

## Galapagos Islands - Northern Islands Cruise | Bonita

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### Introduction

Explore the northern islands of the Galapagos on this 5 day itinerary through the incredible archipelago. From lush highlands, to swampy mangroves and coastal beaches, no island on the Galapagos is the same. On board the superior and 16 capacity vessel Bonita, you will find an intimate cruising experience as you encounter unique wildlife, enjoy unbeatable snorkeling experiences and hikes through unique landscapes each different from the last.

Check out the [7 Day Western Islands Cruise](#) onboard the Bonita

### Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrival in Galapagos and South  
Plazas

In the morning you will take a flight from either Quito or Guayaquil to the Galapagos. Upon arrival in the Galapagos you will be met by our representative at the airport who will transfer you to your vessel where you will have a welcome drink and introduction to your crew. After your arrival and lunch on board, you will visit Plazas, two small islands, created by an uplifting of the land. The land iguanas are smaller here; they nest during the warm season. The hike goes along an extraordinary cliff where sea birds nest. There are approximately 1000 sea lions located on the south side of the Plazas.



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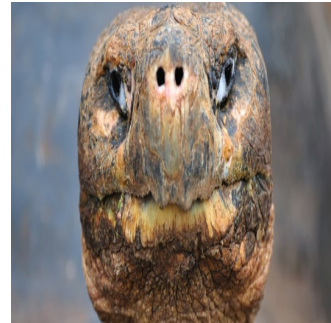
Duration

5 Days: Black Turtle Cove and Santa Cruz

Locations

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

Your first visit of the day will be to Black Turtle Cove which is situated in the northern region of Santa Cruz. This bay is surrounded by mangroves and is only accessible by dinghy. The shallow cove is a safe refuge for marine life. Black-tip reef sharks, marine turtles, and a variety of rays are often spotted here. You will then return to the vessel to have lunch. In the afternoon you will make your way to the Santa Cruz Highlands. Here we have a trekking and we will find the giant tortoises in their natural habitat, this is a natural spectacle. For this visit, we recommend good walking shoes, long pants, a raincoat, a hat, and sunblock.



### DAY 3: Darwin Bay and Barranco

In the morning you will arrive at Darwin Bay, located on Genovesa Island. Genovesa Island is a small island in the north of the Galapagos. Our unloading in Darwin Bay will be wet. Near the beach is a mangrove swamp where we will find a colony of frigates, marine iguanas, red-footed boobies and mask boobies, the great terrestrial finch, seagulls, herons, and cactus finch. Following the land visit, you may enjoy a relaxing swim in the bay. In the afternoon you will make a landing at Barranco. Also known as Prince Phillip's stairs. Here, we will go for a walk on the Barranco path. On our journey we will observe tropical birds, petrels, common frigate, red-foot boobies, mask boobies, doves, and finches.



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Day 1: Wednesday  
Sullivan Bay and Bartolome Island

Duration

5 Days  
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 observed while on the island. Snacks

and refreshing beverages await you on

board the ship. In the afternoon you will

arrive on 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 have the

opportunity to see endemic Galapagos

penguins at Pinnacle Rock.



DAY 5: North Seymour Island and

Departure

In the morning you will arrive at Seymour

Island. Seymour was formed by the lifting of

volcanic marine lava. Marine fossils dating

back to the Pleistocene period were found

on this island. In 1932, Captain Alan

Hancock and his crew took 72 malnourished

land iguanas from Baltra Island to North

Seymour Island so that the iguanas could

live in better conditions. In 1934, colonists

verified that the iguanas were in good

condition. The vegetation of North Seymour

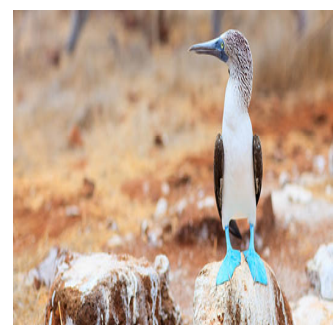
is bushy and is host to nesting Real Frigates

of the Galapagos. After this activity you will

be transferred to the airport where you will

board your departure flight from the

Galapagos.



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Cabin On Board Expediton Vessel

### INCLUSIONS

Accommodation in double cabin

Transfers in the Galapagos and airport assistance

All meals during the cruise

Water coffee and tea & soft drink

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.

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Please note water 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 Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.

Sustainability