

# GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - GALAPAGOS NORTH WESTERN ISLANDS | HERMES



## INTRODUCTION

Explore the stunning **Galapagos Islands**, a living laboratory of evolution that inspired Charles Darwin's ground breaking theories. Begin your adventure at Baltra and diiscover the untouched beauty of **Bachas Beach**, where marine iguanas bask in the sun and sea turtles nest along the shores.


Over 5 days visit sites including the historic **Tagus Cove**, once a favorite anchorage for pirates and whalers, **Urbina Bay** where you can enjoy snorkelling among uplifted coral reefs that are home to a plenthora of marine life including turtles and sea lions, **Espinoza Point**, where fearless marine iguanas roam freely and curious flightless cormorants dive into the crystal-clear waters, **Puerto Egas**, a site rich in wildlife and volcanic scenery and **Buccaneer Cove**, steeped in history and natural beauty, where sheer cliffs and nesting seabirds.

Each location unfolds a unique chapter of the Galapagos Islands' story, leaving you captivated by the untamed beauty and extraordinary biodiversity of this remarkable destination.

You will cruise on the ultra luxury catamaran, **Hermes**. Equipped with a range of features, luxury suites, two English speaking National Park guides you will be able to explore the islands in style.

Check out some of the other itinearies onboard the Hermes: [8 Day Central & West Islands Cruise](#) [4 Day Central Islands Cruise](#)

## ITINERARY

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### DAY 1: Arrival to Baltra & Santa Cruz Island

Today, you are set to embark on an exciting journey to the Galapagos Islands. Upon your arrival at the airport, our dedicated staff will extend a warm welcome to ensure your smooth transition. In the afternoon you will visit las Bachas Beach on Santa Cruz Island. Enjoy a leisurely stroll, spot flamingos and crabs, and consider optional snorkeling to explore the vibrant marine life. Bachas Beach provides a tranquil escape for a delightful afternoon in the Galapagos.



### DAY 2: Tagus Cove & Urbina bay

Embark on a morning exploration of Tagus Cove, a historic anchorage situated on Isabela Island. This site, known for its dramatic landscape and historical inscriptions left by pirates and whalers, offers a captivating blend of natural beauty and human history. As you traverse the trails, witness the striking views of Darwin Volcano and Darwin Lake, surrounded by the arid volcanic terrain. Keep an eye out for the diverse birdlife that inhabits the area, including the iconic Galapagos penguins and flightless cormorants. The morning at Tagus Cove promises a contemplative journey through the island's geological wonders and a glimpse into its storied past. Later in the afternoon, venture to Urbina Bay, located on the western side of Isabela Island. This secluded bay is recognized for its uplifted coral formations and the unique opportunity to encounter the Galapagos land iguanas in their natural habitat. Take a leisurely stroll along the shoreline, marveling at the remains of coral structures uplifted during a historic volcanic event. The bay also presents an ideal setting for snorkeling, allowing you to explore the underwater realm teeming with marine life. The afternoon at Urbina Bay offers a serene exploration of Isabela's distinct landscapes and the chance to observe the island's fascinating terrestrial and marine inhabitants.



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### DAY 3: Espinoza & Vicente Roca Point

Embark on a morning exploration of Espinoza Point, situated on Fernandina Island, renowned for its untouched natural beauty and unique wildlife. As you traverse the rugged volcanic terrain, be prepared for encounters with the iconic marine iguanas, the only species of iguana that forages in the ocean. Witness their distinctive behaviors and marvel at their adaptation to this harsh environment. Keep an eye out for flightless cormorants and Galapagos penguins, adding to the rich diversity of this pristine ecosystem. The morning at Espinoza Point promises an immersive journey through a landscape shaped by volcanic forces, offering a glimpse into the extraordinary adaptations of the Galapagos wildlife. In the afternoon, set sail for Vicente Roca Point, located on the northwestern coast of Isabela Island. This remarkable site is celebrated for its dramatic sea cliffs, pristine waters, and the opportunity to engage in deep-sea snorkeling. Explore the fascinating underwater world, encountering a variety of marine life, from colorful fish to graceful sea turtles. Keep an eye out for Galapagos penguins and flightless cormorants that frequent the area. The afternoon at Vicente Roca Point promises a tranquil and awe-inspiring maritime experience, offering a unique perspective on the diverse marine ecosystems of the Galapagos Islands.



