



INTRODUCTION

Gain an insight into the fascinating wildlife and beautifully rugged landscapes of the Galapagos archipelago as you cruise for 4 days around the islands of Bartholomew, Floreana, Santiago, North Seymour and Santa Cruz. Take in the panoramic view of Sullivan Bay and iconic Pinnacle Rock from Bartholomew and snorkel amongst the coral and marine life of Devil's Crown. Visit Chinese Hat and the flamingo lagoon at Cormorant Point and take a Zodiac cruise amongst the mangroves at Black Turtle Cove alongside turtles, eagle rays and white-tipped reef sharks. This is a wonderful taste of the Galapagos.

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DAY 1: Baltra Airport - Bartholomew Island

On arrival at Baltra Airport, you will be met and transferred to the M/C Endemic. After lunch, discover Bartholomew Island and admire the spectacular panorama of the Sullivan Bay and the famous Pinnacle Rock. The beaches at the foot of the Pinnacle Rock are excellent for snorkeling from which you can discover the marvelous underwater world, and with a little luck, you'll get to snorkel with penguins.

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DAY 2: Floreana Island

In the morning, after breakfast, the first spot to be visited is Devil's Crown that is an underwater volcanic crater, almost covered completely by Galapagos waters. Just a small portion of the rock formation can be seen from above and it looks like a crown. The underwater world is very rich in coral reefs, abundant marine species. Birds are also part of this visitor point due to its location in open waters. Or visit Cormorant Point where you will land on a green olivine sand beach. Following a 100 meters long path you will soon reach a lagoon with flamingos. In the afternoon, visit the Baroness' Lookout (Mirador de la Baronesa). This viewpoint is located on the north of Floreana Island. The way up and trail is very easy, steps are placed in this area for security. Your naturalist guide will tell the murder and mystery legend of the Baroness. Or go to the Post Office Bay, which keeps the legendary post barrel that whalers historically used to post their mail in.

DAY 3: Santiago Island - North Seymour Island

In the morning, after breakfast you will visit Chinese Hat, which is a small islet off the south coast of Santiago, with a maximum elevation of 160 feet (52 meters). Though within easy reach of Santa Cruz, Chinese Hat is typically only visited by those aboard a Galapagos Cruise. In the afternoon, North Seymour island will be discovered. It is located slightly to the north of Baltra. It is a low, flat island, formed by submarine lava formation uplift. Covered with low, bushy vegetation, it contains the largest colony of magnificent frigate birds in the Galapagos. There is also a large population of blue-footed boobies that perform an amusing courtship dance when nesting conditions are right.

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DAY 4: Santa Cruz Island - Baltra Airport

After breakfast, enjoy the visit to Black Turtle Cove, which is located on the north shore of Santa Cruz. It is a living illustration of how mangroves alter the marine environment to create a rich and unique habitat. Three mangrove species crowd the area from the shore out into the lagoon, which reaches almost a mile inland. As you drift through quiet waters in the zodiac, you are likely to see spotted eagle rays and diamond shaped mustard rays, which swim in a diamond formation. White-tipped reef sharks slip beneath the boat and Pacific green sea turtles come to the surface for air and to mate. Waterfowl, including pelicans, herons and egret, all feed in the cove. This is a peaceful place that will make you feel calm. After this last visit, transfer to Baltra airport for your return flight to mainland Ecuador.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Deluxe
Inclusions	<p>Accommodation All Meals and snacks Soft drinks and juices Glass of house wines for dinners Captain's Welcome and farewell cocktail Bilingual Naturalist Guided excursions Transfers in Galapagos Islands Wetsuits Buffs Snorkelling Equipment Sea Kayaks Water container</p> <p>Exclusions: Flights to/from Galapagos Islands Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee Galapagos Transit Control Card Tipping Items of a personal nature</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details

Price Dependent upon

Season and availability

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 structured 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.

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