

Endemic Catamaran

Galapagos Luxury Expedition Itinerary F: 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 – Tuesday: Arrival at Baltra Island Airport / Sullivan Bay, Santiago Island

Day 2 – Wednesday: Sierra Negra, Isabela Island / Wetlands, The Wall of tears, Breeding Center, Isabela Island

Day 3 – Thursday: Elizabeth Bay, Isabela Island / Urbina Bay, Isabela Island

Day 4 – Friday: Tagus Cove, Isabela Island / Espinoza Point, Fernandina Island

Day 5 – Saturday: Buccaneer Cove, Espumilla Beach, Santiago Island / Rabida Island

Day 6 – Sunday: Mosquera Islet / Departure from Baltra Island Airport

ITINERARY MAP





DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 – Tuesday: Arrival at Baltra Island Airport / Sullivan Bay, Santiago Island



Welcome to the Galapagos! After landing at Baltra Island Airport, you'll begin your journey through this incredible archipelago. In the afternoon, you'll head to Sullivan Bay on Santiago Island, a surreal landscape created by a relatively recent volcanic eruption. The cooled lava here forms black, rope-like formations with small openings called 'hornitos,' making it feel like you've stepped onto another planet. Despite the harsh terrain, the bay is home to Sally Lightfoot crabs and marine iguanas, adding pops of color to the dark lava.

To top off your visit, take a dip in the bay's waters for an exciting snorkeling session. If you're lucky, you might find yourself swimming alongside sea lions and penguins, a truly magical experience that marks a perfect start to your Galapagos adventure.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 – Wednesday: Sierra Negra, Isabela Island / Wetlands, The Wall of tears, Breeding Center, Isabela Island



Start your morning by exploring the Sierra Negra volcano on Isabela Island, home to the second-largest caldera in the world, measuring an impressive 9 x 10 kilometers. As you hike or ride on horseback, you'll journey through landscapes that shift from barren lava fields to lush forests filled with guava trees. At the top, breathtaking views of the island's volcanoes await, offering a unique perspective of Isabela's dramatic volcanic origins.

In the afternoon, head to the wetlands outside Puerto Villamil, where lagoons and mangroves attract migratory birds like stilts and flamingos. You'll also visit the historic Wall of Tears, built by prisoners in the mid-20th century, offering insight into the island's human history. Finally, explore the Breeding Center, where you can observe giant tortoises at various stages of development, learning about the efforts to protect this iconic species.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 – Thursday: Elizabeth Bay, Isabela Island / Urbina Bay, Isabela Island



Today, you'll explore the remote beauty of Elizabeth Bay, accessible only by dinghy. This pristine area is surrounded by small islets where blue-footed boobies and penguins can be seen perched on the rocks. The mangrove forest that lines the bay is teeming with life—schools of fish, sea turtles, rays, sea lions, and even sharks gather in the cool, clear waters, making this a prime spot for snorkeling and swimming.

In the afternoon, visit Urbina Bay, formed by a major volcanic uplift in 1954. The shores are scattered with coral and marine remnants, but despite its volcanic history, the area is rich in wildlife. Look for the impressive giant land iguanas, Galapagos hawks, and giant tortoises as you wander through the unique landscape.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 – Friday: Tagus Cove, Isabela Island / Espinoza Point, Fernandina Island



In the morning, visit Tagus Cove, a historic anchorage site that has been used by whalers and pirates since the 1800s. Here, you'll find the names of old ships carved into the rocks, a fascinating glimpse into the island's past. A scenic trail leads around Darwin Lake, and for those who hike to the top of the hill, the reward is a panoramic view of the lagoon and beyond—perfect for a photo.

In the afternoon, journey to Espinoza Point on Fernandina Island, known for its thriving population of marine iguanas and flightless cormorants. The contrasting beauty of the stark black lava flows against lush mangroves and pristine beaches creates an unforgettable landscape. Snorkeling here is also a highlight, where playful sea lions and curious penguins add a touch of excitement to your underwater adventure.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 – Saturday: Buccaneer Cove, Espumilla Beach, Santiago Island /Rabida Island



Start your day at Espumilla Beach on Santiago Island, a serene spot named after the foamy waves that wash ashore like meringue. As you stroll along the beach, you'll spot brightly colored Sally Lightfoot crabs and their predators, including hawks, herons, and pelicans. The clear waters here are ideal for snorkeling, where octopi, eels, and sharks can be found swimming amongst the coral.

In the afternoon, explore Buccaneer Cove, a former hideout for pirates and whalers. Today, it's a nesting site for sea turtles and a popular spot for sea lions and stingrays. End the day on Rabida Island, famous for its red sand beaches and volcanic hills. The surrounding lagoons are home to flamingos and pelicans, while inland, birdwatchers can spot mockingbirds, yellow warblers, and Darwin finches.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 – Sunday: Mosquera Islet / Departure from Baltra Island Airport



Your final morning brings you to Mosquera Islet, a small sandy islet nestled between Baltra and North Seymour Islands. This tranquil spot is home to a large colony of sea lions and lava gulls, while Sally Lightfoot crabs scuttle across the rocks. Depending on the season, you may even catch a glimpse of orca whales patrolling the waters around the islet.

After one last adventure, you'll head back to Baltra Island Airport for your departure, taking with you memories of the incredible landscapes and wildlife that make the Galapagos Islands so special.

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)