

Eco-Galaxy Catamaran

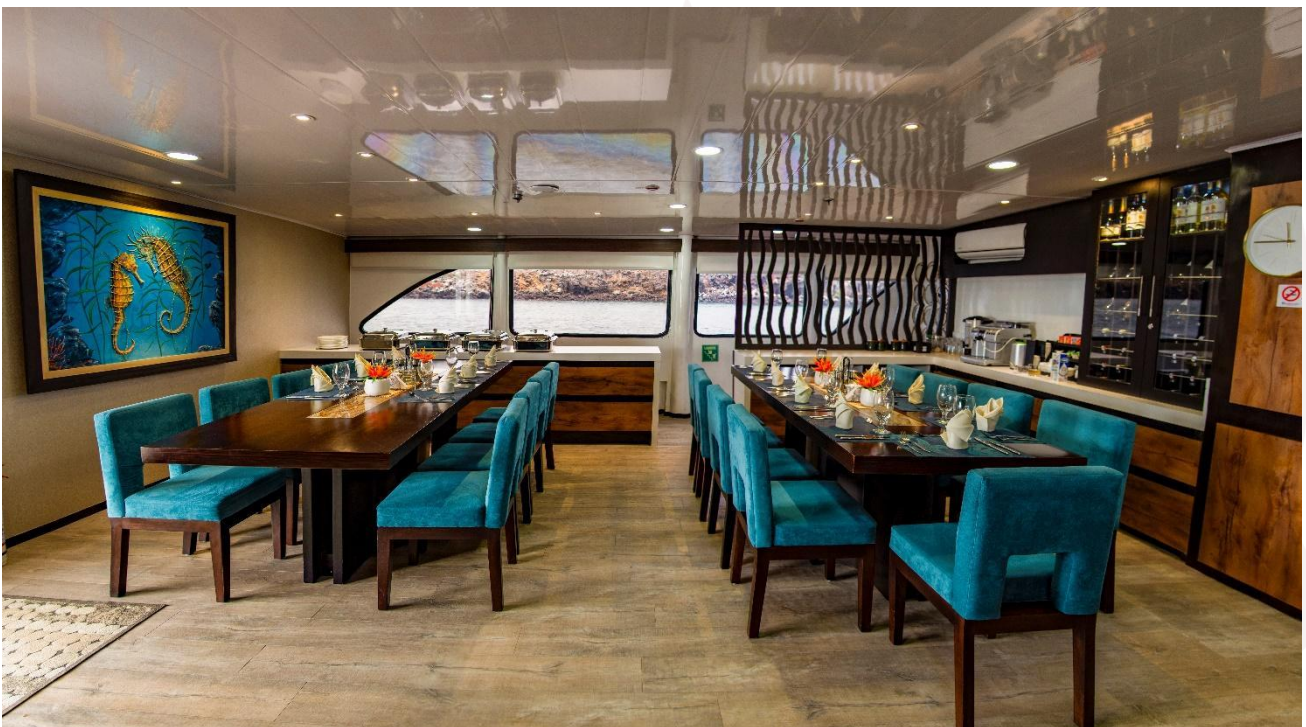
Galapagos Cruise Expedition Itinerary C: 6 Days – 5 Nights



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 - Thursday: Baltra Island: Airport – Board Catamaran // Santa Cruz: Bachas Beach

Day 2 - Friday: Santiago Island: Sullivan Bay // Bartolome Island

Day 3 - Saturday: Santa Cruz Island: Highlands // Charles Darwin Research Station

Day 4 - Sunday: Floreana Island: Cormorant Point / Devil's Crown // Post Office Bay

Day 5 - Monday: Española Island: Suarez Point // Gardner Bay

Day 6 - Tuesday: San Cristobal Island: Interpretation Center – Airport

ITINERARY MAP



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Thursday: Baltra Island: Airport – Board Catamaran // Santa Cruz: Bachas Beach



Your journey begins with a morning flight from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island, the gateway to the Galápagos. After paying the park entrance fee, you'll be welcomed by the crew and escorted to your catamaran, the Eco-Galaxy, where lunch will be served and your adventure officially begins.

