NATURAL SELECTION JOURNEY 7



TRIP CODE
GAMTISE
DEPARTURE
Select Fridays
DURATION
7 Days
LOCATIONS
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

INTRODUCTION

As you travel around the archipelago, you will come across a range of islands and species. EspaÃ±ola Island is home to a variety of animals, including giant tortoises, booby species, frigatebirds, and flamingos. You will travel to Post Office Bay and Cormorant Point in Floreana. Additionally, you will investigate mangroves in southern Fernandina and the lava structures at Punta Moreno. Visits to Eden Islet and North Seymour, where you may see a variety of species found in the Galapagos Islands, will round off the excursion.

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

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ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Fly to the Galapagos Islands



Baltra Airport and Santa Cruz Island We arrive at Baltra Island in the morning and board the Isabela II at the nearby dock. Then, we have a briefing, a boat drill, and a delicious lunch on board. Las Bachas (Santa Cruz Island) At Las Bachas on Santa Cruz Island, enjoy the stunning white beach, birdwatching, and a refreshing swim before returning to the ship. End the day with a cocktail, expedition briefing, and a delicious dinner.

DAY 2: San Cristobal Island



Punta Pitt (San Cristobal) Start your day at the eastern tip of San Cristobal Island. It's the only place in the Galapagos where all three species of boobies coexist with both frigatebird species and a colony of bachelor sea lions. If the weather is good, you can swim, kayak, snorkel, or take a panga ride from the beach. Cerro Colorado (San Cristobal Island) Disembark at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno and visit the breeding centre for critically endangered giant tortoises at Cerro Colorado. Watch for diverse bird species and the endemic San Cristobal lava lizard in this enchanting setting.

DAY 3: Espanola Island



Gardner Bay (Española Island) In the morning, we'll walk on the pristine white coral beach of Gardner Bay. You can observe playful sea lions, charming Española mockingbirds, and finches. Enjoy fantastic snorkeling opportunities and optional kayaking, a dinghy ride, or a glass-bottom boat excursion. Punta Suarez (Española Island) After a satisfying lunch, the afternoon expedition at Punta Suarez leads along an exhilarating trail through lava and boulder fields. Marvel at unique seabird colonies and vibrant marine iguanas, adding to the wonder of your visit. It's sure to be memorable.

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DAY 4: Floreana Island

Cormorant Point (Floreana Island) Explore the uniquely green-tinged olivine-crystal beach of Cormorant Point in the morning and spot American flamingos at a brackish water lagoon. On the opposite side of the island, visit a white-sand beach famous for sea turtle nesting at night. At Champion Islet, enjoy snorkeling, a panga ride, or a glass-bottom boat trip and see the rare Charles mockingbird. Post Office Bay & Baroness Cove (Floreana Island) After lunch, we'll visit Post Office Bay to see the historic barrel that has served as a post office for over two centuries in the archipelago. This site is significant as it's where Darwin's voyage aboard the Beagle made a stop and where he gathered observations that influenced his evolutionary theories. We'll end the visit with a snorkeling session off the beach.



DAY 5: Isabela Island & Fernandina Island

Punta Moreno (Isabela Island) Today, you'll see an incredible array of fifteen unique species. Start by strolling through the mangroves to spot sea turtles. Then, explore the landscape dominated by the majestic volcanoes of southern Isabela Island. The rugged trail leads inland, offering views of lava formations and wildlife, including Galapagos penguins, cormorants, pelicans, herons, sea lions, marine iguanas, and crabs. Take advantage of the inland lagoons, home to ducks, stilts, flamingos, hawks, and mockingbirds. Finish with a glass-bottom boat ride or snorkeling. Punta Mangle (Fernandina Island) In the afternoon, we will journey to Fernandina Island and explore the coastline on pangas. We will see Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, rays, sea turtles, dolphins, and whales in the nutrient-rich waters. Conclude with a glass-bottom boat ride or deep-water snorkeling, depending on sea conditions.



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DAY 6: Eden Islet & North Seymour Island

Eden Islet Embark on a scenic panga ride to Eden Islet off the coast of Santa Cruz—Marvel at blue-footed boobies, reef sharks, and frigates in their natural habitat. Snorkel and, weather permitting, enjoy a glass-bottom boat ride to witness the stunning volcanic surroundings. North Seymour Island North Seymour Island is one of the most remarkable visitor sites in the archipelago, boasting diverse habitats, ecosystems, and iconic species. Enjoy a leisurely walk along the coast and witness nesting frigatebirds, land iguanas, and colonies of sea lions. Explore the coastal wonders by dinghy, spot fur seals, and partake in deep-water snorkeling. Conclude the day with an evening briefing, cocktail, and dinner.



DAY 7: Fly Galapagos Island to Mainland

Arriving at Baltra Island, we'll head to the airport for our return flight to the mainland. Thanks for joining us on this remarkable expedition through the Galapagos Islands!



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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 Wet suit rental 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) Fuel Surcharges 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 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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