

## Galapagos Islands - Central Galapagos Islands Cruise C

Trip Code  
ECGSIC26  
Departure



### Introduction

This six-day cruise offers a diverse snapshot of the Galápagos, moving through the central and northern islands with a strong focus on wildlife encounters and active exploration. Days are spent alternating between island walks, snorkelling sessions and small-boat excursions, allowing guests to experience the archipelago from multiple perspectives, both above and below the water.

Travelling between Santa Cruz, Genovesa, Santiago, Bartolomé, North Seymour and Rabida, the journey features highlights such as gliding through mangroves at Black Turtle Cove, snorkelling alongside penguins and reef sharks at Chinese Hat and Bartolomé, and visiting one of the Galápagos' most important seabird breeding sites on Genovesa. Regular sightings include sea lions, giant tortoises, land and marine iguanas, rays, frigatebirds and several booby species, with time ashore in the Santa Cruz highlands and at the San Cristóbal Interpretation Centre providing insight into the islands' natural and human history.

*\*Itinerary valid from 1st April 2026 onwards*

### Itinerary

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Select: Thursday  
Arrive Galapagos Islands

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:

**BLACK TURTLE COVE** Black Turtle Cove

gets its name from the abundance of green

sea turtles, locally known as: "tortugas

negras". There is no landing here so you

will be doing a boat tour on the dinghies,

exploring shallow channels and small coves

surrounded by beautiful mangrove forests.

Reef sharks, sea turtles and several species

of rays inhabit this beautiful area which is

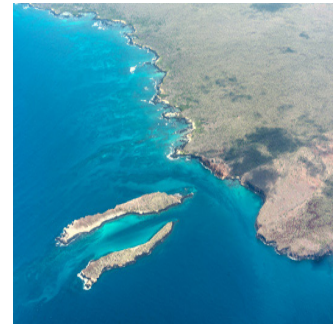
considered an important mating area for

turtles and a nursery for several species of

sharks. Herons, pelicans and boobies are

also common here as they pray in schools of

anchovies.



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Days: Thursdays

Days: Chinese Hat & Rabida

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AM: CHINESE HAT Named for its

location, the cone shape, Chinese Hat is a

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

San Pedro separated from Santiago by a

narrow channel, forming one of Galapagos'

most picturesque bays. Its turquoise waters,

coral-sand beaches, and volcanic rocks

create a stunning landscape. A coastal trail

leads you through a sea lion colony, while

on the lava rocks, you may spot penguins

resting. This site perfectly blends

breathtaking scenery with Galapagos'

remarkable wildlife, making for an

unforgettable experience. PM: RABIDA

Rabida is a small island famous for its

reddish lava rocks (rich in iron) which gives

it a unique look. The beach is also red and

hosts a small colony of sea lions. There is a

small salt water lagoon where we will see

ducks and stilts and sometimes flamingoes.

The trail will take you inland to get beautiful

views of the beach and the lagoon. Look for

Darwin finches, flycatchers and

mockingbirds. In the cliffs along the coast

you can find Nazca and blue-footed boobies,

brown noddy, herons and the two species of

sea lions: Galapagos and fur seals.



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Day 3: North Seymour & Highlands

Duration

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AM: NORTH SEYMOUR This island is home

for large colonies of both magnificent and

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great frigatebirds and you can see them

displaying their red balloons to attract a

female. Blue-footed boobies nest in the

ground and perform their famous dance in

the open areas, while swallow-tailed gulls

perch on the cliff edges. Land iguanas are

common inland while their marine cousins

bask in the rocks by the sea, close to sea

lions, which often like to body surf in the

waves. 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),

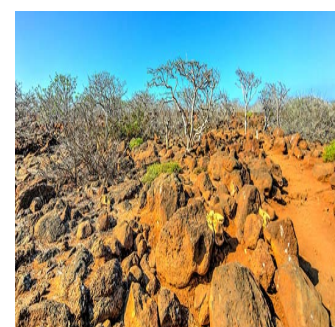
flycatchers and several species of water

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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Day of: Thursdays  
Depart: El Barranco & Darwin Bay

Duration

6 Days EL BARRANCO El Barranco is located

in the southern part of Darwin Bay at

Galapagos Islands Ecuador, South America

Genovesa Island. The cliffs facing the sea

are made of very fragile fractured lava,

making it the ideal place for storm petrels

to build their colonies, which attracts an

important population of short-eared owls

preying on the nesting birds. Red footed and

Nazca boobies are abundant along the trail.

At the base of the cliffs you can see

Galapagos fur seals resting in shaded areas,

as well as several species of seabirds. PM:

DARWIN BAY Genovesa is a favorite island

for birdwatchers as it is home for very large

colonies of seabirds. From the minute you

set foot at the beach you will be amazed by

the noise of hundreds of boobies, gulls and

frigatebirds flying over your heads, perched

in the bushes or nesting on the sandy

terrain. The trail is an ultimate wildlife

experience as there are animals

everywhere; sea lions and marine iguanas

near the sea; night herons, lava and swallow

tailed gulls, Darwin finches, Galapagos

doves, mockingbirds and many more species

inland.



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Day 3: Bartolome Island

Duration

6 Days SULLIVAN BAY This hike is a journey

into understanding the birth of these

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volcanic islands. You will walk on a very well

preserved flow of Pahoehoe lava, which will

give you endless opportunities to see the

delicate textures of these types of lavas

which only appear in a few places

throughout the world. At first sight the

barren landscape looks completely deprived

of life, but look carefully for pioneer plants,

lava lizards and small birds. By the shore,

you can find penguins, pelicans and

oystercatchers. PM: BARTOLOME

Bartolome is one of the most iconic islands

in Galapagos, renowned for its dramatic

volcanic landscape and the famous Pinnacle

Rock. Nestled beside a peach-colored sand

beach, this island is one of the few places

where you can spot penguins without

traveling to remote Isabela and Fernandina.

The hike to the summit offers breathtaking

views of a lunar-like terrain dotted with

volcanic cones, with stunning panoramas of

Sullivan Bay and Pinnacle Rock. From the

top, the vast beauty of the archipelago

unfolds before you, creating a truly

unforgettable experience.



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Sale to: Thursdays

Day 6: Depart Galapagos Islands

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AM: INTERPRETATION CENTER Located in

the outskirts of Puerto Baquerizo, this

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, South America

center is dedicated to the history of human

presence in the Galapagos. Since the times

of the early Spanish explorers to the present

times, including illustrious visitors such as

Charles Darwin, this permanent exhibition

will take you through the dangers and

struggles of the first settlers trying to

survive the harsh Galapagos environment.

PM: SAN CRISTOBAL AIRPORT (RETURN)

After exploring the breathtaking

biodiversity and unique landscapes of the

Galapagos, it's time to return to mainland

Ecuador. You'll be transferred to the

airport, bringing this unforgettable journey

to a close. Every encounter with giant

tortoises, blue-footed boobies, and volcanic

landscapes will remain etched in your

memory. Galapagos is not just a destination;

it's a transformative experience that will

stay with you forever. Wishing you a

wonderful journey back!



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Cabin On Board A Catamaran Yacht

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### 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.

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

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

Notes

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.

\*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.

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