

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - OCEAN SPRAY 6 DAY CRUISE B: CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ISLANDS



TRIP CODE

GATSOS6B

DEPARTURE

Selected Thursdays

DURATION

6 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

DAY 1: Thursday, Embark & Isla Santa Fé

Upon arrival at Baltra Airport, the guide will meet you to transfer to the Ocean Spray. Settle in to your cabin before an afternoon visit is to Isla Santa Fé, also known as Barrington. Arrive at the picturesque bay to take a trail to a scenic viewpoint atop a cliff. The other trail takes you from a small beach to a tall prickly cactus forest.




NO IMAGE
AVAILABLE

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DAY 2: Friday, Isla Española

Española Island is the southernmost island of the Galapagos and is the breeding site of nearly all of the Waved Albatrosses in the entire world. Española is densely populated with mockingbirds, Blue-footed and Nazca Boobies, Darwin finches, Galapagos Doves, hawks, marine iguanas, and loads of sea lions. In the morning, we will start at Suarez Point on a trail where you will have the chance to see Blue-footed Boobie, albatrosses (From April to December) and Nazca Boobies. We will also visit a beautiful site on the ocean front where there is a cliff that the large albatrosses use as a launching pad! You'll have the chance to see the famous blowhole that spurts water into the air. The landscape is great for photography. In the afternoon, we will visit the spectacular Gardner Bay & Osborn Islet. After landing, you can walk across a lovely white sand beach amongst a busy sea lion colony or dive into the water to swim with sea lion pups. It is the breeding site of nearly all of the world's 12,000 pairs of Waved Albatrosses.



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DAY 3: Saturday, Isla San Cristóbal

Make your way to the Interpretation Center focused on the interaction of humans with nature. The Galapaguera de Cerro Colorado is an area of land reserved for the repopulation of the giant tortoise, and cut off from potential predators. You may also see finches, warblers and mockingbirds. In the afternoon, visit Isla Lobos, appropriately named with a large population of noisy, frolicking sea lions. León Dormido, or Kicker Rock, is the remains of a lava cone, which is a fantastic spot for snorkelling. Above water you will see tropicbirds, frigates and boobies.



DAY 4: Sunday, Punta Pitt and Cerro Brujo

Visit Punta Pitt in the morning for an easy hike rewarded with the only nesting site which hosts all species of Galapagos boobies. The volcanic land formations create an impressive backdrop, making for a fascinating site. Later, explore Cerro Brujo, or Witch Hill, starting at one the finest beaches of the archipelago with its soft white sand occupied by sea lions and blue-footed boobies alongside one another. Beyond the beach is a lagoon, occupied by egrets and great blue herons. Snorkel in the beautiful turquoise waters complete with abundant marine life.



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DAY 5: Monday, Isla Floreana


Visit two sites on Isla Floreana today. In the morning, head to the famous Post Office Bay, where 18th Century whalers placed a wooden barrel for use as a manual post box, a system that still works today. In the afternoon, head to Punta Cormorant for a hike to a salt-water lagoon which is home to flamingos. You'll also be amazed by the green coloured beach, caused by a high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand. You will also get to swim in the crystal clear waters off Corona del Diablo, Devil's Crown. This extinct volcano peaks out of the waters just off Floreana's coast and offers a magnificent snorkelling experience.



DAY 6: Tuesday, Black Turtle Cove & Disembark

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. Transfer to Baltra Airport for your departure flight to mainland Ecuador.




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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Standard

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Inclusions	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 Exclusions 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)
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us fore more details
Price Dependent upon	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

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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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