

Treasure of Galapagos Catamaran

Galapagos Cruise Expedition Itinerary A: 5 Days – 4 Nights



The Treasure of Galapagos is a modern first-class motor catamaran built in 2009, designed to offer a comfortable and stylish way to explore the Galapagos Islands. With capacity for just 16 guests, the yacht provides an intimate atmosphere and a high crew-to-passenger ratio that ensures attentive service throughout the voyage. The vessel features nine ocean-facing suites, including eight spacious double suites and a larger master suite with a separate living area and two private balconies, ideal for travelers seeking additional comfort and space. All cabins include

private bathrooms, air conditioning, safety boxes, storage space, and private balconies for enjoying the surrounding island scenery.

The yacht offers several welcoming social spaces where guests can relax between daily excursions. These include a large sun deck with shaded and open areas, a bar, and a whirlpool, as well as smaller solarium spaces across the decks. Inside, travelers will find a comfortable restaurant, lounge and bar area, and a meeting room equipped with a TV, DVD player, and a small library. Dining is a highlight of the experience, with freshly prepared local and international cuisine served throughout the journey, complemented by a well-stocked bar.



Every aspect of the Treasure of Galapagos experience reflects a commitment to comfort, service, and environmental responsibility. Equipped with modern navigation and safety systems that meet international standards, the yacht also complies with the strict environmental regulations of the Galapagos National Park. With a dedicated Ecuadorian crew, an expert Level III naturalist guide, and thoughtfully designed spaces for relaxation and exploration, the Treasure of Galapagos offers a refined and rewarding way to discover the extraordinary wildlife and landscapes of the archipelago.



Accommodation



- **Capacity:** 16 passengers in 8 Standard Suites and 1 Master Suite
- **Cabins**
 - 8 suites (20 m²/ 215 ft²) with private facilities, individually controlled A/C, queen-sized beds in doubles, & balcony (1,90x1,20 m / 6.2x3.9 ft)
 - 1 double-sized master-suite (40 m²/ 430 ft²) with private facilities, individually controlled A/C, large bathroom, king-sized bed, living room (convertible into two sofa-beds) & two balconies.
- **Cabin distribution**
 - Main Deck: 4 twin suites and 1 master-suite (optionally convertible into a family suite for 4 people)
 - Upper Deck: 2 twin suites & 2 double suites.
- **Cabin features:** Individually-controlled air-conditioning, private bathroom (shower with hot/cold water), vanity dresser, safety box, private balcony, baggage room

Technical Features and Specifications

- **Category:** First class
- **Type:** Motor catamaran
- **Length:** 30.97m / 101.60 feet
- **Beam:** 11.20m / 36.75ft
- **Electricity:** 110V / 220V (US-style plugs)
- **Speed:** 12 knots / 22.22 km/h / 13.81 mph
- **Crew and Staff:** 8 crew members, plus 1 hotel manager and 1 level III naturalist guide
- **Languages:** English and Spanish
- **Safety and Navigation:** All equipment meets international SOLAS / IMO standards: 1x25 and 1x20 person life rafts, Foruno, 2 GPS, sonar, 2 naval radars, fire detection and prevention systems, etc.
- **Engine:** 2 x 345 PS/HP Caterpillar Diesel, 2 x 75 kw generators
- **Green Certification:** Environmental Impact Study, Department of the Environment (Ecuador) and the Galapagos National Park Administration
- **Decks:** 4

Social Areas & Amenities

- **Outdoor**
 - Sun deck: Solarium area, shaded resting area & whirlpool.
 - Upper deck: Shaded terrace & barbecue area
- **Indoor**
 - Main deck: Air-conditioned lounge with living room, dining room, and bar
- **Amenities**
 - Outdoor whirlpool for up to 6 people (with Jacuzzi[®] jets); deck chairs, BBQ, TV/DVD, small library, board games



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- Day 1 - Friday:** Airport Arrival – Santa Cruz Island: Highlands
- Day 2 - Saturday:** Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island) // Bartolome Island
- Day 3 - Sunday:** North Seymour Island // South Plaza
- Day 4 - Monday:** Pitt Point // Cerro Brujo (San Cristobal Island)
- Day 5 - Tuesday:** Interpretation Center – Airport Departure (San Cristobal Island)

ITINERARY MAP





DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Friday: Airport Arrival – Santa Cruz Island: Highlands



Your Galapagos adventure begins with a flight from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island, the gateway to this extraordinary archipelago. Upon arrival, you'll complete the Galapagos National Park entry process before being warmly welcomed by a member of the crew and transferred to your vessel, the Treasure of the Galápagos Catamaran, where your journey officially begins.

