

Galapagos Islands - Western Islands Cruise A | Archipel I

Trip Code
EACT5DA
Departure



Introduction

Explore the incredible sights of the Galapagos Islands on this 5 day cruise. The Galapagos is teeming with experiences and sights unlike anywhere else in the world. You be left in awe of the sheer diversity of wildlife and natural sights that encompasses this small archipelago. Keep an eye out for a range of endemic animals such as Giant Tortoises and Blue Footed Boobies. Wildlife here is not scared of humans due to the strict regulations in the National Park region and will generally stay still while you take some happy snaps.

Check out the [8 Day West & South Islands](#) Cruise Itinerary onboard the Archipel I

Itinerary

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Arrival at Baltra Airport & Interpretation

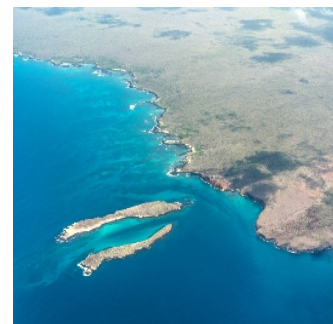
Duration

5 Days

Locations

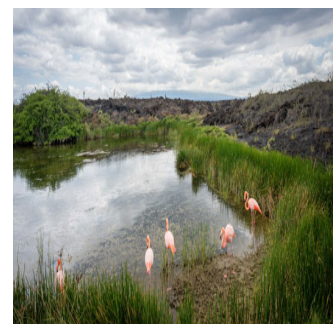
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

Upon your arrival at Baltra Airport, you will be met by a representative who will transfer you to your accommodation. Please note that you will have to pay your Galapagos National Park entrance fee and have your luggage inspected before proceeding. In the afternoon, you will visit the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center, where you will have the opportunity to see the tortoises of Española Island up close. This breeding center is dedicated to the conservation of giant tortoises and plays an important role in the preservation of the species. Your tour will end in the tortoise exhibit corral, where you can take photographs with the tortoises. These tortoises are accustomed to humans, so it is an excellent spot for some great pictures!



DAY 2: Moreno point and Urbina bay

After breakfast, you will head out to Moreno Point, located on the southwestern coast of Isabela Island. This unique site offers a striking contrast between the fresh, promising greens of pioneer vegetation and the dead, pitch-black lava flow that once reached the ocean. Your naturalist guide will lead you on a hike through this rugged terrain, where you can observe the various species that have adapted to this harsh environment, such as marine iguanas, lava lizards, and Sally Lightfoot crabs. In the afternoon, you will visit Urbina Bay, which is located at the base of Alcedo Volcano on the western coast of Isabela Island. This coastal plain is exceptional, attracting prehistoric giants in the wild, such as the largest land iguanas. Your naturalist guide will lead you on a hike through the unique vegetation, where you can spot these impressive creatures in their natural habitat. You may also see Galapagos tortoises, Darwin's finches, and other species that call this area home.



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Day 9: Espinoza point and Vicente rock

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After breakfast, you will head out to Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

Esposito Point, located on Fernandina

Island, which is one of the most pristine and

untouched islands in the Galapagos

archipelago. Here, you will find some of the

most bizarre animal species, products of

natural selection. Among them is the

flightless cormorant, which after thousands

of years isolated here lost the ability to fly

and turned its wings into fins. You will also

be able to observe marine iguanas,

Galapagos penguins, and Galapagos hawks.

This is a unique opportunity to witness the

natural beauty and diversity of the

Galapagos Islands. In the afternoon, you will

visit Vicente Roca Point, located on the

northwest coast of Isabela Island. This site

is known for its stunning geological

formations and unique wildlife. You will

enter a dark cave below a spectacular arch,

accompanied by the roaring echoes of the

waves. The calmer waters inside are well-

protected and are a great place for

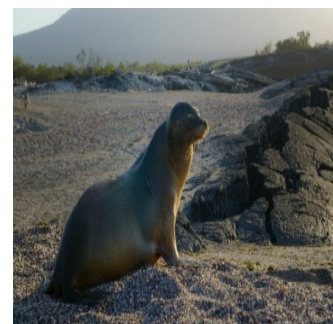
snorkeling amongst various species of

sharks, penguins, seahorses and the giant

mola-mola. You may also see blue-footed

boobies, Nazca boobies, and fur seals along

the shore.



