

## ECUADOR - CORMORANT SUPERIOR 5 DAY CENTRAL ISLANDS



### TRIP CODE

ECTSC5CI

### DEPARTURE

Selected Saturdays

### DURATION

5 Days

### LOCATIONS

Ecuador, Galapagos Islands



## INTRODUCTION

The Cormorant is a new and modern catamaran with a range of luxuries. All cabins come with their own balcony where you can dine alfresco. The boat also has a magnificent Jacuzzi and sundeck for guests to enjoy.

Please note that the below itinerary is a guide and that itineraries vary depending on departure date. Your sales consultant will provide you with more details on the different itinerary options available and applicable departure dates.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Baltra & Santa Cruz Island

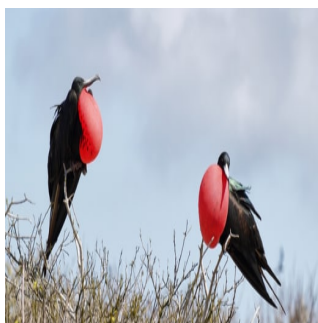
You will arrive at Baltra Island in the morning. After passing through immigration and baggage claim, you will be met by a Cormorant staff member and transferred to the yacht. You will be shown to your cabin where you will have some time to settle in before lunch and a welcome briefing. Afternoon's visit is to Bachas Beach, which is located on the north shore of Santa Cruz which is a beach for swimming. One of the few remnants of the U.S. World War II presence in the Galapagos, a floating pier, can be seen here. You may see flamingos, Sally Lightfoot crabs, hermit crabs, blacknecked stilts, and whimbrels. Sea turtles also nest on the beach.



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### DAY 2: Genovesa

In the morning you will head for El Barranco. Also known as Prince Phillip's Steps, El Barranco's steep, rocky paths leads up to a high cliff-face. A marvellous view can be appreciated from here. This site is also home to palo santo vegetation as well as red-footed boobies, short-eared lava owls, Galapagos swallows, and Galapagos doves. In the afternoon you will head for Darwin Bay. This white sand coral beach heads a half mile trail (0.75km) that winds through mangroves filled with land birds. Nazca boobies, red-footed boobies, and swallow-tailed gulls can be spotted here. Further down the path are tidal pools where sea lions swim playfully. At the end is a spectacular view off a cliff.



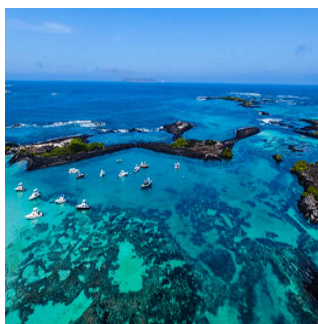
### DAY 3: South Plaza & Santa Fe Islands

In the morning, you will visit South Plaza Island. This small island with steep cliffs was formed by rising lava and is now covered by Opuntia cacti. It is also home to one of the largest sea lion colonies as well as colorful yellow and red land iguanas. The most characteristic plant is the Sesuvium. During the rainy season its color is a greenish to yellowish tone and in the dry season (end of June through January) a bright red. Your afternoon visit is to Santa Fe Island (Barrington) which is home to the small picturesque bay and anchorage on the island's northeast coast. The bay has two visitor trails: one leading to a scenic viewpoint atop a cliff, and the other spanning from a small beach to a tall prickly pear cactus forest.



### DAY 4: San Cristobal Island

In the morning, you will visit Pitt Point, situated on the north-eastern tip of the island, hosts frigate birds, storm petrels, and all three types of booby birds: the Nazca, blue-footed and redfooted boobies. A steep trail goes up a cliff and through a ravine leading visitor to an area with an abundance of birds. In the afternoon, you will visit Witch Hill. Located on the northern coast, this eroded hill and its surroundings present one of the most picturesque beaches in the Galapagos with its white powdery sand and the abundance of animals. Wildlife includes sea turtles, rays, and various types of booby birds. The clear water provides an excellent opportunity for enjoying swimming and snorkeling.



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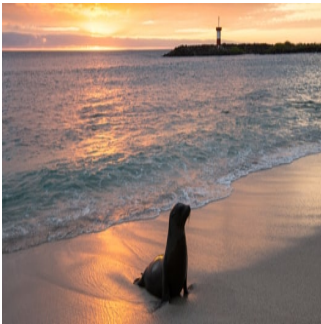
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## DAY 5: San Cristobal Island

In the morning you will visit the 'David Rodriguez' Breeding Centre. This is a new visitor site in the northeast part of San Cristobal Island and can now be reached in roughly one hour by road from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. In the Breeding Centre, you will be able to admire the hatchling turtles from their birth until the are 120 days old when the grown turtles are taken to their natural habit. Then you will take an excursion to Lobos Island which means “Sea Lion Island.” This appropriately named island is ripe with noisy, playful, jolly sea lions who will welcome you to their home with open, well, fins. This island also offers great snorkeling opportunities as well as the chance to see bluefooted and Nazca boobies. After this final visit, you will be transferred to the San Cristobal airport in time for your flight back to the mainland.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	<p> All meals and excursions  Transfers in the islands  Bilingual National Park Guide  Use of snorkellin equipment/wetsuit  Use of underwater camera  Free Airport Assistance*  Hotel night in Quito or Guayaquil (the day before the cruise)*  2 Free transfers to Galapagos Flights*  *Applies when purchasing airfare from Royal Galapagos </p> <p><b>Exclusions</b></p> <p> Roundtrip airfare to/from Galapagos  Alcoholic drinks  Galapagos National Park Fee (USD\$100 per person subject to change)  Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD\$20 per person subject to change)  Travel/Medical insurance  Gratuities  Personal Expenses </p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)

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<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request
<b>Notes</b>	Discount for children under 12 years old 25% Discounts for children do not apply during the following dates: Easter (Apr. 10-19), Christmas (Dec. 20-27) and New Year's (Dec. 27- Jan. 3)
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Season and availability Low season dates are: Jan 8 - 21 Mar 1 - 12 May 1 - Jun 30 Sep 3 - 30 Nov 26 - Dec 16

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## SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.