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## 5 DAY GALAPAGOS CRUISE B ABOARD CATAMARAN ECO GALAXY

This 6-day Galapagos Islands cruise, starting and ending at Baltra Airport on Santa Cruz Island, offers an in-depth exploration of the archipelago's western and central islands, including Santa Cruz, Isabela, Fernandina, and Santiago. The itinerary features a mix of snorkeling, hiking, and wildlife observation, showcasing the region's unique biodiversity and volcanic landscapes. Highlights include encountering giant tortoises in the Santa Cruz Highlands, observing marine iguanas on Fernandina, and exploring Isabela's diverse coastal ecosystems. Guided excursions, such as visits to lava fields, mangrove bays, and historic sites like Tagus Cove, provide insights into the Galapagos' geological wonders and conservation efforts, delivering a rich and immersive experience.



### ITINERARY

**Day 1 AM: SANTA CRUZ - BALTRA AIRPORT ARRIVAL & PM: HIGHLANDS**

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

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

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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.

## Day 2 AM: MORENO POINT & PM: ELIZABETH BAY

Moreno Point is a magical place with extensive lava fields which look lifeless 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.

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.

## Day 3 AM: URBINA BAY & PM: TAGUS COVE

This place is known for the dramatic uplifting that happened here during the 1950's. 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.

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.

## Day 4 AM: ESPINOZA POINT & PM: ALBERMARLE POINT

Located at the base of an imposing volcano (the most active in the Galapagos islands) this site is one of the jewels of the Galapagos National Park. As soon as you disembark you will be surrounded by hundreds of marine iguanas, as this is the largest colony for the species. Sea lions bask in the beaches while their pups play in tide pools. Along the shore you will see flightless cormorants, which are restricted to the western areas of the archipelago. Surrounded by cold plankton-rich waters, Punta Espinosa is home for an array of species, including herons, pelicans, oystercatchers, sea turtles, shorebird and many more. Look up in the mangroves as Galapagos hawks often perch to look for their prey.

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.

## Day 5 AM: EGAS PORT & PM: ESPUMILLA BEACH / BUCCANEER COVE

Puerto Egas is a fascinating destination where history and 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.

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 is no trail, a dinghy ride offers a unique chance to observe wildlife and delve into the archipelago's history.

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Day 6 AM: DRAGON HILL OR DAPHNE & PM: BALTRA AIRPORT  
(RETURN)

Explore one of the two remarkable sites in Galapagos: Dragon Hill on Santa Cruz, 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.

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:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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## YOUR SHIP: ECO GALAXY

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

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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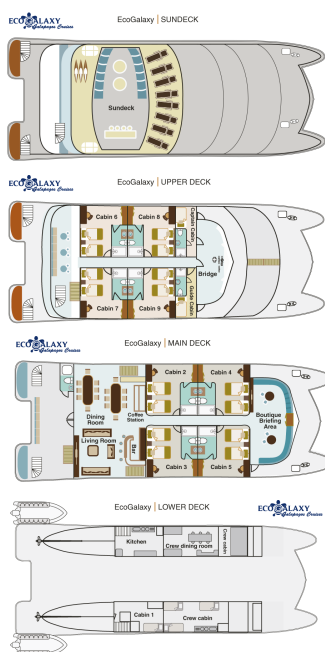
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



### Cabin





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## PRICING

### 11-Apr-2026 to 16-Apr-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 25-Apr-2026 to 30-Apr-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 09-May-2026 to 14-May-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 23-May-2026 to 28-May-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 06-Jun-2026 to 11-Jun-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 04-Jul-2026 to 09-Jul-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 18-Jul-2026 to 23-Jul-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 01-Aug-2026 to 06-Aug-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 15-Aug-2026 to 20-Aug-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 29-Aug-2026 to 03-Sep-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 12-Sep-2026 to 17-Sep-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 26-Sep-2026 to 01-Oct-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 10-Oct-2026 to 15-Oct-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 24-Oct-2026 to 29-Oct-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 07-Nov-2026 to 12-Nov-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 05-Dec-2026 to 10-Dec-2026

Cabin	5100 USD pp
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### 19-Dec-2026 to 24-Dec-2026

Cabin	7650 USD pp
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### ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

Galapagos National Park entrance  
fee, Migratory card fee 220 USD  
pp

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