

## Galapagos Complete Cruise | Seaman Journey

Trip Code

ECSJ15F1

Departure



### Introduction

M/C Galapagos Seaman Journey is a first class catamaran offering superior comfort, size, style, and stability. The Galapagos Seaman Journey makes it possible to enjoy several cruises in the Galapagos with different itineraries that include amazing land tours on most of the Galapagos Islands. During these Galapagos Cruises, guests encounter many endemic species like Galapagos Giant Tortoises, Penguins, Land and Marine Iguanas, Frigate Birds, Blue Footed Boobies, and much more!

Please note that the below itinerary is a guide and that itineraries vary depending on departure date. Your sales consultant will provide you with more details on the different itinerary options available and applicable departure dates.

### **The Seaman Journey Experience**

M/C Galapagos Seaman Journey is an expeditionary first class catamaran that began sailing the Galapagos Islands in January 2008. Superior comfort, size, style, and stability are what you can expect when choosing this catamaran to fulfill your Galapagos adventures wants and needs. This vessel, with a maximum capacity of 16 passengers, provides in each of its corners, areas for rest and recreation for everyone. For the adults who might want to relax and kick back, we offer a great bar and lounge area where they are served by our bartender whilst you relax and watch the Galapagos go by. Make landings on sites that offer beautiful scenery and the ability to get up close and personal with the archipelago, accompanied by the knowledgeable staff members found on board who will offer you intel and insight into this magnificent part of the world. The M/C Galapagos Seaman Journey, another jewel from the well known Galapagos Journey Fleet, the perfect combination of adventure, comfort, service and excellence that offers four, five, eight, eleven, twelve and fifteen day itineraries.

**GREEN POINTS!**

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Duration

15 Days

Locations

The Seaman also offers a [5 day cruise](#), [7 day cruise](#), [9 day cruise](#), [11 day cruise](#) and [15 day cruises](#).

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador



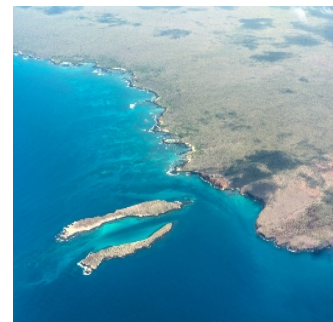
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**PLEASE NOTE: Pricing is subject to change and availability at the time of booking. [Contact us](#) for more information.**

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrival & Bartolome Island

On this day, you will embark on a flight to the Galapagos Islands. As per the regulations of the Galapagos Government, a fee of 20 USD is required for the migration control card. Upon arrival in Santa Cruz, passengers will undergo an inspection at the airport to prevent the introduction of foreign plants or animals to the archipelago. Additionally, this is where entrance fees to the Galapagos National Park are collected. As of August 2024, foreign passengers are charged \$200, while children under 12 years old pay \$100. Later, your guide will greet you and assist with carrying your luggage to the bus. From there, passengers will board a motorized boat, known as a Panga, to reach the Catamaran Seaman Journey. In the afternoon, you will explore Bartolome Island, situated across Sullivan Bay. With an altitude of 114 meters, the island offers breathtaking scenery, including volcanic cones, lunar-like craters, lava fields, and the iconic Toba-formed pinnacle eroded by the sea. Despite its sparse vegetation, Bartolome boasts two stunning beaches where marine turtles nest, along with a small colony of Galapagos penguins at the base of the pinnacle.



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Day 2 Mosquera Islet & North Seymour

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Location

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On the morning, you'll visit Mosquera Islet, situated between North Seymour and Santa Cruz. Despite being one of the smallest islands in the Galápagos, Mosquera Islet is of volcanic origin, formed by geological uplift. Its terrain, though flat, offers a captivating contrast of colors: pristine white sand beaches, crystal-clear turquoise waters, lush green vegetation, and striking jet-black lava rocks. This picturesque setting is ideal for landscape photography, especially during the golden hours of early morning or sunset. In the afternoon, your exploration continues at North Seymour, a raised island known for its flat terrain and rocky landscapes. Despite its non-volcanic origin, North Seymour boasts abundant nesting sites for magnificent frigatebirds. Blue-footed boobies perform their iconic courtship dance in the island's more open areas, while swallow-tailed gulls gracefully perch on cliff edges. Despite the powerful surf pounding the outer shore, you can spot sea lions hauling out onto the beach, occasionally indulging in body-surfing antics.



