

**South America** - North Eastern Galapagos Islands | EcoGalaxy

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ECGSE5DN  
Departure



## Introduction

Explore the wonders of the Galapagos Islands on this 5 day expedition cruise onboard the premium vessel EcoGalaxy where you will cruise the North Eastern Islands of the Galapagos. Explore various islands and see groups of playful sea lions, marine iguanas and blue footed boobies. Snorkel with turtles, schools of fish and take in the delights of the underwater world. During landings you will have the chance to hike and walk and your expert local guide will share insights into this unique part of the world. This is an experience not to be missed.

## Itinerary

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Selected Tuesdays  
Depart San Cristobal and Lobos Island

Duration

5 Days  
AM: SAN CRISTOBAL AIRPORT ARRIVAL

Embark on an unforgettable journey to the  
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

where nature thrives in  
its purest form. Your adventure begins at  
San Cristobal's modest yet bustling airport,  
where a seasoned naturalist guide will greet  
you. This guardian of the ecosystem will  
introduce you to a world of breathtaking  
landscapes and unparalleled biodiversity.

Feel the excitement as you step into this  
living sanctuary, a UNESCO World Heritage  
site, marking the beginning of an

extraordinary exploration. PM: LOBOS  
ISLAND Lobos Island, a small islet near San  
Cristóbal, offers an unforgettable wildlife  
experience. Upon landing, groups of sea

lions will greet you as they play in tidal  
pools. Walking inland, you'll spot  
frigatebirds perched in bushes, displaying  
their inflated red pouches, while blue-footed  
boobies nest along the trail, performing  
their iconic courtship dance. In the calm  
waters, snorkeling provides an incredible  
opportunity to swim with playful sea lions,  
while sea turtles and rays rest on the sandy  
bottom.



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**5 Days** SANTA FE Santa Fe Island, nestled in one of the most stunning bays in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America boasts towering prickly-pear cacti and ancient lava formations. Its white-sand beach and turquoise waters are home to a large sea lion colony basking under the sun. As you follow the trail, look for the endemic Santa Fe land iguana and, if lucky, a Galapagos hawk perched atop a cactus scanning for prey. Along the way, Darwin's finches, Galapagos doves, mockingbirds, and lava lizards are commonly seen, making this hike a true wildlife experience. **PM:** SOUTH PLAZAS Of the two twin islands, only South Plazas is open to visitors, while North Plazas remains a scientific research site. Despite its small size, South Plazas is teeming with wildlife. Upon landing, ll find land iguanas lounging beneath Opuntia cacti, waiting for fallen fruit. A large sea lion colony dominates the shore, where playful pups explore tide pools while massive bulls defend their territory. The trail leads to a dramatic cliffside, offering breathtaking ocean views where frigatebirds, blue-footed boobies, red-billed tropicbirds, and swallow-tailed gulls soar. A blanket of reddish succulents covering the island adds to its striking beauty.



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Day 3: North Seymour & Mosquera Islet

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AM: NORTH SEYMOUR This island is home

for large colonies of both magnificent and

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

great frigatebirds and you can see them

displaying their red balloons to attract a

female. Blue-footed boobies nest in the

ground and perform their famous dance in

the open areas, while swallow-tailed gulls

perch on the cliff edges. Land iguanas are

common inland while their marine cousins

bask in the rocks by the sea, close to sea

lions, which often like to body surf in the

waves. PM: MOSQUERA Mosquera is mostly

a barren sand bar with some rocky areas

and scattered salt-resistant plants. You can

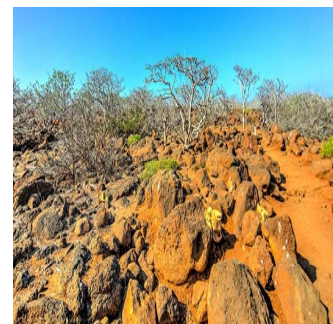
walk along the beach and enjoy seeing

playful sea lion pups surfing the waves and

having a great time in the tide pools. Look

for endemic lava gulls which are often seen

flying over the beach in the search of food.



DAY 4: Darwin Bay

AM: DARWIN BAY Genovesa is a favorite

island for birdwatchers as it is home for

very large colonies of seabirds. From the

minute you set foot at the beach you will be

amazed by the noise of hundreds of boobies,

gulls and frigatebirds flying over your

heads, perched in the bushes or nesting on

the sandy terrain. The trail is an ultimate

wildlife experience as there are animals

everywhere; sea lions and marine iguanas

near the sea; night herons, lava and swallow

tailed gulls, Darwin finches, Galapagos

doves, mockingbirds and many more species

inland. PM: BARRANCO El Barranco is

located in the southern part of Darwin Bay

at Genovesa Island. The cliffs facing the sea

are made of very fragile fractured lava,

making it the ideal place for storm petrels

to build their colonies, which attracts an

important population of short-eared owls

preying on the nesting birds. Red footed and

Nazca boobies are abundant along the trail.

At the base of the cliffs you can see

Galapagos fur seals resting in shaded areas,

as well as several species of seabirds.



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San Salvador, Fernandis either if

you do this visit starting from Baltra or from

Puerto Ayora, a bus will take you to the

highlands stopping along the way at one of

the reserves to visit the lush highland

forests where you will look for Galapagos

Giant tortoises in their natural environment.

This is the best place in the Galapagos to

see these gentle giants (reaching over 300

kg / 600 pounds!) casually grazing and

resting in freshwater ponds. This is also

home for a great diversity of birds rarely

found at the lowlands, including finches

(tree, woodpecker and vegetarian finches),

flycatchers and several species of water

birds. You will visit a lava tunnel (depending

on the itinerary) and learn how these

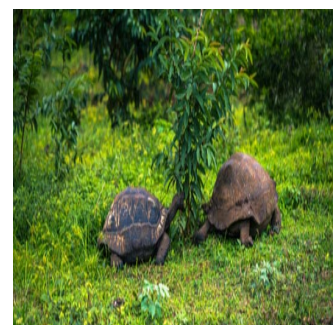
extraordinary formations were created by

ancient volcanic eruptions. After this

activity you will be transferred to the

airport where you will board your departure

flight from the Galapagos.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin On Board A Catamaran Yacht

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## INCLUSIONS

Accommodation in chosen cabin

Transfers in the Galapagos and airport assistance

All meals during the cruise

Water, coffee and tea & soft drink

All excursions as per the itinerary\*

English-Speaking Naturalist guide

Snorkelling equipment

Kayak & Paddle board 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

Alcoholic drinks

Personal expenses

Gratuities for crew/guides

Services not specified

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 kayak & paddle board activities are subject to weather conditions.

Notes

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.

\*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