

Ecuador - Central & South Islands | Galapagos Angel

Trip Code

ECGGA4A

Departure



Introduction

Explore the **Galapagos Islands** on the premium ship, Galapagos Angel. The 4 day itinerary starts and ends on the main island of Baltra. Explore a range of landscapes and sail between islands, islets and bays. See the wide range of marine life that lives in the nutrient dense waters of this region and witness animals such as the **sea lions** and **turtles**. On land you will be able to spot a range of **birds, iguanas and wild giant tortoises**.

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Itinerary

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Departure

Selected Thursdays

Direct Arrival & Santa Cruz Island

Duration

4 Days Morning flight from Quito or Guayaquil to

Baños, Galapagos Islands. After passing

Ecuador; Galapagos Islands, South America

through immigration and baggage claim,

you will be met by a staff member and

brought into a private bus to start your

adventure in Galapagos. Accessible by bus

from Puerto Ayora, the highlands of Santa

Cruz are a deep green which contrast

beautifully with the dry, lower part of the

islands. The predominant vegetation in the

highlands are Scalesia trees which create a

lush green forest. The lava tunnels, over

half a mile long, are underground and

walking through them is a unique, surreal

experience. At this place you'll have lunch.

*The first excursion will be after being

picked up at the airport upon arrival to the

islands, so it is advisable to travel with

suitable clothing and footwear for walking.



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Day 2: Suarez Point & Gardner Bay

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In the morning, the adventure begins with a

visit to Suarez Point. As you traverse the

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Here, keep your eyes peeled for the

captivating presence of blue-footed boobies,

albatrosses, and Nazca boobies. This island

serves as the breeding grounds for nearly

all of the world's 12,000 pairs of waved

albatrosses, offering a rare glimpse into

their fascinating world. At the oceanfront

site, marvel at a towering cliff, utilized by

the majestic albatrosses as a launching pad.

Witness the renowned blowhole, sending

sea water cascading into the air, and

capture the stunning landscape through

your lens - a photographer's paradise. In

the afternoon, the journey continues to

Gardner Bay, Gardner Islet, and Osborn

Islet. Your exploration of Gardner Bay

unveils a spectacular white-sand beach,

where a bustling sea lion colony awaits.

Step onto the shores amidst the playful sea

lion pups or take a refreshing swim

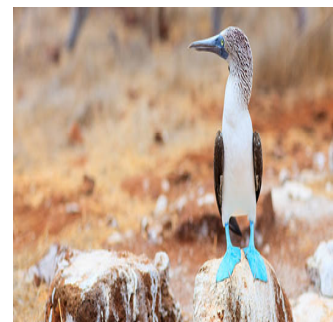
alongside them. Keep an eye out for curious

mockingbirds adding to the charm of this

enchanting beach setting. It's an afternoon

filled with marine wonders and picturesque

moments.



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DAY 3: Santa Fe & South Plaza Island

Duration

4 Days

In the morning, embark on an exploration of Santa Fe Island, also known as Barrington.

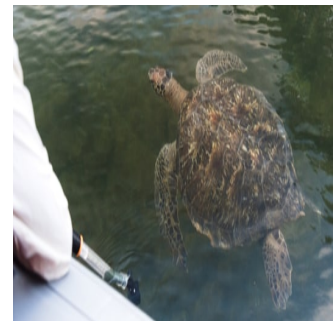
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Located on the island's northeast coast, this charming locale boasts a small picturesque bay and anchorage. Discover the beauty of two visitor trails; one leading to a captivating scenic viewpoint atop a cliff, and the other meandering from a quaint beach to a towering forest of tall prickly pear cacti. As the afternoon unfolds, your journey continues to the enchanting South Plaza Island. Carved by rising lava, this petite island showcases steep cliffs adorned with Opuntia cacti. Witness the vibrant life that inhabits its terrain, including one of the largest sea lion colonies and striking yellow and red land iguanas. The landscape is dominated by the characteristic Sesuvium plant, its color transitioning from a greenish to yellowish tone during the rainy season and transforming into a brilliant red during the dry season (end of June through January). Immerse yourself in the rich hues and diverse wildlife of South Plaza Island, creating memories against a backdrop of natural wonders.



DAY 4: Black Turtle Cove & Departure

This morning, embark on a final excursion to Black Turtle Cove, located in the northern part of Santa Cruz. This inlet is encircled by mangroves and can only be accessed by dinghy. Serving as a sanctuary for juvenile marine life, the shallow cove is frequented by black-tip and white-tip reef sharks, sea turtles, and a diverse array of rays. Following this final exploration, a seamless transfer will take you to Baltra airport, ensuring you're on schedule for your flight back to the mainland. Reflect on the diverse wonders encountered throughout the day as you bid farewell to the enchanting Galapagos Islands.



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Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

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Cabin onboard a ship

INCLUSIONS

All meals and excursions while onboard the ship

Transfers in the islands

Bilingual National Park Guide

Use of snorkelling equipment/wetsuit

Use of underwater camera

Free Airport Assistance*

Hotel night in Quito or Guayaquil (the day before the cruise)*

Free transfer one way to Galapagos Flights*

Inclusions

*Applies only when purchasing roundtrip Galapagos/mainland airfare from the cruise operator

EXCLUSIONS

Roundtrip airfare to/from Galapagos

Alcoholic drinks

Galapagos National Park Entrance fee (US\$200 per person from Aug 2024 - Subject to change)

Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD\$20 per person - Subject to change)

Travel/Medical insurance

Gratuities for ship staff and guides

Personal Expenses

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.

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