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In the morning, you'll explore El Barranco,

located in the southern part of Darwin Bay

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador.

On Genovesa Island, the trail spans 1.5 km

over volcanic rock and can be completed in

about 2 hours. This area, geologically

speaking, is the youngest on the island. The

cliff to the south consists of fragile lava

formations, eroded by natural forces to

create nesting spots for Storm Petrels. Two

species of petrels nest in cavities and holes

within the lava, while the short-eared owl

preys on them. Red-footed boobies nest

exclusively on outer islands like Punta Pitt,

Gardner, Wolf, Darwin, and Genovesa. The

masked booby also inhabits this island.

During "panga rides" along the cliffs, you

may spot fur sea lions and various seabird

species. In the afternoon, you'll visit Darwin

Bay, formed when the island's crater

collapsed below sea level. The wet landing

takes you to a stunning white coral sandy

beach. This destination is a paradise for

birdwatchers, offering sightings of red-

footed boobies, masked boobies, wandering

tattlers, lava gulls, whimbrels, yellow-

crowned and black-crowned lava herons,

and yellow warblers. As you traverse the

trail, you'll ascend to the cliff's edge, where

Red-Foots nest in Mangrove trees below.

Keep an eye out for sharp-beaked finches,

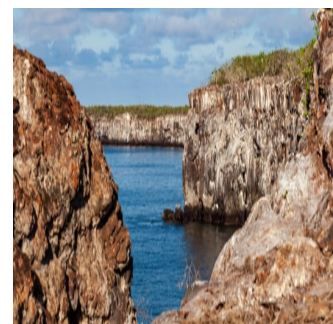
cactus and ground finches, Galapagos

doves, and swallow-tailed gulls. Finally,

from the cliff's edge, marvel at the

incredible view of the island and its diverse

avian inhabitants.



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Saturday 4th July 2024

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Locations

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Islands and comprising two

islands known as

Islas Plazas. Despite their small size, these

islands are home to some of the most

intriguing and remarkable species in the

Galapagos. The land iguanas on Plazas are

smaller than those on other islands.

Throughout the island, you'll encounter

several hybrid iguanas, resulting from the

crossing of male marine iguanas with

female land iguanas. These hybrids are

easily recognizable by their black/grey

coloration, with the crest of a land iguana

but the face and tail of a marine iguana. The

abundance of iguanas is attributed to the

presence of their favorite food, tunas.

Swallow-tailed gulls nest in the rugged cliffs

alongside other seabirds such as Audubon

shearwaters, red-billed tropicbirds, frigate

birds, and brown pelicans. In the afternoon,

you'll visit Santa Fe, located in the

southeastern part of the Galapagos. This

island was formed by uplift rather than

volcanic activity, resulting in a mostly flat

terrain. Some theories propose that Santa

Fe could be the oldest island in the

Archipelago. It's home to several endemic

species including the Galapagos hawk,

Galapagos snake, Galapagos mockingbird,

rice rats, and one of the two species of land

iguanas found on the islands. Upon

disembarking into the beautiful, clear

waters, you'll encounter one of the many

sea lion colonies. Along the trail, you'll spot

numerous salt bushes and giant prickly pear

cacti, characteristic of oceanic islands.

Snorkeling offers fantastic opportunities to

interact with playful sea lions and tropical

fish.



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David Toroise Breeding Centre &  
Interpretation Centre

Duration

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Locations

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Rodriguez Land Tortoise Breeding Centre.

