

Galapagos Islands - Western Galapagos Islands Cruise B

Trip Code
ECGS6D26
Departure



Introduction

This six-day Galapagos cruise explores the western and central islands, combining guided hikes, snorkelling and water-based activities with time to experience the region's most wildlife-rich environments. Travelling with experienced naturalist guides, guests discover volcanic coastlines, mangroves, highlands and remote bays, with daily excursions designed to offer close wildlife encounters both on land and in the water.

The itinerary includes Santa Cruz, Isabela, Fernandina and Santiago Islands, with highlights such as snorkelling with penguins and flightless cormorants at Tagus Cove, observing large marine iguana colonies at Espinoza Point, and exploring mangrove channels at Elizabeth Bay by panga or kayak. Encounters with giant tortoises, sea lions, reef sharks, rays, flamingos and a wide variety of seabirds are common, while visits like the Santa Cruz highlands and historic sites at Buccaneer Cove add cultural and geological context to the journey.

**Itinerary valid from 1st April 2026 onwards*

Itinerary

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Select: Saturdays Galapagos

Duration

6 Days

Welcome to Galapagos! Upon arrival at
Baltra Airport, your naturalist guide will
meet you and assist with the transfer to

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

Itabaca Channel. This initial journey offers

your first connection with the archipelago

as you take a short ferry ride to Santa Cruz

Island. Along the way, observe Baltra's arid

landscape and learn about its history as a

former U.S. WWII airbase. This is just the

beginning of the many fascinating stories

awaiting you on your adventure. PM:

HIGHLANDS Either if you do this visit

starting from Baltra or from Puerto Ayora, a

bus will take you to the highlands stopping

along the way at one of the reserves to visit

the lush highland forests where you will

look for Galapagos Giant tortoises in their

natural environment. This is the best place

in the Galapagos to see these gentle giants

(reaching over 300 kg / 600 pounds!)

casually grazing and resting in freshwater

ponds. This is also home for a great

diversity of birds rarely found at the

lowlands, including finches (tree,

woodpecker and vegetarian finches),

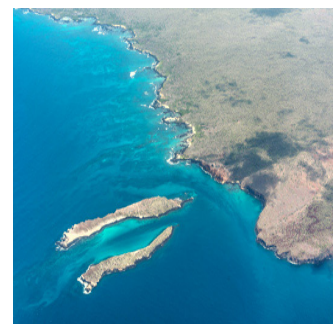
flycatchers and several species of water

birds. You will visit a lava tunnel (depending

on the itinerary) and learn how these

extraordinary formations were created by

ancient volcanic eruptions.



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Select Saturdays
Day 2: Moreno Point & Elizabeth Bay

Duration

6 Days MORENO POINT Moreno Point is a

location place with extensive lava fields

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

which look like a forest at first sight. Once

inland, scattered brackish lagoons form an

oasis of life where you can find flamingos,

gallinules, ducks and herons. Along the

shore we will look for penguins, marine

iguanas, flightless cormorants, blue-footed

boobies, sea lions, oystercatchers and other

shore birds. PM: ELIZABETH BAY Elizabeth

Bay is a beautiful sheltered bay surrounded

by large mangroves and barren lava fields.

There is no trail here so you will take a

dinghy tour to explore many channels, pools

and coves teeming with life. This is one of

the best locations in the islands to see

Galapagos penguins, but don't expect to see

thousands of them, as the entire population

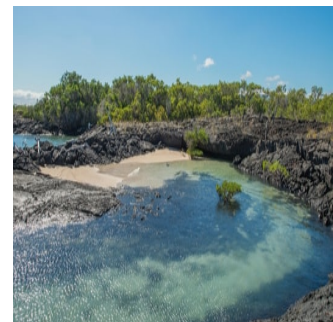
of the islands is only about 3.000 of them.

Flightless cormorants also nest in the area

and blue-footed boobies and pelicans often

fish in these shallow and rich waters. Rays

and sea turtles are also very abundant.



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Depart: Saturdays
Arrive: Urbina Bay & Tagus Cove

Duration

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AM: URBINA BAY This place is known for
its dramatic uplifting that happened here
during the 1900s. A large portion of the

coast was pushed up, exposing many
hectares of previously submerged land.

