

**Ecuador** - Galapagos 5 Day Cruise C (2026)

Trip Code

ECGA5IB

Departure



## Introduction

Embark on a breath taking 5-day journey through the Galapagos Islands aboard the Galaxy Yacht, exploring the diverse wildlife, volcanic landscapes, and pristine waters of the Northeast Islands. Snorkel with sea lions and sharks, hike alongside blue-footed boobies and frigate birds, and witness the iconic Pinnacle Rock and Kicker Rock. With expert guides and a carefully crafted itinerary, this adventure offers an immersive and unforgettable Galapagos experience.

## Itinerary

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Direct Arrival Galapagos Islands

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5 Days

Departure to the Galapagos Islands, arrive

at Quito airport, where a National Park-

**Ecuador & Galapagos Islands**

certified naturalist guide will warmly

welcome you to this biodiversity-rich

paradise. Your exciting journey in the

footsteps of Darwin is about to start! This

afternoon, visit to North Seymour Island, a

spectacular showcase of the Galapagos

Islands' diverse wildlife. This relatively flat

island is home to a thriving population of

blue-footed boobies and frigate birds. The

trail winds its way through a forest of low,

bushy vegetation, where you'll have the

opportunity to witness the fascinating

courtship dance of the blue-footed boobies.

The island's coastline also allows one to

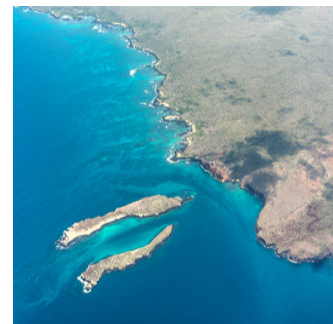
observe sea lions and marine iguanas

basking in the sun. The large frigate bird

colonies are a sight, especially when the

males inflate their bright red throat pouches

to attract mates.



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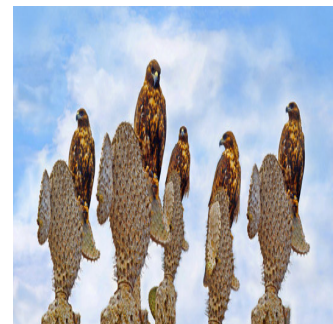
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Day 2: Santa Fe & South Plaza

Duration

5 Days

Lead in the day with the stark beauty of Santa Fe, where the towering figures of Ecuador & Galapagos Islands giant prickly-pear cacti strikingly contrast the rugged landscape of lava rocks. Tucked within one of the Galapagos most breathtaking bays, Santa Fe's turquoise waters, and white-sand beaches form an inviting residence for a sizable colony of sea lions you'll find lounging about. As you venture inland, remember to look down to spot the endemic Santa Fe land iguanas, but also glance upward to catch sight of the Galapagos hawks perched atop cacti, keeping a keen eye out for prey. You'll likely encounter Darwin finches, Galapagos doves, mockingbirds, and lively lava lizards along the trail. Your afternoon destination is South Plazas, one of a twin pair of islands where the northern sibling is reserved exclusively for scientific research. Though petite in size, this islet brims with a fantastic array of wildlife. Upon landing, Galapagos land iguanas will welcome you from beneath prickly-pear cacti, eagerly awaiting their fruit. Sea lions populate the island in large numbers, allowing you to observe their fascinating social dynamics, from playful pups splashing in tide pools to formidable males protecting their territories. Your trail eventually leads you to a cliff, a vantage point to observe a myriad of seabirds, including frigatebirds, red-billed tropicbirds, boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, and pelicans. A verdant carpet of reddish succulent vegetation dotted with scattered cacti blankets the island, giving South Plazas a genuinely unique personality.



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Day 3 Darwin Bay & Genovesa Island

Duration

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Darwin Bay on Genovesa Island is a birder's

location come true. When you set foot on the

Ecuador & Galapagos Islands

Beach, you will be amazed by the spectacle

of hundreds of boobies, gulls, and

frigatebirds soaring above, nesting in the

bushes, or roosting on the sandy terrain.

