



Introduction

Explore the Galapagos Islands on the Horizon Trimaran, which offers one of the smoothest rides in the Galapagos! Over 8 wonderful days you will explore the best that these islands have to offer, seeing a range of wildlife, many species of which are unique to the Islands and seeing a range of different landscapes. Enjoy walks, hikes and snorkelling, where you might be lucky enough to spot turtles and swim with sea lions. You'll also cruise by panga (zodiac) to explore bays, looking out for marine birds and whales. This is an adventure not to be missed!

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive Galapagos Islands

AM: Arrive Baltra airport You will arrive at Baltra airport in the morning. After passing through immigration and baggage claim, you will be met by a Horizon staff member and transferred to the Trimaran. You will be shown to your cabin where you will have some time to settle in before lunch and a welcome briefing. PM: Sullivan Bay A landing on a coral beach leads you to a lava field as far as the eye can see. Search the two distinct types of lava, pahoehoe and a'a, for signs of plant life that have emerged in the 100 years since the most recent volcanic explosion. A truly unforgettable volcanic experience...up close and personal!



Ecuador - Western & Southern Islands Cruise | Horizon Trimaran

Trip Code

ECHT8DB

Departure

Selected Saturdays
 Day 2: Isabela Island & Fernandina

Duration

8 Days
 AM: Vicente rock point This large bay with

Location spectacular sea life is located on Isabela

Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, South America

Isabela Island on the northwestern coast and is made up

of two separate coves. Here you might see

seahorses, sea turtles, and the strange but

fascinating Mola mola (sunfish). This bay is

ideal for snorkeling and diving. PM:

Espinosa point Fernandina Island has never

been invaded by a foreign species, making it

one of the world's most pristine island

ecosystems. The "La Cumbre" volcano

dominates the landscape, with lava fields

reaching the ocean. The flightless

cormorant nesting site is the island's

highlight. This area is also excellent for

viewing the Galapagos hawk.



DAY 3: Tagus Cove & Urbina Bay

AM: Tagus Cove Tagus Cove is located

across the channel from Fernandina Island,

near the Bolivar Channel that separates the

two islands. Ships have used this location as

an anchorage site since the 1800s. Trails

that wind up from Lake Darwin to a ridge

provide breathtaking views. Punta Tortuga

is another lovely beach surrounded by

mangroves, just north of Tagus Cove. PM:

Urbina Bay Urbina Bay is located on the

west coast between Tagus Cove and

Elizabeth Bay, at the base of Alcedo

Volcano. In 1954, this area experienced a

significant uplift, causing the land to rise

more than 16 feet. The coast grew by half a

mile, stranding marine life on the new

shore. This area is also ideal for snorkeling.



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Day 4: Elizabeth Bay & Moreno Point

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Location

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AM: Elizabeth Bay Elizabeth Bay is located

on Isabela Island's east coast. There are

numerous islets in the bay that can be

visited by dinghy. On the rocky islets,

penguins and blue-footed boobies can be

seen. The area is ideal for snorkeling and

viewing schools of colorful fish, sea lions,

and possibly sharks due to an abundance of

marine life and clear water. PM: Moreno

point Moreno Point is located near Elizabeth

Bay on the west coast of Isabela Island.

Observe the plethora of birds during a

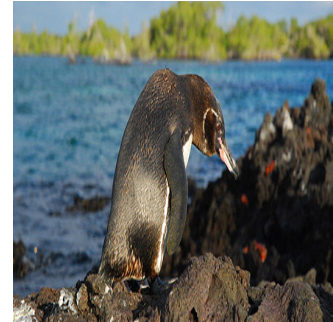
dinghy ride along the striking rocky shores

or a hike along the path through lava rock

leading to tide pools and mangroves. Green

sea turtles and white-tip sharks can be seen

in tide pools.



DAY 5: Santa Cruz Highlands

AM: Charles Darwin research station The

Charles Darwin Research Station is home to

turtles ranging from 3-inches (new

hatchlings) to 4-feet long. Subspecies of

turtles interact with one another and many

of the older turtles are accustomed to

humans stretching out their heads for a

photo opportunity. The babies are kept until

they reach the age of four and are strong

enough to survive on their own. PM: Santa

Cruz highlands The Santa Cruz highlands,

which can be reached by bus from Puerto

Ayora, are a deep green that contrasts

beautifully with much of the dry, lower

islands. The dominant vegetation in the

highlands is a forest of Scalesia trees, which

gives the area its lush green color. The lava

tubes are over a half-mile long and

underground, making walking through them

a unique and surreal experience.



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Departure Islands

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AM: Post office bay In the 18th century

locations passing through the islands placed

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a wooden barrel on Fernandina Island for use

as an unofficial mail box. The tradition

continues today as visitors leave addressed

postcards in the barrel and sort through left

mail to deliver at home. PM: Cormorant

point This location is home to a large

flamingo lagoon, as well as common stilts

and white-cheeked pintails. This island's

beaches are distinct: the "Green beach" was

named after its color, which is caused by a

high percentage of olivine crystals in the

sand, and the "Four sand beach," which is

made up of white coral.



DAY 7: Santa Fe & San Cristobal Island

AM: Santa Fe Island Santa Fe (Barrington)

is home to the small picturesque bay and

anchorage on the island's northeast coast.

There are two visitor trails in the bay, one

leading to a scenic viewpoint atop a cliff and

the other connecting a small beach to a tall

prickly pear cactus forest. PM: Lobos Island

This island's name translates to "Sea Lion

Island." This aptly named island is teeming

with noisy, frolicking, jolly sea lions who will

greet you with open, well, fins. This island

also has excellent snorkeling and the

chance to see blue-footed and Nazca

boobies.



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Location: Tortoise breeding center This morning, you will go to the new breeding center in the Ecuador Galapagos Islands; South America
Home: eastern part of San Cristobal Island, about an hour's drive from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. You can observe hatchling turtles in the Breeding Center from birth until they are 120 days old, when they are released back into their natural habitat. PM: Transfer to San Cristobal airport In the afternoon, you will be transferred to the San Cristobal airport in time for your flight back to the mainland.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Cabin On Board Ship

INCLUSIONS

- Group transfers in the Galapagos lands
- All meals while on board the ship
- Excursions with a bilingual National Park guide
- Use of underwater camera
- Two free hotel nights (Quito or Guayaquil)*
- Two free transfers for Galapagos flights and airport assistance*
- *Applies only when purchasing roundtrip Galapagos airfare from ship operator, and not combinable with any other promotions

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip airfare to/from Galapagos
- Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee (USD \$200 per person from Aug 2024 - Subject to change)
- Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD \$20 per person - Subject to change)
- Alcoholic drinks
- Travel/Medical insurance
- Gratuities
- Personal Expenses

Difficulty Rating

2 (Light Adventure)

Single Surcharge

A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

Notes

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
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