Look carefully along the trail and you will
find small shells and corals, a proof that the
area was underwater more than sixty years

ago. The trail will give the opportunity to
see land iguanas and, during certain
seasons, giant tortoises. Galapagos hawks
nest in the area and are often seen flying or

perched on the trees. **PM: TAGUS COVE**

Tagus Cove is steeped in history, once
visited by Charles Darwin during his

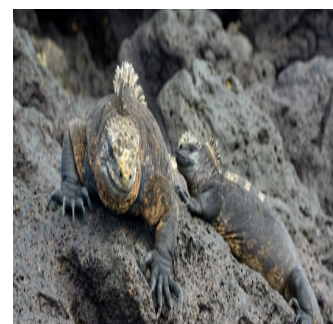
Galapagos exploration. A scenic trail winds

through dry Palo Santo forests, where
Darwin's finches and mockingbirds can be
spotted. At the top, breathtaking views of

Lake Darwin and Isabela's towering
volcanoes await. A boat tour along the shore

provides a chance to observe Galapagos
penguins, flightless cormorants, marine

iguanas, and the elusive Galapagos martin,
one of the rarest and most endangered birds
in the archipelago.



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Day 01: Saturday Point & Albermarle Point

Duration

6 Days

Locations

Operations

PM: ALBERMARLE POINT In the

afternoon, visit Albemarle Point, where

military history meets Galapagos wildlife.

During WWII, the U.S. built a radar base

here to monitor potential Japanese threats,

and remnants of this structure remain

visible today. Despite its stark, lava-covered

landscape, the coastline is rich in wildlife.

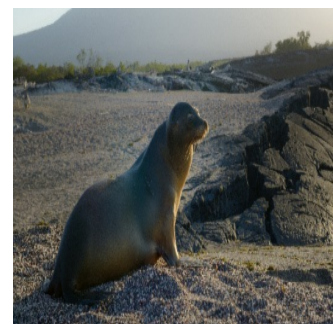
Some of the largest marine iguanas in the

archipelago reside here, alongside

Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants,

and various shorebirds, making this a

fascinating blend of history and nature.



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Saturday, 14th September & Espumilla Beach

Duration

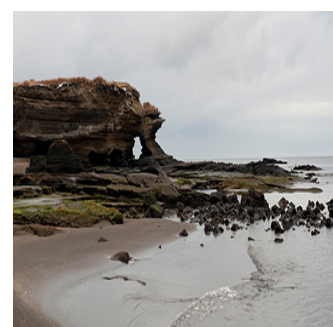
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AM: EGAS PORT Puerto Egas is a fascinating destination where history and Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

wildlife intertwine. While there is no actual port, remnants of 1960s colonization attempts still stand. The coastal trail is teeming with marine iguanas basking in the sun and sea lions resting on the rocks.

Herons, oystercatchers, and shorebirds complete this thriving ecosystem. Towards the end of the trail, the grottos are home to a small colony of the elusive Galapagos fur seal. Additionally, land iguanas were reintroduced to the island in 2019 after over a century of absence.

PM: ESPUMILLA BEACH / BUCCANEER COVE Espumilla Beach, on Santiago's northern coast, is a stunning one-kilometer stretch of rusty-brown sand. Surrounded by mangroves and dry forest, it hosts Galapagos hawks, finches, and mockingbirds, while flamingos and ducks may appear in the salt pan during the rainy season. Then, at Buccaneer Cove, discover a historic pirate hideout from the 17th and 18th centuries. Towering cliffs and striking rock formations create a breathtaking landscape. Although there's no trail, a dinghy ride offers a unique chance to observe wildlife and delve into the archipelago's history.



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Start: Saturdays Galapagos Island

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6 Days AM: DRAGON HILL OR DAPHNE Explore

Location two remarkable sites in

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

where land iguanas roam and flamingos

gather at a saltwater lagoon, and Daphne

Major, home to nesting seabirds and

groundbreaking finch evolution research.

Both offer unique, unforgettable wildlife

experiences. PM: BALTRA AIRPORT

(RETURN) Your Galapagos adventure comes

to an end. Today, you will be transferred to

Baltra Airport, where your National Park

naturalist guide will assist you with final

details before your flight back to mainland

Ecuador. As you bid farewell to this

paradise, take with you the unforgettable

memories of one of the world's most

extraordinary destinations.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin On Board A Catamaran Yacht

INCLUSIONS

Accommodation in double cabin

Transfers in the Galapagos and airport assistance

All meals during the cruise

Water coffee and tea & soft drink

All excursions as per the itinerary*

English-Speaking Naturalist guide

Snorkelling equipment

Kayak & Paddle board equipment

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

Return airfares from mainland Ecuador

Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee (US\$200 per person from Aug 2024 - Subject to change)

Galapagos Transit Control Card (US\$20 per person - Subject to change)

Wet suit rental

Alcoholic drinks

Personal expenses

Gratuities for crew/guides

Services not specified

Difficulty Rating

2 (Light Adventure)

Single Surcharge

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

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Select Saturdays

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Duration

Please note kayak & paddle board activities are subject to weather conditions.

6 Days

Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated).

Notes

Locations

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

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America



*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