

Galapagos Islands - Galapagos Darwin's Odyssey 7 day | Tribute

Trip Code
ECATTD0
Departure



Introduction

Set out on a 7-day safari exploring the Central and West Galapagos Islands, an incredible journey. You will arrive at the Baltra Airport, where the charming Santa Cruz mountains await. Explore Isabela's depths to see the flamingo Negra Volcano and the Tintorerías Shark Channel. Admire the mesmerising wetlands and the breeding center's tortoises.

Finish your journey at Las Bachas Beach, where the white, supple sand is formed from broken coral, making it a perfect place for sea turtles to build their nests.

This plan increases the likelihood of seeing the Galapagos giant tortoise, the Flightless Cormorant, the Blue and Red-footed boobies, the American flamingo, the American Frigate bird, and the Land Iguana.

* Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.

PLEASE NOTE: Pricing is subject to change and availability at the time of booking. [Contact us](#) for more information.

Itinerary

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Direct Arrival & Santa Cruz Island

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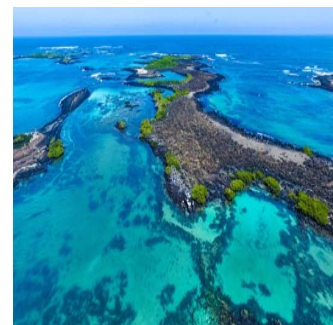
7 Days

Upon your arrival at Baltra Airport, a local guide transfer awaits you. A local guide will be there to welcome you, assist with luggage collection, and accompany you on a brief bus ride to the harbor. Once there, you'll step aboard the yacht. After meeting the crew and captain, your cabins will be assigned, and you can relish your first onboard lunch. Later, explore the highlands in Santa Cruz Island. This area offers fantastic opportunities to observe wild Galapagos giant tortoises as they roam through pastures in the agricultural zone and the transition zone of the adjacent El Chato Tortoise Reserve.



DAY 2: Isabela Island

As you slept, we sailed to Isabela, the archipelago's largest and youngest island. Your first stop is Tintorerías, an islet famous for its colony of large marine iguanas. Enjoy excellent snorkeling in a unique tidal channel, swimming alongside sea lions, turtles, marine iguanas, stingrays, and the only tropical penguin in the world. Later, explore Sierra Negra volcano. Pack essentials for a 16 km hike, witnessing dramatic geological and ecological contrasts. Board a chiva-ride from Puerto Villamil, passing through lava flows, cacti, a flamingo lagoon, and lush highlands with five distinct vegetation zones. This afternoon's visit starts from the exotic beaches near the only urban population of Isabela, Puerto Villamil, and continues into dense mangrove forests. From the main dirt road, several side trails diverge and invite you to explore them, leading to intimate sites with dreamy brackish pools visited by amazingly tame song birds.



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Day 3 Moreno to Espinoza Point

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Overnight, we sailed to the northwest coast

Locations, home to the Sierra Negra and

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Central volcanoes. Our first stop is Punta

Moreno, where a trail along a solidified

black lava flow leads to tidal lagoons. These

waters may reveal sharks and marine

turtles, while flamingos grace the lakes and

mangroves. This excursion offers a perfect

blend of coastal species sightings and a hike

through stunning landscapes. Later, explore

Espinoza Point, Fernandina's sole terrestrial

visitors site and a haven for unique animal

species shaped by natural selection. The

emblematic flightless cormorant, a 'holy

grail of evolution,' resides exclusively in the

remote west of Galapagos. While losing its

ability to fly, it transformed into an agile

marine hunter. Enjoy almost otherworldly

views with the dominating cone of Volcán

La Cumbre as a spectacular backdrop. The

narrow headland you walk along is the end

of a lava tongue that reached the coast and

solidified upon contact with the water.



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This morning's adventure kicks off with a hike along the island's cliffs, offering a great chance to spot the endemic Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Galapagos penguin, the only one in the tropics. After docking, enjoy a 30-minute hike to the cliff's top for an observation point of the iconic Darwin Lake, adorned with graffiti from pirates, whalers, and buccaneers from past centuries. Return to the coast, where you can opt for a kayak to explore the paradisiacal coastal environment. During lunch, we sailed across the Bolivar Channel for a final visit to Isabela island. Entering a dark cave below a spectacular arch, the roaring echoes of waves accompany you. Just around the corner, the collapsed amphitheatre of the Ecuador volcano offers an impressive view. The calmer coves' waters are well-protected and a great spot for snorkeling amongst various species, including sharks, penguins, puffer fish, and even seahorses!