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Saturday 14th September and Rabida

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5 Days

This morning you will visit Puerto Egas,

located on the western coast of Santiago

Galapagos Islands. Founded, South America

Galapagos Islands. Historical, and a favorite

for wildlife lovers in the Galapagos. It's even

considered the best place in the archipelago

to observe Galapagos fur seals. Your

naturalist guide will lead you on a walk

through the coastal trails, where you can

observe a variety of species such as marine

iguanas, Sally Lightfoot crabs, Galapagos

hawks, and the elusive Galapagos fur seals.

You can also enjoy a refreshing swim in the

natural pools formed by the volcanic rocks.

In the afternoon, you will visit Rabida

Island, known for its remarkable red beach.

Upon landing, you will usually be greeted by

a large bachelor colony of Galapagos sea

lions. Your naturalist guide will lead you on

a hike through the red sand beach, where

you can observe the unique flora and fauna

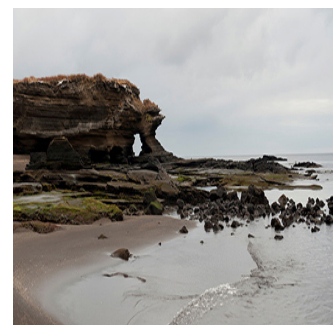
of the island, such as brown pelicans,

Galapagos hawks, and Darwin's finches. You

can also snorkel along the rocky cliffs and

spot various species of fish, rays, and sea

turtles.



DAY 5: Black turtle cove and departure

Today is your last day in the Galapagos

Islands, and you will start with a visit to

Black Turtle Cove. After breakfast, you will

board a dinghy and explore this peaceful

lagoon, surrounded by mangrove forests.

The calm waters make it a perfect place to

observe sea turtles, rays, and sharks. Your

naturalist guide will explain the importance

of the mangrove ecosystem and its role in

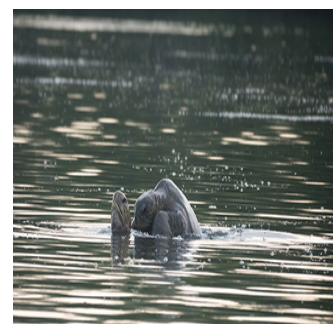
preserving the biodiversity of the islands.

After, you will disembark at Baltra airport,

where you will say goodbye to the crew of


your cruise ship before checking in for your

flight back to the mainland.



Inclusions & Details

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Accommodation	Cabin onboard a ship
Duration	Accommodation onboard the Archipel I
5 Days	Transfers in the Galapagos and airport assistance
Locations	All meals whilst on-board including snacks
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America	Additional excursions
	Guiding and lectures by Galapagos Naturalist Guide
	Snorkelling equipment (mask, snorkel & fins)
	Use of kayaks
	Exclusions
Inclusions	International flights
	Return airfares from mainland Ecuador
	Visa & reciprocity fees (if applicable)
	Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee (US\$ 200 per person subject to change)
	Galapagos Transit Control Card (US\$ 20 per person subject to change)
	Travel insurance
	Beverages other than tea & coffee
	Personal expenses such as laundry & onboard communication
	Gratuities for the crew
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request. Contact us for more details.
	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
	Please note kayaking and water based activities are subject to weather conditions.
Notes	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 Departure date, currency fluctuation, seasonality & availability

Sustainability

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species

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products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

Duration

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Locations: For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless

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organisation, click [HERE](#)