Established in 2002 by the Galapagos

National Park Service, this program focuses

on breeding and caring for tortoises in

captivity. Originally named the Jacinto

Gordillo Tortoise Breeding Centre, it was

renamed in 2016 to honor David

Rodriguez's 39 years of service as a Park

Ranger. Located in the southeast of San

Cristobal, approximately 22.5 km from

Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the center aims

to improve the population status of giant

tortoises (*Chelonoides chathamensis*) on

San Cristobal Island. Accessible by land, the

bus journey takes around 40 minutes and is

situated near Cerro Colorado. The breeding

center replicates natural conditions to

support tortoise conservation efforts and

promote tourism development on San

Cristobal. In the afternoon, you'll explore

the Gianni Arismendy Environmental

Interpretation Centre. This center boasts

lush gardens and breathtaking ocean views,

offering visitors an immersive learning

experience. Gain insights into the geological

and human history of the islands,

conservation efforts, and natural history. As

the oldest museum of Natural History in the

Galapagos Islands, it plays a crucial role in

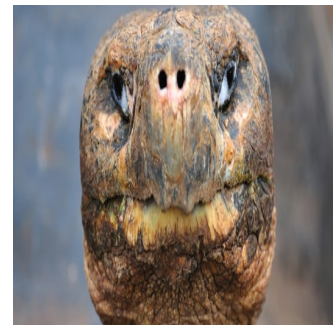
preserving the archipelago's heritage.

Witness ongoing research and conservation

initiatives, providing inspiration and

motivation for visitors to contribute to the

islands' protection and sustainability.



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Saturday, 14th September

Arrives San Cristobal Island & Lobos Island

Duration

15 Days

Location

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Up. This area features a 90-

meter beach and

several natural viewpoints offering

breathtaking vistas of an eroded hill made

of volcanic tuff. A 1,400-meter trail, starting

from Oliviana Beach, winds its way to the

hill's summit, showcasing various lava

formations. The strong winds atop the hill

have sculpted the landscape into surreal,

science fiction-like scenes, characterized by

olive-yellow sands adorned with bright

crystals. Here, sea lions bask in the sun,

while frigate birds, pelicans, herons, and

seagulls gracefully soar overhead. Pitt Islet

is renowned for being one of the few spots

where all three species of boobies (blue-

footed, red-footed, and masked) and both

species of frigate birds can be observed

together. In the afternoon, your adventure

takes you to Lobos Island, a small, flat islet

off the coast of San Cristobal. Named for

the several sea lions that inhabit its shores,

Lobos Island is a short 20-minute boat ride

(10 kilometers) from Puerto Baquerizo

Moreno. Designated as a tourist diving site,

it boasts two piers for exploring the ocean

depths alongside playful sea lions. A

protected channel offers excellent

snorkeling opportunities, while an 850-

meter trail connecting the piers provides an

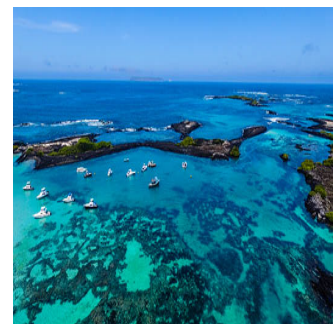
hour-long stroll amidst coastal vegetation.

The island's name stems from the presence

of two sea lion species—the California sea

lions and the fur seals, whose origins trace

back to Antarctica.



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Selected Thursdays  
Departing Gardner Bay & Suarez Point

Duration

15 Days

Locations

The northern coast of Hood Island, part

of the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

of Gardner Bay boasts a

pristine beach, perfect for unwinding,

swimming, and kayaking, all while enjoying

the company of sea lions (*Zalophus*

*wollebaki*). Crystal-clear waters offer

glimpses of sharks gliding gracefully

beneath the surface. Here, you'll have the

chance to observe three species of Darwin

finches: a subspecies of the large-billed

cactus finch (*Geospiza fuliginosa*),

resembling the terrestrial finch; the small-

beaked ground finch (*Geospiza fuliginosa*);

and the singing finch (*Certhidea Olivacea*),

another endemic subspecies. Keep an eye

out for both resident and migratory birds,

adding to the area's rich avian diversity. In

the afternoon, your exploration continues at

Suarez Point, a haven for blue-footed

boobies, albatrosses, and Nazca boobies.

