

Ecuador - Galapagos 8 Day Cruise C+A (2026)

Trip Code

ECGACA8

Departure



Introduction

Experience the breath taking beauty and biodiversity of the Galapagos Islands aboard the Galaxy Yacht. This 8-day itinerary takes you on an unforgettable journey through the northeast and south-eastern islands, where you'll encounter iconic wildlife, stunning volcanic landscapes, and pristine beaches. Enjoy activities like snorkelling with sea lions, hiking through unique ecosystems, and exploring historic sites, all guided by expert naturalists for an immersive and educational adventure.

Itinerary

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Direct Arrival Galapagos Islands

Duration

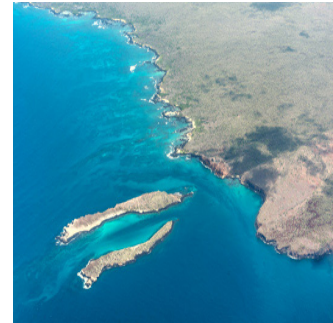
8 Days

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! Your journey continues with an 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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Departing Santa Fe & South Plaza

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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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Darwin Bay on Genovesa Island

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Location

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Beach, you will be amazed by

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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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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Day 3 Kicker Rock & Lobos Island

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This morning, embark on an unforgettable panga (snugly) ride around Kicker Rock, Ecuador & 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. Venture to Lobos Island, a tranquil islet secluded from San Cristobal by a slim channel. This nature's cradle, amidst a serene bay, is the playground for sea lion pups frolicking in tidal pools. The island might be modest in size, but it bursts with life, particularly with "lobos marinos" or sea lions. As you step ashore, welcoming committees of sea lions would greet you, only to be outraged by the male frigatebirds inland, presenting their inflamed red balloons amidst the verdant foliage. Stay vigilant for the blue-footed boobies nesting on the trails, ready to treat you to a display of their whimsical courtship dance.



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Depart Suarez Point & Gardner Bay

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Embark the morning at Suarez Point. This

Location presents a natural gallery of the

Ecuador & Galapagos Islands, beginning with an awe-

inspiring array of fauna. Upon landing,

you'll be greeted by sea lions and marine

iguanas, your first hosts in this nature

carnival. As you venture further, you'll

encounter a mosaic of seabird colonies -

from the striking Nazca and blue-footed

boobies to the elegant gulls and tropicbirds.

The pinnacle of this journey brings you face-

to-face with the waved albatross, the

island's largest bird (present from April to

January). This majestic creature, exclusive

to Española, will captivate you with its

powerful flight and intricate courtship

display. Transition into the afternoon with a

thrilling adventure to Gardner Bay, a

pristine piece of paradise in the Galapagos

archipelago. Sugar-white coral sands merge

with crystal-clear turquoise waters, creating

a tropical oasis. Watch as the beach

becomes a theater, starring sun-basking sea

lions in a playful performance. This idyllic

setting invites you to stroll along the coast,

immersing yourself in an enlightening

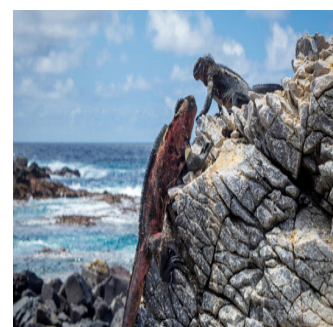
experience as you delve into the biology of

the endemic fauna - from the melodious

Española mockingbird and the unique

marine iguanas to the regal Galapagos

hawks.



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Departed: Cormoran Point & Post Office Bay

Duration

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Ship your expedition northwards to

Cormoran Point, renowned for its

Ecuador & Galapagos Islands.

Expansive coastal lagoons teeming with

American flamingos, white-cheeked pintails,

black-necked stilts, and other shorebirds.

This natural haven also features a pristine

white sand beach, a crucial nesting ground

for green sea turtles, and a newly

established breeding ground for blue-footed

boobies near the trail. Amidst this vibrant

wildlife, also take the opportunity to admire

the island's unique flora. Post Office Bay is

imbued with tales from the late 1920s and

'30s involving German settlers, a baroness,

unsolved mysteries, and captivating

intrigue. The bay was a historic anchoring

point for whalers, who journeyed to the

highlands for freshwater and tortoises. A

mail system over two centuries old was

established as a hub for visiting vessels

centered around a barrel near the beach.

This system endures today, offering a

unique opportunity to send postcards from

this remote part of the world. Apart from its

rich history, Post Office Bay presents

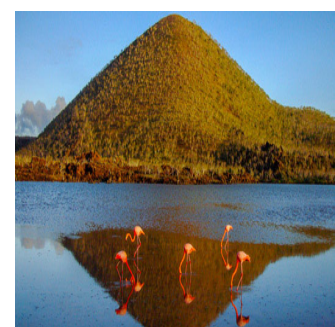
natural attractions such as a scenic beach, a

lava tunnel, and sea tours that can unveil

sea lions, green sea turtles, shorebirds,

small sharks, and, if luck permits,

Galapagos penguins.



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Ecuador & Galapagos Islands hand-in-hand with the Galapagos National Park to safeguard the archipelago's unique biodiversity. This visit provides insights into the collaborative efforts of these institutions to shield native species and combat the invasive ones threatening the delicate balance of the Galapagos ecosystem. One of their emblematic endeavors includes the captive breeding giant tortoises, an integral part of the conservation strategy. Amidst the educational venture, enjoy the setting of an outdoor native dry forest adorned with towering cacti and a rich array of fascinating endemic flora. This is an ideal spot to discover various endemic Darwin finches, as well as vivacious flycatchers and melodious mockingbirds. As the day winds down, prepare for your return to the Ecuador mainland. Reflect on the extraordinary experiences and memories created as you journey back. The return trip is a time to relax and ponder the unique ecosystems and incredible wildlife you've encountered, leaving the enchanted islands behind but taking a piece of their magic. This concludes your remarkable journey through the Galapagos, filled with awe-inspiring encounters with nature's wonders, leaving you with a deeper appreciation for the delicate balance of our planet's ecosystems.



Inclusions & Details

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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

2 (Light Adventure)

Difficulty Rating

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