

Treasure of Galapagos Catamaran

Galapagos Cruise Expedition Itinerary C: 7 Days – 6 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 - Saturday:** Baltra Island // Charles Darwin Research Station (Santa Cruz Island)
- Day 2 - Sunday:** Eden Islet – Cerro Dragon (Santa Cruz Island)
- Day 3 - Monday:** Las Tintoreras – Los Humedales (Isabela Island)
- Day 4 - Tuesday:** Punta Moreno – Tagus Cove (Isabela Island)
- Day 5 - Wednesday:** Punta Espinoza – Vicente Roca Point (Fernandina Island)
- Day 6 - Thursday:** Puerto Egas (Santiago Island) // Rabida Island
- Day 7 - Friday:** Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz Island) // Airport Departure (Baltra Island)

ITINERARY MAP





DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Saturday: Baltra Island // Charles Darwin Research Station (Santa Cruz Island)



Your journey begins with a scenic flight from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island, the main gateway to the Galapagos archipelago. After completing the national park entry formalities, you will be welcomed by a member of the expedition team who will accompany you to your vessel, the Treasure of the Galapagos. As you step aboard and settle into your cabin, the excitement of exploring one of the most remarkable ecosystems on Earth truly begins.

Later, travel to Santa Cruz Island to visit the renowned Charles Darwin Research Station near Puerto Ayora. This important scientific center plays a vital role in protecting the fragile ecosystems of the islands. Here you will learn about the geology, wildlife, and conservation efforts that help preserve this extraordinary archipelago. The highlight of the visit is the Fausto Llerena Tortoise Breeding Center, where you will meet the iconic Galapagos giant tortoises. These gentle giants can live up to 200 years and weigh as much as 300 kg, making close encounters with them both inspiring and unforgettable.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Sunday: Eden Islet – Cerro Dragon (Santa Cruz Island)



The day begins with a zodiac exploration around Eden Islet, a small rocky outcrop surrounded by vibrant marine life. As you glide across the calm waters, keep your eyes open for pelicans, frigate birds, gulls, and petrels nesting along the cliffs. Beneath the surface, spotted eagle rays and marbled rays often glide through the clear waters, offering an exciting glimpse into the rich underwater world of the Galapagos.

In the afternoon, head to the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island to explore Cerro Dragon, also known as Dragon Hill. This scenic walk passes a tranquil lagoon where flamingos and other wading birds often gather. Along the trail, you may encounter lava lizards, Darwin finches, and other endemic wildlife while enjoying sweeping views of the surrounding coastline.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Monday: Las Tintoreras – Los Humadales (Isabela Island)



Today you arrive at Isabela Island, the largest island in the Galapagos. A short boat ride across the harbor leads to Las Tintoreras, a small volcanic islet famous for its dramatic lava formations and impressive wildlife. Along the trail you will encounter large groups of marine iguanas basking on the black lava rocks, playful sea lions resting along the shoreline, and whitetip reef sharks gliding quietly through the shallow channels that give the island its name.

Later, continue exploring Isabela with a visit to Los Humadales, a series of peaceful wetlands and lagoons surrounded by mangroves. These quiet waters are often home to elegant pink flamingos, and nearby lava tunnels provide shelter for marine iguanas. The landscape here offers a fascinating contrast between volcanic terrain and thriving coastal ecosystems.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Tuesday: Punta Moreno – Tagus Cove (Isabela Island)



This morning you explore the volcanic landscapes of Punta Moreno on Isabela Island. Formed by relatively recent lava flows, this rugged terrain is dotted with tidal pools and lagoons where flamingos, Bahama ducks, and other birds often gather. As you walk across the dark lava fields, the contrast between the harsh volcanic environment and the surprising abundance of life becomes truly remarkable.

In the afternoon, continue to Tagus Cove, one of the most historic and scenic locations in the Galapagos. This sheltered bay once served as an anchorage for pirates and whalers, and the cliffs still bear graffiti left by sailors centuries ago. A hike through volcanic terrain leads to breathtaking viewpoints overlooking the bay, where blue footed boobies, pelicans, marine iguanas, and even Galapagos penguins can often be spotted along the dramatic shoreline.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Wednesday: Punta Espinoza – Vicente Roca Point (Fernandina Island)



Today brings you to Fernandina Island, the youngest and most pristine island in the archipelago. This untouched landscape was shaped by the eruptions of La Cumbre Volcano, creating vast fields of black lava that stretch to the sea. Despite its harsh appearance, Fernandina is home to an incredible concentration of wildlife, including sea lions, pelicans, penguins, marine iguanas, and the rare flightless cormorant.

At Punta Espinoza, you will step onto one of the most extraordinary visitor sites in the Galapagos. Here, thousands of marine iguanas gather on the lava rocks, warming themselves in the sun after feeding underwater. As you walk through this dramatic landscape, you may also encounter Galapagos penguins, sea lions, and cormorants moving between the shoreline and the sea.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Thursday: Puerto Egas (Santiago Island) // Rabida Island



Your morning exploration takes you to Puerto Egas on Santiago Island, a location known for its striking black volcanic sand beach and dramatic coastal scenery. A walk along the shoreline reveals marine iguanas feeding among algae covered rocks, Sally Lightfoot crabs clinging to the cliffs, and fur seals resting in natural pools carved by ancient lava flows. The area is also home to many bird species, including the distinctive yellow crowned night heron.

In the afternoon, visit Rabida Island, famous for its unusual red volcanic beach. A short trail leads to a small lagoon often visited by flamingos, while the surrounding waters offer excellent snorkeling opportunities. Beneath the surface, you may encounter tropical fish, sea lions, and other marine life in one of the most colorful underwater environments in the islands.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 - Friday: Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz Island) // Airport Departure (Baltra Island)



On your final morning, visit the beautiful white sands of Las Bachas Beach on the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. This peaceful stretch of coastline is one of the most important nesting sites for sea turtles in the Galapagos. Flamingos, herons, marine iguanas, sea lions, and occasionally even Galapagos penguins can be spotted along the shoreline and nearby lagoons.

After time to enjoy the beach and its wildlife, you will return to Baltra Island for your flight back to mainland Ecuador. As the plane lifts off, take one last look at the enchanted islands below, a place where volcanic landscapes, unique wildlife, and unforgettable experiences come together to create one of the most extraordinary destinations 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)