Perched on the oceanfront, this picturesque

site offers spectacular views of large waved

albatrosses launching from the cliffs. The

highlight of Suarez Point is the awe-

inspiring blowhole, shooting water high into

the air, reaching towering heights of at least

50 to 75 meters. This natural wonder

provides fantastic opportunities for

capturing stunning photographs.



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Saturday 8th December, Champion Islet &

Post Office Bay

15 Days

Locations

In the morning, your adventure begins at

Champion Islet, located on Champion Islet.

This site is renowned for hosting one of the

Galapagos' most impressive flamingo

lagoons, among the largest in the

archipelago. Nestled between two tuff lava

cones, the area exudes a unique ambiance.

Besides the elegant flamingos, you'll

encounter various species of shorebirds,

including common stilts, white-cheeked

pintail ducks, and migratory birds. The

landscape presents two distinct beaches:

"The Green Beach," named for its

abundance of olivine crystals, and the

"Flour Sand Beach," composed of fine coral

fragments. Following an intriguing walk, the

group will venture to Champion Islet, an

ideal spot for snorkeling and exploring

underwater life. Keep your eyes peeled for

sea turtles, sea lions, and a plethora of fish

thriving around the nearby coral reef. In the

afternoon, you'll visit Post Office Bay,

steeped in history as the site where a

wooden barrel was placed by 18th-century

whalers. Since then, sailors and tourists

alike have utilized it as a makeshift post

office, a tradition that continues to this day.

Visitors are invited to hand-deliver letters or

postcards, continuing a centuries-old postal

exchange. Additionally, Post Office Bay

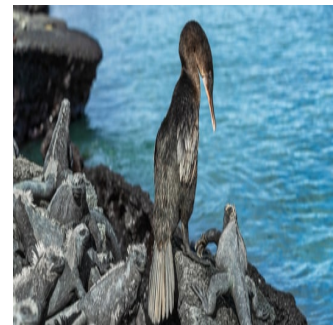
served as the landing area for some of the

Galapagos' earliest settlers. This leisurely

afternoon provides the perfect opportunity

to unwind on the beach and bask in the

natural beauty of the Galapagos Islands.



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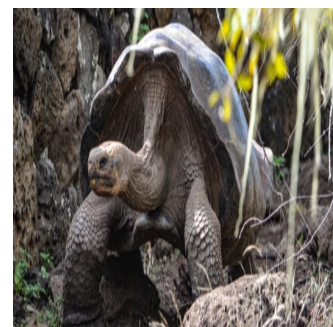
Day 9 - Breeding Centre & Santa Cruz

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Locations

In the morning, you'll explore the Fausto Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. The Lonesome George Breeding Centre, nestled within the Galapagos National Park along Charles Darwin Avenue, just a kilometer away from the Gus Angermeyer Tourist Pier. After a scenic 40-minute stroll, you'll enter this captivating attraction, an integral part of the Charles Darwin Foundation's network of visitor sites. Your journey begins at the information booth of the Galapagos National Park Service (SPNG), leading you through the Van Straelen Interpretation Centre and onward to the breeding centre. Here, an elevated circular wooden path offers panoramic views of Lonesome George and the tortoises of Española Island before culminating at the tortoise exhibition corral. In the afternoon, your guide will meet you to embark on a highlands adventure in Santa Cruz. After collecting your luggage, you'll board a bus bound for the ferries crossing the Itabaca Channel. Another bus will transport you to Ranch Manzanillo for the first activity of the day. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes, lightweight clothing, and carry essentials like a waterproof jacket, sunscreen, camera, and insect repellent. The visit to Ranch Manzanillo includes a delightful picnic lunch and a leisurely stroll before boarding the Motor Catamaran. Following these instructions ensures a seamless itinerary. Note that your luggage will be directly transferred to the M/C Seaman Journey. Santa Cruz's highlands promise exhilarating encounters with wild Galapagos Tortoises, along with opportunities to explore lava tubes, sinkholes, and craters. After this enriching visit, you'll proceed to the M/C Seaman Journey, ready for the next leg of your journey.



