

ORIGIN - THEORY & EVOLVE VESSELS

Galapagos Cruise Expedition Itinerary A: 8 Days – 7 Nights



Named after Charles Darwin's groundbreaking work *The Origin of Species*, the Origin & Theory yachts began navigating the Galapagos Islands in 2016 and have since set the bar for sustainable, small-ship luxury cruising in the archipelago. Designed for both comfort and environmental

efficiency, these 20-passenger vessels offer two carefully crafted 8-day itineraries through the southern/central and western/northern islands. Each voyage is led by two expert naturalist guides, a dedicated concierge, and a hand-picked crew committed to providing a high-touch, enriching experience that blends adventure, education, and personal service.

All ten deluxe staterooms are located on the “Beagle Deck” and feature panoramic ocean views, plush linens, climate control, and modern amenities such as satellite TV, an iPod docking station, and a private bathroom equipped with biodegradable toiletries, robes, and hair dryers. Two of the cabins can accommodate up to three guests, and each one is maintained with twice-daily cleaning. Beyond the rooms, guests can enjoy indoor and al fresco gourmet dining, multiple lounge areas, a library, fitness center, and a sundeck with a Jacuzzi, open bar, hammocks, and BBQ. For active travelers, snorkeling gear, wetsuits, kayaks, and paddleboards are available, with a masseuse also onboard for private charters.



Built in 2015 and measuring over 142 feet in length, the yachts cruise at 10–12 knots and are equipped with the latest in navigation and safety systems. Every element of the design—both technical and experiential—reflects a commitment to comfort, exploration, and environmental stewardship. Whether you’re sipping cocktails on the sundeck, snorkeling alongside sea lions, or dining under the stars, Origin & Theory invites you to experience the Galapagos Islands in one of the most exclusive and rewarding ways possible.

Accommodation



Technical Specifications

- **Year of construction:** 2015
- **Staterooms:** Ten deluxe double staterooms all located on one deck with panoramic windows and a private bathroom
- **L.O.A.:** 142,16 feet / 43,33 meters
- **Cruising Speed:** 10-12 knots
- **Services & Facilities:** Indoor and al-fresco dining, Open bar policy, Sundeck with Jacuzzi, wet bar, BBQ, Spacious social areas, satellite TV, ten cabins with panoramic windows located all on one deck fitness center with cardio equipment, Masseur (on charters only, for an additional charge) Multiple kayaks and stand up paddle boards (pending park approval), Wetsuits and snorkeling equipment cabin cleaned twice daily, laundry service available.
- **Fuel Capacity:** 6,340 gallons
- **Engine:** 454HP at 1800RPM
- **Voltage:** 110 and 220 volts
- **Navigational AIDS:** VHF and HI-SUB radios, GMDSS, color radar, echo sounder, Furuno GPS
- **Safety Aids:** EPIRB (emergency position indicator radio beacon)



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- Day 1 - Sunday:** San Cristobal Island: Airport – Puerto Baquerizo Moreno – Leon Dormido
- Day 2 - Monday:** San Cristobal Island: Punta Pitt - Cerro Brujo
- Day 3 - Tuesday:** Española Island: Suarez Point - Gardner Bay
- Day 4 - Wednesday:** Floreana Island: Cormorant Point – Devil's Crown – Post Office Bay – Baroness' Lookout Point
- Day 5 - Thursday:** Santa Cruz Island: The Highlands - Charles Darwin Research Station
- Day 6 - Friday:** Bartolome Island // Chinese Hat Island
- Day 7 - Saturday:** South Plaza Island // North Seymour Island
- Day 8 - Sunday:** San Cristobal Island: Interpretation Center - Airport

ITINERARY MAP





DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Sunday: San Cristobal Island: Airport – Puerto Baquerizo Moreno – Leon Dormido



Touch down in the charming town of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno on San Cristobal Island, where your Galapagos adventure begins! As soon as you arrive, our friendly crew will whisk you away to the yacht via bus and zodiac. You'll board your floating home for the week, settle in with a warm welcome briefing, and enjoy a delicious buffet lunch. This is your chance to take it all in—fresh sea air, turquoise waters, and the promise of unforgettable wildlife encounters ahead.

