

Galapagos Angel Yacht

Galapagos Cruise Expedition Itinerary A: 8 Days – 7 Nights



The Galapagos Angel Yacht is a modern first-class vessel launched in 2023, designed to blend classic elegance with immersive exploration in the Galapagos Islands. Built in the Netherlands and equipped with advanced navigation and safety systems, this 115-foot yacht offers a smooth and secure cruising experience for up to 16 guests. With a professional crew of nine and a certified bilingual naturalist guide, travelers enjoy personalized service and expert insight while discovering the remarkable wildlife and landscapes that make the archipelago so unique.

Accommodations on board include two spacious suites on the upper deck and six comfortable double cabins on the main deck, all featuring panoramic windows, private bathrooms, air-conditioning, and thoughtful amenities such as safes, hairdryers, bathrobes, and in-cabin entertainment. Guests also benefit from complimentary adventure equipment including kayaks, snorkeling gear, wetsuits, underwater cameras, and walking sticks—everything needed to fully experience the islands both on land and in the water.



Every element of the Galapagos Angel experience is designed to balance comfort, adventure, and discovery. The yacht features inviting social areas such as a sundeck with solarium, lounge and bar, indoor and al fresco dining spaces, and a small library for daily briefings and relaxation. Whether exploring the central and western islands, snorkeling with sea lions and sea turtles, or enjoying sunset views from the deck, the Galapagos Angel offers a refined and memorable way to experience one of the world's most extraordinary natural destinations.



Accommodation



- **Main Deck:** Dining room, lounge, 6 double cabins (152 ft² / 14 m²)
- **Upper Deck:** 2 Suites (196 ft² / 18 m²)
- All cabins with private bathrooms, hot water and air-conditioning.

Technical Features and Specifications

- **Year of construction:** 2023
- **Length:** 115 ft (35m)
- **Beam:** 26 ft (8m)
- **Draft:** 7 ft (2m)
- **Speed:** 11 knots
- **Capacity:** 16 guests | 9 Crew members | 1 Bilingual Guide
- **Main engines:** 2 MTU Diesel V8 835hp
- **Safety & Navigation:** Hydraulic stabilizers for a smooth ocean ride. All equipment meets or exceeds the international SOLAS standard, 2x 25-man life raft, Navtex 300TX FURUNO, 2 GPS, Depth Sounder, 2 naval radars, Fire detection and prevention systems etc.



Social Areas & Amenities

- Sundeck – solarium
- Interior and al fresco dining rooms
- Lounge / bar
- 2 double kayaks
- Briefing area
- Small library

Adventure Equipment

- Kayaks to glide along the coastal waters
- Snorkeling gear for encounters with exotic marine life
- Wetsuits tailored for optimal warmth and mobility
- Underwater cameras to document your underwater experiences
- Walking sticks for trekking through diverse terrains



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- Day 1 - Sunday:** Arrival to Baltra Airport and Transfer to the boat – North Seymour Island
- Day 2 - Monday:** Santiago Island: Chinese Hat // Sullivan Bay
- Day 3 - Tuesday:** Genovesa Island: Darwin Bay // El Barranco
- Day 4 - Wednesday:** Santiago Island: Egas Port – Rabida Island
- Day 5 - Thursday:** Santa Cruz Islan: Tortoise Breeding Center // Highlands
- Day 6 - Friday:** Española Island: Gardner Islet // Osborn Islet // Gardner Bay // Suarez Point
- Day 7 - Saturday:** Santa Fe Island – South Plaza Island
- Day 8 – Sunday:** Santa Cruz Island: Black Turtle Cove - Transfer to Baltra Airport

ITINERARY MAP



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Sunday: Arrival to Baltra Airport and Transfer to the boat – North Seymour Island



Your Galapagos adventure begins with a flight from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island, the main gateway to the archipelago. After arriving and completing the entry procedures for the Galapagos National Park, you will be welcomed by a member of the Galapagos Angel team and transferred to your yacht. Once aboard the Angel Yacht, you will have time to settle into your cabin, enjoy your first views of the islands, and attend a welcome briefing before lunch as the crew prepares you for the days of exploration ahead.

Later in the afternoon, your first excursion takes you to North Seymour Island, a fantastic introduction to the incredible wildlife of the Galapagos. This small uplifted island is home to large colonies of blue footed boobies and magnificent frigate birds, often seen displaying their bright red throat pouches. Along the trail you may also encounter sea lions resting along the shore and marine iguanas moving across the arid volcanic landscape.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Monday: Santiago Island: Chinese Hat // Sullivan Bay



This morning you visit the small and striking islet known as Chinese Hat, located just off the coast of Santiago Island. Its distinctive shape gives the island its name, and the surrounding area offers fascinating geological features such as lava tunnels, volcanic cones, and dramatic lava formations that were once formed underwater before rising above sea level.

