

Galapagos Islands - Central & Western Islands | Hermes

Trip Code
ECVNH8AD
Departure



Introduction

Enjoy this 8-day **Galapagos Islands cruise**, visiting sites and islands such as **Balta, Santa Cruz Highlands, Dragon Hill, Chinest Hat, Prince Phillips's Steps, Darwin Bay, Puerto Egas, Tagus Cove and Buccaneer Cove**.

Explore lava tunnels, encounter giant tortoises, nesting sea turtles and witness unique volcanic formations. You will be able to snorkel with sea lions and Galapagos penguins and spot a range of diverse bird life including Red and Blue-footed boobies, the flightless cormorant and frigate birds.

Immerse yourself in the Galapagos' wonders on this unforgettable expedition onboard the ultra luxury **Hermes**, a modern catamaran with all of the creature comforts you would expect and many bonuses such as a spa, unpacking service and a 24/7 butler.

Check out some of the other itineraries onboard the Hermes: [5 Day North West Islands Cruise](#), [4 Day Central Islands Cruise](#)

Itinerary

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Selected Thursdays

Direct Arrival to Baltra & Santa Cruz

Duration

8 Days

Today, you are set to embark on an exciting

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

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

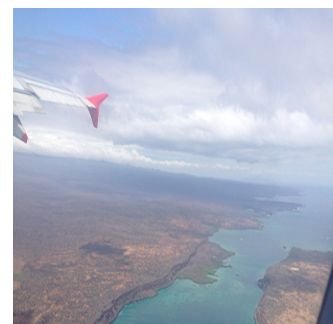
living fossils, contribute to the enchanting

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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Selected Thursday
Day 2 - Dragon Hill & Chinese Hat

Duration

8 Days

Embark on a captivating morning adventure

to Dragon Hill, a distinctive site on Santa

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

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,

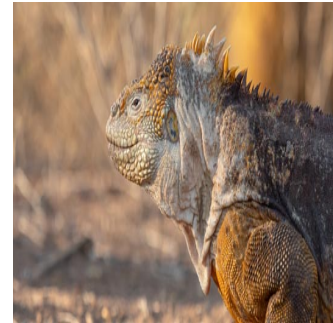
including sea lions and marine iguanas.

Chinese Hat offers a perfect blend of

geological wonders and aquatic adventures

for a memorable afternoon in the

Galapagos.



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8 Days
Embark on a morning exploration of El
Barranco, also referred to as Prince Philip's
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America
Step 1, 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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Departure

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Departure Black Turtle Cove & Las Bachas

Duration

8 Days
Commence your day with a visit to the

Location Black Turtle Cove, a secluded and

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

Grand 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 visit las

Bachas Beach on Santa Cruz Island. Enjoy a

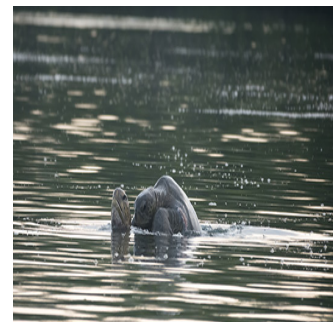
leisurely stroll, spot flamingos and crabs,

and consider optional snorkeling to explore

the vibrant marine life. Bachas Beach

provides a tranquil escape for a delightful

afternoon in the Galapagos.



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Selected Thursdays & Urbina bay

Duration

8 Days

Embark on a morning exploration of Tagus

Cove, a historic anchorage situated on

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

Galapagos Islands. This site, known for its

dramatic landscape and historical

inscriptions left by pirates and whalers,

offers a captivating blend of natural beauty

and human history. As you traverse the

trails, witness the striking views of Darwin

Volcano and Darwin Lake, surrounded by

the arid volcanic terrain. Keep an eye out

for the diverse birdlife that inhabits the

area, including the iconic Galapagos

penguins and flightless cormorants. The

morning at Tagus Cove promises a

contemplative journey through the island's

geological wonders and a glimpse into its

storied past. Later in the afternoon, venture

to Urbina Bay, located on the western side

of Isabela Island. This secluded bay is

recognized for its uplifted coral formations

and the unique opportunity to encounter the

Galapagos land iguanas in their natural

habitat. Take a leisurely stroll along the

shoreline, marveling at the remains of coral

structures uplifted during a historic volcanic

event. The bay also presents an ideal setting

for snorkeling, allowing you to explore the

underwater realm teeming with marine life.

