another cabin on board, as well as
an emergency button located right next to the PA system volume control, for contacting the Bridge in case of emergency.

Detailed contact information for the La Pinta and our hotel in Quito will be included with your Red Journal sent approximately three weeks prior to departure.

DAILY PROGRAMS
The daily program is posted in common areas every evening on board ship. The program provides details of the cruising schedule, lectures, shore excursions and notes about interesting sights and other activities. Weather and other conditions may, of course, alter the day’s intended program. Your tour staff will notify you of any changes to the printed schedule.

DIETARY NEEDS
Special dietary requests can be accommodated, but we must be notified at least three months prior to departure in writing on the Individual Information Form sent with your confirmation mailing. The galley is equipped to prepare or serve all special dietary foods except kosher cuisine.

DINING
Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in the dining room on the Main Deck. The dining room accommodates all passengers in one open seating. Menus are typically a delicious combination of Ecuadorian and continental cuisine. Coffee, tea and water are available 24 hours a day in the main lounge. Throughout the program, meals may also be served outside on deck if weather conditions permit.

ELECTRICITY
Power in passenger cabins is 110 volts/60 hertz, with North American, standard-style outlets that accommodate a flat, 2-prong plug. Check the specifications of your equipment before departure and make sure you have the necessary accessories. Voltage in public areas may differ from that in your cabin. Please consult an officer before plugging any electrical equipment into the outlets in the lounge, library or other public rooms on the ship.

ELEVATOR
There is no elevator on board the La Pinta.

EXERCISE FACILITIES
The La Pinta has a small gym, open 24 hours, with three POLAR-brand machines: Treadmill 91Ti, Cross-Trainer 91Xi Total-Body and Lifecycle® Bike 90C Upright.

GIFT SHOP
Gift items and toiletries are available for purchase at reception on the Main Deck. There is a limited range of goods—mainly T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, souvenirs, film and basic toiletries. Purchases are debited to your shipboard account.

GRATUITIES
Gratuities for onboard staff and crew are included in the cost of the trip. Tips to the ship bartender are not included.
HAIR DRYER
There is a hair dryer available in each cabin.

LAUNDRY
There is no laundry service available on board the La Pinta. However, the ship has arranged for laundry service (no dry cleaning) to be provided one time for all guests while the ship is docked in Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz Island. A clothes dryer is available on board throughout the cruise for drying wet swimsuits, clothing and other items.

LIBRARY
There is a small library, which contains a selection of magazines, books and reference materials for your use.

MAIL
You will have the opportunity to purchase stamps and send mail from one of the towns in the Galápagos, at the airport or from mainland Ecuador. Please be aware that mail sent from the Galápagos does not reach its destination as reliably as mail sent from the mainland.

MEDICAL SERVICES
The ship’s infirmary is located on the Main Deck. A fully licensed physician will be on board throughout the voyage. Any applicable fees for medical services received on board are debited to your shipboard account, payable at the end of the voyage. At no point in the cruise itinerary are we more than twelve to fourteen hours from the nearest hospital.

It is essential that persons with any medical problems or drug allergies inform us well before departure so that we may brief the ship’s doctor accordingly. Please indicate these in writing on the Medical Form sent with your confirmation mailing. If you require prescription medications, please remember to bring an adequate supply for our trip.

If you use a hearing aid that might be turned off at night or would otherwise require special assistance in case of an emergency, please advise the reception desk of this fact at the time of boarding.

NEWS
News reports are received Monday through Friday, weather and satellite conditions permitting. The most recent communication is posted at reception.

RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT
The La Pinta carries a supply of snorkels, masks and fins for passenger use. As water temperature is not warm year-round in the Galápagos, the ship also carries “shortie” wet suits (3mm or 1/8 inch) in different sizes, for men, women and children. Damaged or lost wet suits will be added to the guest’s shipboard account ($80). A wetsuit is highly recommended for use during snorkeling excursions (see Travel Information for more information).

The ship also features a glass-bottomed boat, which is available as an alternative to snorkeling. There are no facilities for SCUBA diving.

The ship also carries eight 2-person ocean kayaks. These optional kayak outings last approximately 30 minutes in the waters off Floreana, Tower and Isabela Islands.
SAFETY AT SEA
Safety at sea is a major priority aboard the La Pinta. The ship contains the latest in firefighting equipment and fully complies with the strict provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and International Maritime Organization 1983 amendments. All officers are trained in emergency procedures, and regular drills are held to instruct the crew in their emergency duties. For passengers, a lifeboat drill is held within 24 hours of embarkation. Attendance at this drill is mandatory. All cabins are equipped with a life preserver for each passenger. Life preservers are also mandatory during Zodiac excursions (these are provided separately from the ones in your cabin, which should only be used in case of emergency), and you must have yours secured properly before descending the ship’s gangway to the Zodiac.

SECURITY
The security of passengers and crew is of the utmost importance to Stanford Travel/Study and the La Pinta. As of April 2008, current security precautions being taken aboard the La Pinta include the following:

- Airfreight from the continent to the ship is inspected and sealed prior to departure.
- All guests and their luggage are clearly identified on the continent when checking in for the flight to Galápagos. All luggage passes through a special quarantine control.
- All guests are accompanied on the flight by a local representative.
- A deck watch officer is in charge of the ship at all times. When in port, visitors must be approved, sign the arrival log, receive an identity card and be accompanied by the crewman responsible for their presence on board.

SMOKING POLICY
Smoking is not allowed inside the ship, only outside on deck in designated areas. Please use appropriate ashtrays for cigarette butts and used matches. Never throw cigarettes or cigars over the side of the ship as these may blow back onto the ship and cause a fire.

STORAGE
Each cabin has a wardrobe area with hangers and several shelves for storing your clothing and other personal items.

SAFE
A safe is available in every cabin.

WATER
The ship’s water supply provides potable water of a high standard, but passengers are asked to practice conservation at all times. Drinking water is provided in the dining room and in the main lounge for refillable containers. Bottled water is available for purchase on board.

ZODIACS
The La Pinta is equipped with a fleet of Zodiaks. These rubber boats are safe, dependable and durable, and allow us to land in areas that might otherwise be inaccessible for a large sailing vessel. There will be a safety briefing on board to explain the proper use of Zodiaks and how one should embark and disembark these boats. We will use Zodiaks for most of our excursions when the La Pinta anchors offshore. These are “wet landings” and require you to step into, and wade through, up to 12 inches of water to reach the shore. Please refer to the Travel Information sent with this mailing for details on recommended footwear.