

Endemic Catamaran

Galapagos Luxury Expedition Itinerary A: 8 Days – 7 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



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 – Sunday: Arrival at Baltra Island Airport / Bachas Beach, Santa Cruz Island.



Welcome to the Galapagos! Upon landing at Baltra Island Airport, you'll kick off your adventure by meeting your crew and settling in before heading to Santa Cruz Island. The first stop is Bachas Beach, a stunning white sand beach known for its sea turtle nesting sites. Stroll along the shoreline as vibrant red Sally Lightfoot crabs scuttle across the rocks and, with some luck, spot flamingos wading in the nearby lagoons. There's even a bit of history here, with the remnants of a rusted WWII barge adding a dash of intrigue to this beautiful setting.

After taking in the scenery, you'll have a chance to cool off with a swim or snorkel in the crystal-clear waters. Whether you're enjoying the marine life below or relaxing on the beach, it's the perfect way to ease into your Galapagos journey.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 – Monday: Darwin Bay, Genovesa Island / Prince Philip's Steps, Genovesa Island



Your morning begins at Darwin Bay on Genovesa Island, a place straight out of a dream. This horseshoe-shaped bay, formed by a submerged volcanic crater, is ideal for snorkeling in calm waters teeming with hammerhead sharks, rays, and colorful reef fish. On land, a short trail through tidal lagoons and mangroves will lead you to a birdwatching paradise, where Nazca and red-footed boobies soar overhead, along with the unique swallow-tailed gulls. Don't forget to soak in the view from the top of the hill—it's a photographer's dream!

In the afternoon, you'll ascend Prince Philip's Steps, a steep cliffside path offering incredible wildlife encounters. Keep your eyes peeled for storm petrels, Galapagos doves, and short-eared lava owls nesting in the rocky crevices. As you reach the plateau, you'll find nesting sites for red-footed boobies and frigates, all while surrounded by dramatic volcanic landscapes.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 – Tuesday: The Twins, Santa Cruz Island / Sullivan Bay, Santiago Island



Start the day exploring Santa Cruz Island’s famous “Twins,” two massive craters that provide a glimpse into the island’s volcanic past. The surrounding highlands, lush with ferns and Scalesia trees, are home to a variety of wildlife, including mockingbirds, Darwin finches, and Bahama pintail ducklings. You’ll also get to walk through extraordinary underground lava tubes, an otherworldly experience that adds even more excitement to your journey.

In the afternoon, head to Sullivan Bay on Santiago Island, where a volcanic eruption left behind a vast landscape of cooled lava. The black, rope-like formations are fascinating to explore, with small openings known as “hornitos” giving insight into the forces at work beneath the surface. Despite the rugged terrain, you’ll find plenty of life here—Sally Lightfoot crabs and marine iguanas abound. Top it off with a swim or snorkel, where you might even encounter sea lions and penguins!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 4 – Wednesday: Sierra Negra, Isabela Island / Wetlands, The Wall of tears, Breeding Center, Isabela Island



Get ready for a morning adventure as you explore the Sierra Negra Volcano on Isabela Island, home to the second-largest caldera in the world. Whether you hike or ride on horseback, the journey will take you through striking landscapes, from barren lava fields to lush forests filled with guava trees. The breathtaking views of neighboring volcanoes and across Isabela make this a must-see stop.

In the afternoon, head to the island's wetlands, a haven for migratory birds such as flamingos and stilts. You'll also visit the Wall of Tears, a poignant historical site built by prisoners in the mid-20th century. The day wraps up with a visit to the Breeding Center, where you'll witness giant tortoises at every stage of development and learn about ongoing conservation efforts to protect these incredible creatures.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 – Thursday: Elizabeth Bay, Isabela Island / Urbina Bay, Isabela Island



This morning, explore Elizabeth Bay by dinghy, a wildlife-rich area surrounded by rocky islets. As you glide through the water, look out for blue-footed boobies and penguins perched on the rocks, while sea turtles, rays, and even sharks swim below. The calm waters make it an ideal spot for snorkeling, allowing you to immerse yourself in this thriving marine ecosystem.

In the afternoon, head to Urbina Bay, a shoreline dramatically lifted by volcanic activity in 1954. Coral and marine remains scatter the landscape, but endemic plants and animals have already made it their home. Giant land iguanas, Galapagos hawks, and tortoises roam the area, while the stunning coastal views make for an unforgettable experience.

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Day 6 – Friday: Tagus Cove, Isabela Island / Espinoza Point, Fernandina Island



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Day 7 – Saturday: Espumilla Beach, Santiago Island / Buccaneer Cove, Santiago Island Rabida Island



Kick off the day at Espumilla Beach on Santiago Island, a tranquil spot where Sally Lightfoot crabs scuttle across the shore, and predatory birds like hawks and pelicans hunt for prey. The calm waters make for excellent snorkeling, where you might spot octopi, eels, and sharks gliding through the depths.

Next, explore Buccaneer Cove, once a favorite hideout for pirates and buccaneers. The cove is a nesting site for turtles and frequented by sea lions and stingrays. Finally, visit Rabida Island, with its striking red sand beaches and volcanic hills. The island's lagoons are home to flamingos and pelicans, while birdwatchers can spot mockingbirds, yellow warblers, and Darwin finches inland.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 – Sunday: Mosquera Islet / Baltra Airport



On your final day, visit Mosquera Islet, a small sandy island known for its colony of lounging sea lions and a variety of shorebirds, including lava gulls and herons. There's no fixed trail, so feel free to explore at your own pace or dive into the water for one last snorkel, where you might encounter rays, turtles, and even sharks.

After soaking in the last moments of this natural paradise, you'll head to Baltra Airport for your flight back to the mainland, taking with you unforgettable memories of your Galapagos adventure.

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)