

Galapagos Islands - Galapagos 8 Day Cruise | Ocean Spray

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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 tourist destinations in the Galapagos Islands and surrounding waters. This 8-Day tour takes in the highlights of the Santa Cruz, Santiago, Fernadina, Isabela, Espanola and San Cristobal Islands with short hikes, swimming, snorkelling, kayaking, or exploring in pangas. 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 is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.

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Itinerary

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Direct Arrive Galapagos Islands

Duration

8 Days arrival at Baltra Island Airport, you'll

be greeted and transferred to the M/C

Galapagos Islands

Ocean Spray, your luxurious home on the

water during this Galapagos Islands trip.

Once onboard, you'll be welcomed by your

guide and crew members, taken to your

accommodations, and given a brief overview

of health, safety and emergency protocols,

as well as a description of the normal

routines and different areas of the M/C

Ocean Spray. In the afternoon, you'll visit

Chinese Hat, a small island named after its

distinctive shape. This site offers an

intimate encounter with Galapagos wildlife,

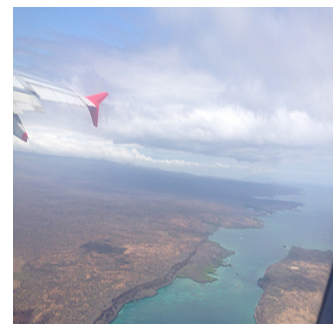
including well-preserved, fragile volcanic

rock unlike anything you've seen before.

The island is home to many different bird

species, including playful Galapagos

penguins and elusive Galapagos Hawks.



DAY 2: Isabela & Fernandina Islands

Today you will visit to Isabela Island at

Vicente Roca Point, where you'll find

incredible rock formations that are home to

many different bird species. The cool azure

waters of the nutrient-rich Cromwell

Current provide a fascinating feeding

ground for birds and underwater mammals.

In the afternoon, you'll visit Fernandina

Island, the youngest island in the

archipelago and one of the most pristine,

having never been invaded by foreign

species. As the westernmost island, it is also

more volcanically active than its siblings.

Espinosa Point is the only visitor point on

Fernandina, but there's plenty to see

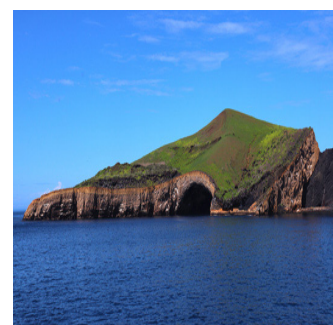
including Galapagos Hawks, marine iguanas

and the endemic flightless cormorant. You'll

also have the opportunity to hike and take

in the sweeping views of the otherworldly

landscape.



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This morning you will visit Tagus Cove on

Isabela Island, known for its rich human

history as a preferred stop for pirates,

sailors, and whalers for centuries. You'll

have the opportunity to read the interesting

names and places etched into the cove's

walls, take a hike for panoramic views of the

cove and its surroundings, and pass by a

mangrove forest where the last 35 pairs of

Mangrove finches live. You can also snorkel

off of the cove's beach and have a good

chance of seeing marine iguanas diving for

food. In the afternoon, you'll head to Urbina

Bay, a volcanic uplift that was once under

the ocean floor, now home to land and

marine iguanas, boisterous sea lions, and

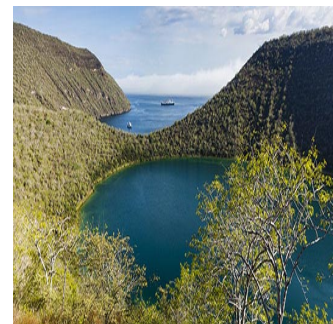
the fascinating flightless cormorant. The

bay is a great place to relax on the beach,

snorkel in its waters, and hike along the

trails to see different species of shorebirds

living near the water.



DAY 4: Elizabeth bay

This morning you will have the chance to

experience the diverse marine life at

Elizabeth Bay without disrupting its fragile

ecosystem by observing from the comfort of

your Zodiac. The clear waters offer a

glimpse of Galapagos sharks and sea turtles

swimming among other aquatic species. In

the afternoon explore the unique birdlife at

Moreno Point, known for its rocky shoreline

and home to a variety of species. Take a

hike to the saltwater lagoons nearby to spot

more unique bird species. The contrast of

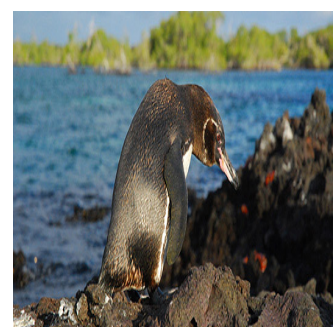
the jet-black lava flows against the deep

blue waters, the lush green vegetation and

the backdrop of Sierra Negra and Cerro

Azul volcanoes make Moreno Point a must-

see destination for nature enthusiasts.