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DAY 4: Puerto Egas & Playa Espumilla

Commence your day with a visit to Puerto Egas, located on Santiago Island. This morning exploration promises a captivating journey through a unique blend of volcanic landscapes and coastal wonders. Walk along the dark volcanic shoreline, observing the fascinating interplay between the marine and terrestrial environments. Keep an eye out for fur seals, marine iguanas, and a variety of shorebirds that inhabit the area. The tidal pools along the coastline offer a glimpse into the underwater world, showcasing marine life such as colorful fish and sea urchins. The morning at Puerto Egas provides an enriching experience, illustrating the resilience and adaptability of the Galapagos' diverse ecosystems. Later in the afternoon, venture to Playa Espumilla, a pristine sandy beach nestled on Santiago Island. This idyllic location offers a serene retreat surrounded by mangroves and lush vegetation. Take a leisurely stroll along the shoreline, enjoying the tranquility and observing the marine and birdlife that frequent the area. Playa Espumilla is also known for its historical relevance, with remnants of a salt mine providing insight into the island's past. The afternoon at Playa Espumilla promises a peaceful and reflective experience, allowing you to appreciate the natural beauty and historical significance of this secluded Galapagos destination.



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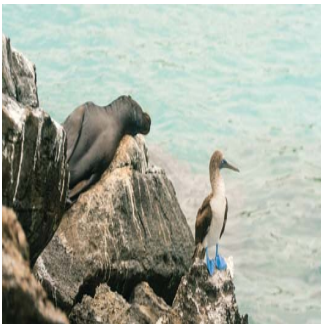
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DAY 5: North Seymour Island & Departure

Embark on a morning excursion to North Seymour Island. Explore well-maintained trails, observing frigatebirds, blue-footed boobies, land iguanas, and sea lions. Encounter unique wildlife behaviors and appreciate the island's distinctive flora, including endemic Palo Santo trees. This brief but immersive experience promises a captivating introduction to the diverse ecosystem of the Galapagos. In the afternoon, you will be transferred to Baltra Airport, marking the conclusion of your Galapagos expedition. Our dedicated staff will ensure a smooth transition, providing assistance with your luggage and transportation to the airport. Reflect on the enriching experiences and captivating moments as you bid farewell to the extraordinary landscapes and wildlife of the Galapagos Islands.



## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Suite on board a Yacht
Inclusions	<div> <b>INCLUSIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodation in selected cabin</li> <li>Fuel Surcharge</li> <li>All activities and excursions as depicted in the itineraries in company of an English speaking naturalist guide</li> <li>Snorkelling equipment</li> <li>Kayak</li> <li>Wetsuits</li> <li>Stand up Paddle Board</li> <li>Internet</li> <li>All meals on board</li> <li>Purified water, tea, coffee</li> <li>Non - alcoholic beverages</li> <li>Selected menu premium wines, beer, and cocktails</li> <li>Laundry service</li> <li>Mini bar consumption</li> <li>Butler service</li> </ul> </div> <div> <b>EXCLUSIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air ticket to and from Galapagos</li> <li>Gratuities to guides and crew</li> <li>Personals expenses</li> <li>Alcoholic drinks not included in menu selection</li> <li>Travel insurance</li> <li>International Airfare</li> <li>Visa if applicable</li> <li>Anything not mentioned on the itinerary</li> <li>Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee* (US\$200 from Aug 2024, price subject to change)</li> <li>Galapagos Control Transit \$20* (price subject to change)</li> </ul> </div>
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	<p>All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.</p> <p>Please note water activities are subject to weather conditions.</p> <p>Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated)</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time</p> <p>Snorkelling equipment is available in average sizes onboard complimentary.</p> <p>Wetsuits are available at different sizes complimentary, on a first comes first serves basis</p> <p>Kayaks and stand-up paddle boards are complimentary</p> <p>Unpacking service is complimentary</p> <p>24/7 butler service is complementary</p> <p>Massages are available for an additional charge and must be booked onboard</p> <p>* Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.</p>
	<p>Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.</p>

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