# **ECUADOR** - EASTERN ISLAND CRUISE (C) | EMINENCE



| TRIP CODE |
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| ECGGEC5 |
| **DEPARTURE** |
| Select Saturdays |
| **DURATION** |
| 5 Days |
| **LOCATIONS** |
| Ecuador, Galapagos Islands |

## INTRODUCTION

This fourâ□□night expedition offers an engaging introduction to the Galapagos, visiting wildlifeâ□□rich islands such as Genovesa, South Plaza, Santa Fe and San CristÃ³bal. Each day combines guided walks, Zodiac outings, snorkelling, kayaking and paddleboarding, with opportunities to see land and marine iguanas, sea lions, giant tortoises and a variety of booby species. Calm bays provide excellent snorkelling conditions, while visits to local conservation centres highlight the ongoing efforts to protect the archipelago's ecosystems.

Eminence serves as your base throughout the voyage, offering a modern and comfortable platform for smallâ□□group exploration. The ship features spacious suites with private terraces, generous outdoor areas, inviting social spaces and wellness facilities including a spa, gym and infrared sauna. With easy access to kayaks, paddleboards and snorkelling gear, as well as thoughtful sustainability systems integrated throughout, Eminence provides a smooth and wellâ□□equipped setting for discovering the Galapagos.

**Combine your Galapagos cruise on the Eminence with a stay at the premium La Selva Lodge in the Amazon for an exclusive saving. Contact us for more information and pricing!**

## ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrive Galapagos Islands



Upon arrival, reception and assistance at the airport, followed by transfer to M/C Eminence. In the afternoon, visit to Bachas Beach, located on the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. This wide stretch of white sand offers a relaxed introduction to the Galapagos. Coastal lagoons behind the beach attract flamingos and other shorebirds, while marine iguanas rest along the shoreline. The calm waters allow for swimming and snorkeling, where guests may observe reef fish and rays in a peaceful setting.

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DAY 2: Genovesa Island



In the morning, arrival to Genovesa Island, one of the most important bird nesting sites in the archipelago. The visit begins at El Barranco, also known as Prince Philip's Steps. A natural stairway carved into the rock leads to a plateau where seabirds gather in large numbers. Red footed boobies nest in the trees, while frigatebirds and storm petrels can be seen flying overhead. In the afternoon, visit to Darwin Bay, located inside the caldera of Genovesa. A sandy trail leads through colonies of nesting birds, including frigatebirds and boobies. Sea lions rest along the shore, and the calm waters offer excellent snorkeling opportunities with chances to see rays and reef fish.

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DAY 3: Santa Fe & South Plaza



In the morning, exploration of South Plaza Island, known for its high concentration of wildlife. The trail crosses a landscape of volcanic rock and colorful vegetation, where land iguanas can often be seen beneath cactus trees. Along the cliffs, seabirds glide with the ocean breeze while sea lions gather near the shoreline. In the afternoon, visit to Santa Fe Island, home to a calm bay and distinctive vegetation. The island features large cactus trees and an endemic species of land iguana. A walk inland allows for wildlife observation, while the surrounding waters are suitable for snorkeling, kayaking, or stand up paddleboarding.

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DAY 4: Pitt Point & Witch Hill



In the morning, visit to Pitt Point, located on the eastern side of San Cristobal Island. This site is known for being one of the few places where three species of boobies can be seen in the same area. A trail leads from the beach to elevated viewpoints with open views of the coastline. Seabirds and sea lions are frequently observed along the way. In the afternoon, visit to Witch Hill, a scenic white sand beach with views of Kicker Rock in the distance. Sea lions rest along the shore, and nearby lagoons attract coastal birds. The calm waters allow for swimming and snorkeling in a relaxed setting.

DAY 5: Depart Galapagos Islands



In the morning, visit to the San Cristobal Breeding Center, located near Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. This conservation site focuses on the protection and recovery of giant tortoise populations. Guests can observe tortoises at different stages of development and learn about the programs that support their survival in the wild. The visit provides a meaningful closing to the journey, highlighting the importance of conservation across the islands. After this last visit, transfer to San Cristobal Airport for your return flight to mainland Ecuador. Assistance and farewell at the airport.

## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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| **Accommodation** | Cabin On Board a Catamaran |

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| **Inclusions** | **INCLUSIONS**<br>Transfers in the Galapagos<br>Airport reception and assistance<br>Accommodation on board the Catamaran<br>Guided expeditions according to the itinerary<br>Top bilingual National Park guide (English/Spanish) (2 guides if more than 12 passengers)<br>Cruise Service Officer<br>Wifi Onboard<br>Activity daily briefing<br>All meals and snacks<br>Soft drinks and juices<br>Captain's welcome and farewell cocktail<br>Use of sea kayaks and paddle-boards<br>Expedition gear (wetsuits and fins, water container, snorkel and mask, expedition binoculars)<br>Yoga mats<br>Kettlebells and dumbbells<br>Stargazing laser pointer<br>One free beer or wine per guest per day<br><br>**EXCLUSIONS**<br>International & internal flights<br>Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)<br>Travel insurance<br>Personal expenses<br>Tips and gratuities for guide and crew<br>Beverages other than specified<br>Local taxes<br>Galapagos National Park Entrance fee (USD$200 per person, subject to change)<br>Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD$20 per person, subject to change)<br>Any items not mentioned as included<br>Micro SD Card 4K |
| **Difficulty Rating** | 2 (Light Adventure) |
| **Single Surcharge** | A single supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information. |
| **Notes** | Prices are based on per person, twin share.<br>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.<br>All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.<br>Kayaking and water based activities are subject to weather conditions. |
| **Price Dependent upon** | Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability. |

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