

Bonita Yacht

Galapagos Cruise Expedition Itinerary C: 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 - Wednesday: Flight to Galapagos - Baltra Airport / South Plazas Island

Day 2 - Thursday: Black Turtle Cove / Highlands (Santa Cruz Island)

Day 3 - Friday: Darwin Bay / Barranco (Genovesa Island)

Day 4 - Saturday: Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island) // Bartolome Island

Day 5 - Sunday: North Seymour Island – Baltra Airport – flight back to the mainland

ITINERARY MAP



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 - Wednesday: Flight to Galapagos - Baltra Airport / South Plazas Island



Your Galapagos journey begins with a flight from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island, the main gateway to this remarkable archipelago. Upon arrival, you will complete the national park entry procedures that support the protection of the Galapagos National Park and Marine Reserve. A member of the expedition team will then greet 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 visit South Plaza Island, a small but incredibly vibrant island located just east of Santa Cruz. After a dry landing, you will walk among colonies of sea lions and land iguanas that inhabit this colorful landscape. Along the cliffs, seabirds such as tropicbirds and swallow tailed gulls can often be seen nesting, while the island's distinctive vegetation and towering opuntia cacti create a dramatic setting overlooking the ocean.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Thursday: Black Turtle Cove / Highlands (Santa Cruz Island)



This morning you explore Black Turtle Cove on the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. This peaceful mangrove inlet is visited by dinghy, allowing you to glide quietly through calm waters surrounded by mangrove forests. The shallow lagoon is an important nesting area for sea turtles, and if conditions are clear you may spot reef sharks, rays, and schools of fish moving through the water below.

Later in the day, you will travel to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island to visit one of the giant tortoise reserves such as El Chato or Rancho Las Primicias. Here you can observe these iconic reptiles roaming freely in their natural habitat while grazing on grasses or resting in muddy ponds. The highlands also offer the chance to explore impressive lava tunnels formed by ancient volcanic eruptions, giving you a fascinating glimpse into the geological origins of the islands.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Friday: Darwin Bay / Barranco (Genovesa Island)



Today you arrive at Genovesa Island, often called Bird Island because of its incredible seabird colonies. After a wet landing at Darwin Bay, you will follow a trail that passes through nesting sites of frigate birds and several species of boobies. Along the beach, you may witness the dramatic behavior of frigate birds attempting to steal food from returning seabirds.

In the afternoon, continue to El Barranco, also known as Prince Philip Steps. A trail climbs across volcanic rock toward dramatic cliffs where large colonies of seabirds nest. This area is one of the best places in the Galapagos to observe red footed boobies, Nazca boobies, storm petrels, and other marine birds while enjoying sweeping views over the surrounding ocean.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Saturday: Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island) // Bartolome Island



Your morning begins with a visit to Sullivan Bay on Santiago Island, where a vast lava field reveals the powerful volcanic forces that shaped the Galapagos. Walking across the dark lava landscape offers a unique opportunity to observe fascinating rock formations and young volcanic terrain. After exploring the area, you may also have time to swim or snorkel with playful sea lions in the surrounding waters.

In the afternoon you will visit Bartolome Island, home to one of the most iconic views in the Galapagos. A staircase leads to a scenic viewpoint overlooking the famous Pinnacle Rock and the surrounding coastline. Below, the beaches offer excellent snorkeling where you may encounter sea turtles, reef sharks, and even the tiny Galapagos penguin swimming through the clear waters.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Sunday: North Seymour Island – Baltra Airport – flight back to the mainland



Your final morning takes you to North Seymour Island, one of the best locations in the Galapagos for observing seabird colonies. A short walk along the island's coastal trail reveals nesting sites for blue footed boobies and magnificent frigate birds, famous for the males inflating their bright red throat pouches during courtship displays.

As you explore the island, you may also encounter marine iguanas, land iguanas, sea lions, and swallow tailed gulls along the shoreline. After this final excursion, you will return to Baltra Airport for your flight back to mainland Ecuador, bringing your unforgettable Galapagos adventure to a close.

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)