

## **Galapagos Islands** - Western Islands Cruise | Ocean Spray

Trip Code  
ECGGOS6A  
Departure



### Introduction

Everyone is aware that the Galapagos Islands' two biggest draws are their wildlife and the islands themselves. The Ocean Spray has an impressive itinerary planned that includes stops at the top destinations in the Galapagos Islands. This 6-Day tour takes in the highlights of the Santa Cruz, Santiago, Fernadina and Isabela Islands with short hikes, swimming, snorkelling, kayaking, or exploring in pangas (zodiacs). Wildlife highlights include sea lions, blue-footed boobies, penguins, various shorebirds, tropical fish, marine iguanas, flightless cormorants, crabs, mockingbirds, finches, sea turtles and the famous Galapagos Tortoises. This itinerary includes a visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station.

The M/C Ocean Spray has a sleek, fully redesigned interior, and is one of the best options for enjoying the Galapagos Islands in style. The 16-passenger Ocean Spray was conceived for comfort and stability, offering plenty of space per guest onboard with high-end facilities and amenities.

**Combine your Galapagos cruise on the Ocean Spray 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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Select: Saturday Galapagos Islands

Duration

6 Days

Upon your arrival at Baltra Airport, you will

be greeted and transferred to the luxurious

Galapagos Islands - Ecuador, South America

Ocean Spray catamaran. Your guide

and crew members will welcome you aboard

and escort you to your comfortable

accommodations. After freshening up, you

will receive a brief on health and safety

protocols, as well as an overview of the

normal routines and different areas of the

vessel. In the afternoon, you will be taken to

Chinese Hat, an islet known for its unique,

cone-shaped volcanic rock and rich wildlife.

Here, you will have the opportunity to get

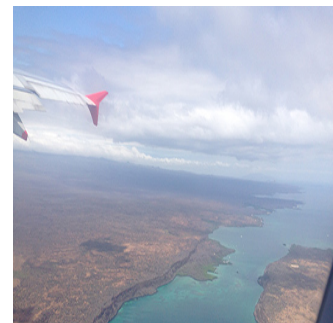
up close and personal with the diverse bird

species of the Galapagos, such as the

playful penguins and the elusive hawks.

This is a truly unique experience that is not

to be missed.



### DAY 2: Isabela & Fernandina Islands

In the morning, you will have the

opportunity to explore the awe-inspiring

rock formations of Vicente Roca Point on

Isabela Island. This site is home to a diverse

array of bird species and is also a prime

spot to witness the feeding frenzies of

underwater mammals, thanks to the cool,

nutrient-rich waters of the Cromwell

Current. In the afternoon, you will journey

to Fernandina Island - the youngest and one

of the most pristine islands in the Galapagos

archipelago that has never been invaded by

foreign species. As the westernmost island

in the Galapagos, it is also more volcanically

active than its siblings. Espinosa Point is the

only visitor point on the island and it offers

a great opportunity to see Galapagos hawks,

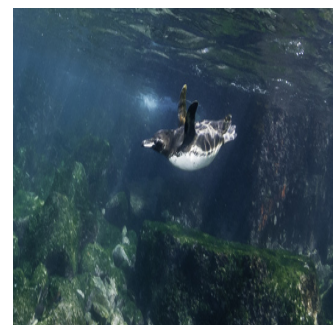
marine iguanas and the flightless

cormorant. You will have time to hike and

take in the otherworldly landscape, as well

as snorkel along the beach to discover the

abundance of marine life.



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Day 3: Saturdays & Urbina bay

Duration

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Today you will discover the rich history and

beauty of Tagus Cove on Isabela

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

pirates, sailors, and whalers for hundreds of

years, visitors can explore the interesting

names and places etched into the cove's

walls. The hike to the cove offers panoramic

views of the surroundings, and it will take

you past a mangrove forest where the last

35 pairs of Mangrove finches live. You can

also snorkel off the cove's beach and

possibly spot a marine iguana diving for

food. In the afternoon, you will visit Urbina

Bay, a volcanic uplift that has been lying on

the ocean floor for millions of years. The bay

is now home to land and marine iguanas,

boisterous sea lions, and the fascinating

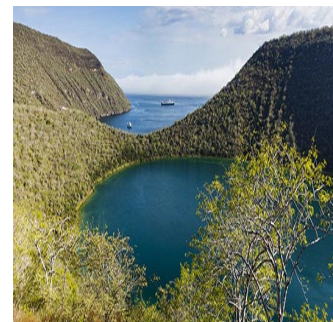
flightless cormorant. Visitors can relax on

the beach, snorkel in the waters, and take

one of the hiking trails that offer a better

view of the different species of shorebirds

living near the water.