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15 Days

Location

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

In the morning, you'll explore Moreno Point on Isabela Island, situated along its northern coast between the towering Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul volcanoes. Traverse a trail that meanders along a Pahoehoe lava flow, characterized by its corrugated or accordion-like texture, leading you into a maze of coastal lagoons. These serene lagoons and mangroves are teeming with diverse bird species, offering a picturesque backdrop for exploration. Later in the afternoon, you'll venture to Mangle Point off the eastern shores of Fernandina Island.

This idyllic spot is renowned for its exceptional snorkeling opportunities and scenic rides through a lush grove of mangrove trees aboard a panga or zodiac. A leisurely hike of approximately half a mile is also an option. As you navigate the waters, keep your eyes peeled for sightings of sea lions, tortoises, pelicans, rays, and a myriad of bird species, adding to the enchantment of your marine adventure.



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Departed Urbina Bay & Tagus Cove

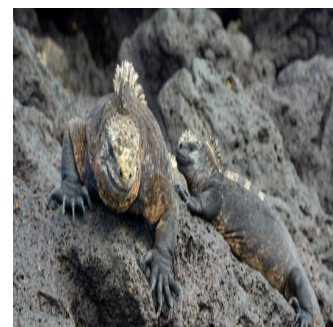
Duration

15 Days

Locations

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

In the morning, you'll explore Urbina Bay on Isabela Island, nestled at the foot of Alcedo Volcano on the island's western coast, sandwiched between Tagus Cove and Elizabeth Bay. This area underwent a significant uplift in 1954, resulting in the land rising over 16 feet and expanding the coast half a mile out, leaving marine life stranded along the new shore. Urbina Bay offers fantastic snorkeling opportunities, with its path starting from a wet landing and stretching approximately 3200 meters across sand, pumice, lava, coral, and vegetation. Keep an eye out for iguana burrows and the vibrant red and blue lobsters that inhabit the area. Darwin's finches and land iguanas, larger than those found on South Plaza Island and elsewhere in the Galapagos, are among the notable wildlife you may encounter. Wild tortoises, sometimes found out of season, roam the area, while an array of vegetation, including chamomile, Rosewood, and the beautiful flowers of Darwin's cotton, add to the island's allure. In the afternoon, you'll visit Tagus Cove, situated to the west of Darwin Volcano on Isabela Island. Once a favored haunt of pirates and whalers, the cove is known for a peculiar tradition started by these seafarers: the inscription of boat names. Along the trail, you'll encounter a small cave adorned with inscriptions dating back to the 1800s. The cove derived its name from a British warship that passed through the islands in 1814 in search of Galapagos Tortoises for sustenance. Volcanic rocks of various sizes, including spherical lapilli or petrified rain, dot the landscape, remnants of former eruptions that contribute to the unique terrain of Tagus Cove.



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Selected Thursdays  
Departing Espinoza Point & Vicente Roca

Duration

15 Days

Locations

In the morning, you'll explore Espinoza  
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Point on Fernandina Island, a renowned site

celebrated for its vast colonies of marine

iguanas and unique wildlife such as the

flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguin,

Galapagos hawk, and Galapagos snake. This

location offers an unparalleled opportunity

to witness these fascinating species in their

natural habitat. In the afternoon, your

journey takes you to Vicente Roca Point, one

of the most breathtaking and awe-inspiring

spots in the enchanting Galapagos Islands.

Situated on the northwestern coast of the

island, Vicente Roca Point captivates

visitors with its towering cliffs and striking

formations of tuffstone, ash, and lava,

lending the area a truly majestic ambiance.

This expansive bay teems with vibrant

marine life, offering sightings of seahorses,

sea turtles, and the intriguing Mola-mola or

sunfish. It's an ideal destination for

engaging in Panga Rides and snorkeling

adventures. Amidst the natural splendor,

you'll encounter penguins, blue-footed

boobies, terns, boobies, and sea lions,

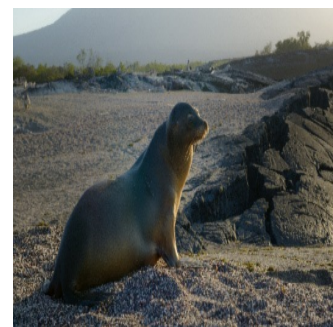
adding to the charm of this remarkable

location. Don't miss the chance to snorkel

and observe sea turtles, stingrays, and

pufferfish, completing your immersive

experience in this aquatic wonderland.



