

Bonita Yacht

Galapagos Cruise Expedition Itinerary A: 7 Days – 6 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

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 - Sunday: Flight to Galapagos - Baltra airport // Dragon Hill (Santa Cruz Island)



Your journey to the Galapagos begins with a flight from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island, the main gateway to this remarkable archipelago. Upon arrival, you will complete the Galapagos National Park entry procedures before being warmly welcomed by a member of the expedition team. From there, you will be escorted to your vessel, the Bonita Yacht, where you can settle into your cabin, enjoy lunch on board, and receive a briefing about the exciting days of exploration ahead.

In the afternoon, you will visit Dragon Hill on the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. A short trail leads through dry vegetation and past a lagoon where flamingos and other colorful birds often gather. Along the path you may encounter lava lizards, Darwin finches, and other native wildlife while enjoying beautiful views of the surrounding coastline.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Monday: Buccaneer Cove / Espumilla Beach / Egas Port (Santiago Island)



Today begins with a visit to Buccaneer Cove, a historic bay once used by pirates and whalers as a safe anchorage. Towering tuff cliffs surround the cove and serve as nesting sites for numerous seabirds. As you explore the coastline, keep an eye out for unusual rock formations that resemble animals such as a monkey and an elephant.

Later you will explore Santiago Island, beginning at Espumilla Beach where sea turtles nest and marine iguanas bask in the sun. The waters here are excellent for snorkeling, offering the chance to see octopus, moray eels, and a variety of tropical fish. The afternoon continues at Puerto Egas, where a coastal trail leads across lava formations and natural tide pools filled with sea lions, herons, and colorful Sally Lightfoot crabs. The area also reveals traces of the island's history, including remnants of an abandoned salt mining operation.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Tuesday: Vicente Roca Point (Isabela Island) // Espinoza Point (Fernandina Island)



This morning you explore Vicente Roca Point on the northern coast of Isabela Island, where the remains of an ancient volcano form two beautiful coves with calm turquoise waters. The area is known for its incredible marine life thanks to nutrient rich ocean currents. While snorkeling you may spot sea turtles, penguins, or even the impressive mola mola sunfish.

In the afternoon you will visit Espinoza Point on Fernandina Island, one of the youngest and most pristine islands in the Galapagos. The dramatic lava landscapes here create a striking contrast with the abundant wildlife that thrives in this environment. Along the trail you will see large groups of marine iguanas, sea lions, Galapagos penguins, and the unique flightless cormorant, making this one of the most memorable wildlife encounters of the trip.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Wednesday: Urbina Bay / Tagus Cove (Isabela Island)



Your morning excursion takes you to Urbina Bay, where a powerful volcanic event in 1954 lifted part of the seabed above the surface. Today the raised coral formations remain visible along the shoreline, surrounded by vegetation and wildlife. Land iguanas and rare birds are often seen here, and you may also have the opportunity to snorkel with sea turtles, sea lions, and schools of tropical fish.

Later in the day you visit Tagus Cove, a historic anchorage once used by pirates, whalers, and explorers. A trail climbs through volcanic landscapes and dry vegetation to a viewpoint overlooking the deep blue bay. Along the cliffs you may see blue footed boobies, pelicans, marine iguanas, and even Galapagos penguins resting along the shoreline.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Thursday: Elizabeth Bay / Moreno Point (Isabela Island)



This morning you explore Elizabeth Bay, a peaceful mangrove ecosystem located along the eastern coast of Isabela Island. Navigating the calm waters by dinghy allows you to quietly observe marine life and seabirds that thrive in this protected habitat. Penguins, sea turtles, rays, and herons are commonly spotted here among the mangrove channels.

In the afternoon you will visit Moreno Point, a striking volcanic landscape shaped by ancient lava flows. The trail passes through black lava fields dotted with lagoons where flamingos, ducks, and other water birds gather. The contrast between the stark volcanic terrain and the vibrant wildlife creates a truly unique Galapagos experience.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Friday: Charles Darwin Station / Highlands (Santa Cruz Island)



Today you visit the renowned Charles Darwin Research Station in Puerto Ayora, an important center dedicated to the conservation and protection of the Galapagos Islands. Here you will learn about ongoing research and preservation efforts while visiting the tortoise breeding center, where several subspecies of giant tortoises are raised before being reintroduced into the wild.

In the afternoon you travel to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island, where the landscape becomes lush and green in contrast to the arid coastal areas. As you drive through different vegetation zones, you will pass forests of scalesia trees and small farming communities that produce organic Galapagos coffee. The cooler highland climate and rich ecosystems offer another fascinating perspective on the diversity of the islands.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 - Saturday: Twin Craters (Santa Cruz Island) – Flight back to Ecuadorian mainland



On your final morning you will visit Los Gemelos, also known as the Twin Craters, located in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island. These impressive geological formations were created by the collapse of underground lava chambers. The surrounding scalesia forest is home to a variety of bird species including the ruby tyrant flycatcher and several species of Darwin finches.

After this final exploration, you will transfer to Baltra Airport for your return flight to mainland Ecuador. As you leave the islands behind, take a final look at the Galapagos from above, a place where dramatic volcanic landscapes and extraordinary wildlife create one of the most unique ecosystems on Earth.

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)