

## **5 DAY GALAPAGOS CRUISE A ABOARD CATAMARAN ECO GALAXY**

This 5-day Galapagos Islands cruise, beginning at San Cristobal Airport and concluding at Baltra Airport on Santa Cruz Island, offers an immersive journey through the southeastern islands of the archipelago. The itinerary visits San Cristobal, Española, Floreana, Santa Fe, South Plazas, and Santa Cruz, featuring snorkeling, hiking, and wildlife observation. Key experiences include encountering sea lions and albatrosses on Española, exploring Floreana's historic Post Office Bay and flamingo habitats, and observing land iguanas on South Plazas. Guided excursions, including a visit to the Charles Darwin Station, highlight the region's unique biodiversity, volcanic landscapes, and conservation efforts, providing a rich introduction to the Galapagos' natural wonders.



### ITINERARY

### Day 1 SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND & LOBOS ISLAND

Embark on an unforgettable journey to the Galapagos Islands, where nature thrives in its purest form. Your adventure begins at San Cristobal's modest yet bustling airport, where a seasoned naturalist guide will greet you. This guardian of the ecosystem will introduce you to a world of breathtaking landscapes and unparalleled biodiversity. Feel the excitement as you step into this living sanctuary, a UNESCO World Heritage site, marking the beginning of an extraordinary exploration.

Lobos Island, a small islet near San Cristobal, offers an unforgettable wildlife experience. Upon landing, groups of sea lions will greet you as they play in tidal pools. Walking inland, you'll spot frigatebirds perched in bushes, displaying their inflated red pouches, while blue-footed boobies nest along the

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# trail, performing their iconic courtship dance. In the calm waters, snorkeling provides an incredible opportunity to swim with playful sea lions, while sea turtles and rays rest on the sandy bottom.

## Day 2 AM: GARDNER BAY / ISLOTE GARDNER / OSBORN ISLET & PM: SUAREZ POINT

Gardner beach is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful and interesting beaches to visit in the Galapagos. Its fine coral sand and turquoise water give it a totally tropical appearance, which contrasts with the presence of sea lions basking in the beach. You will have the opportunity to walk along the beach and learn about the biology of sea lions and other endemic species, such as the Española mockingbird, marine iguanas and Galapagos hawks.

This rocky trail is one the most amazing nature walks you can do in the Galapagos islands. From the moment you set foot on the island and all the way along the trail the amount and diversity of fauna is truly amazing. Sea lions and marine iguanas will be the first ones welcoming us, followed by large colonies of sea birds, including Nazca and Blue-footed boobies, gulls and tropicbirds. At the end of the trail we will visit a colony of waved albatross (April to January), the largest bird in the islands and one of the most interesting because of its powerful flight and elaborate courtship. Waved albatross only nest at Española, so this is the only place where you will see them at close range.

### Day 3 AM: POST OFFICE BAY & PM: CORMORANT POINT / DEVIL'S CROW

Floreana is famous for the tales of German settlers and the baroness during the late 1920's and 30 's. Assassinations, disappearances and other unsolved mysteries are the ingredients of this fascinating story. Post office bay was often used by whalers to anchor their ships and go up to the highlands to get freshwater and tortoises. Most boats visiting the Galapagos had to came to this place sooner or later, so a system of mail was established more than 200 years ago: a barrel near the beach became the way to leave messages to other ships and also to the outside world. This mail system is still in use and will allow you to send postcards from the Galapagos to the outside world. Aside from a small beautiful beach, the area is great for dinghy tours to look for sea lions, green sea turtles, shorebirds, small sharks and, with some luck, Galapagos penguins.

Punta Cormorant is located in the north of Floreana and it is known for its large coastal lagoon with American flamingos, white-cheeked pintails, black-necked stilts and other shorebirds. There is a beautiful white sand beach which is an important nesting ground for green sea turtles where we can also see rays and reef sharks. In recent years, a small group of blue footed boobies have started to breed right by the trail. This is also a great trail dayto look at endemic plants.

#### Day 4 AM: SANTA FE

Santa Fe Island, nestled in one of the most stunning bays in the Galapagos, boasts towering prickly-pear cacti and ancient lava formations. Its white-sand beach and turquoise waters are home to a large sea lion colony basking under the sun. As you follow the trail, look for the endemic Santa Fe land iguana and, if lucky, a Galapagos hawk perched atop a cactus scanning for prey. Along the way, Darwin's finches, Galapagos doves, mockingbirds, and lava lizards are commonly seen, making this hike a true wildlife experience.

Of the two twin islands, only South Plazas is open to visitors, while North Plazas remains a scientific research site. Despite its small size, South Plazas is teeming with wildlife. Upon landing, II find land iguanas lounging beneath Opuntia cacti, waiting for fallen fruit. A large sea lion colony dominates the shore, where playful pups explore tide pools while massive bulls defend their territory. The trail leads to a dramatic cliffside, offering breathtaking ocean views where frigatebirds, blue-footed boobies, red-billed tropicbirds, and swallow-tailed gulls soar. A blanket of reddish succulents covering the island adds to its striking beauty.