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Departure Pinnacle Rock & Sullivan Bay

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Locations in the archipelago, recently

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

emerged from the fire, offering wild

landscapes and breathtaking panoramas.

While seemingly deserted, it presents some

of the archipelago's best views. To savor the

postcard-perfect scene of "Pinnacle Bay,"

climb the stairs to the island's summit

viewpoint at 114 meters (375 feet). Enter a

dramatic world of nearby (though

extinguished) spatter cones, craters, and

lightweight lava droplets, evidence of fiery

fountains. The summit trail showcases

pioneer vegetation, like lava cactus,

struggling to take root in the bare virgin

lava fields. In the afternoon, Sullivan Bay

welcomes you like a moon landing, with

desolate, sprawling fields that appear

extraterrestrial, making it a favorite among

photographers and geologists. The last

eruption occurred in 1897, covering the bay

with smooth, undulating Pahoehoe lava

flows. The nearby beach offers clear,

shallow waters for snorkeling, while deeper

waters host generous marine life, including

Galapagos penguins on the rocks. Pacific

green turtles, whitetip reef sharks,

Galapagos sea lions, and rays are likely to

make appearances, creating a captivating

underwater spectacle.



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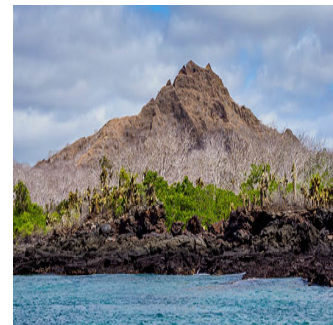
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Day 6: Dragon Hill & North Seymour

Duration

7 Days
Dragon Hill is home to two unique species
locations only found throughout the islands:
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Galapagos Islands and American
flamingos. As you climb the hill adorned
with giant opuntia cacti, observe these
animals feeding and breeding in their
natural habitat. This picturesque spot offers
breathtaking panoramas over the bay and
towards a fascinating steep volcanic spout
of red lava overseeing the area. Dragon
Hill's popularity stems from its scenic saline
lagoons behind the beach, attracting an
abundance of seabirds with minerals, algae,
and shrimp. In the afternoon, our tour takes
us to Seymour, an uplifted (non-volcanic)
island, characterized by its generally flat
terrain and scattered boulders. It provides
excellent nesting sites for a sizable
population of magnificent frigate birds.
Witness blue-footed boobies performing
their courtship dance in more open areas,
while swallow-tailed gulls gracefully perch
on cliff edges. Despite the powerful surf
pounding the outer shore, sea lions haul out
onto the beach, indulging in bodysurfing
activities.



DAY 7: Bachas Beach & Disembarkation

Your final destination is Bachas, featuring
two contiguous beaches with soft white
sand, making it a preferred nesting site for
sea turtles. Adjacent to the first beach is a
small brackish water lagoon, occasionally
offering glimpses of flamingos and other
coastal birds, including black-necked stilts
and whimbrels. The second beach is
lengthier and hosts two abandoned barges
from the Second World War era, when the
USA strategically utilized this island to
safeguard the Panama Channel. Following
this visit, you will be transferred from Baltra
to the dock in Puerto Ayora.



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Cabin on board a Yacht

Duration
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Locations
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

INCLUSIONS

- Lodging on board in a suite with private facilities.
- All meals starting with lunch on the first day and finishing with breakfast on the final day.
- Collection of local house wines, beers, and soft drinks.
- All excursions as mentioned in the itinerary with one English speaking naturalist guide per 8 guests.
- Use of kayaks and paddleboards (when applicable).
- Snorkelling gear (masks, flippers and snorkel) & wetsuits.
- Wi-Fi service (please note service might be intermittent in remote places).
- Complimentary access to VIP Lounge at Baltra airport.
- Airport-yacht-airport transfers (for all guests arriving at the scheduled meeting point, date and time).

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip flight to Galapagos from mainland Ecuador.
- Galapagos National Park entrance fee (USD\$200 pp from August 2024, subject to change).
- Transit Control Card (USD\$20 pp, subject to change).
- Other alcoholic beverages (drinking packages available at a surcharge).
- Gratuities.
- Travel insurance (mandatory) and other items of a personal nature.
- International airfares.
- Any extra food & drink not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Visas if applicable.

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

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Price Dependent upon Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.

Sustainability