ECUADOR - NORTHERN ISLANDS CRUISE | HORIZON TRIMARAN



TRIP CODE

ECHT5D

DEPARTURE

Selected Tuesdays

DURATION

5 Days

LOCATIONS

Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, South America

INTRODUCTION

Are you ready for an adventure in the Galapagos Islands. Hop onboard the Horizon Trimaran, the only tri-hull vessel cruising in the Galapagos. On this expedition cruise you will be able to explore the wonders of the Galapagos over 5 wonderful days. See a wide range of unique flora and fauna and epxlore the islands with a National Park certified guide. Enjoy a range of activities including panga (zodiac rides) to spot marine birds flying high, walks and hikes, spotting wildlife and snorkelling with sea lions and turtles. In between excursions you will have time to relax onboard and enjoy informative lectures from your guide.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Fly to the Galapagos Islands



AM: Arrive Baltra airport You will arrive at Baltra airport in the morning. After passing through immigration and baggage claim, you will be met by a Horizon staff member and transferred to the Trimaran. You will be shown to your cabin where you will have some time to settle in before lunch and a welcome briefing. PM: Bartolome Island Bartholome is an extinct volcano with a variety of red, orange, black, and even green volcanic formations. It is home to the famous Pinnacle Rock. A stairwell leads to the volcano's summit, which offers one of the best views of the islands. The beach is ideal for snorkeling and possible Galapagos penguin sightings.

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DAY 2: Rabida Island & Puerto Egas

AM: Rabida Island Rabida Island (Jervis) is a great snorkeling spot and one of the archipelago's most colorful and volcanically diverse islands. Its famous maroon sandy beach and stunning lookouts provide breathtaking scenery. The island is a birdwatcher's paradise. Some of the rarest species, such as nine varieties of finches, large-billed flycatchers, Galapagos hawks, and brown pelicans, are plentiful. PM: Puerto Egas Egas Port, also known as James Bay, is home to the curious Galapagos hawks and the quick-footed Galapagos lava lizards. The trail leads to a coastline with beautiful tide pools and fauna-filled grottos. The Galapagos fur sea lions sunbathe here. This is also an excellent snorkeling location



DAY 3: Genovesa Island

AM: Darwin Bay This white sand coral beach leads to a half-mile (0.75km) trail that winds through mangroves teeming with land birds. Here you can see Nazca boobies, red-footed boobies, and swallow-tailed gulls. Tidal pools with playful sea lions can be found further down the path. At the end, there is a breathtaking view from a cliff. PM: El Barranco El Barranco's steep, rocky paths, also known as Prince Phillip's Steps, lead up to a high cliff-face. From here, you can enjoy a spectacular view. Palo santo vegetation can also be found here, as well as red-footed boobies, short-eared lava owls, Galapagos swallows, and Galapagos doves.



DAY 4: Mosquera islet & Tortoise breeding center

AM: Mosquera islet This reef of rocks and coral (the result of an uprising) is only 160 meters across at its narrowest point, located between the islands of Baltra and North Seymour. This island is home to many shorebirds and has one of the largest populations of sea lions. There have been reports of orcas feeding on sea lions at this location on occasion. PM: Tortoise breeding center The Charles Darwin Research Station is home to turtles ranging from 3-inches (new hatchlings) to 4-feet long. Subspecies of turtles interact with one another and many of the older turtles are accustomed to humans stretching out their heads for a photo opportunity. The babies are kept until they reach the age of four and are strong enough to survive on their own.



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DAY 5: Depart Galapagos Islands



AM: North Seymour Island North Seymour Island is teeming with Galapagos sea lions, blue-footed boobies, and magnificent frigatebirds. The island was formed by a series of submarine lava flows with sediment layers that were uplifted by tectonic activity. The island is characterized by its arid vegetation zone. PM: Transfer to Baltra airport In the afternoon, you will be transferred to the Baltra airport in time for your flight back to the mainland.

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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin On Board Ship
Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Group transfers in the Galapagos Islands All meals while on board the ship Excursions with a bilingual National Park guide Use of underwater camera One free hotel night (Quito or Guayaquil)* One free transfer for Galapagos flight and airport assistance* *Applies when purchasing roundtrip Galapagos airfare from ship operator, and not combinable with any other promotions **EXCLUSIONS** Roundtrip airfare to/from Galapagos Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee (USD $200 per person from Aug 2024 - Subject to change) Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD $20 per person - Subject to change) Alcoholic drinks Travel/Medical insurance Gratuities Personal Expenses
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. 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.

SUSTAINABILITY

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