GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - GALAPAGOS 5 DAY CRUISE | GALAXY YACHT



TRIP CODE

ECGA5DA

DEPARTURE

Selected Tuesdays

DURATION

5 Days

LOCATIONS

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

INTRODUCTION

Many theories exist regarding the unique nature of the flora and fauna on the Galapagos Islands. A popularly held belief is that the original species that evolved into the unique Galapagos variety found their way to the islands on flotation rafts of vegetation that were carried to the island via wind and sea currentsâ¦ Join us on this amazing 5 day itinerary and discover the many secrets of the Galapagos Islands.

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

PLEASE NOTE: Pricing is subject to change and availability at the time of booking. Contact us for more information.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: San Cristobal and Lobos Island



Take a morning flight from Quito or Guayaquil to San Cristobal Island. Our representative will be waiting for you at the airport who will transfer you to your vessel. On board you will have a welcome drink and lunch. In the afternoon you will head for Lobos Island. Here you can undertake a number of activities including a panga ride, swimming and snorkelling. The island also has unique wildlife including frigate birds, marine iguanas, lava lizards and the small endemic Galapagos snake.

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DAY 2: Cerro Brujo & Punta Pitt

Start your day at Cerro Brujo, a breathtaking white sand beach on San Cristobal Island's northern coast. This beach is one of the first sites visited by Charles Darwin. It's an exquisite spot for walking and enjoying the scenery, with its powdery white sand and turquoise waters. The area is home to a large sea lion colony, and the nearby lagoon often hosts several bird species, including pelicans and blue-footed boobies. The clear waters also make it an ideal spot for snorkeling, where you can encounter rich marine life. In the afternoon, head to Punta Pitt, located on the eastern end of San Cristobal Island. This unique site is the only place in the Galapagos where you can see all three species of boobies and two species of frigate birds. The trail here offers a challenging hike up a steep path but rewards with stunning views of the coastline. The beach area is also a great spot for snorkeling and swimming, offering a chance to see various marine life.



DAY 3: Suarez point & Gardner bay

Start your day with a thrilling adventure to Suarez Point. This rocky trail presents a natural gallery of the Galapagos islands, brimming with an awe-inspiring array of fauna. Upon landing, you'll be greeted by sea lions and marine iguanas, your first hosts in this nature carnival. As you venture further, you'll encounter a mosaic of seabird colonies - from the striking Nazca and blue-footed boobies to the elegant gulls and tropicbirds. The pinnacle of this journey brings you face-to-face with the waved albatross, the island's largest bird (present from April to January). This majestic creature, exclusive to Española, will captivate you with its powerful flight and intricate courtship display. Embrace the afternoon at Gardner Bay, a pristine piece of paradise in the Galapagos archipelago. Sugar-white coral sands merge with crystal-clear turquoise waters, creating a tropical oasis. Watch as the beach becomes a theatre, starring sun-basking sea lions in a playful performance. This idyllic setting invites you to stroll along the coast, immersing yourself in an enlightening experience as you delve into the biology of the endemic fauna - from the melodious Española mockingbird and the unique marine iguanas to the regal Galapagos hawks.



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DAY 4: Cormorant's point & Post office bay

Shift your expedition northwards to Punta Cormorant, renowned for its expansive coastal lagoon teeming with American flamingos, white-cheeked pintails, black-necked stilts, and other shorebirds. This natural haven also features a pristine white sand beach, a crucial nesting ground for green sea turtles, and a newly established breeding ground for blue-footed boobies near the trail. Amidst this vibrant wildlife, also take the opportunity to admire the island's unique flora. This afternoon, step into the footprints of the past at Post Office Bay, located on the enigmatic Floreana Island. This special location is imbued with tales from the late 1920s and '30s involving German settlers, a baroness, unsolved mysteries, and captivating intrigue. The bay was a historic anchoring point for whalers, who journeyed to the highlands for freshwater and tortoises. A mail system over two centuries old was established as a hub for visiting vessels centered around a barrel near the beach. This system endures today, offering a unique opportunity to send postcards from this remote part of the world. Apart from its rich history, Post Office Bay presents natural attractions such as a scenic beach, a lava tunnel, and sea tours that can unveil sea lions, green sea turtles, shorebirds, small sharks, and, if luck permits, Galapagos penguins.



DAY 5: Charles Darwin Station and Departure

In the early morning you will have breakfast and prepare your luggage for the airport before a final departure to the Charles Darwin Research Station. Located in the main port on Santa Cruz Island; we will take a private bus to the entrance of the breeding center where we will see tortoises and land iguanas in captivity. This center is the main breeding site on the islands. Animals that were in danger of extinction on the various islands are maintained in captivity. Thanks to the dedicated work of several institutions, some species are being saved. Here lived Lonesome George, the famous last survivor of the giant tortoise species found on Pinta Island. Following this visit you will be transferred to the airport for you onward flight. *Please Note: This itinerary is subject to change without notice; due to seasonal changes, weather conditions or Galapagos National Park regulations.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin On Board A Catamaran Yacht
Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Return flights from Quito or Guayaquil to the Galapagos • Transportation and fuel surcharge in the Marine reserve of Galapagos • Accommodation in single, double or triple cabin according to you booking • Bilingual naturalist guide (English-Spanish) • Personalized crew service • All meals during the cruise, from lunch on the first day to breakfast on the last day • One snack after each activity (except last day) • Welcome cocktail • Unlimited purified water, coffee and tea • All visits, excursions & activities according to the itinerary* • Transportation Airport-Channel/ Channel-Airport (Lobitos Bus) • Snorkelling gear (Mask, tube, and fins) • Use of kayaks and paddle boards in authorized places • Wetsuits • Shampoo, hair conditioner, and soap for daily use • Beach towels • Hair dryer in the cabins • Cloth/Towel dryer **EXCLUSIONS** • International flights to/from Ecuador **• Galapagos National Park Entrance fee (US$200 per person from Aug 2024 - Subject to change)** **• Transit Control Card ($20 per person - Subject to change)** • Alcoholic and soft drinks • Tips and gratuities • Personal expenses • Travel insurance (Highly recommended) • Additional services not indicated
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	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. Please note kayak 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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