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Day 5 - Santa Cruz Island

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Location
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conservation and scientific research in the

Galapagos Islands. Here, you'll have the

opportunity to learn about the work being

done to protect the unique flora and fauna

of the archipelago, and see up-close the

efforts to breed and reintroduce the iconic

Galapagos Giant Tortoises. The station also

houses an impressive collection of plant

specimens and other natural history

exhibits, including a full whale skeleton. In

the afternoon, head to the highlands of

Santa Cruz Island, a unique ecosystem that

reaches up to 1,500 meters above sea level.

Explore the rolling hills, lush vegetation,

and volcanic landscapes, and spot the

island's famous giant tortoises in their

natural habitat. Keep your eyes peeled for

other wildlife, such as finches,

mockingbirds, and various bird species.

Take in the stunning panoramic views of the

surrounding ocean, and perhaps even catch

a glimpse of whales or rays jumping in the

waves.



DAY 6: South Plaza & Santa Fe Islands

Today you will experience the breathtaking

beauty of South Plaza Island, where the

contrast of black lava rock and turquoise

waters is a photographer's dream. The

island is home to a diverse array of plant

and wildlife species, including the prickly

pear cactus tree, a crucial food source for

the land iguana. With the recent eradication

of imported mice, the population of land

iguanas has been growing. Discover the

unique pink land iguana, found only on

Santa Fe Island. This volcanic island is

home to a forest of Palo Santo and Opuntia

trees, and offers two trails - one leading to a

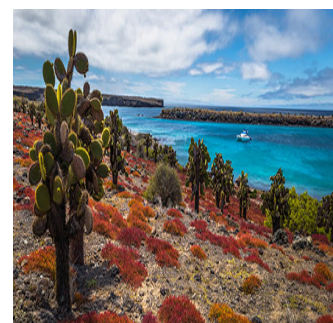
viewpoint overlooking the island and ocean,

and the other to a small beach. Sadly, the

island's population of Giant Tortoises, once

unique to the island, were driven to

extinction by overhunting.



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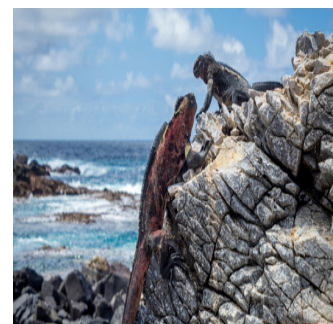
8 Days Gardner bay

Locations

Galapagos Islands

Espeñola Island is a must-see destination in the Galapagos Islands, known for its rich diversity of species and stunning geological features. Suarez Point is a highlight of the island, home to the only breeding site for Waved Albatrosses in the Galapagos.

Visitors may be lucky enough to witness young albatrosses taking their first flight out to sea, where they will spend up to five years. The nutrient-rich waters surrounding Española Island are teeming with marine life, including sea lions, marine iguanas, and sharks. The island is also a bird-watcher's paradise, with a variety of species such as Nazca and Blue-footed boobies, Red-billed Tropicbirds, Swallow-tailed Gulls and Galapagos Doves. Gardner Bay is home to a lively colony of sea lions that can be seen playing in the crystal-clear waters. The bay is also a haven for bird-watchers, with various finch species and the endemic Española Mockingbird found here. However, visitors must remember to not feed or touch the wildlife, as it is important to maintain the natural balance of the ecosystem.



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The Interpretation Center, open to the public for over two decades, provides visitors with a glimpse into the rich history of the Galapagos archipelago and the breeding practices of Giant Tortoises. San Cristobal, the easternmost island, was also the first island Charles Darwin set foot on and is now home to the provincial capital and the Ecuadorian navy. Visitors can see Giant Tortoises that have been bred in captivity roaming in a semi-natural habitat in the area surrounding the center. On the final day of your cruise, your only excursion is to the Interpretation Center. Afterwards, you will board the M/C Ocean Spray to collect your belongings and freshen up before being transferred to the airport.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship

INCLUSIONS

Accommodation on board Ocean Spray

Transfers in the Galapagos Islands

All meals

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

Inclusions

Kayak equipment

One free beer or wine per guest per day

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

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	
Duration	
8 Days	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
Locations	Please note kayak activities are subject to weather conditions.
Galapagos Islands	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
	* Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.
Sustainability	