

Endemic Catamaran

Galapagos Luxury Expedition Itinerary E: 6 Days – 5 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 – 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/ Bachas Beach, Santa Cruz Island

Day 5 – Monday: Darwin Bay, Genovesa Island / El Barranco, Genovesa Island

Day 6 – Tuesday: Twin Craters, Santa Cruz Island / Departure from Baltra Island Airport

ITINERARY MAP





DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

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



After touching down at Baltra Island Airport, your Galapagos adventure officially begins! You'll board the M/C Endemic Luxury Catamaran and enjoy lunch before heading out to explore Bartholomew Island. This island is famous for its breathtaking views of Pinnacle Rock, a striking spear-like formation. A short but rewarding hike will take you up a series of steps, past fascinating lava formations, to the summit where you'll be treated to a stunning panorama of Sullivan Bay.

After soaking in the views, it's time for some underwater exploration. The beaches at the foot of Pinnacle Rock are ideal for snorkeling, where you may encounter playful penguins, graceful reef sharks, and gliding rays. It's the perfect introduction to the beauty of the Galapagos Islands.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

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



The morning takes you to Floreana Island's Cormorant Point, where you'll find two contrasting beaches—one tinted green by olivine crystals and another, known as "flour beach," that's pure white. Nearby, a saltwater lagoon is home to a large population of flamingos, pintails, and stilts. Next, dive into the underwater world of Devil's Crown, a partially submerged volcanic crater renowned for snorkeling. Swim among vibrant coral, fish, sea turtles, and even reef sharks.

In the afternoon, visit Post Office Bay, a site rich in history where British whalers set up a makeshift postal system in the 18th century. You can leave a postcard and participate in this centuries-old tradition. The day ends with a visit to the Baroness' Viewpoint, offering spectacular views of the surrounding mangroves and coastline, named after a mysterious Australian baroness who lived on the island in the 1930s.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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



Your morning begins at Chinese Hat, a small volcanic islet off Santiago Island shaped like a traditional Chinese hat. The short trail around the cove leads you through a sea lion colony, with chances to spot eagles, oystercatchers, and lava lizards along the way. After your walk, take to the water for some snorkeling, where you may encounter sharks, rays, and even the elusive Galapagos penguin swimming nearby.

In the afternoon, head to North Seymour Island, a wildlife paradise formed by underwater lava uplift. Inland, you'll find colonies of blue-footed boobies, with their charming courtship dances, and magnificent frigate birds, the males of which inflate their bright red pouches during mating season. Land iguanas and sea lions are also abundant on this flat island, making it a fantastic spot for nature lovers.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 – Sunday: Black Turtle Cove, Santa Cruz Island/ Bachas Beach, Santa Cruz Island



Start your day with a peaceful visit to Black Turtle Cove on the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. As you drift through the serene waters surrounded by mangroves, you'll spot 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 swimming to the surface, as well as herons and pelicans feeding along the shore. This tranquil spot is a perfect example of how mangroves create a rich, diverse habitat.

In the afternoon, relax on Bachas Beach, a beautiful stretch of white sand on Santa Cruz Island's northern coast. The gentle waves make it an ideal place for a swim or snorkeling session, while the beach itself is a nesting site for sea turtles. Look for the rusted remains of a WWII-era pontoon, a remnant of the island's history.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 – Monday: Darwin Bay, Genovesa Island / El Barranco, Genovesa Island



Your morning begins on Genovesa Island at Darwin Bay, a horseshoe-shaped island with a stunning white sand and coral beach. This protected bay is perfect for snorkeling, where you might swim alongside hammerhead sharks, rays, and a myriad of colorful fish. A short trail leads through mangroves and tidal lagoons, home to Nazca and red-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, and other bird species. Hike to the top of the hill for a fantastic view of the bay below.

In the afternoon, explore Prince Philip's Steps, a steep cliffside path that leads you up to a rocky lava plateau. Along the way, you might spot storm petrels, short-eared lava owls, and Galapagos doves. The plateau is a popular nesting site for red-footed boobies and frigates, and the views from the top are truly awe-inspiring.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 – Tuesday: Twin Craters, Santa Cruz Island / Departure from Baltra Island Airport



On your final morning, visit the Twin Craters, two massive sinkholes located in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island. These geological formations are surrounded by lush vegetation, including ferns and Scalesia trees. The area is also home to a variety of bird species, including Darwin finches and white-cheeked pintails. After exploring the craters, you'll have the chance to walk through the island's underground lava tubes, a fascinating remnant of the volcanic activity that shaped the Galapagos.

Afterward, it's time to head back to Baltra Island Airport for your departure. As you say goodbye to the Galapagos, you'll take with you memories of the incredible wildlife, breathtaking landscapes, and unforgettable experiences.

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)