

Treasure of Galapagos Catamaran

Galapagos Cruise Expedition Itinerary B: 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 – Tuesday:** Airport Arrival – Cerro Colorado (San Cristobal Island)
- Day 2 – Wednesday:** Gardner Bay – Punta Suarez (Española Island)
- Day 3 – Thursday:** Post Office Bay – Cormorant Point (Floreana Island)
- Day 4 – Friday:** Santa Fe Island // El Chato Tortoise Breeding Center (Santa Cruz Island)
- Day 5 – Saturday:** Los Gemelos (Santa Cruz Island) // Airport Departure (Baltra Island)

ITINERARY MAP



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 – Tuesday: Airport Arrival – Cerro Colorado (San Cristobal Island)



Your Galapagos adventure begins with a flight from Quito or Guayaquil to San Cristobal Island, one of the eastern gateways to the archipelago. After completing the national park entry formalities, a member of the team will welcome you and escort you to your vessel, the elegant Treasure of the Galapagos Catamaran, where you can settle in and enjoy your first moments in this extraordinary natural sanctuary.

In the afternoon, travel inland to the Galapaguera de Cerro Colorado Tortoise Breeding Center, one of the most important conservation sites on the island. Here you will encounter the impressive San Cristobal giant tortoises as well as iguanas roaming the surrounding vegetation. The center was established to protect the species from introduced animals that once threatened their survival. A gentle walking trail nearby reveals a variety of native plants such as cat's claw, romerillo, and acacia, along with the rare *Calandrinia galapagosa*, an endangered plant species found only in a few places across the islands.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 2 – Wednesday: Gardner Bay – Punta Suarez (Española Island)



Today you will visit Espanola Island, the southernmost and one of the oldest islands in the Galapagos, known for its extraordinary biodiversity. Your morning begins at Gardner Bay, where powdery white sands meet crystal clear turquoise waters. This idyllic beach is a favorite gathering place for sea lions, while the surrounding waters are perfect for snorkeling alongside colorful fish, sea turtles, and harmless reef sharks. Along the shore, Espanola mockingbirds and Darwin finches provide constant activity for birdwatchers.

In the afternoon, explore Suarez Point, one of the most spectacular wildlife sites in the entire archipelago. The rugged coastal trail passes through colonies of seabirds, including Nazca boobies, swallow tailed gulls, and Galapagos hawks. During mating season from May to December, this area hosts the world's largest colony of waved albatross, offering an unforgettable wildlife spectacle. The dramatic blowhole here sends seawater shooting high into the air, while unique red tinted marine iguanas bask along the rocky shoreline.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 – Thursday: Post Office Bay – Cormorant Point (Floreana Island)



This morning brings you to Floreana Island, a place steeped in legends of pirates, settlers, and mysterious island stories. At Post Office Bay, you will discover the famous wooden barrel once used by whalers in the eighteenth century as a rudimentary postal system. Visitors still continue the tradition today by leaving postcards and delivering others by hand. The nearby beach offers excellent snorkeling opportunities where sea lions and green sea turtles often swim in the shallow waters.

Later in the day, visit Cormorant Point, one of the island's most diverse ecological sites. A short trail leads to a lagoon where flamingos, ducks, and other wading birds feed in the brackish waters. On the opposite side of the island lies a beach where sea turtles regularly come ashore to nest. The surrounding shallow waters are home to stingrays and whitetip reef sharks, making this an exciting place to observe marine life.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 – Friday: Santa Fe Island // El Chato Tortoise Breeding Center (Santa Cruz Island)



This morning, explore Santa Fe Island, a rugged island landscape dotted with palo santo trees and towering opuntia cacti. The island is home to a unique population of large yellow land iguanas, along with Galapagos hawks, pelicans, and blue footed boobies. The calm bay offers wonderful snorkeling conditions where rays, tropical fish, sea turtles, and curious sea lions glide through the crystal clear waters.

In the afternoon, journey into the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, where the scenery shifts dramatically from dry coastal terrain to verdant forests. Along the way you will pass through different vegetation zones and small farming communities known for producing organic Galapagos coffee. At El Chato Tortoise Reserve, giant tortoises roam freely through grassy fields and freshwater ponds. You will also have the opportunity to explore remarkable lava tunnels formed during ancient volcanic eruptions.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 – Saturday: Los Gemelos (Santa Cruz Island) // Airport Departure (Baltra Island)



On your final morning, visit the dramatic Los Gemelos, two massive sinkhole craters located in the highlands of Santa Cruz. Surrounded by lush Scalesia forests, these formations were created when underground magma chambers collapsed long ago. The area is also a haven for birdlife, including the ruby colored Vermilion Flycatcher and several species of tree finches.

After this final exploration, you will be transferred to Baltra Airport for your return flight to mainland Ecuador. As you depart the islands, enjoy one last view of the Galapagos from above, a remarkable archipelago where wildlife thrives, volcanic landscapes shape the horizon, and every day brings unforgettable discoveries.

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)