### DAY 4: Elizabeth bay & Moreno point

On Tuesday morning, you will visit Elizabeth

Bay on Isabela Island, where you will have

the opportunity to view the diverse marine

life in the bay's crystal clear waters from

the comfort of a Zodiac boat. The area's

fragile ecosystem prevents visitors from

disembarking, but you will be able to spot

Galapagos sharks and sea turtles. In the

afternoon, you will explore Moreno Point,

known for its otherworldly rocky shoreline

that is home to dozens of different bird

species, making it a paradise for

birdwatchers. You can hike to the saltwater

lagoons just off the beach, where you will

find more unique bird species. The contrast

of jet-black lava flows with the deep blue

waters, the bright green vegetation

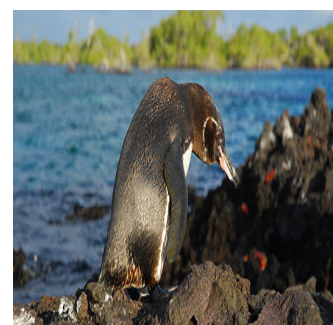
surrounding the lagoons, and the towering

Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul volcanoes off

in the distance make Moreno Point a

particularly stunning, picturesque location

to visit.



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Select Saturdays

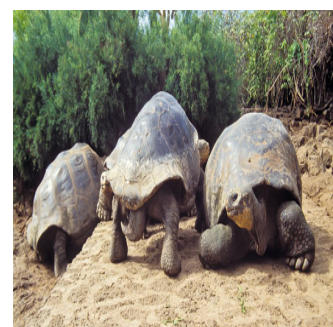
Duration

6 Days Santa Cruz Island

Locations

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

On Wednesday morning, you will visit the Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz Island, a must-see destination for anyone interested in the history and conservation of the Galapagos Islands. The station boasts an extensive collection of Galapagos plant specimens and other interesting artifacts, including a full whale skeleton. It also serves as an active breeding center for Galapagos Giant Tortoises and continues to be a vital biological research station, managing multiple projects throughout the archipelago. In the afternoon, you will visit the highlands of Santa Cruz Island, which reach up to 1,500 meters above sea level and offer a completely different climate zone. The area is filled with rolling hills, lush vegetation, wildlife, and volcanoes. You will have the opportunity to see Galapagos Giant Tortoises in their native environment and a variety of bird species such as finches, mockingbirds and more. The highlands also offer incredible panoramic views of the surrounding oceans, where you may even spot whales breaching or rays jumping above the waves.



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Day 6: Santa Cruz Islands & Departure

Duration

6 Days

On Thursday morning, you will visit South Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

San Cristobal island, home to one of the smallest visitor sites in the archipelago but also a large number of plant and wildlife species.

The island is particularly known for its abundance of Sesuvium plants, such as the prickly pear cactus tree, which serves as a critical food source for the land iguana.

With the recent eradication of the local (imported) mice population, the land iguana population has grown steadily. The island's jet-black lava set against the crystal-clear turquoise waters make it a favorite spot for photography enthusiasts. Later that day, you will return to the M/C Ocean Spray to gather your belongings and freshen up before your transfer to Baltra Airport. Your Galapagos adventure comes to an end, but the memories will last a lifetime.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation      Cabin on board a ship

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Accommodation on board Ocean Spray in chosen cabin type  
Group transfers in the Galapagos Islands  
All meals onboard the ship  
Water, coffee and tea  
Glass of house wine for dinners  
Captain's Welcome & farewell cocktail  
All excursions as per the itinerary\*  
English-Speaking Naturalist guide  
Snorkelling equipment  
Wetsuits  
Kayak equipment  
One free beer or wine per guest per day

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  
Soft drink & alcoholic drinks other than specified  
Personal expenses  
Gratuities for crew/guides  
Any other expenses not specified  
2 (light adventure)  
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 based activities are subject to weather conditions.  
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

Difficulty Rating

Single Surcharge

Notes

Price Dependent upon

Sustainability

\* Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.  
Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.