In the afternoon, continue to Sullivan Bay on Santiago Island, one of the best places in the Galapagos to witness the raw volcanic origins of the archipelago. The landscape here is covered by extensive lava flows that have formed unusual patterns and small volcanic cones. Walking across this vast field of hardened lava feels like stepping onto another planet while your guide explains how these islands were created.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Tuesday: Genovesa Island: Darwin Bay // El Barranco



Today you explore Genovesa Island, often called Bird Island because of its incredible birdlife. The morning begins at Darwin Bay, a beautiful white sand beach surrounded by mangroves and cliffs. A scenic trail leads through colonies of Nazca boobies, red footed boobies, and swallow tailed gulls. Along the way you may also spot playful sea lions swimming in tidal pools and enjoy spectacular views over the island's dramatic coastline.

Later in the day, visit El Barranco, also known as Prince Philip Steps. A staircase carved into the cliff leads to the top of the plateau where a trail winds through Palo Santo forest and nesting sites of seabirds. This area is also home to Galapagos storm petrels, short eared owls, and Galapagos doves, making it one of the most rewarding wildlife viewing sites in the archipelago.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Wednesday: Santiago Island: Egas Port – Rabida Island



The morning excursion takes you to Egas Port on Santiago Island, also known as James Bay. A coastal trail leads past tidal pools, grottos, and rugged lava formations where marine iguanas, Galapagos hawks, and lava lizards can often be seen. This area is also famous for its Galapagos fur seals, which rest on the rocks along the shore, and it offers excellent opportunities for snorkeling.

In the afternoon you visit Rabida Island, one of the most colorful islands in the archipelago thanks to its striking red volcanic sand beach. After a short walk to a scenic viewpoint, you may spot several species of birds including finches, Galapagos vermilion flycatchers, hawks, and pelicans. The waters around Rabida are also known for excellent snorkeling, often filled with tropical fish and sea lions.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Thursday: Santa Cruz Islan: Tortoise Breeding Center // Highlands



Today you visit the Fausto Llerena Tortoise Breeding Center in Puerto Ayora, where conservation teams work to protect the famous Galapagos giant tortoises. Here you will see tortoises of all ages, from tiny hatchlings only a few inches long to massive adults measuring several feet across. Many of the older tortoises are comfortable around visitors and will often stretch out their necks as if posing for photos.

Later, travel into the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island where the scenery changes dramatically from dry coastal terrain to green forests of scalesia trees. You will explore lava tunnels formed by ancient volcanic eruptions, some stretching for more than half a mile underground. Walking through these tunnels offers a fascinating glimpse into the geological forces that shaped the islands.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Friday: Española Island: Gardner Islet // Osborn Islet // Gardner Bay // Suarez Point



This morning you arrive at the spectacular white sand beach of Gardner Bay on Espanola Island. A colony of sea lions greets visitors along the shoreline, and the clear turquoise waters are perfect for swimming or snorkeling with playful sea lion pups. You may also encounter curious Espanola mockingbirds wandering along the beach.

In the afternoon, explore Suarez Point, one of the most spectacular wildlife sites in the Galapagos. The trail passes through colonies of blue footed boobies, Nazca boobies, and waved albatrosses, which nest here in large numbers. Along the cliffs you will also find the famous blowhole that sends powerful sprays of seawater high into the air, creating dramatic views and fantastic photography opportunities.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 - Saturday: Santa Fe Island – South Plaza Island



Your morning visit takes you to Santa Fe Island, known for its peaceful bay and striking cactus forests. Two trails lead through the island, one climbing to a scenic viewpoint above the cliffs and the other passing through a forest of towering prickly pear cacti. Santa Fe is also home to a unique species of land iguana found nowhere else in the world.

Later, continue to South Plaza Island, a small island famous for its vibrant landscapes and abundant wildlife. The cliffs overlook the ocean and provide excellent views of sea birds, while the island itself is covered with opuntia cacti and colorful sesuvium plants that change color with the seasons. South Plaza also hosts one of the largest sea lion colonies in the Galapagos along with bright yellow land iguanas.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 – Sunday: Santa Cruz Island: Black Turtle Cove - Transfer to Baltra Airport



On your final morning, explore Black Turtle Cove on the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. This quiet mangrove lagoon can only be visited by dinghy, allowing you to glide silently through calm waters surrounded by lush mangrove forests. The shallow waters are an important nursery for marine life where sea turtles, reef sharks, and rays are often seen swimming below the surface.

After this final excursion, you will return to Baltra Island for your flight back to mainland Ecuador. As you depart the Galapagos, take one last look at these enchanted islands, a truly unique destination where wildlife, volcanic landscapes, and unforgettable experiences come together.

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)