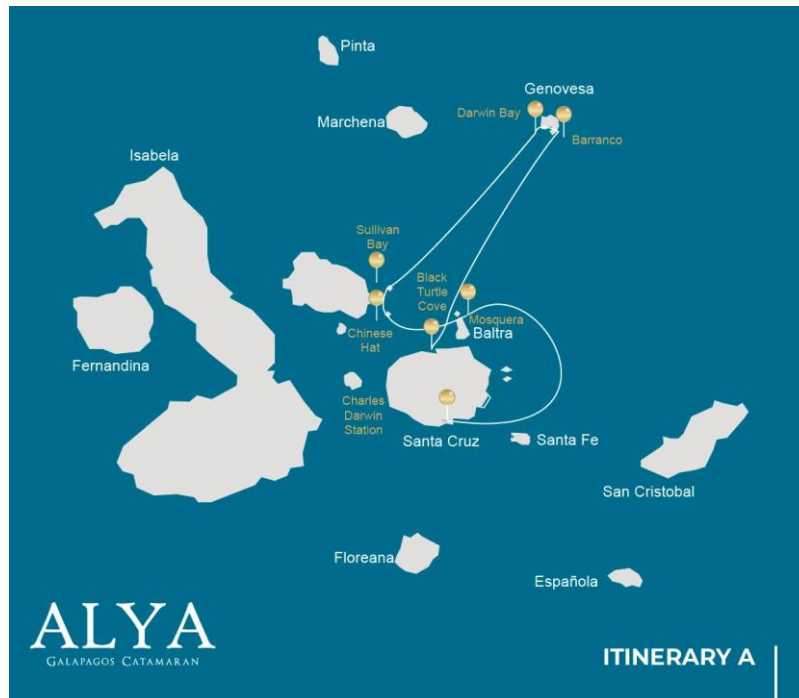




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## Diving into the Wildlife Wonders and Marine Magic of the Galapagos – Itinerary A 5 Days – 4 Nights



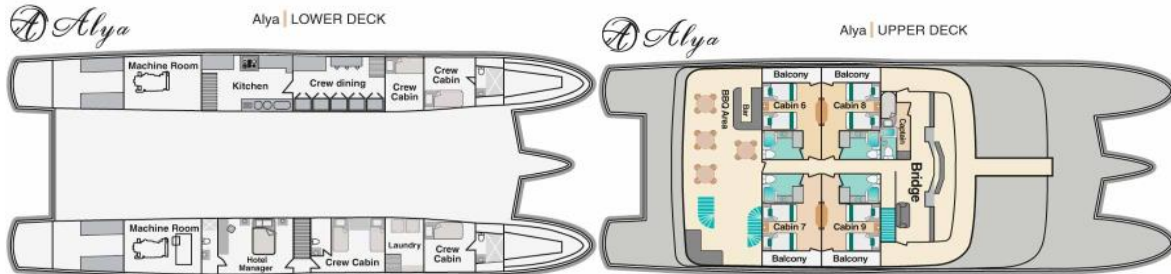
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| THURSDAY | AM | <b>Santa Cruz Island</b> : Baltra - airport (arrival) |        |         |            |              |       |
|          | PM | <b>Santa Cruz Island</b> : Black Turtle Cove          |        |         | *          |              |       |
| FRIDAY   | AM | <b>Genovesa Island</b> : Darwin Bay                   | *      | *       | *          | *            | *     |
|          | PM | <b>Genovesa Island</b> : Barranco                     | *      | *       | *          | *            | *     |
| SATURDAY | AM | <b>Santiago Island</b> : Sullivan Bay                 | *      | *       | *          |              |       |
|          | PM | <b>Bartolome Island</b> : Bartolome                   | *      | *       | *          |              |       |
| SUNDAY   | AM | <b>Chinese Hat Island</b> : Chinese Hat               | *      | *       | *          | *            | *     |
|          | PM | <b>Mosquera Island</b> : Mosquera                     | *      | *       |            |              |       |
| MONDAY   | AM | <b>Santa Cruz Island</b> : Charles Darwin Station     | *      |         |            |              |       |
|          | PM | <b>Santa Cruz Island</b> : Baltra - airport (return)  |        |         |            |              |       |

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### Select your Room Category



#### DAY 1

#### AM: ARRIVAL AT BALTRA AIRPORT

Your voyage to the captivating Galapagos Islands commences! Upon your arrival at Baltra Airport, you'll be greeted by our National Park-certified naturalist guide, ready to introduce you to the unique wonders of this pristine archipelago.



