

Galapagos Islands - Western Islands Cruise | Galapagos Angel

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ECGGA8B
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Introduction

Enjoy 8 days exploring the **Galapagos Islands** onboard the new and luxurious ship, Galapagos Angel. You will start your voyage on the main island of Baltra and visit a **giant tortoise breeding centre** in the highlands and cruise to the islands of Santa Cruz, Bartolome, Isabela, Fernandia, Florena and Mosquera Islet.

Witness **sea lions** playing on the beaches and swimming in the water and see a range of endemic wildlife such as **marine iguanas, red and blue footed boobies and Galapagos doves**. You will see a range of sea life such as **tuna, turtles** and if you are lucky **whales** or perhaps even **orca**.

Your cruise takes a maximum of 16 guests and includes an English speaking local guide who will accompany you on all of your excursions off the ship. You will explore on foot, by panga (zodiac) cruising and will have the opportunity to snorkel. Get ready for an unforgettable adventure.

Check out the other itineraries on the Galapagos Angel: [5 Day Central & Northern Islands](#), [4 Day Central & South Islands](#), [5 Day South & Central Islands](#)

Itinerary

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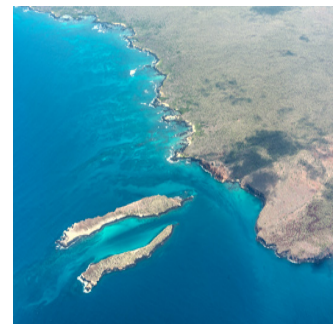
Selected Sundays
Direct Arrival & Dragon Hill

Duration

8 Days

Location
Commence your Galapagos adventure on
the first day with a morning flight from
Quito, Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, South America
to Guayaquil to Baltra, where the

enchanted archipelago eagerly awaits your arrival. Touch down on Baltra Island in the morning, and seamlessly navigate through immigration and baggage claim. A friendly staff member will be there to greet you, facilitating a smooth transfer to the awaiting yacht. Upon boarding, you'll be escorted to your cabin, providing a moment to settle in before indulging in a delightful lunch and a comprehensive welcome briefing. In the afternoon you will explore Dragon Hill on Santa Cruz Island. This site, one of the newest accessible to Galapagos tourists, offers an extended walking trail. Traverse along a picturesque beach and ascend a trail leading to the lagoon lookout, where vibrant flamingos, pintail ducks, and land iguanas grace the landscape.



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Day 2 - Bachas Beach & Pinnacle Rock

Duration

6 Days

This morning, you will embark on an excursion to Bachas Beach, nestled along the north shore of Santa Cruz. This inviting

beach is perfect for a refreshing swim.

Explore remnants of the U.S. World War II presence, including a floating pier. Keep an eye out for the diverse wildlife that calls

Bachas Beach home, such as flamingos, Sally Lightfoot crabs, hermit crabs, black-necked stilts, and whimbrels. As the day

progresses, set sail for Bartholomew Island, where the iconic Pinnacle Rock awaits your arrival. Marvel at the variety of volcanic

formations, displaying hues of red, orange, black, and even green. Ascend a stairway trail to the summit of the extinct volcano, a

journey of approximately 30 to 40 minutes, rewarding you with one of the finest panoramic views of the islands. Visit a

secluded and beautiful beach surrounded by the scarce vegetation found on this barren island. This beach is an ideal spot for

snorkeling, offering the opportunity to swim alongside Galapagos penguins—an unforgettable encounter with the unique

wildlife of the archipelago.



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DAY 3: Vicente Roca Point & Espinoza Point

Duration

8 Days

Embark on the third day of your Galapagos

location, commencing the morning with

Equador, Galapagos Islands, South America

a visit to Vicente Roca Point. This expansive

bay, comprised of two separate coves,

promises a captivating display of sea life. As

you snorkel, keep a keen eye out for the

enchancing seahorses, graceful sea turtles,

and the peculiar yet fascinating Mola mola,

also known as the sunfish. In the afternoon,

set sail for Espinoza Point, crossing the

Bolivar Channel that separates Isabela and

Fernandina Islands. Upon arrival, traverse

past a lively colony of marine iguanas and a

playful group of sea lions. The highlight of

the island awaits—the nesting site of the

flightless cormorant. This area also presents

an excellent opportunity to witness the

majestic Galapagos hawk, adding to the rich

biodiversity of this remarkable archipelago.



DAY 4: Tagus Cove & Elizabeth Bay

Commence in the morning with a visit to

Tagus Cove on Isabela Island. Positioned

across from Fernandina Island near the

Bolivar Channel, this historic site has served

as an anchorage since the 1800s. Traverse

the trails winding by Lake Darwin, leading

to a ridge that offers breathtaking views of

the surroundings. As the day progresses, set

sail for Elizabeth Bay, situated on the east

coast of Isabela Island. This bay boasts

numerous islets, which you can explore by

dinghy. Keep an eye out for penguins and

blue-footed boobies perched on the rocky

islets. With its abundance of marine life and

crystal-clear waters, Elizabeth Bay is an

ideal location for snorkeling. Immerse

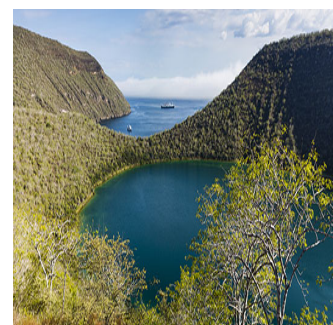
yourself in the vibrant underwater world,

encountering schools of colorful fish, playful

sea lions, and perhaps even sharks—a truly

mesmerizing experience in the heart of the

Galapagos.