This immersive wildlife trail hosts sea lions

and marine iguanas by the sea, and inland

you'll encounter night herons, lava and

swallow-tailed gulls, Darwin finches,

Galapagos doves, mockingbirds, and more.

Snorkeling Experience: Darwin Bay offers a

variety of snorkeling locations, from deep

waters along the bay's cliffs to shallow

waters near the beach. Regardless of where

you choose, a colorful variety of fish awaits

your visit, with a high chance of spotting

sharks, rays, and sea lions. Located in the

southern part of Darwin Bay on Genovesa

Island, El Barranco is blessed with cliffs

facing the sea made from very fragile,

fractured lava. This creates an ideal nesting

environment for storm petrels, attracting a

significant population of short-eared owls.

The trail is dotted with red-footed and

Nazca boobies. At the same time, the base

of the cliffs provides restful, shaded areas

for Galapagos fur seals and numerous

seabirds.



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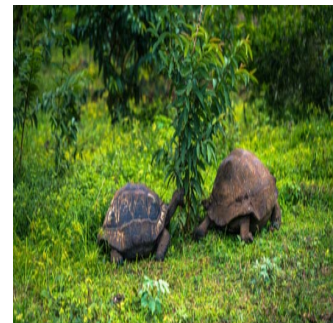
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Locations

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During this trip, enjoy a visit to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island, offering a different perspective of the Galapagos' unique ecosystem. This lush and verdant area contrasts with the coastal zones. The highlands are home to a variety of bird species, giant tortoises in their natural habitat, and a rich diversity of plant life, including endemic trees and ferns. Walking along the winding paths provides the chance to observe giant tortoises up close in a peaceful environment. The area also offers panoramic views of the island, highlighting its diverse topography. After, we will go to the beach known as Bachas, located north of Santa Cruz Island. Here we can snorkel or take a relaxing walk on the beach. For this, we will make a wet landing, in which we will jump from the panga to the shore of the beach. Again, we recommend disembarking barefoot and wearing light walking shoes for the rest of the journey. The saltwater lagoon behind the beach often has great blue herons and small birds. Both beaches are nesting areas for green sea turtles.



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This morning, embark on an unforgettable panga (or dinghy) ride around Kicker Rock, Ecuador's Galapagos Islands, also known as Leon's Spine, off the coast of San Cristobal Island. This impressive rock formation, rising dramatically 500 feet above the ocean, is one of the most iconic landmarks in the Galapagos. The natural erosion of this ancient volcanic tuff cone has created a channel between two towering rock walls, providing a haven for various marine life. This peaceful and scenic panga ride around Kicker Rock provides a relaxing yet awe-inspiring conclusion to your day, allowing you to appreciate the natural wonders and rich biodiversity of the Galapagos from the sea. After the visit of the interpretation centre, transfer to the airport for your flight towards the mainland.



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### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin On Board Yacht

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**INCLUSIONS**

- Airport assistance
- Transfers in the Galapagos Islands
- Accommodation in cabin, according to your booking
- All meals while on board
- Unlimited purified water, coffee and tea
- Naturalist Bilingual Guide (English-Spanish)
- All visits, excursions and activities according to the itinerary\*
- Snorkelling gear (mask, tube and fins)
- Use of kayaks and paddle boards in authorized places
- Wetsuits
- Beach towels

Inclusions

**EXCLUSIONS**

- International & internal flights
- Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Tips and gratuities
- Beverages other than specified
- Local taxes
- Galapagos National Park Entrance fee (USD\$200 per person, subject to change)
- Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD\$20 per person, subject to change)
- Any items not mentioned as included

Difficulty Rating

2 (Light Adventure)

Single Surcharge

A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

Prices are based on per person, twin share.

Notes

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

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Price Dependent upon Currency fluctuation, seasonality and availability at time of booking.

Sustainability