

ORIGIN - THEORY & EVOLVE VESSELS

**Galapagos Cruise Expedition
Itinerary B: 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)



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

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



Welcome to San Cristobal! As soon as you touch down in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, our friendly crew will be ready to whisk you from the airport to the dock and then by Zodiac to your luxurious yacht anchored in the bay. After a quick safety briefing and a warm welcome, you'll dig into a delicious buffet lunch. Let the adventure begin!

In the afternoon, we cruise toward the dramatic Leon Dormido (Kicker Rock), a towering volcanic formation rising 500 feet above the sea. As we circle this iconic landmark, keep your eyes peeled for blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, and soaring frigatebirds. If you're traveling on the Evolve, you'll instead visit the fascinating tortoise breeding center at Cerro Colorado. Then, unwind with cocktails during the captain's welcome reception and savor a gourmet dinner as we anchor under the stars.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Monday: Genovesa Island: Prince Philip's Steps - Darwin Bay



After a hearty breakfast, we arrive at Genovesa Island—aka Bird Island! A dry landing at Prince Philip's Steps takes us into a world of rare birds: red-footed and Nazca boobies, lava gulls, storm petrels, and if you're lucky, the elusive short-eared owl. Paddle by kayak or Zodiac along the cliffs to glimpse red-billed tropicbirds, then cool off with a snorkel session in the warm northern waters.

The afternoon continues our birding bonanza with a wet landing at Darwin Bay, a coral sand beach teeming with wildlife. Here you'll walk through tidal pools and mangroves filled with swallow-tailed gulls, great frigatebirds (watch the males inflate their bright red pouches!), and nesting boobies. This island is a birder's paradise, and the stunning intertidal ecosystem guarantees constant surprises.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Tuesday: Santa Cruz Island: Bachas Beach - Dragon Hill



This morning, step ashore at Bachas Beach, a soft white-sand paradise named after leftover World War II barges. It's not just beautiful—it's full of life! Look for bright pink flamingos wading in shallow lagoons, and snorkel in the crystalline waters where tropical fish dart between the rocks and sea turtles glide gracefully below.

In the afternoon, we head north to Dragon Hill, a haven for birders and reptile lovers alike. Along the trail, spot yellow warblers, Darwin's finches, and striking land iguanas with their golden scales. From the top of the hill, take in sweeping views of the bay framed by cactus forests and lava fields. After dinner, we set sail for the western islands, crossing the equator once again.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Wednesday: Isabela Island: Punta Vicente Roca - Urbina Bay



Today's adventure begins at Punta Vicente Roca, where an ancient collapsed volcano has created calm turquoise coves perfect for deep-water snorkeling. Keep an eye out for Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, and marine turtles, and don't be surprised if a curious sea lion joins you in the water. The cliffs are also great birdwatching spots, with blue-footed boobies and pelicans often hanging out.

Later, we land at Urbina Bay, where the land itself has risen from the sea due to tectonic uplift! You might see giant tortoises lumbering through the brush and colorful land iguanas basking in the sun. Snorkeling here might reward you with penguins and even a rare sighting of the giant Mola Mola (sunfish). After another full day, it's back to the yacht for an evening of good food and stories from the sea.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Thursday: Fernandina Island: Punta Espinosa // Isabela Island: Tagus Cove



This morning, we visit Fernandina—one of the most pristine islands in the Galapagos. At Punta Espinosa, a lava-sculpted shoreline is home to the largest marine iguana colony in the archipelago. Watch these prehistoric creatures warm up in the sun alongside sea lions and nesting flightless cormorants. This is also a prime spot to snorkel with graceful sea turtles in cool, nutrient-rich waters.

In the afternoon, we head across the channel to Isabela Island's historic Tagus Cove. Once a hideout for pirates and whalers, today it's home to penguins, noddy terns, boobies, and more. You'll see centuries-old graffiti on the cliffs before hiking through volcanic terrain for panoramic views. The combination of wildlife and rugged scenery here is absolutely unforgettable.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Friday: Rabida Island / Santa Cruz Island: Black Turtle Cove



Start your day on Rabida Island, famous for its otherworldly red sand beach and lagoon where flamingos often feed. A short trail brings you up close with a surprising variety of birdlife, and the snorkeling here is phenomenal—expect to swim with playful sea lions and colorful reef fish. If you're lucky, you might even spot the rare batfish!

Later, we explore Black Turtle Cove, a peaceful mangrove estuary on Santa Cruz. Glide silently through the water on a Zodiac, watching for golden rays, baby sharks, and sea turtles surfacing around you. This serene environment is a stark contrast to the dramatic volcanic sites and offers an intimate encounter with Galapagos marine life.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 - Saturday: Santa Cruz Island: The Highlands – Charles Darwin Research Station



Get ready for a change in scenery as we head inland to the misty highlands of Santa Cruz. Here, the lush greenery hides giant tortoises roaming freely in the wild. Explore lava tunnels and watch for bright vermilion flycatchers flitting through the trees as you learn about the island's unique ecological zones.

In the afternoon, we visit the renowned Charles Darwin Research Station. Meet baby tortoises at the breeding center and gain a deeper understanding of the conservation efforts that protect these incredible islands. You'll have time to stroll through Puerto Ayora, the Galapagos' most vibrant town—shop for souvenirs, sip a drink at a café, or head back to the yacht for a final dinner under the stars.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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



Before we say goodbye, we'll make one last stop at the Interpretation Center on San Cristobal Island. This museum-like space brings the archipelago's history to life, blending natural and human stories into one powerful narrative.

Afterward, enjoy a bit of free time in port before we escort you to the airport for your flight back to the mainland. As your journey comes to a close, we hope you leave with a camera full of photos, a heart full of memories, and a deeper appreciation for this one-of-a-kind 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)