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Departure: Urbina Bay & Moreno Point

Duration

8 Days
Embark on another day of discovery,

Location
Starting in the morning with a visit to

Urbina Bay, nestled at the base of Alcedo

Volcano on the west coast, between Tagus

Cove and Elizabeth Bay, this area

underwent a significant uplift in 1954,

causing the land to rise over 16 feet.

Witness the remarkable transformation of

the coast, which expanded half a mile,

leaving marine life stranded on the new

shore. Urbina Bay is also a fantastic location

for snorkeling, inviting you to explore the

vibrant underwater world. In the afternoon,

set your course for Moreno Point, located

southwest of Elizabeth Bay. Experience a

dry landing on what was once flowing lava,

now marked with craters that formed

crystal tide pools. Gaze into these pools to

peer into another world, observing marine

life drifting by. The brackish pools of

Moreno Point may reveal pink flamingos,

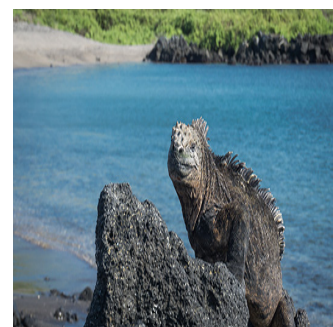
white-cheeked pintails, and common

gallinules. Take a closer look, and you might

spot white-tip reef sharks and sea turtles—a

captivating exploration of the diverse

ecosystems of the Galapagos.



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Days: Sierra Negra Volcano & A. Tupiza

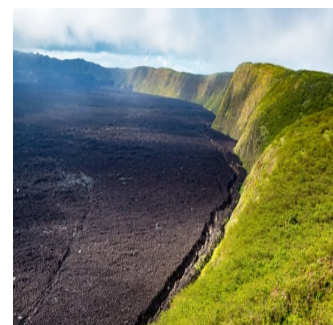
Duration

8 Days

Locations on the sixth day of your Galapagos
Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, South America

Journey, beginning in the morning with a
visit to the awe-inspiring Sierra Negra
Volcano. This colossal basaltic caldera holds
the title of the largest in the Galapagos,
boasting a diameter of 6.2 miles (10 km).

The site not only offers breathtaking views
but also provides a unique opportunity to
observe up to seven species of finches and a
diverse array of vegetation. The north side
of the caldera bears evidence of its most
recent volcanic activity, a dramatic display
in 2005. As the day progresses, venture to
the Arnaldo Tupiza Breeding Center in the
afternoon, situated approximately one mile
(1.5 km) from Puerto Villamil. This breeding
center has played a crucial role in the
conservation efforts for tortoise populations
from various locations, including South
Isabela, Sierra Negra Volcano, Cerro Azul,
Cazuela, Cinco Cerros, Roca Union, San
Pedro, Tables, and Cerro Paloma. Witness
the success of captive breeding with a total
of 330 juvenile and adult tortoises.



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Departure: Devil's Crown & Cormorant Point

Duration

6 Days you will have the opportunity to

Locations
Snorkel around Devil's Crown. This rocky formation is the remains of an offshore

volcano protruding from the water, offering a unique underwater landscape. Devil's

Crown is renowned for being a hotspot to spot a diverse range of marine creatures,

making it an excellent location for an

immersive snorkeling experience. As the

day unfolds, set sail for Cormorant Point in

the afternoon. The highlight of this

destination is a large flamingo lagoon,

where other avian species such as common stilts and white-cheeked pintails also thrive.

The island's beaches each possess

distinctive characteristics—the Green Beach

derives its name from the green hue,

attributed to a high percentage of olivine

crystals in the sand, while the Flour Sand

Beach is composed of pristine white coral.



DAY 8: Mosquera Islet & Departure

This morning, embark on a final excursion to Mosquera Islet. Situated between the islands of Baltra and North Seymour, this reef of rocks and coral, formed as a result of

geological uplift, spans just 160 meters at

its narrowest point. Notably, this island

hosts one of the largest populations of sea

lions and serves as a habitat for numerous

shorebirds. Additionally, there have been

occasional reports of orcas feeding on sea

lions in this area. After this insightful final

visit, your Galapagos adventure concludes

with a transfer to Baltra Airport. Arrive in

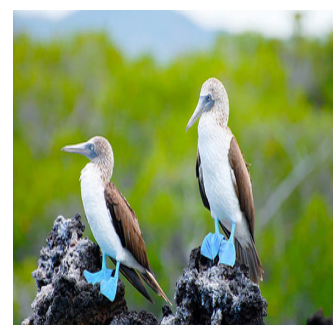
time for your flight back to the mainland,

carrying with you the memories of

unparalleled wildlife encounters, stunning

landscapes, and the extraordinary natural

wonders of the Galapagos Islands.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Cabin onboard a ship

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All meals and excursions while onboard the ship

Transfers in the islands

Bilingual National Park Guide

Use of snorkelling equipment/wetsuit

Free Airport Assistance*

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

2 Free transfers to Galapagos Flights*

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

EXCLUSIONS

Roundtrip airfare to/from Galapagos Islands

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

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.

Notes

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

* 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