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DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY

AM: BALTRA AIRPORT (ARRIVAL)

Embark on an unforgettable adventure to the Galapagos Islands, starting with your arrival at Baltra airport. Our expert naturalist guide from the National Park will eagerly await your arrival to introduce you to the wonders ahead.



PM: NORTH SEYMOUR

Your journey continues with a morning visit to North Seymour Island, a spectacular showcase of the Galapagos Islands' diverse wildlife. This relatively flat island is home to a thriving population of blue-footed boobies and frigate birds. The trail winds its way through a forest of low, bushy vegetation, where you'll have the opportunity to witness the fascinating courtship dance of the blue-footed boobies. The island's coastline also allows one to observe sea lions and marine iguanas basking in the sun. The large frigate bird colonies are a sight, especially when the males inflate their bright red throat pouches to attract mates.

Birdwatching Experience: Encounter the majestic frigate birds and charming blue-footed boobies in their natural habitat. This is an ideal spot for birdwatching and photography

Galapagos sea lions, Magnificent and great frigatebirds, Land and marine iguanas, Darwin finches



DAY 2 - THURSDAY

AM: SANTA FE

Lead in the day with the stark beauty of Santa Fe, where the towering figures of giant Prickly-pear cacti strikingly contrast the rugged landscape of lava rocks. Tucked within one of the Galapagos most breathtaking bays, Santa Fe's turquoise waters, and white-sand beaches form an inviting residence for a sizable colony of sea lions you'll find lounging about. As you venture inland, remember to look down to spot the endemic Santa Fe land iguanas, but also glance upward to catch sight of the Galapagos hawks perched atop cacti, keeping a keen eye out for prey. You'll likely encounter Darwin finches, Galapagos doves, mockingbirds, and lively lava lizards along the trail.

Snorkel Experience: After your exploratory hike, the sheltered bay offers you a choice paddle through serene waters on a kayak or plunge beneath the surface to snorkel with playful sea lion pups and reef sharks. Also, keep an eye out for graceful sea turtles, gliding rays, and the swirling colors of tropical fish, including large schools of Surgeonfish and Parrotfish.

Highlights: Stunning Views, Galapagos sea lions, Galapagos hawks, Galapagos doves, Santa Fe land iguanas, Reef sharks





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PM: PLAZAS

Your afternoon destination is South Plazas, one of a twin pair of islands where the northern sibling is reserved exclusively for scientific research. Though petite in size, this islet brims with a fantastic array of wildlife. Upon landing, Galapagos land iguanas will welcome you from beneath prickly-pear cacti, eagerly awaiting their fruit. Sea lions populate the island in large numbers, allowing you to observe their fascinating social dynamics, from playful pups splashing in tide pools to formidable males protecting their territories. Your trail eventually leads you to a cliff, a vantage point to observe a myriad of seabirds, including frigatebirds, red-billed tropicbirds, boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, and pelicans. A verdant carpet of reddish succulent vegetation dotted with scattered cacti blankets the island, giving South Plazas a genuinely unique personality.

Highlights: Stunning Views, Boobies, Galapagos sea lions, Galapagos shearwaters, Galapagos land iguanas, Tropicbirds, Pelicans



DAY 3 - FRIDAY

AM: BARRANCO

Located in the southern part of Darwin Bay on Genovesa Island, El Barranco is a wildlife sanctuary. Its fragile lava cliffs provide shelter for storm petrels and a remarkable population of short-eared owls. Along the trail, red-footed and Nazca boobies nest on the volcanic rock. At the base of the cliffs, Galapagos fur seals rest in shaded areas, while seabirds soar above this breathtaking landscape, making El Barranco an unforgettable destination for nature lovers.

Snorkel Experience: Snorkel into the waters of El Barranco and explore a vibrant underwater world. Swim among colorful fish and spot sharks, rays, and playful sea lions in their natural habitat.

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



PM: DARWIN BAY

Darwin Bay on Genovesa Island is a breathtaking sight for birdwatchers. As you step onto the beach, you'll be amazed by the presence of hundreds of boobies, gulls, and frigatebirds soaring, nesting in bushes, or resting on the sand. Along the shore, sea lions and marine iguanas blend into the scenery, while inland you may spot night herons, swallow-tailed gulls, Darwin finches, Galapagos doves, and mockingbirds. This immersive experience brings you face-to-face with a thriving ecosystem.