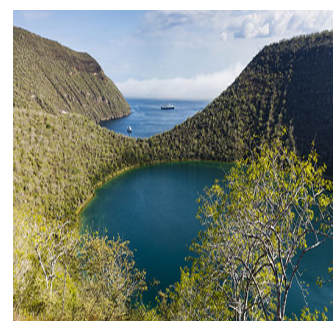
The afternoon at Urbina Bay offers a serene

exploration of Isabela's distinct landscapes

and the chance to observe the island's

fascinating terrestrial and marine

inhabitants.



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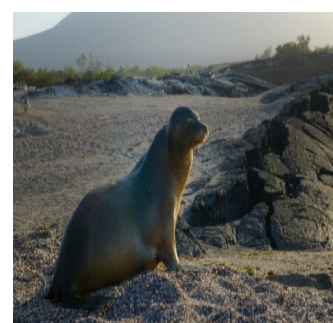
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Selected Thursdays
Departure Espinoza & Vicente Roca Point

Duration

8 Days
Embark on a morning exploration of Espinoza Point, situated on Fernandina Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America. This island is renowned for its untouched natural beauty and unique wildlife. As you traverse the rugged volcanic terrain, be prepared for encounters with the iconic marine iguanas, the only species of iguana that forages in the ocean. Witness their distinctive behaviors and marvel at their adaptation to this harsh environment. Keep an eye out for flightless cormorants and Galapagos penguins, adding to the rich diversity of this pristine ecosystem. The morning at Espinoza Point promises an immersive journey through a landscape shaped by volcanic forces, offering a glimpse into the extraordinary adaptations of the Galapagos wildlife. In the afternoon, set sail for Vicente Roca Point, located on the northwestern coast of Isabela Island. This remarkable site is celebrated for its dramatic sea cliffs, pristine waters, and the opportunity to engage in deep-sea snorkeling. Explore the fascinating underwater world, encountering a variety of marine life, from colorful fish to graceful sea turtles. Keep an eye out for Galapagos penguins and flightless cormorants that frequent the area. The afternoon at Vicente Roca Point promises a tranquil and awe-inspiring maritime experience, offering a unique perspective on the diverse marine ecosystems of the Galapagos Islands.



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Duration

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Commence your day with a visit to Puerto
Egas, located on Santiago Island. This
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morning exploration promises a captivating

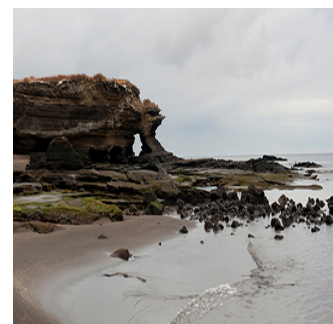
journey through a unique blend of volcanic
landscapes and coastal wonders. Walk along
the dark volcanic shoreline, observing the
fascinating interplay between the marine
and terrestrial environments. Keep an eye
out for fur seals, marine iguanas, and a
variety of shorebirds that inhabit the area.

The tidal pools along the coastline offer a
glimpse into the underwater world,
showcasing marine life such as colorful fish
and sea urchins. The morning at Puerto
Egas provides an enriching experience,

illustrating the resilience and adaptability of
the Galapagos' diverse ecosystems. Later in
the afternoon, venture to Playa Espumilla, a
pristine sandy beach nestled on Santiago
Island. This idyllic location offers a serene
retreat surrounded by mangroves and lush
vegetation. Take a leisurely stroll along the
shoreline, enjoying the tranquility and
observing the marine and birdlife that

frequent the area. Playa Espumilla is also
known for its historical relevance, with
remnants of a salt mine providing insight
into the island's past. The afternoon at Playa
Espumilla promises a peaceful and
reflective experience, allowing you to

appreciate the natural beauty and historical
significance of this secluded Galapagos
destination.



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Departure from Seymour Island & Departure

Duration

8 Days

Embark on a morning excursion to North

Seymour Island. Explore well-maintained

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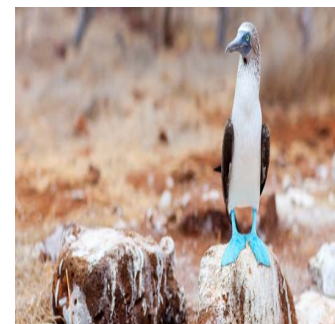
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Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Suite on board a Yacht

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Locations
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America



Inclusions

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation in selected cabin
- Fuel Surcharge
- All activities and excursions as depicted in the itineraries in company of an English speaking 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

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.

Notes

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

* 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