In the afternoon, set out for Las Bachas Beach on the northern coast of Santa Cruz. This long stretch of soft white sand is one of the archipelago's main nesting sites for sea turtles, and it's also frequented by flamingos, herons, and marine iguanas. You might even catch sight of tiny Galápagos penguins along the shore. Beyond the wildlife, the beach has a unique history — its name comes from the remains of U.S. Navy barges abandoned here during World War II. Whether you choose to swim, snorkel, or simply relax, it's the perfect first taste of the islands.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Friday: Santiago Island: Sullivan Bay // Bartolome Island



This morning, step ashore on Santiago Island at Sullivan Bay, where a dramatic lava field stretches out like a frozen sea of rock. The flows here date back to eruptions in the late 1800s, and their surreal textures and patterns are fascinating to explore. Between the stark volcanic formations, you'll find pioneer plants and the occasional lava cactus, while in the water, playful sea lions invite you in for a swim or snorkel.

In the afternoon, visit one of the Galápagos' most iconic sites: Bartolomé Island. A climb up its wooden staircase rewards you with panoramic views of Pinnacle Rock and the surrounding bays — a postcard-perfect scene. Down by the water, snorkeling is a highlight, with chances to swim alongside sea turtles, penguins, and colorful reef fish. The clear waters around Pinnacle Rock are also home to whitetip reef sharks, making this a thrilling underwater experience.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Saturday: Santa Cruz Island: Highlands // Charles Darwin Research Station

