

Ecuador - Western Galapagos Cruise 6 Day Itinerary C | Sea Star

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Introduction

This 6-day cruise combines active exploration with close-up wildlife encounters across six Galapagos islands. Guests snorkel in clear waters with penguins, sea turtles, rays, sea lions and tropical fish. Then hike volcanic trails with panoramic views like at Sierra Negra and Moreno Point to observe rare species like flightless cormorants and lava lizards. Visits to tortoise and marine iguana habitats offer insight into conservation efforts. Sometimes an adventure to cruise along waterways in pangas to observe close up with out disturbing the wildlife. Birdwatching highlights include Galapagos penguins, frigatebirds displaying their throat sac, flamingos, Darwin's finches, Galapagos hawks and blue-footed boobies with their unique courtship displays to each other. **This itinerary blends human history along with the rich natural history and biodiversity below the water and on these incredible islands.**

Want to explore more of these magnificent Galapagos Islands? You can combine this cruise itinerary onboard the Galapagos Sea Star with either the [Northern Galapagos Cruise 5 Day Itinerary](#) or the [Southern Galapagos Cruise 6 Day Itinerary](#) to the start or end of this current itinerary.*

(* Subject to scheduling & availability. Please [Contact Us](#) for full information)

Itinerary

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Selected Thursdays
Direct Arrival Baltra Airport & Santa Cruz

Duration

6 Days

Locations
You will arrive at Baltra Island in the
Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, South America

Morning. After passing through immigration
and baggage claim, you will be met by a Sea
Star staff member and brought into a

private bus to start your adventure in
Galapagos. Please note: Your first excursion
in the Galapagos will be after being picked
up at the airport upon arrival to the islands,

before boarding the cruise. It is essential for

you to arrive in the Galapagos wearing
comfortable clothes, good closed-toe shoes

suitable for an excursion, a long-brimmed
hat, sun lotion, sunglasses, and to ensure

you have your camera handy. In the

afternoon you will visit "Fausto Llerena"

Tortoise Breeding Center in Puerto Ayora,
where giant tortoises are bred in captivity.

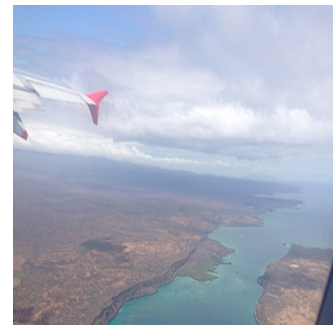
This is home to tortoises ranging from 3-
inches (new hatchlings) to 4-foot long

adults. Subspecies of the giant tortoises
interact with one another, and many of the

older tortoises are accustomed to humans
stretching out their heads for a photo

opportunity. The babies are kept until they
are about four years-old and strong enough

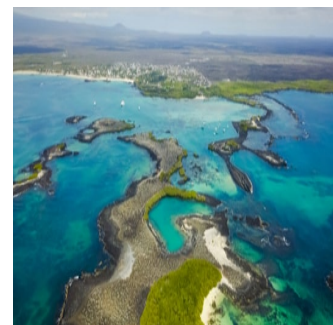
to survive on their own.



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In the morning you will visit Tintorerías, located a short distance from Puerto Villamil, Ecuador. It is home to a great variety of wildlife. Its turquoise, crystalline waters are inhabited by white-tip reef sharks, Galapagos penguins, marine turtles and sea lions. One of its beaches surrounded by mangroves is one of the few sites where marine iguanas can reproduce successfully. Afterwards, a visit to the Sierra Negra Volcano, which is the largest basaltic caldera in the Galapagos with a diameter of 6.2 miles (10 km). The site offers impressive views and the opportunity to observe up to seven species of finches and a rich display of vegetation. The north side of the caldera provides evidence of its most recent volcanic activity in 2005. In the afternoon you will visit the Wetlands of Isabela Island, located just outside of Puerto Villamil. They consist of lagoons, swamps, and mangroves and are home to a variety of unique bird species such as common stilts, whimbrels, white-cheeked pintails, and gallinules. The Wetlands can be visited on foot via a path through the swamps.



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Day 3: Isabela Island

In the morning you will visit Moreno Point is

located southwest of Elizabeth Bay. Here a

dry landing cone is what was once flowing lava

is possible. The lava has left craters in its

wake which formed crystal tide pools. By

looking into the pools, you can peer into

another world as the marine life drifts by

your window. In the brackish pools of this

area, you may see pink flamingos, white-

cheeked pintails, and common gallinules. If

you look carefully into the pools, you may

see white-tip reef sharks and some sea

turtles. In the afternoon you will visit

Elizabeth Bay. Elizabeth Bay is located on

the east coast of Isabela Island. The bay

contains many islets, which can be visited

by dinghy. Penguins and blue-footed

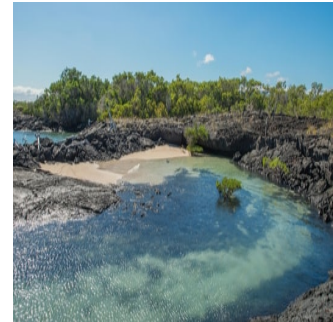
boobies can be spotted on the rocky islets.

