

Elite Catamaran

Galapagos Cruise Expedition Itinerary C: 4 Days – 3 Nights



Launched in June 2019, the Galapagos Elite is the newest and most luxurious mega catamaran cruising the pristine waters of the Galapagos Islands. Designed to redefine luxury travel, this sleek twin-hulled vessel accommodates up to 16 guests, providing a smooth and safe journey through one of the world's most biodiverse archipelagos. With spacious, modern suites and impeccable service, the Elite promises an unforgettable experience as you explore the unique wildlife and stunning landscapes that make the Galapagos so famous.

Each suite on the Elite is designed for maximum comfort and relaxation, featuring convertible beds (either king-size or twin), large panoramic windows, and private outdoor balconies that offer breathtaking ocean views. After a day spent snorkeling, hiking, or wildlife watching, guests can unwind in these well-appointed accommodations or enjoy the ship's ample social spaces. The catamaran boasts an expansive passenger lounge with 180-degree views, a semi-covered sky deck, and an al fresco dining area, all blending indoor and outdoor spaces to create a seamless connection with the surrounding environment.



The Galapagos Elite goes beyond luxury accommodations with expertly crafted itineraries and exceptional service. Guests can choose from 4-, 5-, and 8-day programs exploring the archipelago's western, central, and eastern islands. Accompanied by certified bilingual guides, travelers will embark on daily excursions to experience the islands' diverse wildlife and landscapes. With a professional crew, top-notch chefs offering delicious meals, and state-of-the-art safety equipment, the Elite ensures an extraordinary and secure adventure in this one-of-a-kind destination.

Accommodations



Location

- Main Deck
 - ✓ Golden Premium Suites: 2 front view suites (bow)
 - ✓ Golden Suites: 2 suites
- Upper Deck
 - ✓ Golden Suites: 4 suites / 1 Golden suite connects with a Single cabin
 - ✓ Single Cabin: 1 Single cabin
- Sizes (including balcony)
 - ✓ Golden Premium Suites: 37 mt²/ 399 ft² approx.
 - ✓ Golden Suites: 35 mt²/ 376 ft² approx.
 - ✓ Single cabin: 19 mt²/ 204.5 ft² approx.

Technical Features and Specifications

- Operations start: July 2019
- Type: Motor catamaran
- Category: Luxury
- Length: 37.5 mt / 123.03 ft
- Beam: 13.5 mt / 44.29 ft

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 – Saturday: San Cristobal Island: San Cristobal Airport – David Rodriguez Breeding Center



Your adventure kicks off with your arrival at San Cristobal Airport, where the excitement of the Galapagos awaits. After settling in, your first stop is the David Rodriguez Breeding Center. Here, you'll dive into the fascinating world of the Galapagos' giant tortoises, learning about their evolution and the important conservation efforts to ensure their survival. As you stroll through the reserve, you'll witness baby tortoises thriving in semi-natural habitats, showcasing the incredible work being done to protect these iconic creatures.

The walk through the lush surroundings of the breeding center offers a glimpse into the local dedication to preserving the wildlife that makes the Galapagos so unique. It's a heartwarming start to your journey, setting the stage for the unforgettable experiences ahead.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 – Sunday: Española Island: Suarez Point – Gardner Bay – Gardner Islet – Osborn Islet



Begin the day at Suarez Point, one of Española Island's wildlife hotspots. Follow the circular trail and you'll encounter nesting colonies of Nazca and blue-footed boobies, along with curious mockingbirds. Keep an eye out for the majestic waved albatross, especially as they launch themselves from the cliffs. The island's unique red and green marine iguanas and the impressive blowholes, which shoot water up to 25 meters into the air, add to the unforgettable sights.

In the afternoon, head to the pristine white sands of Gardner Bay, a haven for sea lions. Here, you can unwind on the beach or opt for some kayaking or paddleboarding. A quick panga ride will take you to Gardner and Osborn Islets, where snorkeling alongside playful young sea lions and colorful fish will be the perfect way to cap off the day.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 – Monday: Floreana Island: Cormorant Point – Champion Islet – Post Office Bay – The Baroness' Lookout



In the morning, explore Floreana Island's Cormorant Point, known for its two striking beaches: one with green-tinted sand from olivine crystals and the other a pristine white 'Flour Beach.' The nearby saltwater lagoon is home to a vibrant population of Galapagos flamingos and other shorebirds like pintails and stilts. Afterward, a panga ride to Champion Islet offers some of the best snorkeling, where the diverse marine life is on full display.

In the afternoon, visit the historic Post Office Bay, where you can participate in the centuries-old tradition of leaving mail for future visitors to collect. Snorkel or kayak around the bay's calm waters, or explore the intriguing lava tube. Finish the day at the Baroness' Lookout, where a short trail leads to a stunning vantage point overlooking the island's mangroves and coastline.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 – Tuesday: Baltra Island: Mosquera Islet // Baltra Airport



On your final day, visit the small, sandy Mosquera Islet, located between Baltra and North Seymour islands. With no set trails, you'll have the freedom to explore this tranquil spot, home to a thriving population of sea lions and striking Sally Lightfoot crabs. The surrounding coral reefs make this an ideal location for snorkeling, with chances to see sharks, turtles, and rays gliding through the waters.

After this serene morning adventure, it's time to say goodbye to the Galapagos as you transfer from the yacht to Baltra Airport for your flight home.

Meals included: Breakfast



Included in the price

- All meals, as indicated in the itinerary
- All excursions
- Transfers in the islands
- Bilingual National Park guide
- Use of snorkeling equipment/wetsuit

Not included in the price

- Flights between mainland Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands (Quito–Galapagos–Quito)
- Entrance fee to Galapagos National Park (USD 200 per person)
- Galapagos Immigration Control Card (USD 20 per person)
- Alcoholic and bottled drinks
- Tips & gratuities
- Personal expenses
- Travel/medical insurance (highly recommended)