GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - NORTHERN ISLANDS CRUISE | BONITA



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ECGS5DN
DEPARTURE
Select Wednesdays
DURATION
5 Days
LOCATIONS
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

INTRODUCTION

Explore the northern islands of the Galapagos on this 5 day itinerary through the incredible archipelago. From lush highlands, to swampy mangroves and coastal beaches, no island on the Galapagos is the same. On board the superior and 16 capacity vessel Bonita, you will find an intimate cruising experience as you encounter unique wildlife, enjoy unbeatable snorkeling experiences and hikes through unique landscapes each different from the last.

Check out the 7 Day Western Islands Cruise onboard the Bonita

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival in Galapagos and South Plazas

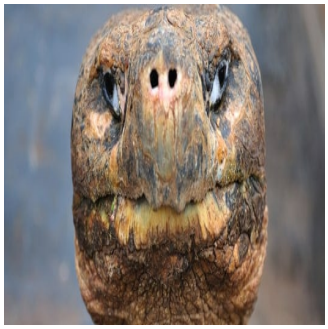


In the morning you will take a flight from either Quito or Guayaquil to the Galapagos. Upon arrival in the Galapagos you will be met by our representative at the airport who will transfer you to your vessel where you will have a welcome drink and introduction to your crew. After your arrival and lunch on board, you will visit Plazas, two small islands, created by an uplifting of the land. The land iguanas are smaller here; they nest during the warm season. The hike goes along an extraordinary cliff where sea birds nest. There are approximately 1000 sea lions located on the south side of the Plazas.

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DAY 2: Black Turtle Cove and Santa Cruz Highlands



Your first visit of the day will be to Black Turtle Cove which is situated in the northern region of Santa Cruz. This bay is surrounded by mangroves and is only accessible by dinghy . The shallow cove is a safe refuge for marine life. Black-tip reef sharks, marine turtles, and a variety of rays are often spotted here. You will then return to the vessel to have lunch. In the afternoon you will make your way to the Santa Cruz Highlands. Here we have a trekking and we will find the giant tortoises in their natural habitat, this is a natural spectacle. For this visit, we recommend good walking shoes, long pants, a raincoat, a hat, and sunblock.

DAY 3: Darwin Bay and Barranco



In the morning you will arrive at Darwin Bay, located on Genovesa Island. Genovesa Island is a small island in the north of the Galapagos. Our unloading in Darwin Bay will be wet. Near the beach is a mangrove swamp where we will find a colony of frigates, marine iguanas, red-footed boobies and mask boobies, the great terrestrial finch, seagulls, herons, and cactus finch. Following the land visit, you may enjoy a relacing swim in the bay. In the afternoon you will make a landing at Barranco. Also known as Prince Phillip’s stairs. Here, we will go for a walk on the Barranco path. On our journey we will observe tropical birds, petrels, common frigate, red-foot boobies, mask boobies, doves, and finches.

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DAY 4: Sullivan Bay and Bartolome Island

In the morning you will arrive at Sullivan Bay. Virtually uneroded lava flows cover an extensive area of this island. Lava pahoehoe (basaltic lava that has a smooth, billowy, undulating or ropy surface), hornitos, and mollugo (a lava colonizer) can be observed while on the island. Snacks and refreshing beverages await you on board the ship. In the afternoon you will arrive on Bartolome Island. We will follow a path to the top (114m) where we can see pioneering plants such as tiquilia, chamaesyce, and scalesia. The island has been formed by cones, lava pipes where lava once flowed. Following the wet landing at the beach, we will follow a path through mangrove swamps and sand dune vegetation, to the south beach. At the north beach, guests can enjoy swimming and snorkelling. From the top of Bartolome, we will be able to see the islands of Santiago, Rabida, and Isabela. You will have the opportunity to see endemic Galapagos penguins at Pinnacle Rock.



DAY 5: North Seymour Island and Departure

In the morning you will arrive at Seymour Island. Seymour was formed by the lifting of volcanic marine lava. Marine fossils dating back to the Pleistocene period were found on this island. In 1932, Captain Alan Hancock and his crew took 72 malnourished land iguanas from Baltra Island to North Seymour Island so that the iguanas could live in better conditions. In 1934, colonists verified that the iguanas were in good condition. The vegetation of North Seymour is bushy and is host to nesting Real Frigates of the Galapagos. After this activity you will be transferred to the airport where you will board your departure flight from the Galapagos.



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Accommodation	Cabin On Board Expediton Vessel

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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Accommodation in double cabin Transfers in the Galapagos and airport assistance All meals during the cruise Water coffee and tea & soft drink All excursions as per the itinerary* English-Speaking Naturalist guide Snorkelling equipment Kayak & Paddle board equipment **EXCLUSIONS** Return airfares from mainland Ecuador 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) Wet suit rental Alcoholic drinks Personal expenses Gratuities for crew/guides Services not specified
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. Please note water activities are subject to weather conditions. Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated). Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. *Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.

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SUSTAINABILITY

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