

Galapagos Islands - Central Islands Cruise | Hermes

Trip Code
ECVNH4DD
Departure



Introduction

Explore the **Galapagos Islands**, a living testament to the wonders of evolution and biodiversity. Explore **Baltra** and **Santa Cruz Island**, where Giant Tortoises can be found in the wild, **Dragon Hill**, where the majestic Galapagos land iguanas roam freely, **Chinese Hat**, a small islet that beckons with its iconic volcanic cone and crystal-clear waters—perfect for snorkelling and encounters with playful marine life.

For a true avian spectacle, head to **El Barranco** and **Darwin Bay** on **Genovesa Island**. Enjoy the aerial acrobatics of frigatebirds, red-footed boobies, and other seabirds.

Discover the hidden wonders of **Black Turtle Cove**, a serene mangrove sanctuary where sea turtles glide gracefully through the calm waters.

You will cruise on the **Hermes**, a modern and ultra luxury catamaran that has been designed for cruising in the Galapagos Islands and built with the utmost care and attention to detail in mind. Enjoy added extras like a 24/7 butler, unpacking service and a spa.

Check out some of the other itineraries onboard the Hermes: [5 Day North West Islands Cruise](#), [8 Day Central & West Islands Cruise](#)

Itinerary

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Selected Thursdays
Direct Arrival to Baltra & Santa Cruz

Duration

4 Days

Today's

~~Journey to the Galapagos Islands~~

Upon your arrival at the airport, our dedicated staff

will extend a warm welcome to ensure your smooth transition. Subsequently, you will be

transported to the cruise ship, where you

can begin your exploration of the stunning

archipelago. In the afternoon, an enriching

experience awaits as you explore the

highlands of Santa Cruz. In the captivating

setting of the Santa Cruz Highlands, you'll

find yourself immersed in a unique and

diverse ecosystem that showcases the

natural wonders of the Galapagos Islands.

The highlands are renowned for their lush

landscapes, mist-covered hills, and endemic

flora and fauna, providing a stark contrast

to the coastal environments. As you traverse

the winding paths, you may encounter the

iconic giant tortoises, meandering leisurely

through their natural habitat. These

magnificent creatures, often considered

living fossils, contribute to the enchanting

charm of the highlands. Observing these

majestic beings in their native surroundings

offers a rare glimpse into the evolutionary

history of the Galapagos.



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Day 2 - Dragon Hill & Chinese Hat

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Embark on a captivating morning adventure

to Dragon Hill, a distinctive site on Santa

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador.

Named after the land iguanas that inhabit

the area, Dragon Hill offers a unique

opportunity to witness these magnificent

creatures in their natural habitat. As you

stroll along the trail, keep your eyes peeled

for the prehistoric-looking iguanas basking

in the sun or meandering through the

diverse vegetation. The panoramic views

from the hill provide a picturesque

backdrop to this enchanting encounter with

the island's iconic residents. In the

afternoon, set sail for the iconic Chinese

Hat Islet, a geological marvel in the midst of

the Galapagos seas. Known for its distinct

shape resembling a traditional Chinese hat,

this islet promises a fascinating exploration

of volcanic landscapes and pristine beaches.

Snorkel in the crystal-clear waters

surrounding the islet, discovering the

vibrant marine life that thrives in the

underwater world. Alternatively, take a

leisurely stroll along the shores, marveling

at the unique formations and perhaps

spotting some of the indigenous wildlife,

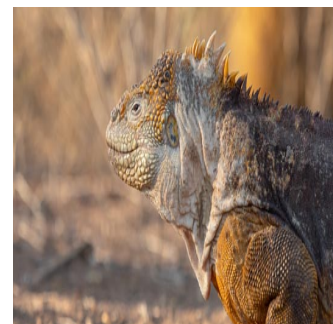
including sea lions and marine iguanas.

Chinese Hat offers a perfect blend of

geological wonders and aquatic adventures

for a memorable afternoon in the

Galapagos.



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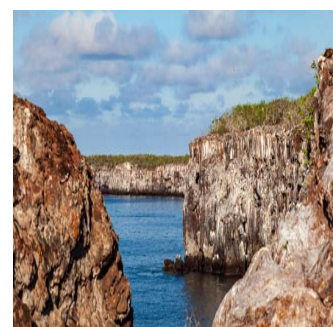
Selected Thursdays

Duration

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Embark on a morning exploration of El
Barranco, also referred to as Prince Philip's
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Step, situated on Genovesa Island. This
esteemed site provides a distinctive avian
observation opportunity, notably featuring
red-footed and Nazca boobies, along with
the elusive short-eared owl. As you ascend
the rocky terrain, take in the captivating
behaviors of these avian inhabitants. The
elevated vantage point affords panoramic
views of the island's coastal expanse,
enhancing the overall experience.

Subsequently, in the afternoon, proceed to
the renowned Darwin Bay, an immaculate
white-sand beach gracefully enclosed by
Genovesa Island's crescent shape. Bearing
the name of Charles Darwin, this location
pays homage to the island's profound
natural beauty and rich biodiversity. A
serene stroll along the sandy shores unveils
colonies of frigatebirds, swallow-tailed gulls,
and red-footed boobies. The option to
engage in snorkeling activities in the
pristine waters provides an intimate
encounter with marine life, from vibrant
reef fish to the playful presence of sea lions.
The afternoon at Darwin Bay assures an
immersive and refined exploration of the
Galapagos, seamlessly blending picturesque
landscapes with the contemplative
observation of the islands' unique wildlife.



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Day 4 of 8 Black Turtle Cove & Disembarkation

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Commence your day with a visit to the
Location Black Turtle Cove, a secluded and
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Tranquil mangrove lagoon nestled within
Santa Cruz Island. Renowned for its pristine
natural beauty and diverse marine life, this
cove offers a serene exploration by panga
(dinghy). Glide through the winding
waterways, surrounded by mangrove
forests, and observe the underwater world
through the crystal-clear waters. Keep an
eye out for marine turtles, golden rays, and
various species of sharks that inhabit these
serene waters. The morning at Black Turtle
Cove promises a peaceful and contemplative
encounter with the Galapagos' coastal
wonders. In the afternoon, you will be
transferred to Baltra Airport, marking the
conclusion of your Galapagos expedition.
Our dedicated staff will ensure a smooth
transition, providing assistance with your
luggage and transportation to the airport.
Reflect on the enriching experiences and
captivating moments as you bid farewell to
the extraordinary landscapes and wildlife of
the Galapagos Islands.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Suite on board a Yacht

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Locations

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador



naturalist guide

- Snorkelling equipment

- Kayak

- Wetsuits

- Stand up Paddle Board

- Internet

- All meals on board

- Purified water, tea, coffee

- Non - alcoholic beverages

- Selected menu premium wines, beer, and cocktails

- Laundry service

- Mini bar consumption

- Butler service

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

- Air ticket to and from Galapagos

- Gratuities to guides and crew

- Personals expenses

- Alcoholic drinks not included in menu selection

- Travel insurance

- International Airfare

- Visa if applicable

- Anything not mentioned on the itinerary

- Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee* (US\$200 from Aug 2024, price subject to change)

- Galapagos Control Transit \$20* (price subject to change)

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.

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

Snorkelling equipment is available in average sizes onboard complimentary.

Wetsuits are available at different sizes complimentary, on a first comes first serves basis

Kayaks and stand-up paddle boards are complimentary

Unpacking service is complimentary

24/7 butler service is complementary

Massages are available for an additional charge and must be booked onboard

Notes

* 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