#### PM: BLACK TURTLE COVE

We dive into our Galapagos adventure at Black Turtle Cove, aptly named for the thriving “Tortugas negras” population or green sea turtles. We navigate this natural sanctuary on dinghies, cruising amidst serene mangrove forests and tranquil water channels. Expect sightings of reef sharks, diverse ray species, and a plethora of bird species, including herons,

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pelicans, and boobies. Remember, this magical cove is a significant breeding ground for turtles and a nursery for various shark species!

Mangroves, White-tipped and black-tipped reef sharks, Green sea turtles, Rays, Herons, Blue footed boobies, Reef sharks



## DAY 2

### AM: DARWIN BAY

Start your day surrounded by the bustling avian life of Darwin Bay on Genovesa Island, a birdwatcher's paradise. As soon as your feet touch the sandy terrain, you're welcomed by a symphony of seabird calls, with frigatebirds, boobies, and gulls soaring overhead or nestled in the foliage. The trail meanders through colonies of sea lions, marine iguanas, night herons, Darwin finches, Galapagos doves, mockingbirds, and more.

**Snorkel Experience:** Dive into the bay's underwater realms, teeming with vibrant fish, elusive sharks, graceful rays, and playful sea lions. With multiple snorkeling spots, from cliff-lined deep waters to shallow beachside areas, you're guaranteed a spectacular aquatic show.

**Highlights:** Nesting great frigatebirds, Red-footed and Nazca boobies, Galapagos sea lions, Yellow-crowned night herons, Genovesa ground finch, Genovesa cactus finch, Galapagos mockingbirds

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### **PM: BARRANCO**

Next stop, El Barranco. Known for its fractured lava cliffs serving as the perfect dwelling for storm petrel colonies, this unique ecosystem draws a significant population of short-eared owls. A trail alongside these cliffs reveals red-footed and Nazca boobies aplenty. Resting in the shadows at the cliffs' base, you may spot Galapagos fur seals and numerous seabirds.

**Snorkel Experience:** The deep blue waters along the cliffs offer another underwater escapade with a profusion of colorful fish, sharks, rays, and sea lions.

**Highlights:** Nesting great frigatebirds, Galapagos sea lions, Genovesa ground finch, Genovesa cactus finch, Galapagos mockingbirds, Galapagos fur seals



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## DAY 3

### AM: SULLIVAN BAY

Step back in time at Sullivan Bay, an open book to the volcanic birth of these islands. Traverse the well-preserved Pahoehoe lava field, studying its delicate, unique textures. The seemingly lifeless landscape gradually unveils a resilience of nature, with pioneer plants, lava lizards, and tiny birds emerging on careful observation. Keep your eyes on the shoreline for resident penguins, pelicans, and oystercatchers.

**Snorkel Experience:** A dip in the water here starkly contrasts the barren land. The coral sand beach and the dinghy access point reveal a marine world with fish schools, Galapagos penguins, reef sharks, turtles, and rays.

**Highlights:** Lava tubes, Galapagos penguins, Oystercatchers, Galapagos hawks



### PM: BARTOLOME

Stand atop Bartolome Island for unparalleled views of the lunar-like landscape, punctuated by scattered volcanic cones, Pinnacle Rock, and the bay of Sullivan. Bartolome is a jewel in the Galapagos crown and home to a vibrant population of penguins.

**Snorkel Experience:** A swim or snorkel from the beach opens up an underwater playground renowned in the Galapagos. Penguins, a multitude of fish, colorful invertebrates, sea lions, turtles, rays, and reef sharks make this snorkeling experience unforgettable.

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**Highlights:** Volcanic landscapes, Pinnacle rock, Herons, Bluefooted boobies, Galapagos penguins



## DAY 4

### AM: CHINESE HAT

Welcome to the perfectly symmetrical volcanic cone of Chinese Hat! Separated from Santiago by a slender channel, this idyllic islet is framed by turquoise waters, coral sand beaches, and dark lava rocks – an unexpected haven for penguins. A shore trail brings you up close to a small colony of sea lions.

