

Ecuador - Central & Eastern Islands (C) | Treasure

Trip Code
ECATT7C
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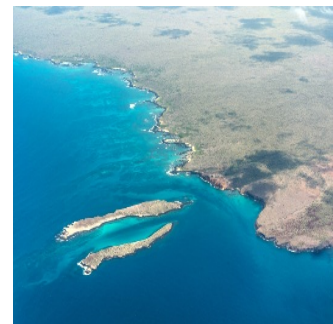
Introduction

Explore the wonders of the Galapagos Islands on the Treasure - a small expedition ship. Circumnavigate the island of Isabela and enjoy landings on Santa Cruz and Santiago. You will see a range of stunning landscapes and spot endemic wildlife that can only be found in this part of the world.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrival and Interpretation center

AM - Flight to Baltra Airport (GPS) Upon arrival at Baltra Airport, you will pass through an airport inspection point to insure that no foreign plants or animals are introduced to the islands. A guide will meet you, help you collect your luggage, and escort you on a short bus ride to the harbor.
PM - Fausto Llerena breeding centre (Santa Cruz) Although the great majority of Galapagos visitors come here to observe and appreciate natural wonders, it is also interesting to learn how the protection and conservation of the islands are carried out. The main attractions are the National Park information center, the Van Staelen Exhibition Hall, the Breeding and Rearing Center for young tortoises, and adult Galapagos tortoises in captivity.



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Duration Eden Islet and Dragon hill

7 Days

Locations Eden Islet El Edén is a paradisiacal

Ecuador, Galapagos, South America

El Eden islet, just off the west coast of

Santa Cruz (between Whale Bay and Dragon

Hill). This morning we will disembark to the

appropriately named Eden Islet. On its coast

you will observe land iguanas and sea lions

soaking up the sun, as well as seabirds

feeding in the nearby mangrove forests. It is

a perfect location for swimming activities,

as the clear and calm waters will allow you

to snorkel along tropical fish, rays, and two

species of sharks. Alternatively, a kayak ride

would be a memorable experience. PM -

Dragon Hill (Santa Cruz) The visitor site at

Dragon Hill has been open for visits on

1993. This site is located in northwestern

Santa Cruz Island and consists of a trail that

lead to a hyper-saline lagoon behind the

beach, frequented by flamingos, pintail

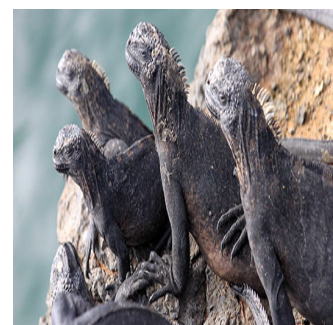
ducks and other species of birds. This site

has been re populated with land iguanas

from Seymour, Isabela and Santa Cruz

islands. There is a short walk to the Hill,

which offers a beautiful view of the bay.



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Selected Saturdays
Day 3: Tintoreras and Isabela island

Duration

7 Days
AM - Tintoreras (Isabela) A delightful place

to be reached by a nice zodiac ride.

Ecuador - Galapagos, South America
Tintoreras are small islands in front of

Puerto Villamil coast. There is Heron lava

on the lookout on mangrove branch, and

Galapagos Penguin and sea lion often pop

out on shore. White-tipped reef sharks are

fairly common in the archipelago. Their

name in Spanish is Tintorera, thus the name

of this site as they are always found here

resting in the shallow waters. PM -

Wetlands and Wall of Tears (Isabela) Isabela

Island is the largest and one of the youngest

islands in the Galapagos archipelago. We

land in Puer to Villamil, which has the

second smallest population in Galapagos

with approximately 3.000 inhabitants. First

we will visit the Flamingos Lagoon; this

place is the largest coastal lagoon found in

Galapagos and is one of the main

reproductive sites for the greater

Flamingos. Afterwards we will follow a trail

to the "The Wall of Tears"; from 1946 to

1959 Isabela was designated a penal colony

by the Ecuadorian government. Prisoners

were obligated to build a wall with

enormous blocks of lava. Due to the arduous

labour and harsh conditions in which the

prisoners lived, this site is known as "El

Muro de las Lagrimas". There are a number

of interesting sites along this route, such as

the cerro Orchilla, El Estero, Poza

Escondida, Playa del Amor and Pozas

Verdes.



