

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - BELUGA



INTRODUCTION

Island hop around the unforgettable Galapagos Islands on our Beluga yacht. It has all the comforts you need for such a trip, but you won't miss a second of the fascinating wildlife the area has to offer. With panoramic windows and a spacious decking, your camera will capture everything. Start your escape on Santa Cruz island, paddle in lagoons and witness sea lions, marine turtles, giant iguanas and penguins. You will see volcanoes, beautiful scenery, islands that will stay with you forever and wildlife you could usually only see through the eyes of David Attenborough.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Embark on M/Y Beluga

Depart from Quito or Guayaquil to Isla Baltra on a two hour flight. Transfer by boat and on land to Puerto Ayora on Isla Santa Cruz before taking a speed boat to Isla Isabela to embark upon the M/Y Beluga.



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GATSBF6

DEPARTURE

Sundays

DURATION

6 Days

LOCATIONS

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Ecuador



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DAY 2: Punta Moreno & Elizabeth Bay, Isla Isabela

In the morning visit Punta Moreno to see its black water lagoons, flamingos and white cheeked pintail ducks. Continue on to Elizabeth Bay where you can observe flightless cormorants, brown pelicans, rays, marine turtles, sea lions and lava herons. There is also a large area of giant red mangroves.



DAY 3: Urbina Bay & Tagus Cove, Isla Isabela


Lying at the foot of Alcedo Volcano is Urbina Bay, one of the best and most recent examples of geological uplift in the Galapagos. Here you can see penguins, noddy terns, marine iguanas and historic graffiti. In the afternoon visit Tagus Cove, a narrow channel directly east of Fernandina on the west coast of Isabela Island. The cove's quiet waters make for an ideal panga ride beneath its sheltered cliffs, where blue-footed boobies, brown noddies, pelicans and noddy terns make their nests, and flightless cormorants and penguins inhabit the lava ledges.



DAY 4: Punta Espinoza & Punta Vicente Roca

Head to Isla Fernandina for Punta Espinoza to see flightless cormorant, pelicans, sea lions, sally light foot crabs and an abundance of marine iguanas can be seen along the shores of one of world's most active volcanoes. In the afternoon travel to Punta Vicente Roca, a wonderful snorkelling site, where you can usually see turtles as well as all kinds of fish. After the snorkelling take a panga ride, which will give you the opportunity to study some of the Galapagos' spectacular geological rock formations. Nazca boobies, pelicans, swallow-tailed gulls, marine iguanas, flightless cormorants and penguins are often seen in the area.



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DAY 5: Puerto Egas to Isla Bartolomé


At Puerto Egas (James Island) you will see Galapagos fur seals in pools cut into lava cliffs and there is a good chance of spotting the Galapagos hawk, the Galapagos dove and the vermilion flycatcher. Tucked behind Espumilla Beach are salt water lagoons where flamingos and white cheeked pintail ducks may be seen. In the afternoon, continue to Bartolomé Island to take a walk through volcanic sand, which can be difficult to cross. Once through the sand, the steep ascent continues up a wooden stairway. Upon landing, the walk will take approximately 30 to 40 minutes. Nowhere else better portrays the geological history of the Islands.



DAY 6: North Seymour to Isla Baltra

North of Baltra is the small islet of North Seymour. The largest colony of magnificent frigate birds is found here, as well as nesting blue-footed boobies and swallow-tailed gulls. Enjoy breakfast before a transfer to the airport for your flight to the mainland.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	Accommodation (sharing double cabins) Meals Excursions Guides Snorkel equipment.
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	50% increase over sharing accommodation rate
Notes	Do not include: Air tickets National Park fees Transit Control Card (USD 10) Wet suits and bottled beverages on board.

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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 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.

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