

Eco-Galaxy Catamaran

Galapagos Cruise Expedition Itinerary B: 6 Days – 5 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 - Saturday: Baltra Island: Airport // Santa Cruz Island: Charles Darwin Station

Day 2 - Sunday: Isabela Island: Moreno Point - Elizabeth Bay

Day 3 - Monday: Isabela Island: Urbina Bay – Tagus Cove

Day 4 - Tuesday: Fernandina Island: Espinoza Point / Isabela Island: Vicente Roca Point

Day 5 - Wednesday: Santiago Island: Puerto Egas Beach // Rabida Island

Day 6 - Thursday: Santa Cruz Island: Black Turtle Cove – Transfer to the airport

ITINERARY MAP





DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Saturday: Baltra Island: Airport // Santa Cruz Island: Charles Darwin Station



Your adventure begins with a morning flight from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island, the gateway to the Galapagos. After paying the park entrance fee, you'll be greeted by the crew and escorted to your vessel, the Eco-Galaxy Catamaran. Settle in, enjoy your first onboard lunch, and get ready to dive straight into the wonders of the archipelago.

This afternoon, head to Santa Cruz Island to explore the world-renowned Charles Darwin Research Station in Puerto Ayora. Here, scientists work on conservation projects that have safeguarded Galapagos wildlife for decades. The highlight is the Fausto Llerena Tortoise Breeding Center, home to giant tortoises of all ages — from tiny hatchlings to lumbering 300-kilo adults. Once the refuge of the famous “Lonesome George,” the center offers a fascinating glimpse into both history and ongoing conservation.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Sunday: Isabela Island: Moreno Point - Elizabeth Bay



Wake up to the volcanic majesty of Isabela Island, the largest in the Galápagos. At Moreno Point, you'll walk across young lava fields dotted with pools and lagoons that attract flamingos, ducks, and other birdlife. This landscape feels raw and otherworldly, a reminder of how new life takes hold even in the most rugged settings.

In the afternoon, glide into the mangroves of Elizabeth Bay by panga to discover a world teeming with marine life. Keep an eye out for Galápagos penguins darting through the water, along with manta rays, turtles, and even whale sharks in season. The quiet atmosphere and mirrorlike waters create the perfect setting for spotting herons and seabirds resting among the mangroves.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Monday: Isabela Island: Urbina Bay – Tagus Cove



This morning, land at Urbina Bay, a remarkable site where volcanic activity in 1954 lifted the ocean floor four meters, exposing coral reefs now surrounded by coastal vegetation. It's an excellent spot for seeing land iguanas and the rare mangrove finch. Between January and June, you may even spot giant tortoises that descend from the highlands. Afterwards, cool off with a snorkeling session alongside sea turtles, sea lions, and schools of fish.

In the afternoon, step into history at Tagus Cove, once a favorite anchorage for pirates and whalers. Graffiti carved into the cliffs by 19th-century sailors still remains today. As you hike inland, you'll be rewarded with views over the saltwater-filled Darwin Crater. Back on the water, penguins, boobies, and pelicans dot the rocky ledges, while snorkeling and kayaking reveal the rich marine life that thrives in this sheltered bay.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Tuesday: Fernandina Island: Espinoza Point / Isabela Island: Vicente Roca Point



Start the day at Espinoza Point on Fernandina Island, the youngest and most pristine island of the Galápagos. Its stark volcanic landscapes are home to thousands of marine iguanas, plus flightless cormorants, sea lions, and penguins. Walking across the black lava fields, you'll see cactuses sprouting from cracks in the rock — a striking symbol of life in a barren world.

In the afternoon, sail to Vicente Roca Point on northern Isabela. Here, the remnants of an ancient volcano form turquoise coves protected from ocean swells. The cliffs are alive with blue-footed boobies, pelicans, and nesting seabirds, while beneath the waves, nutrient-rich currents attract turtles, rays, and colorful fish. It's a spectacular spot for deep-water snorkeling.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Wednesday: Santiago Island: Puerto Egas Beach // Rabida Island



This morning, step onto the dark volcanic sands of Puerto Egas on Santiago Island, a site visited by Darwin in 1835. A coastal walk reveals lava formations, tide pools brimming with life, and a surprising population of fur seals resting in rocky grottos. Along the way, look out for yellow-crowned night herons, Sally Lightfoot crabs, and marine iguanas grazing on algae beds.

In the afternoon, the red sands of Rabida Island await. A short trail leads to a lagoon often frequented by flamingos, while snorkeling off the beach offers the chance to spot batfish, tropical reef species, and sea lions gliding through the shallows. With its striking landscapes and wildlife, Rabida is one of the most photogenic islands in the archipelago.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Thursday: Santa Cruz Island: Black Turtle Cove – Transfer to the airport



On your final morning, visit the tranquil mangroves of Black Turtle Cove on Santa Cruz Island. Glide silently through the calm waters by panga, keeping your eyes peeled for sea turtles rising to the surface, schools of rays gliding beneath, and reef sharks resting in the shallows. This hidden cove is also an important nursery for many marine species.

After this serene farewell, you'll be transferred to Baltra Airport for your flight back to mainland Ecuador. As you depart, take one last look at the Galápagos — a living Eden of wildlife, volcanic landscapes, and unforgettable encounters.

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)