**Snorkel Experience:** Experience a world of vividly colored fish, sleek reef sharks, and perhaps a swift penguin chasing after a school of anchovies. It's a mesmerizing underwater spectacle you want to take advantage of.

**Highlights:** Lava tubes, Galapagos sea lions, Galapagos penguins, Oystercatchers, Galapagos hawks

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### PM: MOSQUERA

Our afternoon destination is Mosquera, largely a barren sand bar with rocky outcrops and salt-resistant vegetation. Stroll along the beach, observing the playful antics of sea lion pups in the surf and tide pools. Keep an eye out for endemic lava gulls, often spotted in mid-flight hunting for their next meal.

**Snorkel Experience:** Given favorable wave conditions, snorkel at the northern tip of the island or one of the smaller, sheltered beaches for another immersive marine encounter.

**Highlights:** Stunning Views, Galapagos sea lions, Oystercatchers, Lava gulls, Shorebirds



## DAY 5

### AM: CHARLES DARWIN STATION

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Spend your morning at the renowned Charles Darwin Station. As a nonprofit organization working closely with the Galapagos National Park, the station is committed to the preservation and study of the archipelago's biodiversity. Discover the myriad initiatives underway to safeguard native species and combat invasive threats to the Galapagos ecosystem. This visit offers the unique opportunity to see giant tortoises bred in captivity.

Galapagos giant tortoise and land iguanas breeding program, Galapagos mockingbirds, Darwin finches, Galapagos flycatchers



### PM: BALTRA (AIRPORT)

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 destination

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Roundtrip Flights Quito-Baltra-Quito: USD +/- \$500 per person.**
- **Exclusive Bonus: Get 1 FREE night at Jimenita Lodge in Quito—the perfect way to start or end your Galapagos Trip in comfort!**
  - **Luxury Stay:** Enjoy an Overnight in a King Suite with a cozy chimney



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- **Hassle-Free Transfers:** 24/7 roundtrip airport transfers included
- **Warm Welcome:** Complimentary welcome drink upon arrival
- **Breakfast:** Wake up to a delicious breakfast
- **Nature Experience:** Free entrance to our private birding reserve
- **Stay Connected:** Complimentary WiFi

**Don't miss out—secure your Galápagos adventure today and take advantage of this exclusive offer!**

| <b>CRUISE INCLUDES</b>   |
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| • <b>Airport assistance on the cruise departure dates</b>  |
| • <b>Transportation and fuel surcharge in the Marine reserve of Galápagos</b>  |
| • <b>Accommodation in single, double or triple cabin according to your booking (except M/C Galaxy Sirius &amp; M/C Alya)</b> |
| • <b>Bilingual naturalist guide (English-Spanish)</b>  |
| • <b>2 Bilingual naturalist guides (English-Spanish) on M/C Galaxy Sirius</b>  |
| • <b>Cruise Director onboard , ensuring seamless coordination and guest experience</b>                                       |
| • <b>Personalized crew service</b>   |
| • <b>All meals during the cruise, from lunch on the first day to breakfast on the last day.</b>                              |
| • <b>One snack after each activity (except last day)</b>   |
| • <b>Welcome cocktail</b>  |
| • <b>Unlimited purified water, coffee and tea</b>  |
| • <b>All visits, excursions &amp; activities according to the itinerary</b>  |
| • <b>Transportation Airport-Channel/ Channel-Airport (Lobitos Bus)</b>   |
| • <b>Private Transportation Airport-Channel/ Channel-Airport only on M/C Galaxy Sirius &amp; M/Y Galaxy Stella</b>           |
| • <b>VIP Lounge at Baltra and San Cristobal airport on M/C Galaxy Sirius &amp; Galaxy Stella</b>                             |
| • <b>Docks use and ferries.</b>  |
| • <b>Snorkeling gear (Mask, tube, and fins)</b>  |
| • <b>Use of kayaks and paddle boards in authorized places. No paddle boards available on Galaxy Diver 2 and Galaxy Orion</b> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wetsuits</b></li> </ul>   |
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| <b>NOT INCLUDED</b>  |
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