

Endemic Catamaran

Galapagos Luxury Expedition Itinerary C: 5 Days – 4 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 mt² / 322 ft²
- 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 – Sunday: Arrival at Baltra Island Airport / Dragon Hill, Santa Cruz Island

Day 2 – Monday: Kicker Rock, off San Cristobal Island, Witch Hill / Lobos Island, off San Cristobal Island

Day 3 – Tuesday: Osborn and Gardner Islets, off Española Island Gardner Bay / Suarez Point, Española Island

Day 4 – Wednesday: Santa Fe Island / Breeding Center, Santa Cruz Island

Day 5 – Thursday: South Plaza Island / Departure from Baltra Island Airport

ITINERARY MAP



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 – Sunday: Arrival at Baltra Island Airport / Dragon Hill, Santa Cruz Island



Your adventure begins as you touch down at Baltra Island Airport, the gateway to the Galapagos. After meeting your crew, you'll head straight to Santa Cruz Island for your first excursion at Dragon Hill. Here, you'll be walking among magnificent land iguanas, creatures that were once on the brink of extinction but now roam freely. As you trek through the island, you'll pass a flamingo lagoon, pintail ducks, and spot flycatchers and warblers. The short hike up the hill rewards you with a breathtaking panoramic view of the island's unique landscape.

After soaking in the views, you'll head offshore for some snorkeling in the crystal-clear waters, where you can get a glimpse of the vibrant underwater world. Sea turtles, rays, and colorful fish await beneath the surface, making it the perfect introduction to the wonders of the Galapagos.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 – Monday: Kicker Rock, off San Cristobal Island, Witch Hill / Lobos Island, off San Cristobal Island



The day begins with a visit to Kicker Rock, an imposing volcanic formation off the coast of San Cristobal Island. This iconic spot is a nesting ground for seabirds and offers dramatic views as your boat navigates around the rock. Next, you'll explore Witch Hill, a site named after the Vermilion Flycatcher. A zodiac ride along the shore reveals amazing rock formations, and the pristine white sand beach is perfect for relaxing or snorkeling in the clear waters filled with marine life.

In the afternoon, you'll make your way to Lobos Island, a small but wildlife-rich island off San Cristobal. Here, you'll observe blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, and marine iguanas in their natural habitat. The day's adventure wraps up with an unforgettable snorkeling session alongside playful sea lions in the calm waters of Lobos Island's bay.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 – Tuesday: Osborn and Gardner Islets, off Española Island Gardner Bay / Suarez Point, Española Island



Your morning takes you to the stunning Gardner Bay on Española Island, one of the longest and most pristine beaches in the Galapagos. This stretch of white sand is home to colonies of sea lions and inquisitive mockingbirds. The bay is also a breeding ground for the rare waved albatross. From here, a dinghy ride will bring you to Osborn and Gardner Islets, where you can snorkel with young sea lions and explore vibrant coral reefs teeming with tropical fish.

In the afternoon, you'll venture to Suarez Point, one of the most biodiverse locations in the archipelago. As you hike along the trail, you'll pass nesting sites of Nazca and blue-footed boobies, and spot Galapagos doves and mockingbirds along the way. The trail leads to a breathtaking cliffside viewpoint where you can watch the waved albatrosses take off across the ocean. Don't miss the natural geyser that sprays water 25 meters into the air—a truly spectacular sight!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 – Wednesday: Santa Fe Island / Breeding Center, Santa Cruz Island



Begin the day on Santa Fe Island, formed by volcanic uplift millions of years ago. The island is home to the yellow-green Santa Fe iguana, Galapagos snakes, and even rice rats. Hike through forests of towering Opuntia trees or explore the highlands for spectacular views of the cliffs and a chance to spot Galapagos hawks. The shoreline offers excellent snorkeling opportunities, where playful sea lions swim alongside you.

In the afternoon, visit the Darwin Breeding Center on Santa Cruz Island, where you'll learn about the conservation efforts that have helped save the Galapagos giant tortoises. You'll have the opportunity to see tortoises at every stage of development, from hatchlings to fully grown adults. As part of the day's adventure, you'll also explore the Highlands of Santa Cruz, where giant tortoises roam freely, and walk through lava caves formed by the volcanic origins of the islands.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 – Thursday: South Plaza Island / Departure from Baltra Island Airport



Your final day takes you to South Plaza Island, a small islet bursting with vibrant vegetation and wildlife. As you explore, you'll pass a large colony of sea lions and ascend the slopes for a chance to see swallow-tailed gulls, red-billed tropicbirds, and Nazca boobies. The island's ground is covered in Sesuvium, a plant that changes color with the seasons, creating a stunning contrast against the towering Opuntia cacti. Land iguanas patiently wait for prickly pear fruits to drop, making this a photographer's dream.

After a morning full of incredible wildlife encounters, you'll head to Baltra Island Airport for your departure. As you say goodbye to the Galapagos, you'll carry with you unforgettable memories of this magical journey through one of the world's most unique ecosystems.

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)