In the afternoon, your first brush with Galapagos magic begins at Leon Dormido (or “Kicker Rock”), a dramatic vertical rock formation towering 500 feet above the ocean. As we cruise around this iconic site, keep your eyes on the cliffs—blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, and frigatebirds often show off here, especially during sunset when the light turns golden and surreal. Guests aboard the Evolve may visit the tortoise center at Cerro Colorado. Afterward, we gather with the captain and crew for a welcome cocktail, followed by an elegant multi-course dinner prepared by the onboard chefs.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Monday: San Cristobal Island: Punta Pitt - Cerro Brujo



We start the morning at Punta Pitt, the northeastern tip of San Cristobal and a true birdwatcher's paradise. You'll hike through tuff formations to see all three species of boobies—Blue-footed, Nazca, and Red-footed—plus Frigatebirds, Storm petrels, Brown pelicans, and more. In the waters near Pitt Rock, snorkel with playful sea lions and darting reef fish like King Angels and Surgeonfish. Before lunch, we'll cruise past Kicker Rock once again, taking in different lights and new bird activity.

After a hearty lunch on board, we head to the pristine white coral beach of Cerro Brujo. This expansive, picture-perfect stretch of coast is ideal for beachcombing, birdwatching, or simply soaking in the scenery. Kayak along the coast or enjoy a refreshing swim with sea lions who may pop by for a playful visit. We'll finish the afternoon with a Zodiac ride into the natural lava cave known as "The Cathedral"—a dramatic and serene end to a day packed with wildlife and wonder.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Tuesday: Española Island: Suarez Point - Gardner Bay



This morning we land at one of the most iconic sites in the Galapagos: Suarez Point on Española Island. Get ready for a wildlife parade like no other—sea lions barking on the beach, Hood mockingbirds tugging at your shoelaces, and from April to December, the famous waved albatross performing their quirky courtship dance. Blue-footed boobies do their signature sky-pointing, while Nazca boobies tend to their chicks and marine iguanas show off their unique red-and-green hues. And don't miss the dramatic blowhole that shoots ocean spray high into the air—nature's own fountain show.

In the afternoon, we swap cliffs for coastline as we arrive at Gardner Bay, a dreamy stretch of white sand where sea lions sprawl out like sunbathers on holiday. With no marked trail, this is your chance to freely wander, snap photos of Galapagos Hawks or Hood Mockingbirds, or simply enjoy the rhythm of waves lapping the shore. Fancy a swim? Dive in with sea lions or kayak across the bay. Snorkelers can head to Gardner Islet, where colorful fish and gentle sea turtles drift among coral and lava rock. After a full day, we'll return to the yacht for a cozy evening and a delicious dinner under the stars.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Wednesday: Floreana Island: Cormorant Point – Devil's Crown – Post Office Bay –
Baroness' Lookout Point



This morning, step onto the mystical shores of Floreana Island, where a green-sand beach greets us with the calls of sea lions, penguins, and blue-footed boobies. As we follow the trail inland, we'll come across a brackish lagoon that's home to the famously pink Galapagos flamingos, along with ducks, flycatchers, and yellow warblers. Keep your eyes peeled for stingrays gliding near the shore and sea turtles preparing to nest in the dunes. Then, get your mask ready for a snorkel adventure at Devil's Crown—a sunken volcanic crater that's a colorful underwater wonderland teeming with reef sharks, parrotfish, and starfish.