Snorkel Experience: Darwin Bay offers incredible snorkeling spots, from deep waters along the cliffs to shallow areas near the beach. No matter where you dive, a vibrant underwater world awaits, filled with colorful fish and high chances of spotting sharks, rays, and playful sea lions

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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DAY 4 - SATURDAY

AM: HIGHLANDS

Enjoy a visit to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island, offering a different perspective of the Galapagos' unique ecosystem. This lush and verdant area contrasts with the coastal zones. The highlands are home to a variety of bird species, giant tortoises in their natural habitat, and a rich diversity of plant life, including endemic trees and ferns. Walking along the winding paths provides the chance to observe giant tortoises up close in a peaceful environment. The area also offers panoramic views of the island, highlighting its diverse topography.

Highlights: Lava tunnels, Darwin finches, Galapagos flycatchers, Giant tortoises, Barn owls, White-cheeked pintails



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PM: BACHAS BEACH

After, we will go to the beach known as Bachas, located north of Santa Cruz Island. Here we can snorkel or take a relaxing walk on the beach. For this, we will make a wet landing, in which we will jump from the panga to the shore of the beach. Again, we recommend disembarking barefoot and wearing light walking shoes for the rest of the journey. The saltwater lagoon behind the beach often has great blue herons and small birds. Both beaches are nesting areas for green sea turtles.

Highlights: Stunning Views, Blue footed boobies, White-cheeked pintails, American flamingoes, Sandpipers, Lava gulls



DAY 5 - SUNDAY

AM: KICKER ROCK

In the afternoon, embark on an unforgettable panga (dinghy) ride around Kicker Rock, also known as León Dormido, off the coast of San Cristobal Island. This impressive rock formation, rising dramatically 500 feet above the ocean, is one of the most iconic landmarks in the Galapagos. The natural erosion of this ancient volcanic tuff cone has created a channel between two towering rock walls, providing a haven for various marine life. This peaceful and scenic panga ride around Kicker Rock provides a relaxing yet awe-inspiring conclusion to your day, allowing you to appreciate the natural wonders and rich biodiversity of the Galapagos from the sea.

Panga Experience: Navigate the waters around Kicker Rock, marveling at the sheer size and beauty of the formation. The ride offers a unique perspective of the rock, with opportunities to observe seabirds such as frigate birds, boobies, and occasionally, pelicans nesting or resting on its cliffs. Keep an eye out for marine life in the surrounding waters, including sea turtles, rays, and even sharks that frequent the area.

Boobies, Pelicans, Frigatebirds

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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



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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
- **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!

CRUISE INCLUDES
• Airport assistance on the cruise departure dates
• Transportation and fuel surcharge in the Marine reserve of Galápagos
• Accommodation in single, double or triple cabin according to your booking (except M/C Galaxy Sirius & M/C Alya)
• Bilingual naturalist guide (English-Spanish)
• 2 Bilingual naturalist guides (English-Spanish) on M/C Galaxy Sirius
• Cruise Director onboard , ensuring seamless coordination and guest experience
• Personalized crew service
• All meals during the cruise, from lunch on the first day to breakfast on the last day.
• One snack after each activity (except last day)
• Welcome cocktail
• All visits, excursions & activities according to the itinerary
• Transportation Airport-Channel/ Channel-Airport (Lobitos Bus)



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Transportation Airport-Channel/ Channel-Airport only on M/C Galaxy Sirius & M/Y Galaxy Stella
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VIP Lounge at Baltra and San Cristobal airport on M/C Galaxy Sirius & Galaxy Stella
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Docks use and ferries.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snorkeling gear (Mask, tube, and fins)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of kayaks and paddle boards in authorized places. No paddle boards available on Galaxy Diver 2 and Galaxy Orion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetsuits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shampoo, hair conditioner, and soap for daily use
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach towels
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft drinks (only onboard M/C Galaxy Sirius, M/Y Galaxy Stella & M/C Alya)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair dryer in the cabins (not available onboard M/Y Bonita)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloth/Towel dryer (only available onboard M/C EcoGalaxy and M/Y Galaxy)

NOT INCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International flights to/from Ecuador
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galapagos Islands airfare from/to mainland (Quito or Guayaquil)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrance fee to Galapagos National Park \$ 200 (foreign passengers)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Control Card (\$20 per person)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcoholic and soft drinks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips and gratuities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel insurance (Highly recommended)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical insurance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional services not indicated



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