

# *Endemic Catamaran*

## **Galapagos Luxury Expedition Itinerary D: 4 Days – 3 Nights**



The Galapagos Endemic catamaran, launched in 2018, is one of the most modern and luxurious yachts designed specifically for exploring the Galapagos Islands. With a capacity of just 16 passengers, the Endemic offers a spacious, stable, and comfortable sailing experience. The ship is staffed by a handpicked crew, including skilled officers, a talented chef, and expert naturalist guides who have extensive knowledge of the Galapagos. Together, they ensure that every aspect of your cruise is seamless and enjoyable, from the moment you step aboard.

A typical day on the Endemic includes a morning excursion to a unique visitor site, where you can observe the incredible wildlife of the Galapagos, such as frigate birds, giant tortoises, sea lions, sharks, and Galapagos penguins. After returning to the yacht for a delicious lunch, the afternoon might feature snorkeling in crystal-clear waters, followed by a gourmet dinner. The day concludes with a relaxing dip in the upper deck's Jacuzzi, where you can enjoy a refreshing drink while watching a stunning sunset.



Onboard, the Endemic is equipped with all the luxury amenities you'd expect from a top-class catamaran. Each cabin has personalized air-conditioning, a private balcony, a spacious bathroom, and either a king-size bed or two twin beds. Guests can relax in the TV lounge, which features a widescreen TV, Blu-ray player, and comfortable seating. The yacht's elegant design and thoughtful details ensure a high level of comfort, making the Endemic one of the finest vessels for cruising the Galapagos.

### **Accommodations**

- Suites Size: 30 mt<sup>2</sup> / 322 ft<sup>2</sup>
- Suite's locations:
  - ✓ 4 suites – Main Deck
  - ✓ 4 suites – Upper Deck
- Single cabin location: 1 cabin – Upper Deck

- Electricity: 110 V and 220 V



### Technical Features and Specifications

- Due to start operations: July 2018
- Category: Luxury
- Length: 35 mt / 115 ft
- Beam: 14 mt / 45 ft
- Draft to Baseline: 1.85 mt / 6.1 ft
- Crew: 10 members + chef + guide + Cruise Service Officer
- Capacity: 16 passengers
- Speed: 12 knots
- Propulsion: 2 x High Power Engines – 500 HP

### Facilities

The social areas on the Galapagos Endemic are no less elegant. After a long day snorkeling and visiting the islands, our guests will be able to relax in the spacious interior panoramic lounge with a cold drink while they hear the itinerary for the following day. Irresistible meals created fresh from locally grown ingredients by our professional cuisine specialist will be served in our al fresco dining area so that our visitors will be able to enjoy a cool sea breeze and the songs of the sea

birds while they enjoy their meals. For afternoon cruises between visitor sites, guests will enjoy our expansive, airy sundeck with Jacuzzi and lounge chairs.

### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

**Day 1 – Thursday:** Arrival at Baltra Island Airport / Bartholomew Island

**Day 2 – Friday:** Cormorant Point, Devil’s Crown / Post Office Bay, The Baroness’ Viewpoint, Floreana Island

**Day 3 – Saturday:** Chinese Hat, off Santiago Island / North Seymour Island

**Day 4 – Sunday:** Black Turtle Cove, Santa Cruz Island/ Departure from Baltra Island Airport

### ITINERARY MAP



## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**Day 1 – Sunday:** Arrival at Baltra Island Airport / Bartholomew Island



Your adventure begins as you land at Baltra Island Airport, the gateway to the Galapagos. After a warm welcome from the crew of the M/C Endemic Luxury Catamaran, you'll set sail for Bartholomew Island. In the afternoon, get ready for a hike up a series of steps that lead you through a stunning landscape of colored lava rocks, up to the summit of an extinct volcano. From the top, you'll be rewarded with one of the most iconic views in the Galapagos—Pinnacle Rock, a jagged spear-like formation rising dramatically from the ocean.

After taking in the breathtaking panorama, head down to the island's sandy cove for some snorkeling. The clear waters are a haven for marine life, and you might spot playful penguins, graceful reef sharks, and gliding rays as you explore the vibrant underwater world. It's the perfect start to your Galapagos adventure!

**Meals included:** Lunch, Dinner

**Day 2 – Friday:** Cormorant Point, Devil's Crown / Post Office Bay, The Baroness' Viewpoint, Floreana Island



This morning, explore the striking beaches of Cormorant Point on Floreana Island. One beach gleams with a green tint due to its olivine crystals, while the other, known as "flour beach," is a perfect stretch of white sand. As you explore, you'll encounter a saltwater lagoon frequented by flamingos, pintails, and stilts. Next, head to Devil's Crown, a partially submerged volcanic crater that is considered one of the best snorkeling spots in the Galapagos. Swim among colorful fish, sea turtles, and even reef sharks as you explore the underwater world.

In the afternoon, visit Post Office Bay, where you'll learn about the unique postal tradition started by British whalers in the 18th century. Leave a postcard in the barrel and see if it gets delivered by another traveler! The day ends with a visit to the Baroness' Viewpoint, named after a mysterious baroness who lived on the island in the 1930s. From here, you'll enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding mangroves and coastline.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 3 – Saturday:** Chinese Hat, off Santiago Island / North Seymour Island



Your morning begins at Chinese Hat, a small islet off Santiago Island, named for its cone-like shape resembling a traditional Chinese hat. A short trail will take you through a sea lion colony, and you'll have the chance to spot eagles, oystercatchers, and lava lizards along the way. The aquamarine waters around the island are perfect for snorkeling, and you may encounter sharks, rays, and even the rare sight of a Galapagos penguin darting through the water.

In the afternoon, explore North Seymour Island, formed by an underwater lava uplift. The flat landscape is home to colonies of blue-footed boobies and magnificent frigate birds. If you're lucky, you'll witness the blue-footed boobies performing their charming courtship dance. This island is also the largest nesting site for frigate birds, and during mating season, you'll see the male frigates puffing up their bright red throat pouches in an attempt to attract a mate.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 4 – Sunday:** Black Turtle Cove, Santa Cruz Island/ Departure from Baltra Island Airport



Your final morning in the Galapagos takes you to Black Turtle Cove, a serene mangrove lagoon on the north shore of Santa Cruz Island. As you glide quietly through the calm waters in a zodiac, you'll encounter a variety of marine life, including spotted eagle rays, mustard rays, and white-tipped reef sharks. Keep an eye out for Pacific green sea turtles as they swim to the surface for air or to mate. The peacefulness of this cove, surrounded by mangroves, is a perfect way to end your Galapagos experience.

Afterward, you'll return to Baltra Island for your flight home, reflecting on the incredible wildlife and stunning landscapes that made this trip so unforgettable.

**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)