After lunch, it's postcard time at Post Office Bay, where an old barrel still serves as a quirky mailing system. Drop off a letter or pick one up to hand-deliver back home—Galapagos-style snail mail! Then, splash into the sea for a swim with sea lions or hop on a Zodiac ride along the coastline to visit the serene Baroness' Lookout. This scenic point is wrapped in island lore, once the hideaway of the enigmatic Baroness Eloisa de Wagner. As the sun sets, we'll head back to the yacht for a warm meal and stories shared under the stars.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Thursday: Santa Cruz Island: The Highlands - Charles Darwin Research Station



This morning, we trade beaches for lush highlands as we head deep into Santa Cruz Island's misty interior. A scenic bus ride takes us through all seven vegetation zones of the archipelago—each one more green and vibrant than the last. Our destination? Las Primicias, a tranquil private reserve where giant tortoises roam freely in their natural habitat. Along the way, we'll explore immense underground lava tunnels and stand on the edge of Los Gemelos, twin volcanic sinkholes surrounded by endemic *Scalesia* forest and the flashes of vermilion flycatchers.

This afternoon, we return to sea level for a visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, you'll meet the next generation of Galapagos tortoises in the breeding center, get to know famous reptiles like "Diego the Professor," and dive into decades of conservation history. Afterward, enjoy some free time in Puerto Ayora—the islands' social hub. Stroll the waterfront, pick up a souvenir, or sip a coffee at a local café. You can return to the yacht for dinner or hop back into town later in the evening—your choice.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Friday: Bartolome Island // Chinese Hat Island



Welcome to another planet—or so it feels as we step onto the otherworldly terrain of Bartolomé Island. With its jagged lava fields, spatter cones, and surreal volcanic formations, this is a landscape shaped by fire and time. A 30-minute hike takes us to the island's summit for one of the most iconic views in all of Galapagos—Pinnacle Rock rising above turquoise waters dotted with volcanic islets. After the climb, cool off with a Zodiac ride or snorkeling session alongside Galapagos penguins, tropical fish, and maybe even a reef shark or two.

After lunch, we set course for Chinese Hat, a tiny island with a big personality. Its cone-shaped profile hints at its volcanic origins, and its shores are dotted with lounging sea lions and lava formations. On our walk, we'll find marine iguanas basking on the rocks and oystercatchers picking along the coast. Snorkeling here is a treat—watch for penguins darting through the water like torpedoes and rays gliding over the seabed. We'll return to the yacht for another delicious dinner and a peaceful night at sea.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 - Saturday: South Plaza Island // North Seymour Island



Today's journey begins on South Plaza Island, a small uplifted islet brimming with drama. The vivid red and green Sesuvium carpet the ground while tall prickly pear cacti tower overhead. Galapagos land iguanas laze in the shade, munching on cactus pads, and bachelor sea lions rest after battles lost over beach territory. As we walk along the cliffs, you'll see swallow-tailed gulls, shearwaters, and tropicbirds gliding in the breeze—it's a photographer's paradise.

In the afternoon, we hop over to North Seymour Island, one of the most wildlife-rich sites in the archipelago. The trail winds past nesting colonies of blue-footed boobies and the island's largest gathering of magnificent frigatebirds—watch the males inflate their crimson throat pouches in hopes of attracting a mate. We'll stroll past land iguanas, marine iguanas, and sea lions surfing the waves. Tonight, we celebrate the voyage with a farewell cocktail party and slideshow presentation from our expert guides—raising a glass to a truly unforgettable journey.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 - Sunday: San Cristobal Island: Interpretation Center - Airport



Our final morning brings us back to San Cristóbal, where we visit the Galapagos Interpretation Center. This museum offers a fascinating look at the islands' volcanic origins, unique ecosystems, and the human history that's left its mark. It's the perfect way to connect the dots of everything you've seen throughout the week.

Afterward, enjoy some last moments in town before heading to the airport for your flight back to the mainland. As you say goodbye to the enchanted isles, you'll carry home not just photos, but stories, inspiration, and the wild spirit of the Galapagos.

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)