

Bonita Yacht

Galapagos Cruise Expedition Itinerary B: 5 Days - 4 Nights



This Superior class yacht offers an inviting and affordable way to explore the Galapagos Islands while maintaining a minimal ecological footprint. Measuring 83 feet in length with a capacity for 16 passengers, the vessel provides an intimate cruising experience supported by a professional crew of eight and a bilingual naturalist guide. Powered by twin Caterpillar engines and cruising at approximately 9 knots, the yacht allows travelers to navigate the islands comfortably while focusing on immersive wildlife encounters and outdoor adventure.

The yacht features welcoming social spaces where guests can unwind between daily excursions. These include a spacious sundeck with sweeping panoramic views, a dining room with large ocean-view windows, a well-stocked bar, a conference area for briefings, and a small library. The lounge area is particularly distinctive, decorated with artwork inspired by the remarkable wildlife of the Galapagos and created by a local artist, adding a unique cultural touch to the onboard atmosphere.



Guest cabins are designed for comfort and practicality, offering twin, double, or bunk bed configurations, large ocean-view windows, air-conditioning, functional storage space, and desks. After a day spent hiking volcanic trails, snorkeling with marine life, or observing endemic species, travelers can relax on the sun deck and take in 180-degree views of the surrounding islands—making this yacht an excellent option for adventurers seeking a relaxed and authentic Galapagos cruising experience.



Accommodation



- **Cabins Include:** Bunk beds / Double / Twin beds, endemic-style decoration, ample ocean view windows, functional closets, personalized air conditioning, drawer desk

Technical Features and Specifications

- **Beam:** 22 feet
- **Length:** 83 feet
- **Category:** Tourist Superior Class
- **Capacity:** 16 Passengers
- **Speed:** 9 knots
- **Motor:** 2 Caterpillar 8-cylinder motors
- **Yacht staff:** 8 crew members, 1 bilingual naturalist guide



Social Areas & Amenities

- Sundeck – solarium
- Dining room with ocean view windows
- Well-stocked bar
- Conference area
- Library

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 - Saturday: Flight to Galapagos – Baltra airport / Santa Cruz Highlands

Day 2 - Sunday: Cormorant Point / Devil's Crown / Post Office Bay (Floreana Island)

Day 3 - Monday: Suarez Point / Gardner Bay (Española Island)

Day 4 - Tuesday: Interpretation Center / Kicker Rock / Lobos Islands (San Cristobal Island)

Day 5 - Wednesday: Bachas Beach – Flight back to Ecuadorian mainland

ITINERARY MAP



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 - Saturday: Flight to Galapagos – Baltra airport / Santa Cruz Highlands



Your adventure begins with a flight from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island, the main gateway to the Galapagos archipelago. Upon arrival, you will complete the Galapagos National Park entry procedures, which help support the conservation of this extraordinary natural reserve. A member of the expedition team will then welcome you and escort you to the Bonita Yacht, where you can settle into your cabin and enjoy your first moments aboard.

In the afternoon, you will travel to the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island. The landscape here is dramatically different from the dry coastal areas, with green forests and cooler temperatures creating a completely different ecosystem. As you drive through several vegetation zones, you will pass small farming communities known for producing organic Galapagos coffee while enjoying beautiful views of the island's unique highland scenery.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Sunday: Cormorant Point / Devil's Crown / Post Office Bay (Floreana Island)



Today you explore Floreana Island, one of the most fascinating islands in the Galapagos. Your morning begins at Cormorant Point, where a short walk leads to a mangrove lagoon that attracts a variety of birds including Galapagos ducks, black winged stilts, and oystercatchers. With a bit of luck, you may also see flamingos feeding in the shallow waters. Nearby beaches serve as important nesting areas for sea turtles, and the surrounding waters often reveal rays and reef sharks.

Later, you will have the opportunity to snorkel at Devils Crown, a spectacular underwater site formed by the remains of a volcanic crater. Beneath the surface you may encounter sea lions, reef sharks, sea turtles, starfish, and schools of colorful tropical fish. In the afternoon, continue to historic Post Office Bay where a famous wooden barrel once served as an informal mail system for sailors and whalers. Visitors still leave postcards here today in the hope that another traveler will deliver them to their destination.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Monday: Suarez Point / Gardner Bay (Española Island)



This morning you visit Suarez Point, one of the most remarkable wildlife sites in the Galapagos. The trail passes along dramatic cliffs and rocky landscapes where a variety of seabirds nest. Here you may encounter Nazca boobies, blue footed boobies, Galapagos hawks, and the curious Espanola mockingbirds. Between May and December, this island also becomes the nesting ground for the magnificent waved albatross. Along the coast you may witness the famous blowhole where ocean waves shoot water high into the air.

In the afternoon you arrive at Gardner Bay, a stunning white sand beach with calm turquoise waters. A colony of sea lions often rests along the shore, and snorkeling in the surrounding waters reveals a rich marine environment with colorful fish, rays, turtles, and sometimes small sharks. The beach is also home to Darwin finches and the endemic hood mockingbird.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Tuesday: Interpretation Center / Kicker Rock / Lobos Islands (San Cristobal Island)



Your day begins in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the capital of the Galapagos Province, where you will visit the San Cristobal Interpretation Center. This informative museum offers fascinating insights into the natural history, conservation efforts, and human settlement of the Galapagos Islands. Afterward, you will sail past the impressive rock formation known as Kicker Rock, a dramatic volcanic structure rising from the ocean and serving as a nesting site for many seabirds.

Later in the day, you will explore Lobos Island where you can enjoy walking trails and excellent opportunities for swimming and snorkeling. The island is home to sea lions, frigate birds, marine iguanas, and lava lizards, and the surrounding waters are ideal for observing marine life while snorkeling in the clear Pacific waters.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 5 - Wednesday: Bachas Beach – Flight back to Ecuadorian mainland



On your final morning you will visit Bachas Beach on the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. This long stretch of soft white sand is one of the most important nesting areas for sea turtles in the Galapagos. The surrounding lagoons attract flamingos, herons, and black winged stilts, while sea lions and marine iguanas can often be seen along the shoreline.

After enjoying time at the beach and possibly a final swim or snorkeling session, you will return to Baltra Island for your flight back to mainland Ecuador. As you leave the islands behind, take a final look at the Galapagos from above, reflecting on the extraordinary landscapes, wildlife encounters, and unforgettable experiences of your journey.

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)