In the afternoon, travel into the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, where the scenery shifts dramatically from arid coastal terrain to vibrant green forests. Along the way, you'll pass through different vegetation zones before arriving at a private reserve where giant Galapagos tortoises roam freely in their natural habitat. Watching these ancient creatures move slowly through the grasslands is unforgettable. You'll also explore fascinating lava tunnels, formed long ago when molten lava hardened on the outside while the inner flow continued toward the sea, leaving behind natural underground passages.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Saturday: Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island) // Bartolome Island



Today begins on Santiago Island, the fourth largest island in the archipelago, where traces of the island's human history can still be seen in the abandoned equipment left behind by early salt miners. At Sullivan Bay, a vast lava field stretches across the shoreline, showcasing fascinating geological patterns created by volcanic eruptions in the late 19th century. Walking across this dramatic landscape feels like stepping onto another planet. Afterwards, you may have the chance to swim or snorkel in the clear waters nearby, often joined by curious sea lions.

In the afternoon, visit iconic Bartolomé Island, one of the most photographed locations in the Galapagos. A climb to the summit reveals breathtaking panoramic views of Pinnacle Rock and the surrounding islands. The beach below offers outstanding snorkeling opportunities, where you may encounter sea turtles gliding effortlessly through the water, playful fish darting through the reefs, and even Galapagos penguins along the rocks. Whitetip reef sharks are also occasionally seen resting in the shallow waters.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Sunday: North Seymour Island // South Plaza



Your morning excursion takes you to North Seymour Island, one of the best wildlife-viewing locations in the Galapagos. A scenic coastal walk introduces you to thriving seabird colonies, including blue-footed boobies performing their famous courtship dance and magnificent frigatebirds inflating their bright red throat pouches. Along the trail, you'll also encounter sea lions resting along the shore and both species of endemic iguanas — marine iguanas and land iguanas.

Later in the day, explore the vibrant landscapes of South Plaza Island, a small but spectacular island filled with wildlife. Sea lion colonies lounge along the shoreline while land iguanas roam among towering opuntia cacti. The island's vegetation shifts colors throughout the year, with bright red succulent plants creating a striking contrast against the dark volcanic rock. The views from the cliffs overlooking the ocean are simply unforgettable.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Monday: Pitt Point // Cerro Brujo (San Cristobal Island)



This morning, visit Pitt Point on the eastern side of San Cristóbal Island, one of the few places in the Galapagos where you can observe all three species of boobies: blue-footed, red-footed, and Nazca boobies. The scenic hiking trail winds through colonies of seabirds, including frigatebirds and swallow-tailed gulls, while offering sweeping views of the rugged coastline.

In the afternoon, land at Cerro Brujo, or “Wizard Hill,” a beautiful white-sand beach framed by volcanic landscapes. From here, you’ll enjoy spectacular views of the famous Kicker Rock formation rising dramatically from the ocean. The calm waters of the bay make it a fantastic place for swimming or snorkeling, where rays, young sea turtles, and colorful fish can often be seen beneath the surface.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Tuesday: Interpretation Center – Airport Departure (San Cristobal Island)



On your final morning, visit the Interpretation Center in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the capital of the Galapagos Province. Through engaging exhibits, you'll gain deeper insight into the archipelago's volcanic origins, unique ecosystems, and the human history that shaped the islands. The center highlights the conservation efforts that continue to protect this remarkable environment.

After this final visit, you will be transferred to San Cristóbal Airport for your return flight to mainland Ecuador. As you take off, enjoy one last glimpse of the Galapagos — a magical place where wildlife, volcanic landscapes, and unforgettable experiences come together in one extraordinary destination.

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)