

Galapagos Islands - Northern & Central Islands Galapagos Cruise (A) | Alya

Trip Code
ECGSA5
Departure



Introduction

Experience the exotic paradise that is the Galapagos on board the MC Alya. On board your luxury catamaran you will cruise through the Western islands of the Galapagos on an incredible journey that combines superior service quality with the immense beauty of the Galapagos. No island is same as the last, with vastly different landscapes and unique species. The Galapagos is enchanting, mysterious and offers its unique share of adventure.

The Alya Experience

The Alya is designed to get the most out of your experience. Launched in 2017, this superior first-class motor catamaran offers comfort and luxury. This is the wonderful vessel to cruise the Galapagos. The ship offers 9 comfortable cabins, all tastefully decorated and featuring private facilities. The catamaran sails with a crew of 8 plus a bilingual, certified naturalist guide ensuring you get the most out of your time onboard the Alya and in the Galapagos. You have the opportunity to explore the Galapagos archipelago with activities such as hiking, snorkelling and kayaking. The cruise can provide you with a comfortable retreat after adventure-packed days of exploration. While sailing the pristine waters you can relax onboard and enjoy the panoramic views from the comfort of the ship.

The Alya also offers an [Eastern 6 day cruise](#)

Itinerary

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~~Start:~~ Thursdays
Direct: Baltra Airport and Black Turtle Cove

Duration

~~5 Days~~
Begin your adventure with a morning flight

~~from either Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra~~

~~Island in the Galapagos. After a delicious~~

~~lunch, we'll kick off our exploration by~~

~~visiting Black Turtle Cove, a hidden gem~~

~~nestled in the northern region of Santa~~

~~Cruz. This tranquil bay, accessible only by~~

~~dinghy, is surrounded by stunning~~

~~mangroves. Keep your eyes peeled for~~

~~enchanting marine creatures such as black-~~

~~tip reef sharks, marine turtles, and variety~~

~~of rays that often grace these waters.~~



DAY 2: Darwin Bay and Barranco

Embark on a wet landing excursion at

Darwin Bay, an island in the Galapagos'

northern region. As we step onto the shore,

we'll be greeted by a fascinating mangrove

swamp, home to a vibrant colony of frigates,

marine iguanas, red-footed boobies, and

mask boobies. Witness the spectacle of the

great terrestrial finch, seagulls, herons, and

cactus finch. After our land excursion, take

a refreshing swim in the crystal-clear bay

waters. In the afternoon, we'll make our

way to Barranco, also known as Prince

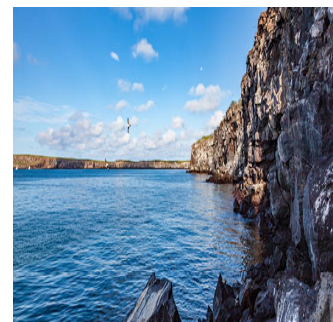
Phillip's stairs. This thrilling adventure

takes us along the Barranco path, offering

captivating encounters with tropical birds,

petrels, common frigates, red-footed

boobies, mask boobies, doves, and finches.



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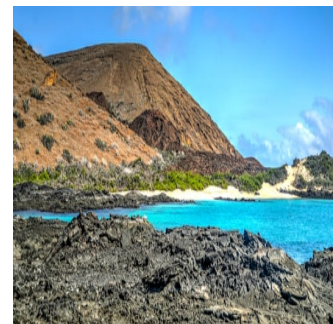
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Locations Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

DAY 3: Sullivan Bay and Bartolome Island
In the morning you will arrive at Sullivan Bay. Virtually uneroded lava flows cover an extensive area of this island. Lava pahoehoe (basaltic lava that has a smooth, billowy, undulating or ropy surface), hornitos, and mollugo (a lava colonizer) can be seen. In the afternoon you will make your way to Bartolome Island. We will follow a path to the top (114m) where we can see pioneering plants such as tiquilia, chamaesyce, and scalesia. The island has been formed by cones, lava pipes where lava once flowed.

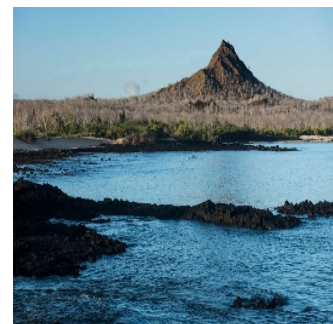
Following the wet landing at the beach, we will follow a path through mangrove swamps and sand dune vegetation, to the south beach. At the north beach, guests can enjoy swimming and snorkelling. From the top of Bartolome, we will be able to see the islands of Santiago, Rabida, and Isabela. You will also have the unique opportunity to see penguins at Pinnacle rock.



DAY 4: Chinese Hat Island and Mosquera

In the morning you will arrive at Chinese Hat Island. A small islet located near the south-east coast of Santiago. It's shaped like a Chinese hat when seen from afar. It is an island consisting of a cone type "Splatter" (lava ejected as drops which fall close to where they came from, which form an inclined cone) that forms the summit and many lava tubes that go down to the coast.

In the afternoon you will make your way to Mosquera. This islet is located between Baltra Island and North Seymour. Here, we find the biggest sea lion colony; it is also possible to observe several species of birds. Enjoy the white sand beach.



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Day 0: Thursdays Darwin Station and

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5 Days

After breakfast, we will visit Charles Darwin

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Santa Cruz Island; we will take a private

bus to the entrance of the breeding center

where we will see tortoises and land

iguanas in captivity. This center is the main

breeding site on the islands. Animals that

were in danger of extinction on the various

islands are maintained in captivity. Thanks

to the dedicated work of several

institutions, some species are being saved.

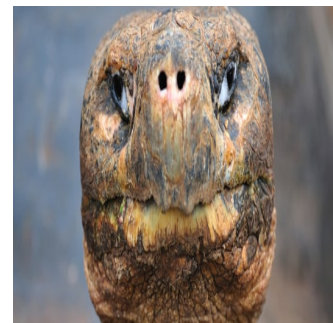
Here lived Lonesome George, the famous

last survivor of the giant tortoise species

found on Pinta Island. Afterward, you will

be transferred to the airport for your

departure flight from the Galapagos.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin On Board A Catamaran Yacht

INCLUSIONS

Accommodation in double cabin

Transfers in the Galapagos and airport assistance

All meals during the cruise

Water coffee and tea

All excursions as per the itinerary*

English-Speaking Naturalist guide

Snorkelling equipment

Kayak & Paddle board equipment

Inclusions

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.

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All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Duration

Please note water based activities are subject to weather conditions.

5 Days

Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated).

Notes

Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

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*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.

Sustainability