

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - GALAPAGOS CENTRAL & EAST 5 DAY | MONSERRAT



INTRODUCTION

Embark on an extraordinary 5-day cruise through the Galápagos Islands, commencing with your arrival at Baltra Island Airport. The journey unfolds with a visit to the verdant Santa Cruz Highlands, where giant tortoises roam freely, and the Charles Darwin Research Station sheds light on conservation efforts. Cruise to the crimson shores of Rabida Island, where vibrant marine life and unique landscapes captivate your senses. Explore the lunar-like Bartolome Island and the diverse South Plazas Island, home to distinct flora and fauna. Continue your adventure to Santa Fe Island, Punta Pitt, and Cerro Brujo on San Cristobal Island, where endemic species and dramatic landscapes create an immersive experience. Conclude your expedition with a visit to Lobos Island, a sanctuary for sea lions, before bidding farewell to the Galápagos Islands from San Cristobal Island Airport. This curated itinerary promises a kaleidoscope of wildlife, breathtaking scenery, and unparalleled exploration of this pristine archipelago.

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

ITINERARY

TRIP CODE

ECVNM5B

DEPARTURE

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DURATION

5 Days

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DAY 1: Arrive Galapagos Island

In the morning, upon your arrival at Baltra Airport from your mainland flight, you will be greeted by your local guide who will assist you for the rest of your voyage. Later in the afternoon, you'll have the opportunity to explore the highlands of Santa Cruz and witness the magnificent Galápagos giant tortoise in its natural habitat. Delve into the area's captivating landscape and discover its remarkable underground lava tunnels - some extending over 1km (.6 mi) in length! While wandering along these volcanic tubes, keep a lookout for the (mostly) nocturnal barn owls that occasionally inhabit this area.



DAY 2: Rabida and Bartolome Islands

This morning, you will visit a red sand beach at Rábida to explore its trails. A short trail leads to a saltwater lagoon; another trail goes past the lagoon to the interior, where the revered palo santo trees grow. (When burned, the branches of this tree give off a pleasing aroma and ward off mosquitoes.) Head back to the beach to see prehistoric-looking pelicans nesting among low-lying bushes - it's a rare treat to watch parent pelicans return with gullets full of fish for the squawking youngsters. This afternoon discover the mesmerizing beauty of Isla Bartolome in the Galápagos during a captivating afternoon visit. Trek across volcanic landscapes, marveling at the island's unique formations and endemic wildlife. Snorkel in pristine waters, encountering playful sea lions and colorful marine species. With each moment, embrace the raw splendor of this remote paradise, where nature's wonders unfold in every corner, leaving indelible memories of the Galápagos Islands.



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DAY 3: South Plaza and Santa Fe

This morning, venture to South Plaza, where towering cliffs rise from the ocean, adorned with vibrant flora and bustling wildlife. Witness the mesmerizing sight of land iguanas basking in the sun and sea lions frolicking along the rocky shores. Explore the island's unique ecosystem, filled with endemic species found nowhere else on Earth. As the day progresses, journey to Santa Fe island for an afternoon of discovery. Step ashore onto pristine white sands and encounter the island's iconic inhabitants, including the Santa Fe land iguana, known for its distinctive yellow coloration. Dive into the crystal-clear waters for an unforgettable snorkeling experience, encountering colorful fish, graceful rays, and perhaps even a passing sea turtle. Immerse yourself in the tranquility of this remote sanctuary, where nature reigns supreme and every moment is a testament to the beauty of the Galápagos Islands.



DAY 4: Punta Pitt and Cerro Brujo

Begin the day with a morning adventure at Punta Pitt. Set foot on this remote volcanic landscape, where rugged cliffs meet the crashing waves of the Pacific Ocean. Encounter an array of seabirds, including the iconic blue-footed boobies, red-footed boobies, and frigatebirds, as they soar overhead or nest along the rocky shores. Hike along winding trails, taking in panoramic views of the surrounding seascape and the island's unique geological formations. In the afternoon, continue your journey to Cerro Brujo, a pristine beach located on San Cristobal Island. Sink your toes into the soft white sands and feel the gentle ocean breeze against your skin as you explore this enchanting coastal paradise. Keep an eye out for playful sea lions lounging along the shoreline or surfing the waves.



DAY 5: Lobos Island and Departure

Embark on your final adventure in the Galápagos Islands with a visit to Lobos Island before departing from San Cristóbal Airport. Explore the rugged shores of Lobos Island, named for its resident sea lions that bask along the coastline. Wander along pristine beaches and marvel at the diverse marine life thriving in the surrounding waters. Following your visit, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward travel.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board a Yacht
Inclusions	<p>INCLUSIONS Cabin accommodation. Fuel Surcharge. All meals on board All activities and excursions as depicted in the itineraries in company of a bilingual naturalist guide. Snorkelling equipment. Kayak Wetsuits Stand up Paddle Board Group transfers to/from the Yacht (please note if you arrive on different flights to the rest of group surcharges may apply for transfers).</p> <p>EXCLUSIONS Air ticket to and from Galapagos Gratuities to guides and crew Personals expenses Alcoholic and non - alcoholic beverages. Travel insurance International Airfare Visa if applicable Anything not mentioned on the itinerary Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee* (US\$200 from Aug 2024, price subject to change) Galapagos Control Transit \$20* (price subject to change)</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.

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Notes	<p>All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.</p> <p>Please note water activities are subject to weather conditions.</p> <p>Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated)</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time</p> <p>Snorkelling equipment is available in average sizes onboard complimentary.</p> <p>Wetsuits are available at different sizes complimentary, on a first comes first served basis</p> <p>Kayaks and stand up paddle boards are available complimentary</p> <p>Cooking and cocktail lessons are complimentary</p> <p>Passengers can open a tab for their bar and boutique consumption.</p> <p>Tabs must be settled the last night of the cruise in Us dollars and in cash.</p> <p>* Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.</p>
	<p>Price Dependent upon</p> <p>Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.</p>

SUSTAINABILITY

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