

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - GALAPAGOS 5 DAY CRUISE | CORMORANT II



INTRODUCTION

A blend of intrigue, mystery and ultimate adventure await on this incredible 5 day journey through the Galapagos archipelago. On board the Cormorant II you will find the ultimate blend of luxury and modernity to provide one of the most incredible experiences in the islands. Experience the seafaring history of the Galapagos as it intertwines with the unique natural evolution of its varied species. Discover curious sea lions frolicking on beaches of pure white sand, snorkel in pristine waters with turtles and rays, stumble across trails of roaming marine iguanas.

* Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.

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TRIP CODE

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DEPARTURE

Departs select Saturdays

DURATION

5 Days

LOCATIONS

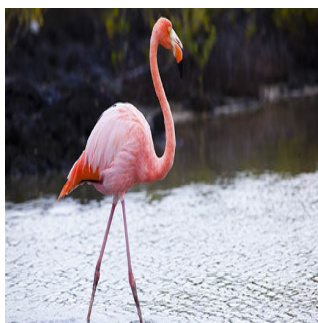
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DAY 1: Baltra Airport and Bachas Beach

Morning flight from either Quito or Guayaquil to Santa Cruz, Galapagos Island. After passing through immigration and baggage claim, you will be met by our representative and transferred to the yacht. You will be shown to your cabin where you will have some time to settle in before lunch and a welcome briefing. In the afternoon you will head for Bachas Beach. Located on the north shore of Santa Cruz, Las Bachas is a swimming beach. One of the few remnants of the U.S. World War II presence in the Galapagos, a floating pier, can be seen here. You may see flamingos, Sally Lightfoot crabs, hermit crabs, black necked stilts, and whimbrels. Sea turtles also nest off the beach.



DAY 2: Genovesa island

Embark on an invigorating day of discovery as you ascend the steep and rocky paths of El Barranco, affectionately known as Prince Phillip's Steps. These pathways lead to a lofty cliff-face, unveiling a mesmerizing panoramic vista of the Galapagos Islands. This location not only offers captivating vistas but also hosts a vibrant array of wildlife, including red-footed boobies, short-eared lava owls, Galapagos swallows, and Galapagos doves, amidst the presence of palo santo vegetation. Following this, a tranquil half-mile trail meanders through mangroves to Coral Beach, where Nazca and red-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, and spirited sea lions await your presence. This expedition culminates in a moment of serene awe as you stand on the precipice, gazing out over the breathtaking expanse of the Galapagos.



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DAY 3: South Plaza and Santa Fe

In the morning, you will head to South Plaza Island. This small island with steep cliffs was formed by rising lava and is now covered by Opuntia cacti. It is also home to one of the largest sea lion colonies as well as colorful yellow and red land iguanas. The most characteristic plant is Sesuvium. During the rainy season its color is a greenish to yellowish tone and in the dry season (end of June through January) a bright red. In the afternoon you will head for Santa Fe. Santa Fe (Barrington) is home to the small picturesque bay and anchorage on the island’s northeast coast. The bay has two visitor trails, one leading to a scenic viewpoint atop a cliff, and the other spanning from a small beach to a tall prickly pear cactus forest.



DAY 4: Witch Hill and Pitt Point

In the morning you will arrive at Witch Hill. Located on the northern coast, this eroded hill and its surroundings present one of the most picturesque beaches in the Galapagos with its white powdery sand and the abundance of animals. Wildlife includes sea turtles, rays, and various types of booby birds. The clear water provides an excellent opportunity for enjoying swimming and snorkelling. In the afternoon you will make your way to Pitt Point. Pitt Point, situated on the northeastern tip of the island, hosts frigatebirds, storm petrels, and all three types of booby birds: the Nazca, blue-footed and red-footed boobies. A steep trail goes up a cliff and through a ravine leading visitors to an area with an abundance of birds. This site is also great for snorkelling and scuba diving.



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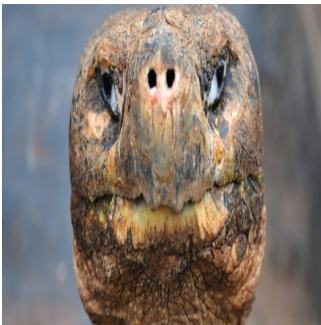
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DAY 5: Breeding Centre, Lobos Island and Departure

In the morning you will visit the "David Rodriguez" Breeding Centre. This is a new visitor site in the northeast part of San Cristobal Island and can now be reached in roughly one hour by road from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. In the Breeding Center, you will be able to admire the hatchling turtles from their birth until the are 120 days old when the grown turtles are taken to their natural habit. You may also visit Lobos Island. The name of this island means "Sea Lion Island." This appropriately named island is ripe with noisy, frolicking, jolly sea lions who will welcome you to their home with open, well, fins. This island also offers great snorkelling opportunities as well as the chance to see blue-footed and Nazca boobies.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	<div> INCLUSIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabin Accommodation on board ship All meals whilst on board Guiding and lectures by bilingual national park guide Airport transfers in Galapagos Captain’s welcome and farewell cocktail Soft drinks Use of snorkelling equipment, underwater camera and wetsuit VIP lounge at Galapagos airports for departure flight 2 glasses of house wine per meal </div> <div> EXCLUSIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International flights Flights to/from Galapagos Galapagos National Park Entrance fee (US\$200 per person from Aug 2024 - Subject to change) Galapagos Transit Control Card (US\$20 per person - Subject to change) Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Alcoholic drinks Travel and medical insurance Personal expenses Tips </div>

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Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations. Please note a complimentary pre-cruise night accommodation in Quito or Guayaquil is only available when purchasing Roundtrip airfare from operator.
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)