

## GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - OCEAN SPRAY 5 DAY CRUISE: GENOVESA AND CENTRAL ISLANDS



### TRIP CODE

GATSOS5

### DEPARTURE

Selected Tuesdays

### DURATION

5 Days

### LOCATIONS

Galapagos Islands,  
Ecuador



## INTRODUCTION

The new Mega-Catamaran Ocean Spray offers the best performance and comfort in Galapagos Cruising. The elegant design includes a huge sundeck, Jacuzzi and spacious cabins each with private balcony.

Her speed, comfort, top guides and itinerary will make Ocean Spray perfect for your luxury Galapagos cruise. Kayaks are also available for use

## ITINERARY

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### DAY 1: Tuesday, Black Turtle Cove & Isla Bartolomé

The shallow inlet of Black Turtle Cove is surrounded by mangroves and provides natural protection for a variety of marine life, attracting the vulnerable juveniles of many species. Below the surface of the water, you can see both black-tip and white-tip reef sharks, sea turtles, golden cow-nose rays, spotted eagle rays, and an occasional hammerhead shark. The afternoon visit includes Isla Bartholomé, home of the famous Pinnacle Rock. Bartholomé consists of an extinct volcano with a variety of red, orange, black and even green volcanic formations. Take a trail of stairs to the summit of the volcano for one of the best views of the islands. You will also visit a small, beautiful beach, surrounded by the only vegetation found on this barren island. The beach is perfect for snorkelling where you may even see the Galapagos penguins.



### DAY 2: Wednesday, Isla Santa Cruz

Visit the Charles Darwin Station Breeding Center, home to tortoises from four inches to four feet long. The successful conservation efforts see the tortoises reared until large enough to survive in the wild. In the afternoon, visit the Santa Cruz Highlands. Take a walkway, observing the rich flora and fauna with an impressive hilly backdrop. In the highlands you can observe the giant tortoise in the wild, as well as mockingbirds, bahama ducklings, white-cheeked pintail ducks and Darwin's finches. Explore the underground lava tubes that are more than 1km long.



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## DAY 3: Thursday, Playa Espumilla & Puerto Egas

Visit Playa Espumilla where marine iguanas lounge and the Sally- lightfoot crabs attract the hunting herons. This is an excellent spot for snorkelling where you may see octopus, moray eel, shark, or a variety of tropical fish. At Buccaneer Cove, British buccaneers would anchor in the protected bay to make repairs and stock up on tortoise meat among other things. Marvel at the steep cliffs, where hundreds of seabirds perch in front of the dark red sand beach. The afternoon visit is to Puerto Egas, also known as James Bay, on Isla Santiago. Here, you will take a hike on a trail, spotting Galapagos hawks and Galapagos lava lizards, before reaching the coastline and its tide pools which are full of fauna. Observe the Galapagos fur sea lions and snorkel at Puerto Egas beach.



## DAY 4: Friday, Seymour Norte & Isla Santa Cruz


Seymour Norte is home to Galapagos sea lions, blue-footed boobies and frigatebirds while the island’s vegetation is arid. The island was formed by a series of submarine lavas uplifted by tectonic activity. In the afternoon, visit the Highlands of Santa Cruz where you can explore and see its hills, ferns, volcanoes, and rich wildlife. Visit the Tortoise Breeding Center and then look for giant tortoises in the wild.



## DAY 5: Saturday, Mosquera Islet & Disembark

Take a morning excursion to Mosquera Islet for its vast white sand beach. The island is an uplifted reef of rocks and coral. It is home to one of the largest populations of sea lions, while you can also observe shorebirds and occasional reports of orca sightings. Transfer to Baltra Airport for your departure flight to mainland Ecuador.




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<b>Inclusions</b>	All shore excursions All meals throughout the cruise Regular soft drinks and juices Champagne reception Use of Kayaks Snorkelling gear and wetsuits Galapagos National Park certified guide
	<b>Exclusions</b> Tips for crew/guide Alcoholic beverages Plastic bottled beverages Personal expenses Roundtrip airfare to Galapagos* Galapagos National Park Fee (USD\$100 per person subject to change) Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD\$20 per person subject to change)
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request
<b>Notes</b>	Contact us for more details
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Season and Availability.

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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

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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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