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Departure Moreno Point and Tagus Cove

Duration

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Moreno Point (Isabela) Punta Moreno

Locations on the north coast of Isabela

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Island between the volcano Sierra Negra

and Cerro Azul volcano. The trail runs along

a lava flow Pahohoe (solidified lava in the

form of corrugated or an accordion) into a

complex of coastal lagoons, its main

attraction are several species of birds which

can be found around this lakes and

mangroves PM - Tagus Cove (Isabela) Tagus

Cove, a tour along the cliffs in a zodiac will

give the visitors a good chance to see the

Galapagos penguin, the flightless cormorant

and other sea birds. From the landing dock

it is about a 30 minute hike along the trail

up to the top of the cliff from where you can

view Darwin Lake, an uplifted ultra-saline

lake saltier than the sea. You can also see

several volcanoes from this location. Look

carefully at the graffiti on the surrounding

cliffs of the cove, it has been written by

pirates, whalers and buccaneers in past

centuries.



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Selected Saturdays: Punta Espinoza Point and Vicente Rock

Duration

7 Days: Punta Espinoza (Fernandina)

Location: Fernandina is the third largest island in the

Ecuador, Galapagos, South America

It is a single-visit site:

Punta Espinoza located at the northeastern

tip of the island. Marine iguanas

conglomerate in larger groups than in any

other island. They bask around in the sand,

swim near the shore and sometime block

the way at the landing dock. Among the

unique species found here, is the Flightless

Cormorant. This bird had to adjust its way

of survival and perfection its skills of finding

food in the ocean. Their wings, tails and feet

progressively adapted for swimming. To see

these birds, is to witness evolution

happening right in front of you. PM -

Vicente Roca Point (Isabela) Whilst having

lunch we will cross the Bolivar Channel for

the last time to Vicente Roca Point, just at

the mouth of Isabela's seahorse-shape.

While entering a dark cave below a

spectacular arch, roaring echoes of the

waves will accompany you. Just around the

corner the collapsed amphitheatre of Volcan

Ecuador offers another impressive view.

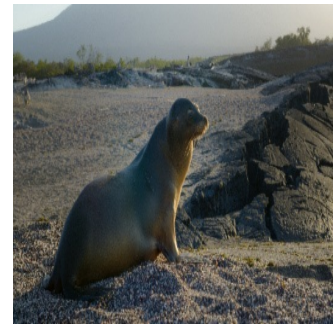
The calmer waters of the coves are well-

protected against the ocean swell and are a

fairly cold, but great place for snorkelling

amongst various species of shark, penguins,

puffer fish and even seahorses!



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Day 6: Egas Port and Rabida

Duration

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AM - Egas Port (Santiago) Puerto Egas is a

Black Beach is located at the west side of

Ecuador, Galapagos, South America:

Santiago Island. Volcanic tuff deposits have

flavored the formation of this special black

sand beach and this is the main attraction of

the Island. This site is called Puerto Egas,

because there was an attempt of company

of Hector Egas, to start the exploitation of

salt, which failed because the price of salt

on the continent was very cheap, and did

not justify its exploitation in Galapagos. The

project was abandoned and they left their

infrastructure. PM - Rabida Rábida Island is

unique because the red color of the rocks

and sand. The volcanic material in this

island is very porous and external factors as

rain, salt water and sea breeze have acted

as an oxidizing agent. A short walk along a

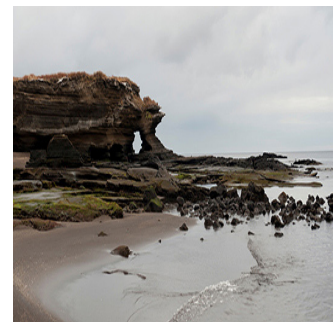
trail lead us to a coastal lagoon behind the

beach permits the observation of land birds

as nches, doves, yellow warblers and

mocking birds. At the lagoon there is a

colony of flamingos.



DAY 7: Las Bachas beach and departure

AM - Las Bachas (Santa Cruz) These two

small beaches are found to the West of Tur

tle Cove. Their sand is made of decomposed

coral, which makes it white and soft,

making it a favorite nesting site for sea tur

tles. Behind one of the beaches there is a

small brackish water lagoon, where

occasionally is possible to observe flamingos

and other coastal birds, such as black-

necked stilts and whimbrels. The other

beach is longer, but it has two old barges

that were abandoned during the Second

World War, when the USA used Baltra

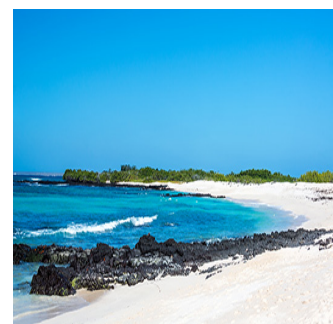
Island as a strategically point to protect the

Panama Channel. Transfer out to Baltra

Airport (GPS) Transfer to Baltra Airpor t

(GPS) for your flight back to Guayaquil or

Quito.



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Accommodation

Locations

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Cabin onboard a ship

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

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 and non 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 based 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