GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - WINGED WONDERS JOURNEY 6 DAY CRUISE C | SIRIUS



TRIP CODE
ECGASR6C
DEPARTURE
Selected Thursdays
DURATION
6 Days
LOCATIONS
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

INTRODUCTION

The northern and central islands of the Galapagos archipelago is like stepping back in time, traveling through one of the most pristine and environmentally diverse locations of the world. A remarkable route that highlights the magnificent natural beauties and raw power of nature is unveiled every day. You can tell you're going to have an amazing day the instant you wake up because of the boat's soft rolling. You go on daily excursions with knowledgeable naturalists to discover the distinctive landscapes of the islands and get up close and personal with its recognizable and unique animals. Every moment presents an opportunity to commune with nature in its most pristine form, whether you're snorkeling with playful sea lions in what feels like a never-ending aquarium, trekking through volcanic terrain, or taking in the rich marine life while exploring in pangas along the coast. Keep an eye out for giant tortoises, land and marine iguanas, as well as the small finches that bring the living history of these islands to life.

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

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DAY 1: Arrive Galapagos Islands



Today, your adventure commences with a flight to the Galapagos Islands. Upon arrival, our dedicated crew will warmly welcome you at the airport and transfer you to the awaiting cruise ship. In the afternoon, explore Black Turtle Cove, named after the plentiful green sea turtles, locally referred to as "Tortugas Negras." Enjoy a delightful boat tour aboard the dinghies, embarking on a tranquil exploration of shallow channels, small coves, and the picturesque mangrove forests that envelop the area.

DAY 2: Rabida & Chinese Hat



This morning, explore Rabida Island, renowned for its distinctive reddish lava rocks enriched with iron, giving it a unique appearance in the Galapagos. The beach, characterized by its unusual red hue, is home to a small sea lion colony. If fortunate, you may stumble upon a petite saltwater lagoon inhabited by ducks, stilts, and flamingoes. The trail leads inland, providing stunning views of the beach and lagoon. Look out for Darwin finches, flycatchers, and mockingbirds. Along the coastal cliffs, observe Nazca and blue-footed boobies, brown noddies, herons, and two species of sea lions: the Galapagos and fur seals. Additionally, seize the opportunity for a snorkeling adventure from the beach, exploring a protected rocky area teeming with fish, sea lions, and reef sharks. The vertical walls serve as a natural canvas showcasing an impressive variety of small invertebrates. Chinese Hat, named for its perfectly symmetrical volcanic cone shape, stands as a small islet separated from Santiago by a narrow channel, creating one of the most picturesque bays in the Galapagos. The striking contrast of the blue-turquoise water, coral sand beaches, and dark lava rocks infuses a true tropical charm into the surroundings, enhancing the breathtaking sight of penguins leisurely resting on the rocks. Follow the trail along the shore, guiding you through a charming sea lion colony.

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DAY 3: North Seymour & Highlands

This morning, explore Seymour Island, a haven for bird enthusiasts where vast colonies of magnificent and great frigatebirds proudly display their striking red gular pouches to attract mates. Blue-footed boobies find their nesting grounds on the ground, engaging in their renowned courtship dance in open areas. Meanwhile, swallow-tailed gulls frequently perch on the cliff edges. Inland, land iguanas, whose numbers have been successfully restored through a conservation program, are a common sight. Along the rocky shores by the sea, their marine counterparts bask, not far from the playful sea lions often seen body surfing in the waves. In the afternoon, enjoy a scenic journey into the lush highlands of Santa Cruz. Walk through a reserve where you may spot giant tortoises—some weighing over 600 pounds—grazing peacefully. Observe endemic birds such as finches and flycatchers. If included in your itinerary, explore a lava tunnel, a fascinating remnant of the volcanic forces that shaped these islands.



DAY 4: Sullivan Bay & Bartolome

Strolling through Sullivan Bay unveils an extraordinary exploration into the volcanic roots of the Galapagos Islands. Your hike traverses a pristine Pahoehoe lava flow, offering abundant opportunities to marvel at the intricate textures of this unique lava formation. Although the landscape may initially seem barren and devoid of life, a closer examination reveals the tenacity of pioneer plants, the quick movements of lava lizards, and the presence of small birds. Along the shoreline, the lively presence of penguins, pelicans, and oystercatchers introduces a vibrant contrast to the otherwise stark environment. Bartolome Island stands out as one of the most iconic destinations in the Galapagos, celebrated for its easily accessible penguin population and the stunning Pinnacle Rock. The beach adjacent to the rock is adorned with peach-colored sand, enhancing the surreal beauty of the surroundings. Embarking on a hike to the island's summit promises panoramic views of lunar-like landscapes punctuated by volcanic cones, a myriad of islands, Sullivan Bay, and, naturally, the towering presence of Pinnacle Rock.



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DAY 5: El Barranco & Darwin Bay

Located in the southern part of Darwin Bay on Genovesa Island, El Barranco is a wildlife sanctuary. Its fragile lava cliffs provide shelter for storm petrels and a remarkable population of short-eared owls. Along the trail, red-footed and Nazca boobies nest on the volcanic rock. At the base of the cliffs, Galapagos fur seals rest in shaded areas, while seabirds soar above this breathtaking landscape, making El Barranco an unforgettable destination for nature lovers. This afternoon, visit Darwin Bay on Genovesa Island is a breathtaking sight for birdwatchers. As you step onto the beach, you'll be amazed by the presence of hundreds of boobies, gulls, and frigatebirds soaring, nesting in bushes, or resting on the sand. Along the shore, sea lions and marine iguanas blend into the scenery, while inland you may spot night herons, swallow-tailed gulls, Darwin finches, Galapagos doves, and mockingbirds. This immersive experience brings you face-to-face with a thriving ecosystem.



DAY 6: Interpretation Center and Departure

Nestled on the outskirts of Puerto Baquerizo, the Interpretation Center stands as a comprehensive repository of the human history woven into the fabric of the Galapagos Islands. Its exhibitions meticulously trace the narratives of early Spanish explorers to the contemporary era, spotlighting influential figures like Charles Darwin. Through vivid displays, the center vividly portrays the myriad challenges and perils confronted by the initial settlers as they grappled with survival in the rugged Galapagos environment. After your visit to the Interpretation Center, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to continental Ecuador, marking the conclusion of your Galapagos journey.



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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 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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