GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - NORTH GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (D) | MONSERRAT



TRIP CODE
ECVNM4D
DEPARTURE
Selected Thursdays
DURATION
4 Days
LOCATIONS
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

INTRODUCTION

Voyage out on a 4-day cruise through the **GalÃ¡pagos Islands**. The journey unfolds with a visit to the Santa Cruz Highlands, where giant tortoises roam freely, and the **Charles Darwin Research Station** sheds light on conservation efforts. Cruise out to the Santa Cruz, with unique landscapes and explore volcanic tubes. Visit Genovesa, Darwins Bay and Prince Steps. Snorkel with an amazing array of marine life, including turtles, sea lions and even hammerhead sharks . Continue to Bartolme Island and Bowditch Point, where endemic species, unique marine life and dramatic landscapes create an immersive experience. Conclude your expedition with a visit to Bachas Beach, with its soft white sand, a prime nesting site for sea turtles, before bidding farewell to the GalÃ¡pagos Islands.

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ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive Galapagos Islands



In the morning, upon your arrival at Baltra Airport from your mainland flight, you will be greeted by your local guide who will assist you for the rest of your voyage. Later this afternoon, you will get to explore the highlands of Santa Cruz and see the magnificent Galápagos giant tortoise in its natural habitat. Get to discover the remarkable landscapes and visit underground lava tunnels – some extending over 1km (.6 mi) in length! While wandering along these volcanic tubes, keep a lookout for the (mostly) nocturnal barn owls that occasionally inhabit this area.

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DAY 2: Genovesa, Darwins Bay & Prince Phillips steps

Today sail to the beautiful and remote Genovesa Island. This island is a paradise for bird lovers with an estimated 200,000 red-footed boobies living on this island. This morning you will visit Darwin Bay, a birdwatching paradise. The island hosts various bird species, including swallow-tailed and lava gulls, mockingbirds, yellow-crowned night herons, lava herons, Galapagos doves, and yellow warblers. A short trail will take you to red-footed booby and great frigatebird nests. You can also explore a tidal lagoon with playful sea lions and enjoy breathtaking views from a cliff. You may even have time to snorkel with sea lions and for sea turtles. In the afternoon hike the steep 81-foot stairway leading to a cliff offering stunning views over the bay. Hiking the Palo Santo trail, visitors can spot Nazca and red-footed boobies, mockingbirds, finches, wedge-rumped storm petrels, and short-eared owls. Later you will have the opportunity to do some deep-water snorkelling, offering a chance to see unique marine wildlife, including hammerhead sharks.



DAY 3: Bartolme Island & Bowditch Point

Todays excursion includes a hike to the summit on Bartolme Island, offering stunning panoramic views of the island and nearby volcanic formations, including Pinnacle Rock. You will also get a great perspective of the Galápagos Islands' volcanic origins. In the morning, you have the opportunity to snorkel around Pinnacle Rock, and excellent spot to see Galápagos penguins, sea lions, sea turtles, and various fish. In the afternoon, you'll visit Bowditch Point, one of the more remote, less-visited sites in the Galapagos. This is another excellent snorkeling area with giant schools of black-striped salema, parrotfish, and Mexican hogfish, or you could try kayak or stand-up paddleboarding instead. Afterwards, enjoy some time relaxing on the beach or exploring the area.



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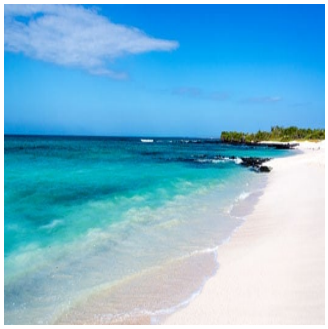
DAY 4: Bachas Beach and Departure

The final day starts at Bachas Beach a stunning beach with soft, white sand made of decomposed coral, which is a prime nesting site for sea turtles. While on shore, you will get to spot Sally Lightfoot crabs and a variety of wildlife, including flamingos, hermit crabs, black-necked stilts, and sea lions. The day will end with you disembarking at Baltra for your return flight to mainland Ecuador.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board a Ship
Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Cabin accommodation Fuel Surcharge All meals on board All activities and excursions as depicted in the itineraries in company of a bilingual naturalist guide Snorkelling equipment Kayak Wetsuits Stand up Paddle Board Group transfers to/from the Yacht (please note if you arrive on different flights to the rest of group surcharges may apply for transfers) **EXCLUSIONS** Air ticket to and from Galapagos Gratuities to guides and crew Personals expenses Alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages. Travel insurance International Airfare Visas if applicable Wifi onboard Anything not mentioned on the itinerary Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee* (US$200 from Aug 2024, price subject to change) Galapagos Control Transit $20* (price subject to change)
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information. There may be a limited number of cabins available onboard for sole occupancy.
Notes	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. Please note water 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 Snorkelling equipment is available in average sizes onboard complimentary. Wetsuits are available at different sizes complimentary, on a first comes first served basis Kayaks and stand up paddle boards are available complimentary to use Cooking and cocktail lessons are complimentary Passengers can open a tab for their bar and boutique consumption. Tabs must be settled the last night of the cruise in Us dollars and in cash. * 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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SUSTAINABILITY

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