

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - OCEAN SPRAY 6 DAY CRUISE A



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: Saturday, Embark & Sombrero Chino

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 to Sombrero Chino, Chinese Hat, so-called for its distinctive shape. The islet is home to a colony of sea lions on the white coral sand beach. Here you can see American oystercatchers, Galapagos penguins swimming along the shores, and Sally- lightfoot crabs in bright contrast to the dark volcanic rock.



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DAY 2: Sunday, Punta Vicente Roca & Punta Espinosa

Comprised of two separate coves, Punta Vicente Roca is a large bay with incredible sea life including seahorses, sea turtles, and the strange yet fascinating mola-mola (or pacific sunfish). The next visit is a privileged one to the heavily restricted island of Fernandina. It is one of the world's most pristine island ecosystems with no foreign species having ever invaded. La Cumbre volcano dominates the landscape with lava fields reaching the ocean. Land at Punta Espinosa for a walkway past a colony of marine iguanas and a group of sea lions for the highlight of a flightless cormorant nesting site.



DAY 3: Monday, Tagus Cove & Urbina Bay

Upon embarking upon a 2km hike at Tagus Cove, observe the intriguing graffiti from pirate's dating back to 1836. Hike through lava formations and take in stunning views of the surrounding slopes and volcanoes on the way to Darwin Lake. In the afternoon, land at Urbina Bay, formed by uplift from the sea where terrestrial coral reef is visible. Expect to see stingrays and sea turtles swimming near the surface of the water, along with the flightless cormorant, pelicans, and marine iguanas. You will gain excellent views of Volcán Alcedo, with the possibility to see land iguanas and giant tortoises in the wild.



DAY 4: 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.



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DAY 5: 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.



DAY 6: Thursday, Isla Plaza Sur & Disembark

In the morning, head to Isla Plaza Sur, a small island with steep cliffs covered by Opuntia cacti. It is also home to one of the largest sea lion colonies as well as colourful yellow and red land iguanas. Transfer to Baltra Airport for your departure flight to mainland Ecuador.




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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin
Inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Exclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)

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Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for 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 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.