With an abundance of marine life and clear

water, the area is perfect for snorkelling

and viewing schools of colourful fish, sea

lions, and perhaps even sharks.



DAY 4: Fernandina & Isabela Islands

In the morning you will visit Espinoza Point.

Crossing the Bolivar Channel that divides

Isabela and Fernandina Islands, you will

land at Espinoza Point, and after walking

past a colony of marine iguanas and a group

of sea lions, you will reach the island's

highlight: the flightless cormorant nesting

site. This area also provides a great

opportunity to see the Galapagos hawk. In

the afternoon you will visit Tagus Cove on

Isabela Island which is located across from

Fernandina Island, near the Bolivar Channel

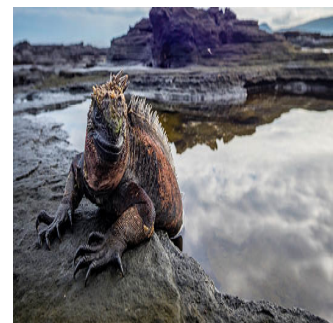
dividing the two islands. This spot has been

frequented by ships since the 1800s, using

the area as an anchorage site. Trails

winding by Lake Darwin up to a ridge

display wonderful views.



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In the morning you will either visit

Espumilla Beach or Buccaneer Cove

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regulations. In Espumilla Beach marine

iguanas lounge and the Sally Lightfoot

crabs attract the hunting herons performing

the dance of predator and prey right before

your eyes. Snorkelling is highly

recommended as you could come face to

face with an octopus, moray eel, shark and a

variety of other species of tropical fish.

Buccaneer Cove is a testament to the fact

that Santiago Island was once a refuge for

British buccaneers. These pirates would

anchor in the protected bay to make repairs

and stock up on tortoise meat among other

things. The steep cliffs, where hundreds of

seabirds perch in front of the dark red sand

beach, are a magnificent site. In the

afternoon you will visit Egas Port, also

known as James Bay, on Santiago Island is

home to the curious Galapagos hawks and

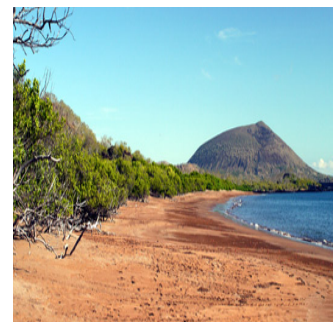
quick-footed Galapagos lava lizards. The

trail leads to the coastline with gorgeous

tide pools and grottos full of fauna. Here the

Galapagos fur seals bathe in the sun. This is

also a great snorkelling site.

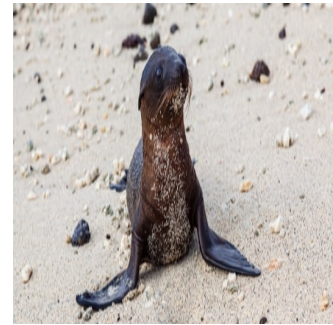


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 Arrives San Cristobal Island & Airport
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Locations
 In the morning you will visit take an
 Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, South America
 Excursion to Fernandina Island which means "Sea
 Lion Island" just off from San Cristobal

Island. This appropriately named island is
 ripe with noisy, playful, jolly sea lions who
 will welcome you to their home with open,
 well, fins. This island also offers great
 snorkelling opportunities as well as the
 chance to see blue-footed and Nazca
 boobies. After this final visit, you will be
 transferred to the San Cristobal airport in
 time for your flight back to the mainland.
 Please note: Itineraries are generally stable
 but may change due to weather, wildlife,
 safety, park regulations, guest abilities, or
 operational needs. Not all listed activities on
 each visitor point may be completed. Your
 guide and captain will always aim to choose
 the best possible itinerary.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Cabin on board ship

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation in your chosen cabin onboard the Galapagos Sea Star
- All meals and excursions while onboard the ship
- Group transfers in the islands
- English Speaking National Park Guide
- Use of snorkelling equipment/wetsuit
- Use of underwater camera
- Free Airport Assistance*
- Hotel night in Quito or Guayaquil (the day before the cruise)*

A free transfer to Galapagos Flights*
 *Applies only when purchasing roundtrip Galapagos/mainland airfare from the cruise operator

EXCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip airfare to/from Galapagos
- Alcoholic drinks
- Galapagos National Park Entrance fee (US\$200 per person from Aug 2024 - Subject to change)
- Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD\$20 per person - Subject to change)
- Travel/Medical insurance
- Gratuities
- Personal Expenses

Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)

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Notes

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Price Dependent upon seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.

Sustainability

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.

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