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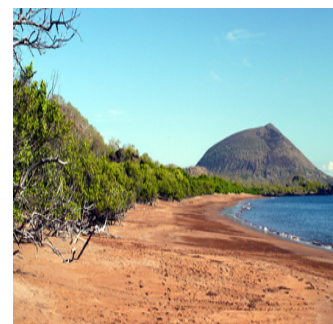
15 Days

Location

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Departure Point: James Bay

In the morning, you'll explore Espumilla Beach on Santiago Island, nestled along the northern coast of James Bay. Despite the challenges posed by the El Niño phenomenon, which led to the sedimentation of one of its lagoons and the subsequent disappearance of a flamingo colony, Espumilla Beach remains a captivating destination. Here, you'll be enchanted by the lush palo santo forest and have the opportunity to witness the nesting of baby turtles, adding to the island's allure and ecological diversity. In the afternoon, your journey continues to Puerto Egas, situated on the west side of Santiago Island. This site boasts a unique attraction: its striking black beach, formed by the volcanic tuff deposits that characterize the island's geological landscape. Puerto Egas earned its name from a failed attempt to exploit salt resources, a project abandoned due to the low market value of salt on the mainland, rendering the endeavor economically unviable for Galapagos. Despite the remnants of this historical venture, the black sand beach stands as a testament to the island's natural beauty and geological heritage.



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Selected Thursdays  
Direct Rabida Island & Chinese hat

Duration

15 Days

Locations

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

In the morning, you'll explore Rabida Island, renowned for its distinctive red-hued rocks and sands, a result of the island's porous volcanic material interacting with external elements like rain, saltwater, and sea breeze, which act as oxidizing agents. As you embark on a leisurely stroll along a scenic trail, you'll encounter a coastal lagoon nestled behind the beach. This tranquil oasis offers prime birdwatching opportunities, with sightings of various land birds including finches, doves, yellow warblers, and mockingbirds. Keep an eye out for the vibrant colony of flamingos that grace the lagoon, adding to the island's charm and ecological diversity. In the afternoon, your journey continues to Chinese Hat, a petite islet situated just off the southeastern tip of Santiago Island. Its distinctive shape, resembling a traditional Chinese hat when viewed from the north, is a testament to its recent volcanic origins. On the western side, you'll encounter fascinating lava formations, formed underwater and subsequently uplifted, resulting in the presence of coral heads atop the lava. Chinese Hat offers an exceptional opportunity to delve into geological wonders such as lava tubes and flows. As you explore the landscape, you'll encounter thriving colonies of sea lions, marine iguanas, and Galapagos penguins, further enhancing your understanding of the island's rich biodiversity and geological history.



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15 Days final day of exploration, you'll

embark on a dinghy ride to Black Turtle

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Cove, located on the north coast of Santa Cruz, just west of Baltra, it offers a window into a quiet hideaway of the Galapagos.

Once in the cove, the boat continues with the engines off and begins to explore the mangroveprotected cove. Sea turtles feed

and mate in the calm waters, and three

species of sharks are found here: the

blacktip shark, the white-tip shark, and the

Galapagos shark. Groups of spotted rays are

also often seen, as well as egrets and

herons. After the visit, you will be

transferred to the Baltra airport in time for

your flight back to the mainland.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin on board a Catamaran Yacht

## **INCLUSIONS**

Accommodation

All meals

Water coffee and tea

All excursions

English-Speaking Naturalist guide

Snorkelling equipment

Kayak equipment

Inclusions

## **EXCLUSIONS**

Return airfares from mainland Ecuador

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

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

Wet suit rental

Soft drink & alcoholic drinks

Personal expenses

Gratuities for crew/guides

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.

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All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Duration

Please note kayak activities are subject to weather conditions.

15 Days

Prices are based on per person, twin share\* (unless otherwise stated)

Notes

Locations Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

\* 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