

# Eco-Galaxy Catamaran

## Galapagos Cruise Expedition Itinerary A: 5 Days – 4 Nights



The Eco-Galaxy Catamaran is a first-class vessel designed for 16 passengers, offering an intimate and comfortable Galapagos cruising experience. With eight well-appointed cabins—four on the upper deck and four on the main deck—all featuring outside views, guests enjoy modern amenities such as private bathrooms with hot showers, air conditioning, hairdryers, safes, and internal communication systems. The thoughtful layout includes connecting cabins, making it a great option for families or small groups.

Onboard, guests can relax in spacious social areas including a sundeck with panoramic views, a dining room, a lounge and bar, and a small library with TV and DVD. A 24-hour coffee station offers coffee, tea, herbal infusions, and filtered water at any time of day. For those seeking more active exploration, the Eco-Galaxy provides complimentary snorkeling equipment and kayaks, allowing passengers to fully immerse themselves in the islands' rich marine and terrestrial ecosystems during daily guided excursions.



What sets the Eco-Galaxy apart is its strong ecological commitment. Built with sustainability in mind, it boasts the lowest fuel consumption among first-class catamarans of its size, energy-efficient lighting, biodegradable cleaning products, water-saving systems, and locally sourced food. With a professional nine-member crew and a knowledgeable bilingual naturalist guide, the Eco-Galaxy combines excellent service, delicious cuisine, and responsible practices, making it one of the most rewarding and environmentally friendly ways to experience the Galapagos Islands.

## Accommodation



## Technical Features and Specifications

- **Length:** 27 meters / 89 feet
- **Speed:** 10-12 knots
- **Crew and Staff:** 9 crew and 1 bilingual level II naturalist guide
- **Languages:** English and Spanish
- **Engines:** 2 Cummins Marine 350
- **Water capacity:** 2,500 gallons.
- **Diesel capacity:** 4,000 gallons
- **Electric power:** 11V and 220V
- **Decks:** 4

## Facilities

- Sundeck, dining room, lounge, living room with TV, DVD player, table games and videos; small library, bar, 2 pangas/zodiac boats.



## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

**Day 1 - Tuesday:** San Cristobal Island: Airport – Board Catamaran – Lobos Island

**Day 2 - Wednesday:** Santa Fe Island // South Plazas Island

**Day 3 - Thursday:** North Seymour Island // Mosquera Island

**Day 4 - Friday:** Genovesa Island: Darwin Bay – El Barranco

**Day 5 - Saturday:** Santa Cruz Island: Highlands // Baltra Island: Airport

## ITINERARY MAP



## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**Day 1 - Tuesday:** San Cristobal Island: Airport – Board Catamaran – Lobos Island



Fly this morning from Quito or Guayaquil straight into the heart of the Galápagos, landing on San Cristóbal Island. After paying the national park entrance fee, you'll be warmly welcomed by the crew and escorted to the sleek Eco-Galaxy Catamaran, your home for the adventure ahead. Settle into your cabin, enjoy lunch on board, and take in the first views of this one-of-a-kind archipelago.

In the afternoon, the catamaran anchors at Lobos Island, a tranquil spot across from San Cristóbal. Known as a seasonal nesting site for blue-footed boobies and frigatebirds, this small island also offers one of the best introductions to Galápagos wildlife. Wade into the calm bay for a swim or snorkel and you'll likely find playful sea lions zipping around you – the perfect welcome to the enchanted islands.

**Meals included:** Lunch, Dinner

**Day 2 - Wednesday:** Santa Fe Island // South Plazas Island



Today begins with a visit to Santa Fe Island, a rocky outcrop sprinkled with palo santo trees and giant opuntia cactuses. Its dry landscapes are home to the island's own species of large yellow land iguana, as well as Galápagos hawks, blue-footed boobies, and pelicans. The bay's crystalline waters are irresistible — slip in with your mask and fins to snorkel alongside rays, turtles, clouds of colorful fish, and of course, the ever-curious sea lions.

In the afternoon, step ashore on South Plazas Island, a small islet bursting with life and color. Walk among sea lion colonies and land iguanas, while tropicbirds and fork-tailed gulls soar overhead. Depending on the season, the groundcover of sesuvium plants shifts from green to bright red, making the scenery even more striking. From the cliffs, the views across the channel are simply breathtaking.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 3 - Thursday:** North Seymour Island // Mosquera Island



This morning brings you to North Seymour Island, a wildlife haven where a short hike reveals a thriving ecosystem. Magnificent frigatebirds inflate their scarlet pouches, blue-footed boobies show off their courtship dance, and both land and marine iguanas bask in the sun. Along the coast, sea lions and swallow-tailed gulls add to the spectacle. It's one of the most classic Galápagos walks, brimming with photo opportunities.

Later, anchor off Mosquera Islet, a narrow strip of dazzling white sand lying between Baltra and Seymour. This low-lying island is home to one of the largest colonies of sea lions, offering plenty of chances to capture unforgettable photos of these charismatic animals. A stroll along the beach also reveals brown pelicans and more blue-footed boobies, while the shallow waters invite you in for a refreshing dip.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 4 - Friday:** Genovesa Island: Darwin Bay – El Barranco



Sail overnight to Genovesa Island, often nicknamed “Bird Island” for its immense seabird colonies. After a wet landing on the soft sands of Darwin Bay, wander a short trail through nesting sites of frigatebirds and boobies. On the beach, watch as frigates swoop down in daring attempts to steal food from their neighbors. Cap off the morning with a snorkeling session in the bay’s sheltered waters, where sea lions and tropical fish abound.

In the afternoon, hike the lava trail at El Barranco, or “Prince Philip’s Steps,” where seabird cliffs dominate the horizon. This rugged path, about a mile long, takes you into prime nesting grounds for storm petrels, Galápagos petrels, and wooden petrels. Red-footed and Nazca boobies also nest here, while fur seals rest in the shade. With its mix of dramatic landscapes and vibrant birdlife, El Barranco is one of the most unforgettable stops on the itinerary.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 5 - Saturday:** Santa Cruz Island: Highlands // Baltra Island: Airport



Your final morning begins on Santa Cruz Island, where a drive into the lush highlands brings you face-to-face with the Galápagos' most iconic residents: the giant tortoises. Wandering freely through fields and freshwater ponds, these gentle giants can weigh over 600 pounds and live more than 150 years. The highlands also shelter tree finches, flycatchers, and the eerie formations of ancient lava tunnels, adding another dimension to your experience.

After this memorable farewell, you'll transfer to Baltra Airport for your flight back to mainland Ecuador. As you take off, enjoy one last glimpse of the islands — a paradise where sea lions, seabirds, and giant tortoises remind us of nature's power and wonder.

**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)