

Endemic Catamaran

Galapagos Luxury Expedition Itinerary B: 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

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 / Witch Hill / Lobos Island (San Cristobal Island)

Day 3 – Tuesday: Osborn and Gardner Islets / Gardner Bay / Suarez Point (Española Island)

Day 4 – Wednesday: Santa Fe Island // Fausto Llerena Breeding Center / Highlands (Santa Cruz Island)

Day 5 – Thursday: South Plaza Island / Bartholomew Island

Day 6 – Friday: Cormorant Point, Devil's Crown / Post Office Bay, The Baroness' Viewpoint, (Floreana Island)

Day 7 – Saturday: Chinese Hat (Santiago Island) // North Seymour Island

Day 8 – Sunday: Mosquera Islet // Baltra Airport

ITINERARY MAP



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

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



Your journey begins as you arrive at Baltra Island Airport, the gateway to the Galapagos. After meeting the crew of the M/C Endemic Luxury Catamaran, you'll embark on your adventure through the enchanted islands. In the afternoon, your first stop is Dragon Hill on Santa Cruz Island, where you'll have the chance to walk among land iguanas, majestic reptiles that were once nearly extinct. As you explore this rugged landscape, you'll encounter a lagoon frequented by flamingos and pintail ducks, along with a variety of endemic bird species like flycatchers and warblers.

The trek up Dragon Hill rewards you with breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape, making it the perfect introduction to the natural beauty of the Galapagos. After your hike, head offshore for some snorkeling in the crystal-clear waters, where you'll encounter a vibrant array of marine life before returning to the yacht for a relaxing evening.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 – Monday: Kicker Rock / Witch Hill / Lobos Island (San Cristobal Island)



Kick off the morning with a visit to Kicker Rock, an impressive volcanic formation rising dramatically out of the sea. Known for its steep cliffs and nesting seabirds, Kicker Rock offers a fantastic photo opportunity as your boat circles the site. The next stop is Witch Hill, a breathtaking location with white sand beaches and turquoise waters. Here, you'll enjoy a zodiac ride along the coastline, passing unique rock formations and spotting wildlife. Take advantage of the clear waters by snorkeling among colorful fish and marine creatures.

In the afternoon, visit Lobos Island, where you'll encounter blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, and marine iguanas. This tranquil island is also a haven for sea lions, and you'll have the exciting chance to snorkel with these playful creatures in the calm bay. It's a perfect blend of wildlife and relaxation to round out your day on San Cristobal.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 – Tuesday: Osborn and Gardner Islets / Gardner Bay / Suarez Point (Española Island)



Start your day at the pristine Gardner Bay on Española Island, where colonies of sea lions lounge on one of the longest white sandy beaches in the Galapagos. Here, you'll also spot mockingbirds and the waved albatross, a rare species that breeds on this island. A short dinghy ride will take you to Osborn and Gardner Islets, both ideal snorkeling locations. Swim alongside young sea lions and colorful tropical fish in the crystal-clear waters.

In the afternoon, visit Suarez Point, one of the most spectacular wildlife areas in the Galapagos. The walking trail here will take you past nesting sites of Nazca and blue-footed boobies, while finches and doves forage nearby. As you reach the top of the cliffs, you'll be greeted by the sight of waved albatrosses launching themselves into the ocean, an awe-inspiring display of nature. Don't miss the famous geyser that shoots water up to 25 meters into the air!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 – Wednesday: Santa Fe Island // Fausto Llerena Breeding Center / Highlands (Santa Cruz Island)



Your morning adventure takes you to Santa Fe Island, where you'll explore two scenic trails. The first winds through a forest of towering Opuntia cacti and leads to a beach, while the second climbs into the highlands for panoramic views of the island. Along the way, you'll encounter the endemic yellow-green Santa Fe iguana, Galapagos hawks, and other native wildlife. Snorkeling along the shoreline with sea lions adds an extra layer of fun to your visit.

In the afternoon, visit the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center, home to giant tortoises of all ages. Learn about the conservation efforts being made to protect these gentle giants and how they're prepared for reintroduction into the wild. From there, you'll head to the Highlands of Santa Cruz, where you'll observe giant tortoises in their natural habitat. The day concludes with a walk through lava caves, providing a glimpse into the island's volcanic origins.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 – Thursday: South Plaza Island / Bartholomew Island



The day begins with a visit to South Plaza Island, known for its unique landscape dotted with bright red Sesuvium plants and towering Opuntia cactuses. As you hike through the island, you'll spot land iguanas lounging under the cacti, waiting for prickly pear fruits to drop. The stunning contrasts of colors make this a photographer's paradise, and the abundance of wildlife adds to the experience.

In the afternoon, head to Bartholomew Island, home to the iconic Pinnacle Rock. A series of steps lead you to the summit of an extinct volcano, offering one of the most breathtaking views in the Galapagos. From the top, you'll see the surrounding islands and the sparkling waters below. After the hike, take a refreshing dip in the bay, where you can snorkel with penguins, reef sharks, and rays.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 – Friday: Cormorant Point, Devil's Crown / Post Office Bay, The Baroness' Viewpoint, (Floreana Island)



Your morning begins at Cormorant Point on Floreana Island, where you'll visit two beautiful beaches—one tinged green by olivine crystals and another pure white, known as "flour beach." The nearby saltwater lagoon is a haven for flamingos, stilts, and pintails. After exploring the beaches, head to Devil's Crown, a partially submerged volcanic crater teeming with marine life. This spot is renowned for snorkeling, where you'll be surrounded by colorful fish, sea turtles, and even the occasional shark.

In the afternoon, explore Post Office Bay, where you can participate in an age-old tradition of leaving a postcard at the historical mail barrel. This system, started by British whalers in the 18th century, still operates today. Later, visit the Baroness' Viewpoint, named after an Australian baroness who disappeared under mysterious circumstances in the 1930s. The viewpoint offers stunning views of the surrounding mangroves and coastline.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 – Saturday: Chinese Hat (Santiago Island) // North Seymour Island



Begin the day exploring Chinese Hat, a small islet off the coast of Santiago Island. The island's name comes from its cone-shaped volcanic peak, and the trail around the island leads you through a colony of sea lions. You'll also spot eagles, oystercatchers, and lava lizards as you walk along the beach. The surrounding waters are perfect for snorkeling, where you might encounter sharks, rays, and even a Galapagos penguin.

In the afternoon, visit North Seymour Island, a flat island formed by underwater lava eruptions. This island is famous for its colonies of blue-footed boobies and magnificent frigate birds. During mating season, the male frigates inflate their red pouches to attract mates, creating a unique sight. Sea lions and land iguanas are also common here, rounding out a day full of wildlife encounters.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 – Sunday: Mosquera Islet // Baltra Airport



On your final morning, visit Mosquera Islet, a small, sandy island between Baltra and North Seymour. The islet is home to a large sea lion colony and a variety of shorebirds, including lava gulls and herons. There's no fixed trail here, so feel free to explore at your own pace or jump into the water for one last snorkel, where you may see rays, turtles, and even sharks.

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

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)