

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - GALAPAGOS ENCHANTED ESCAPE 5 DAYS | TRIBUTE



INTRODUCTION

Set out on a five-day magical journey through the South and East Galapagos Islands. Your adventure through Santa Cruz's enthralling mountains. Discover a remote island, relax on immaculate beaches, and see amazing wildlife interactions.


The culmination of this comprehensive trip is the Interpretation Centre in San Cristobal, where you can see first hand the difficulty and gravity of protecting the Galapagos Islands' distinctive environment.

The Waved albatross, Blue and Red-footed boobies, Galapagos giant tortoises, Galapagos sea lions, American Frigate birds, and Marine Iguanas are among the many species that you may see on this route.

* Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.

PLEASE NOTE: Pricing is subject to change and availability at the time of booking. [Contact us](#) for more information.

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DAY 1: Arrival at Baltra Airport & Embarkation

Arriving at Baltra Airport, your gateway to the enchanting Galapagos, is the beginning of a unique adventure. Upon arrival, a warm welcome awaits you. Your luggage will be handled with care and a friendly local guide will assist you, leading you on a short bus ride to the harbor. Here, you'll embark on your ship, greeted by the friendly crew and captain. Once aboard, your comfortable cabins will be assigned, and you can savor your first delightful lunch at sea. Santa Cruz, a picturesque island, beckons you to explore its wonders. Encounter magnificent Galapagos giant tortoises as they peacefully roam through pastures in both the agricultural and transition zones of the nearby El Chato Tortoise Reserve.



DAY 2: Mosquera & South Plaza

As you continue your Galapagos journey, Mosquera awaits with its pristine white coral sand beaches, where Galapagos sea lions bask in the sun. The stunning contrast of the azure waters against the sandy shores makes for a mesmerizing scene. A beach walk offers the chance to witness various species of waders and sanderlings. Keep your eyes peeled for red clip crabs, playing hide and seek among the rocks, and, if luck is on your side, you might spot yellow-crowned night-herons or even a captivating red-footed booby. And let's not forget the must-visit South Plaza, a captivating 'Jurassic islet' that introduces you to the emblematic 'Galapagos dragons'. Marvel at these incredible creatures as they gracefully move across the landscape, creating a truly unforgettable spectacle.



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DAY 3: Cormorant Point & Baroness Lookout

This morning promises a wet landing on a pristine peninsula adorned with an aromatic palo santo forest. The beach's unique green hue is a testament to the high percentage of glassy olivine crystals, remnants of the surrounding tuff cones. As you cross to the other side, a 'flour sand' beach awaits, created by coral pulverized by the diligent Parrotfish. Keep your eyes peeled for schools of stingrays, gracefully burying themselves in the sandy bottom. If you're here during the first months of the year, witness the awe-inspiring sight of Pacific green turtles coming ashore to bury their eggs. In the afternoon, while you savor a delicious lunch, we navigate to Post Office Bay, a historical site intermittently in use since the eighteenth century when the Galapagos served as a resupplying port for Pacific pirates. Embrace the tradition by sending greeting cards worldwide through the historical barrel that remarkably still works. On the nearby beach, expect the delightful presence of sea lions, Pacific green turtles, golden rays, and perhaps even penguins. Continue your exploration by climbing the miniature basaltic cone of Baroness Lookout, where paradisiacal coastal views await. This viewpoint was the cherished spot of one of Floreana's first modern-era colonists, the eccentric Baroness and 'Empress of Galapagos,' Eloisa von Wagner Bosquet. Intriguingly, her house stands a few meters behind, marking the site of mysterious disappearances and deaths during the enigmatic 1930s.



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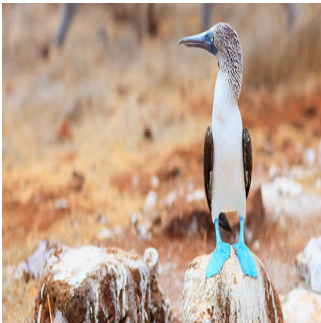
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DAY 4: Suarez point & Gardner bay

Española island is one of the greatest in the world for birdwatchers. Different kinds of finches, frigates, blue-footed boobies and Nazca boobies can be found, as well as the endemic Española mockingbird, Albatross, and Galapagos hawk. Watch your step, because each Albatross' couple lay an egg on the floor and make it roll over to improve hatching success. The juveniles attend the cliffs of the island to learn to fly by jumping into the abysm. And the chicks are organized in nurseries where they will safely remain while the adults are away at sea. Another highlight during this visit is “El Soplador”, a 25 m water geiser produced by ocean waves crashing with great pressure with cracks in the island’s cliff, spouting up through a lava tunnel. This site offers a fantastic background for a meditative experience or a memorable photo. This afternoon we will keep exploring Española island, the oldest in the archipelago, estimated at over 4 million years old, located in the extreme southeast of the archipelago. On the north-eastern coast of this island, Gardner Bay offers a wonderful place to refresh in the turquoise sea and to snorkel side by side with eagle rays, golden rays, barracudas, batfish, turtles, sea lions, and white tipped sharks.



DAY 5: San Cristobal Island & Disembarkation

On this final day of your journey, we invite you to disembark onto the captivating shores of San Cristobal Island. Your first stop will be the Interpretation Center, a place where a rich collection of photos, historic documents, and detailed maquettes come together to provide a profound insight into the dedication and intricate efforts involved in preserving the unique ecosystems of the Galapagos. Following this visit, you will make your way to San Cristobal Airport. There, amid the captivating memories of your Galapagos adventure, you will catch your flight, carrying with you the wonders and stories of these remarkable islands.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Accommodation	Cabin on board a Yacht
Inclusions	<p>INCLUSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging on board in a suite with private facilities. • All meals starting with lunch on the first day and finishing with breakfast on the final day. • Collection of local house wines, beers, and soft drinks. • All excursions as mentioned in the itinerary with one English speaking naturalist guide per 8 guests. • Use of kayaks and paddleboards (when applicable). • Snorkelling gear (masks, flippers and snorkel) & wetsuits. • Wi-Fi service (please note service might be intermittent in remote places). • Complimentary access to VIP Lounge at Baltra airport. • Airport-yacht-airport transfers (for all gusts arriving at the scheduled meeting point, date and time). <p>EXCLUSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtrip flight to Galapagos from mainland Ecuador. • Galapagos National Park entrance fee (USD\$200 pp from August 2024, subject to change). • Transit Control Card (USD\$20 pp, subject to change). • Other alcoholic beverages (drinking packages available at a surcharge). • Gratuities. • Travel insurance (mandatory) and other items of a personal nature. • International airfares. • Any extra food & drink not mentioned in the itinerary. • Visas if applicable.
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	<p>All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.</p> <p>Please note water activities are subject to weather conditions.</p> <p>Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated)</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time</p> <p>* Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.</p>
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.

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