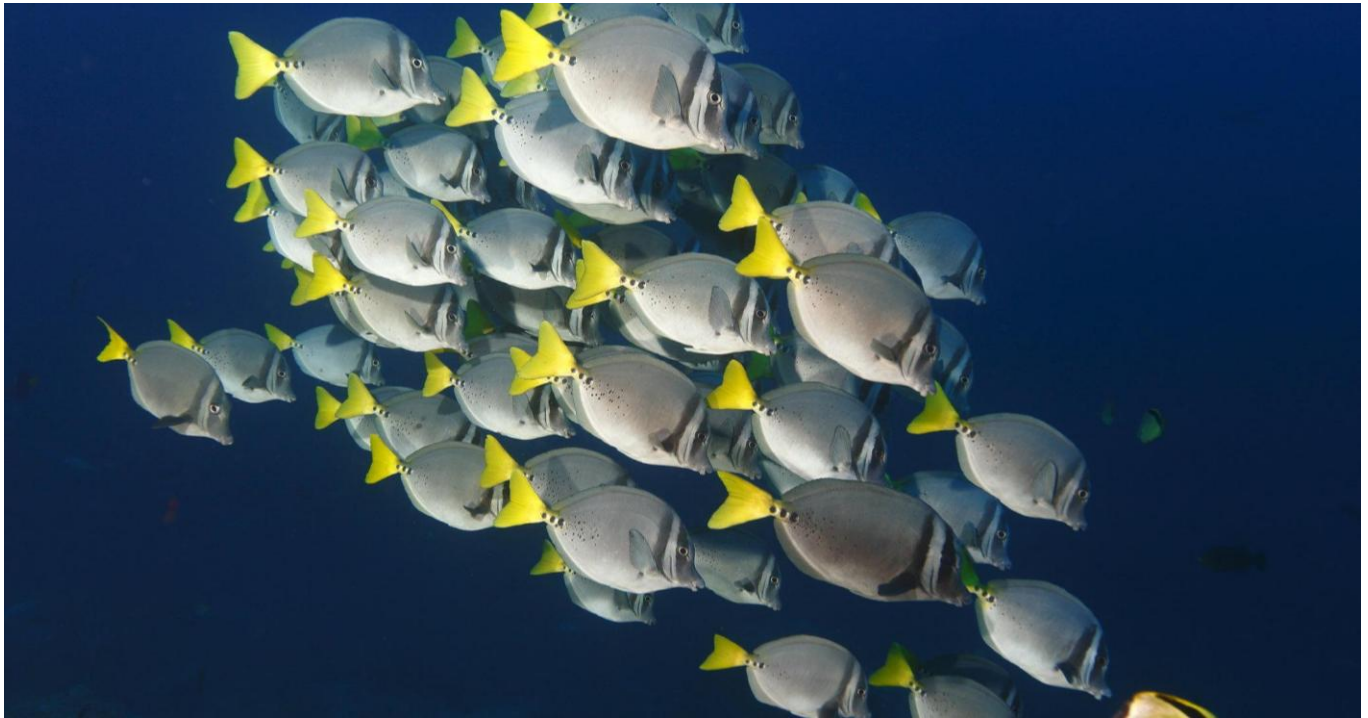


Today begins in the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, where the green landscapes contrast beautifully with the arid lowlands. Journey through changing vegetation zones before arriving at the famous Los Gemelos twin craters, formed by collapsed magma chambers and surrounded by a unique Scalesia forest. Keep an eye out for tree finches, flycatchers, and even the elusive vermilion flycatcher. This area also produces the islands' renowned organic coffee, grown in the cool highland climate.

In the afternoon, head to the Charles Darwin Research Station in Puerto Ayora. This world-renowned center focuses on conservation, science, and education, but the highlight for visitors is the Fausto Llerena Tortoise Breeding Center, where you can see giant tortoises of all ages. From tiny hatchlings to massive adults weighing up to 300 kilos, these gentle giants are a symbol of Galápagos conservation. It's also the former home of the legendary "Lonesome George."

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Sunday: Floreana Island: Cormorant Point / Devil's Crown // Post Office Bay



This morning, explore Cormorant Point on Floreana Island, a site with two unique beaches and a brackish lagoon where flamingos often feed. One trail leads to a turtle nesting site, while the waters nearby are alive with rays and reef sharks. Just offshore lies Devil's Crown, a submerged volcanic crater considered one of the best snorkeling spots in the Galapagos. The currents bring schools of fish, sea turtles, and sometimes even sharks into this natural aquarium.

In the afternoon, visit Post Office Bay, a quirky and historic site where sailors once left letters in a wooden barrel to be delivered by passing ships. The tradition continues today, so don't forget to bring a postcard! The beach is also a great spot for snorkeling among sea lions and green turtles, offering the perfect mix of history and adventure.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Monday: Española Island: Suarez Point // Gardner Bay



After breakfast, set out for Suarez Point on Española, the oldest and southernmost island of the Galápagos. This is one of the best wildlife sites in the archipelago, home to nesting seabirds, Galápagos hawks, marine iguanas, and the world's only colony of waved albatross (May–December). The dramatic blowhole here sends water shooting nearly 30 meters into the air, adding to the wild atmosphere of this rocky coastline.

In the afternoon, relax on the dazzling white sands of Gardner Bay, where turquoise waters lap against the shore. Sea lions lounge on the beach, while snorkelers can head into the water to find schools of reef fish, sea turtles, and the occasional friendly shark. Mockingbirds and Darwin's finches flit around the dunes, making this a great place for both birdwatching and simply soaking in the beauty of Española.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Tuesday: San Cristobal Island: Interpretation Center – Airport



On your final morning, visit the Interpretation Center in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno on San Cristóbal Island. This modern facility offers an excellent introduction to the archipelago's natural and human history, from volcanic origins and ocean currents to the stories of exploration, colonization, and conservation. It's the perfect way to put your adventure into perspective.

Afterwards, you'll be transferred to the San Cristóbal Airport for your flight back to mainland Ecuador. Take one last look at the Galápagos from above — a one-of-a-kind paradise that has given you days filled with discovery, adventure, and unforgettable wildlife 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)