

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - ALYA | 6 DAY WESTERN ISLANDS



INTRODUCTION

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Explore the Western islands of the Galapagos on this 6 Day Cruise. On board the luxury Alya catamaran you will find a unique blend of high service and comfortable modernity that makes cruising through the Galapagos an unbeatable experience. Within 6 Days you will explore 4 unique islands and smaller islets each extremely different from the last. On the shores of Bachas beach you will find the remnants of WWII US ships, in the highlands of Santa Cruz you may encounter roaming giant tortoises, at Urbina Bay you will witness large colonies of marine iguanas. Each experience in the Galapagos is entirely unique.

The Alya Experience

The Alya is designed to get the most out of your experience. Launched in 2017, this superior first-class motor catamaran offers comfort and luxury. This is the wonderful vessel to cruise the Galapagos. The ship offers 9 comfortable cabins, all tastefully decorated and featuring private facilities. The catamaran sails with a crew of 8 plus a bilingual, certified naturalist guide ensuring you get the most out of your time onboard the Alya and in the Galapagos. You have the opportunity to explore the Galapagos archipelago with activities such as hiking, snorkelling and kayaking. The cruise can provide you with a comfortable retreat after adventure-packed days of exploration. While sailing the pristine waters you can relax onboard and enjoy the panoramic views from the comfort of the ship.

The Alya also offers a [6 day cruise](#) and a [5 day cruise](#).

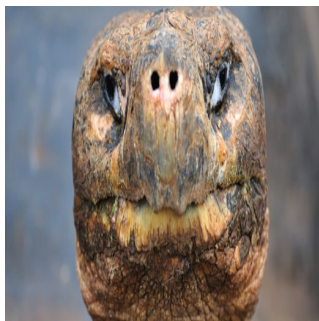
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DAY 1: Arrival and Highlands

Start your Galapagos adventure with a morning flight from Quito/Guayaquil to Baltra Island. Upon arrival, our representative will warmly welcome you at the airport and transfer you to your vessel. Relax and savor a refreshing welcome drink and a delightful lunch on board. In the afternoon, embark on a fascinating journey to the highlands of Santa Cruz. Here, you'll have the incredible opportunity to hike through the lush landscape and encounter giant tortoises in their natural habitat. Marvel at these magnificent creatures, a true wonder of nature. We recommend wearing comfortable sport shoes, long pants, a raincoat, hat, and sunscreen for this memorable experience.



DAY 2: Moreno Point and Elizabeth Bay

Awaken to the wonders of Moreno Point. Located on the north coast of Isabela Island, Moreno Point offers a mesmerizing landscape adorned with black lava flows and coastal lagoons. Delight in the presence of diverse bird species that call this place home. Behold a panoramic view of the three most active volcanoes in the Galapagos: Sierra Negra, Cerro Azul (Isabela Island), and La Cumbre (Fernandina Island). In the afternoon, set sail for Elizabeth Bay, a haven for penguins. As you explore the west coast of Isabela, discover the marvels of Elizabeth Point, a captivating marine visitor site. Witness the graceful flight of brown pelicans, encounter the enchanting flightless cormorants, spot spotted eagle rays, golden rays, and mingle with the playful sea lions.



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DAY 3: Urbina Bay, Dernandina and Espinoza Point

Embark on a remarkable journey to Urbina Bay in the morning. Nestled at the base of Alcedo Volcano, between Elizabeth Bay and Tagus Cove, Urbina Bay beckons with its captivating wet landing. Traverse the 3.20 km trail, encountering majestic land iguanas, hawks, and tortoises along the way. Don't miss the opportunity to spot the vibrant red and blue lobsters that inhabit this area. In the afternoon, make your way to Espinoza Point, a renowned destination famous for its abundant colonies of marine iguanas. Explore the habitat of the unique flightless cormorant and encounter other fascinating wildlife such as the Galapagos penguin and snakes. Marvel at the scenic beauty of Fernandina Island and its volcanic landscape, a true testament to the fragile and pristine nature of this extraordinary island. Please note that from January to June, during the marine iguana nesting period, we walk with utmost care to protect these precious creatures.



DAY 4: Tagus cove and Vicente Roca Point

Immerse yourself in history as you arrive at Tagus Cove in the morning. Situated west of Darwin Volcano on Isabela Island, this captivating site is adorned with inscriptions dating back to the 1800s, offering a glimpse into the past. Take in the breathtaking views of Darwin Lake, a saltwater lake with a depth of approximately 9 meters. In the afternoon, venture to Vicente Roca Point, a spectacular bay that comprises two separate coves. Prepare to be amazed by the rich marine life that inhabits these waters. Keep a keen eye out for seahorses, graceful sea turtles, and the intriguing Mola-mola, also known as the sunfish, an extraordinary creature that never fails to captivate.



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DAY 5: Espumilla Beach and Egas Port

Arrive at the enchanting Espumilla Beach in the morning, where nature unfolds in all its glory. Discover the beauty of Palo Santo Wood, stroll along the stunning shoreline, and soak in the captivating landscape. This beach holds immense importance for nesting tortoises, adding to its allure and ecological significance. In the afternoon, set foot on Egas Port, a striking black sand beach located in the south of Santiago Island. Gaze at the magnificent Pan de Azucar Volcano that dominates the southern end of the beach. Learn about the intriguing history of failed salt mine explorations in the crater of this volcano. Spot a variety of wildlife, including crabs, nocturnal herons, marine iguanas, cucuves, and land doves, as you embrace the unique wonders of this picturesque location.



DAY 6: Bachas Beach and Departure

Savor your last morning in the Galapagos as you arrive at Bachas Beach, a pristine paradise nestled in the north of Santa Cruz Island. Stroll along the picturesque one-kilometer-long beach, and uncover the origin of its name, which dates back to World War II when two barges were left ashore. Witness the tranquility and beauty of this coastal gem before bidding it farewell. Afterward, we'll transfer you to the airport for your departure flight, bidding you a fond farewell from the Galapagos Islands, where extraordinary memories will forever linger.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Standard

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Inclusions	Cabin accommodation on board vessel All meals whilst on board Guiding and lectures by experienced naturalist guides Transfers in the islands Use of snorkelling gear (mask, tubes and fins) Kayaks Drinks including water, coffee and tea. Exclusions Roundtrip airfare to/from the Galapagos Galapagos National Park entrance fee (US\$100pp subject to change) Galapagos Transit Control Card (US\$20pp subject to change) Travel Insurance Personal expenses Gratuities for staff and crew
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	Please note park entrance fees may be subject to change without prior notice.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, seasonality and availability.

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.

Alya cruise contributes to a number of sustainability initiatives in line with Galapagos park policy and their own unique contribution philosophy. Plastic is eliminated

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throughout the Galapagos, naturalist guides provide in depth education and respect for ecosystems when undertaking tours, and suppliers are chose from locally-owned organisations and operators to ensure economic sustainability within the region. 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](#)

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