

Galapagos Islands - North Islands | Monserrat

Trip Code
ECVNM4D
Departure



Introduction

Voyage out on a 4-day cruise through the **Galápagos Islands**. The journey unfolds with a visit to the Santa Cruz Highlands, where giant tortoises roam freely, and the **Charles Darwin Research Station** sheds light on conservation efforts. Cruise out to the Santa Cruz, with unique landscapes and explore volcanic tubes. Visit Genovesa, Darwins Bay and Prince Steps. Snorkel with an amazing array of marine life, including turtles, sea lions and even hammerhead sharks . Continue to Bartolme Island and Bowditch Point, where endemic species, unique marine life and dramatic landscapes create an immersive experience. Conclude your expedition with a visit to Bachas Beach, with its soft white sand, a prime nesting site for sea turtles, before bidding farewell to the Galápagos Islands.

Check out the [5 Day Central & Eastern](#) Galapagos Islands cruise onboard Monserrat.

Itinerary

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Direct Arrival Galapagos Islands

Duration

4 Days

In the morning, upon your arrival at Baltra

Location From your mainland flight, you will

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

be greeted by your local guide who will

assist you for the rest of your voyage. Later

this afternoon, you will get to explore the

highlands of Santa Cruz and see the

magnificent Galápagos giant tortoise in its

natural habitat. Get to discover the

remarkable landscapes and visit

underground lava tunnels - some extending

over 1km (.6 mi) in length! While wandering

along these volcanic tubes, keep a lookout

for the (mostly) nocturnal barn owls that

occasionally inhabit this area.



DAY 2: Genovesa, Darwins Bay & Prince

Phillips steps

Today sail to the beautiful and remote

Genovesa Island. This island is a paradise

for bird lovers with an estimated 200,000

red-footed boobies living on this island. This

morning you will visit Darwin Bay, a

birdwatching paradise. The island hosts

various bird species, including swallow-

tailed and lava gulls, mockingbirds, yellow-

crowned night herons, lava herons,

Galapagos doves, and yellow warblers. A

short trail will take you to red-footed booby

and great frigatebird nests. You can also

explore a tidal lagoon with playful sea lions

and enjoy breathtaking views from a cliff.

You may even have time to snorkel with sea

lions and for sea turtles. In the afternoon

hike the steep 81-foot stairway leading to a

cliff offering stunning views over the bay.

Hiking the Palo Santo trail, visitors can spot

Nazca and red-footed boobies,

mockingbirds, finches, wedge-rumped storm

petrels, and short-eared owls. Later you will

have the opportunity to do some deep-water

snorkelling, offering a chance to see unique

marine wildlife, including hammerhead

sharks.



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Day 3: Bartolme Island & Bowditch Point

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Today's excursion includes a hike to the summit on Bartolme Island, offering stunning panoramic views of the island and

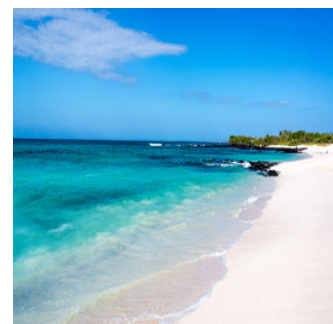
nearby volcanic formations, including Pinnacle Rock. You will also get a great perspective of the Galapagos Islands' volcanic origins. In the morning, you have the opportunity to snorkel around Pinnacle Rock, and excellent spot to see Galapagos penguins, sea lions, sea turtles, and various fish. In the afternoon, you'll visit Bowditch Point, one of the more remote, less-visited sites in the Galapagos. This is another excellent snorkeling area with giant schools of black-striped salema, parrotfish, and Mexican hogfish, or you could try kayak or stand-up paddleboarding instead.

Afterwards, enjoy some time relaxing on the beach or exploring the area.



DAY 4: Bachas Beach and Departure

The final day starts at Bachas Beach a stunning beach with soft, white sand made of decomposed coral, which is a prime nesting site for sea turtles. While on shore, you will get to spot Sally Lightfoot crabs and a variety of wildlife, including flamingos, hermit crabs, black-necked stilts, and sea lions. The day will end with you disembarking at Baltra for your return flight to mainland Ecuador.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Cabin on board a Ship

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Locations	Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America
Inclusions	<p>INCLUSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabin accommodation Fuel Surcharge All meals on board Activities and excursions as depicted in the itineraries in company of a bilingual naturalist guide Snorkelling equipment Kayak Wetsuits Stand up Paddle Board Group transfers to/from the Yacht (please note if you arrive on different flights to the rest of group surcharges may apply for transfers) <p>EXCLUSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air ticket to and from Galapagos Gratuities to guides and crew Personals expenses Alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages. Travel insurance International Airfare Visas if applicable Wifi onboard Anything not mentioned on the itinerary Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee* (US\$200 from Aug 2024, price subject to change) Galapagos Control Transit \$20* (price subject to change)
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	<p>A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information. There may be a limited number of cabins available onboard for sole occupancy. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. Please note water activities are subject to weather conditions. 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 Snorkelling equipment is available in average sizes onboard complimentary. Wetsuits are available at different sizes complimentary, on a first comes first served basis Kayaks and stand up paddle boards are available complimentary to use Cooking and cocktail lessons are complimentary Passengers can open a tab for their bar and boutique consumption. Tabs must be settled the last night of the cruise in Us dollars and in cash.</p>
Notes	<p>* Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.</p> <p>Price Dependent upon Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.</p>
Sustainability	