## Day 5 AM: CHARLES DARWIN STATION & PM: BALTRA AIRPORT RETURN

The Charles Darwin Station is a nonprofit organization which has been working for decades together with the Galapagos National Park to preserve the biodiversity of these unique islands. During this visit you will learn about the projects that both institutions carry together to protect the native species and eradicate the invasive ones which are threatening the Galapagos environment. One of the most important and emblematic projects has been reproducing giant tortoises in captivity. The visit is mostly outdoors in a beautiful dry native forest with giant cactus and many other interesting native plants. It is also a fantastic place to find several endemic Darwin finches, as well as flycatchers



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and mockingbirds.

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.

#### **Please Note:**

This itinerary is subject to change without notice; due to seasonal changes, weather conditions or Galapagos National Park regulations.





### YOUR SHIP: ECO GALAXY

YOUR SHIP:	Eco Galaxy
VESSEL TYPE:	Catamaran
LENGTH:	31 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	16
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2014

The EcoGalaxy is a comfortable catamaran built in Guayaquil in 2014. It was built according to ecological parameters that reduce the negative environmental impact of tourism in the Galapagos Islands. With 8 double cabins (4 on the upper deck, 4 on the main deck accommodating up to 16 passengers), panoramic windows, room safes, air conditioning, private wc-showers, this catamaran is one of the most comfortable cruises in the Galapagos. Some of the boat characteristics that reduce the negative environmental impact of tourism: Operates on low fuel consumption. Continuous self-cleaning through purifiers that allow the fuel to be recirculated. Energy-efficient LED lights are used for the illumination of the ship. Uses biodegradable cleaning products. Air conditioning and cooling systems that automatically adjust according to weather conditions. Fresh water system. There is a system adjustable pressure tank which provides for the efficient saving of fresh water inside the boat. Salvage and Security Equipment - 2 survival rafts for 20 passengers each - 1 survival raft for 8 passengers - 30 life jackets, type A - 25 life jackets, type B - 6 lifebuoys with nylon rope - Fire axes and Fire hoses - CO2 extinguishers - flare light, hand lights, smoke signals and other visual signals - Firemen suits, smoke signals. - One tank with its autonomous breathing equipment - First aid kit **Upper Deck** 4 Cabins, 1 Captain Cabin, 1 Guide Cabin, Bridge Main Deck 4 Cabins, 2 Cabins (bow), 2 Cabins (stern), Briefing Area, Coffee Station, Bar, Living Room, Dining Room, Boarding area Lower Deck Kitchen, Crew Dining Room, Cruise Director's Cabin, 2 Crew cabins, Machine Rooms, Laundry Bar & Restaurant Enjoy excellent food on board the EcoGalaxy Catamaran cruise. Our menu offers a variety of products from the Galapagos Islands. The menus are based on a balanced diet which includes carefully selected fruits, proteins and carbohydrates. Beverages included with the meals are soft drinks (not bottled) and juices. Meals are different every day and guests will enjoy a wide variety of foods. Breakfasts include fruits, sausages, cheese, and eggs prepared in a variety of ways. During the cruise, snacks will be served twice a day. When guests return from the excursions, special snacks and drinks are waiting that will surprise and delight them. We continually strive to satisfy our guests' requests. For those with food restrictions such as allergies, food intolerances, etc., be sure to note any allergies or specific diet requirements at the time of booking. Contact us for

### more information. Social Area

The social areas are the perfect place to witness the many wonderful and unforgettable landscapes. In the spacious dining

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### room, enjoy the delicious meals prepared by our professional chefs. While sailing in the Galapagos Islands, relax, read a book in the lounge or soak in the sun's rays on the sundeck. Activities

Experience once-in-a-lifetime moments. Our guests will have the opportunity to enjoy the best of the Galapagos Islands during our adventure-filled excursions. We have available 4 double kayaks and 2 zodiacs, they are used to enjoy aquatic sports and for transportation. Our excursions include hiking, snorkeling, swimming, kayaking, animal watching, photography and more. We provide free snorkel gear (mask, tube and fins) to complete your adventure in the islands.



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## **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**



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## PRICING

05-May-2026 to 09-May-2026		17-Nov-2026 to
Cabin	4100 USD pp	Cabin
19-May-2026 to 23-May-2026		01-Dec-2026 to
Cabin	4100 USD pp	Cabin
02-Jun-2026 to 06-Jun-2026		15-Dec-2026 to
Cabin	4100 USD pp	Cabin
16-Jun-2026 to 20-Jun-2026		<b>29-Dec-2026 to</b>
Cabin	4100 USD pp	Cabin
30-Jun-2026 to 04-Jul-2026		
Cabin	4100 USD pp	
28-Jul-2026 to 01-Aug-2026		ADDITIONAL CH
Cabin	4100 USD pp	
25-Aug-2026 to 29-Aug-2026		
Cabin	4100 USD pp	
08-Sep-2026 to 12-Sep-2026		
Cabin	4100 USD pp	
22-Sep-2026 to 26-Sep-2026		
Cabin	4100 USD pp	
20-0ct-2026 to 24-0ct-2026		
Cabin	4100 USD pp	
03-Nov-2026 to 07-Nov-2026		
Cabin	4100 USD pp	

17-Nov-2026 to 21-Nov-2026	
Cabin	4100 USD pp
01-Dec-2026 to 05-Dec-2026	
Cabin	4100 USD pp
15-Dec-2026 to 19-Dec-2026	
Cabin	4100 USD pp
29-Dec-2026 to 02-Jan-2027	
Cabin	6150 USD pp
ADDITIONAL CHARGES:	Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee, Galapagos Transit card 220 USD pp

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