

Galapagos Islands - Western Galapagos Islands | Monserrat

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Introduction

Experience the remote beauty of the Galapagos Islands aboard the Monserrat Yacht on a five-day journey through some of the archipelago's most pristine and wildlife-rich locations. This itinerary offers a balance of guided walks, snorkelling excursions, and peaceful cruising, allowing you to fully immerse yourself in the landscapes and ecosystems that make the Galapagos so extraordinary.

From volcanic shores and mangrove coves to secluded beaches and open sea, each stop reveals a new facet of the islands' natural diversity. Swim alongside sea turtles, rays, and playful sea lions, observe unique bird species like blue-footed boobies and flightless cormorants, and explore habitats untouched by invasive species. Whether on land or underwater, the encounters are as educational as they are awe-inspiring.

The Monserrat provides a comfortable and relaxed base throughout your trip, with expert naturalist guides on board to share the stories behind the islands' geology, history, and wildlife. Ideal for nature lovers and curious travellers alike, this itinerary offers a rich, rewarding way to explore one of the world's most iconic ecological destinations.

Itinerary

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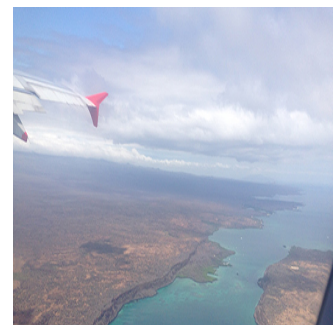
Direct Arrival to Galapagos Islands

Duration

5 Days arrival on Baltra Island and once

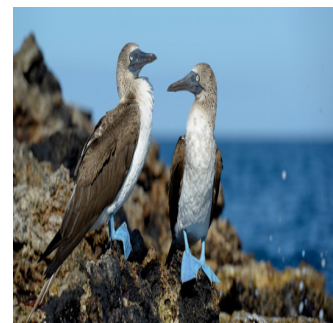
you've cleared immigration and customs,
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America
Our Monserrat expert naturalist guide will

welcome you to the archipelago and escort
you to the vessel. In the afternoon, visit
Cerro Dragón (Dragon Hill), renowned as
one of the archipelago's best bird-watching
sites. A short walk from the beach brings
you to a hypersaline lagoon—saltier than
the ocean—where pink flamingos, common
stilts, pintail ducks and other waterbirds
congregate. En route, you'll pass through a
forest of endemic Scalesia trees—an iconic
genus of which only around 400 specimens
remain worldwide.



DAY 2: Buccaneer's Cove & Puerto Egas

In the morning, you'll head to Buccaneer
Cove for a thrilling panga ride along its
towering cliff-wall rock formations—once a
favorite hideout for pirates stocking up on
food and fresh water. As you cruise the
cove, keep an eye out for sea lions basking
on the beach and seabirds nesting in the
crevices above. After the ride, slip into the
clear waters for a snorkeling adventure
alongside playful sea lions and curious fur
seals. In the afternoon, you'll explore Puerto
Egas—also known as James Bay—where a
salt crater, dark-sand beach, and rocky tidal
pools set the stage for abundant wildlife.
Wander the shoreline spotting shorebirds
and sun-bathing marine iguanas, then grab
your snorkel and dive in right from the
beach. Beneath the surface, look for rays,
turtles, and reef sharks before finishing
your visit among the tide-pools, alive with
Sally Lightfoot crabs and more marine
iguanas.



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Day 3 - Vicente Roca & Espinoza Point

Duration

5 Days

In the morning, we'll visit Vicente Roca

Point on Isabela's western shore, where the

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Bolivar Channel churns up some of the

richest marine life on Earth. As we cruise

along sheer cliffs, you'll spot blue-footed

and Nazca boobies, brown pelicans, noddies

and even flightless cormorants perched on

lava outcrops. Then it's time to don your

mask and fins for deep-water snorkeling:

schools of Galápagos green turtles glide

beneath you, and if visibility's clear you

might glimpse reef sharks and graceful rays

weaving through swaying corals. In the

afternoon, we'll hop ashore at Espinoza

Point on Fernandina—arguably the

archipelago's most untouched island, free of

any invasive species. First, wander among

tidal pools teeming with tiny fish, mollusks

and, on lucky days, a stranded ray or sea

turtle. A short trail leads past marine iguana

burrows and sun-bathing sea lions, ending

at the nests of the rare flightless

cormorant—only a few hundred of which

remain in the western islands. To cap it off,

slip back into the water for more snorkeling,

where curious penguins dart below and

marine iguanas bob on the surface

alongside gentle sea turtles.



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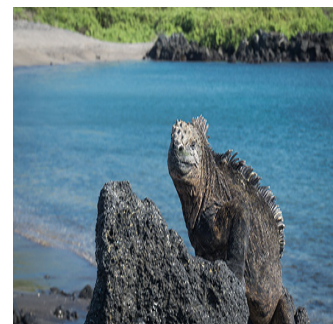
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Day 4: Urbina Bay & Tagus Cove

Duration

5 Days
In the morning, you'll make a wet landing on the beach at Urbina Bay—where the sea floor must slayward in 1951, revealing a coral reef terrace that's still one of the youngest landscapes in the archipelago.

Under the watchful slopes of Alcedo Volcano, you'll follow a winding trail past grazing Galápagos giant tortoises and sun-bathing land iguanas. As the path loops back toward the shore, colonies of flightless cormorants cling to the rocks, their glossy feathers shimmering in the sun. Before you leave, slip into the clear water for a snorkel: curious Galápagos penguins will dart around you while marine iguanas graze on underwater algae. In the afternoon, we'll venture to Tagus Cove on Isabela's northwestern coast—a sheltered inlet once frequented by whalers, pirates, and even Charles Darwin in 1835, whose footsteps (and those of countless sailors) are still etched into the cliff walls. After a dry landing, stroll along the shoreline where blue-footed boobies, brown noddies and, in season, Galápagos penguins and woodpecker finches flit among the volcanic boulders. Then climb the short trail to Darwin's Lake—a surprising saltwater lagoon perched high on the volcano's flank—where your naturalist guide will share the scientific theories behind this rare inland sea.



DAY 5: Black Turtle Cove & Disembarkation

Early in the morning, enjoy a panga ride through Black Turtle Cove's mangroves, spotting manta rays, green turtles and whitetip reef sharks. Afterwards, return to Baltra Island, disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight back to mainland Ecuador.



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Cabin on board a Ship

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INCLUSIONS

Locations
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

Cabin accommodation.
Fuel Surcharge.

- All meals on board
- All 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).

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

- 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

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.

Notes

* 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