

Tribute Yacht

Galapagos Cruise Expedition Itinerary 5B: 5 Days – 4 Nights



The Tribute Yacht is a refined luxury vessel designed to deliver an intimate and highly personalized Galapagos experience. Accommodating up to 16 guests, it offers an exceptional staff-to-guest ratio and the expertise of bilingual naturalist guides who elevate every excursion. With advanced safety certifications, including the International Safety Management Certificate, and a highly trained crew, guests can enjoy both comfort and peace of mind while exploring the archipelago.

Accommodations are thoughtfully designed across four decks, featuring seven elegant suites and one stateroom, including Panorama Suites, Premium Suites with added space and amenities, and an expansive Owner's Suite measuring 50 m². Each space blends sophistication with comfort, offering stylish interiors and ample room to relax after daily adventures. Dining is a standout feature, with menus crafted from locally sourced ingredients, complemented by a curated wine selection that transforms every meal into a memorable culinary experience.



Every aspect of the Tribute Yacht is curated to combine luxury with exploration. From the cocktail bar and wine vault to the ocean-view dining and cozy coffee and chocolate corner, the onboard ambiance is both elegant and inviting. Guests can unwind in the sunset lounge, enjoy a private massage, stay active in the workout area, or relax on the sun deck with alfresco dining, BBQ experiences, and panoramic views. Whether discovering the islands by day or enjoying the

yacht's refined comforts by night, the Tribute offers one of the most exclusive and immersive ways to experience the Galapagos Islands.

Accommodation



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- **Capacity:** 16 passengers
- **Cabins:** 7 suites and one stateroom in the lower deck
- **Sundeck:** Jacuzzi and social areas

Technical Specifications

- **Length:** 140ft (43 m)
- **Speed:** 14 knots
- **Crew and Staff:** 10 crew and 1 bilingual naturalist guide | Captain, Quality Control Manager, 8 other crew (First Mate, Second Mate, Chef, Sous Chef, Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Barman, Housekeeper), Bilingual Galapagos National Park Naturalist Guide

- **Languages:** English and Spanish
- **Decks:** 4
- **Certifications:** International Safety Management Certificate from the International Marine Organisation (IMO).

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 - Sunday: San Cristobal Island: Arrival at Airport – Lobos Island

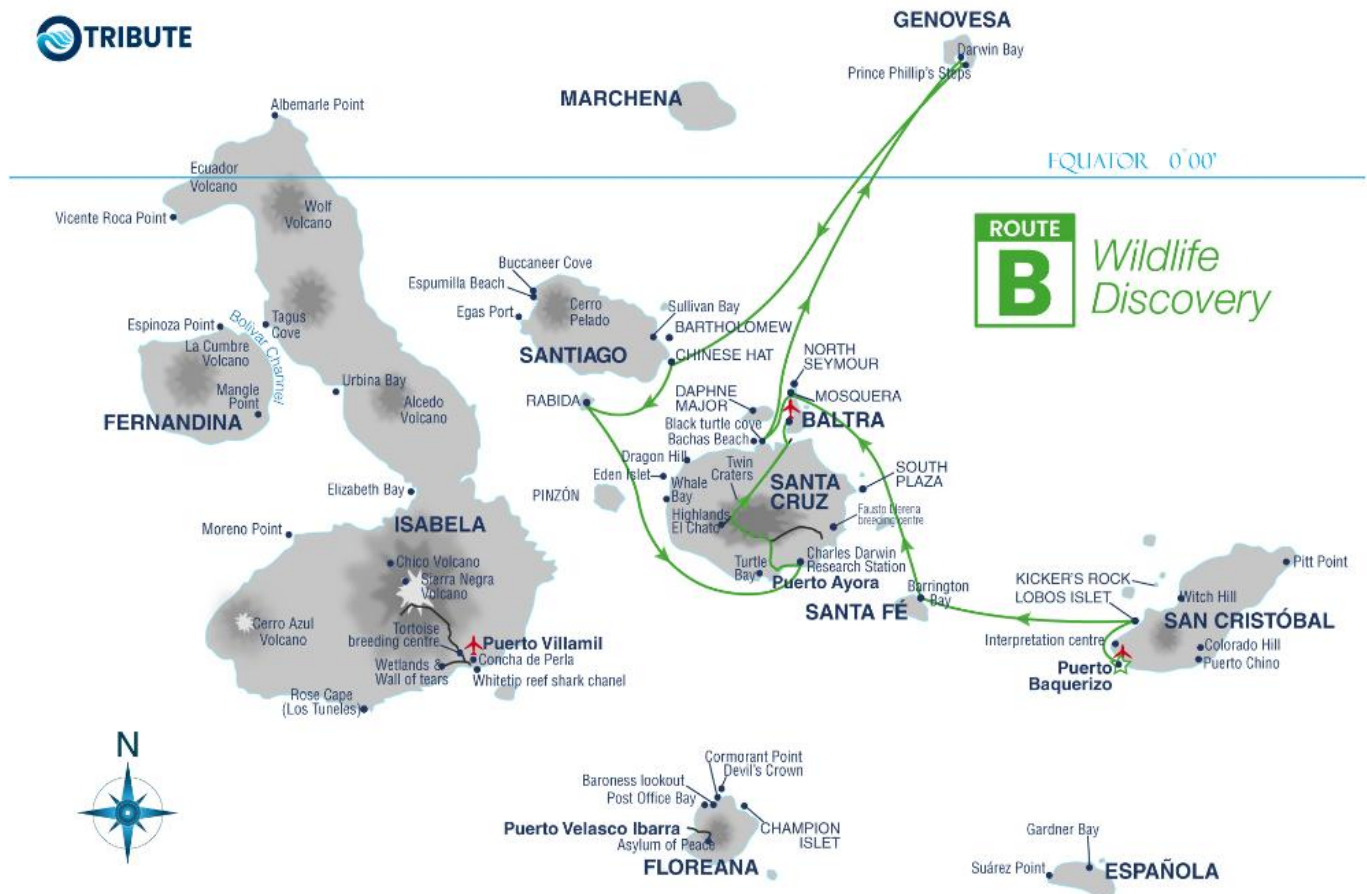
Day 2 - Monday: Santa Fe – Black Turtle Cove (Santa Cruz)

Day 3 - Tuesday: Genovesa: Darwin Bay - Prince Phillips Steps

Day 4 - Wednesday: Chinese Hat - Rabida Island

Day 5 – Thursday: Charles Darwin Center - Santa Cruz airport

ITINERARY MAP





DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Sunday: San Cristobal Island: Arrival at Airport – Lobos Island



Your journey begins with your arrival to San Cristobal Island, where you will pass through the national park inspection process and complete entry formalities. After meeting your naturalist guide, you will be escorted to the dock and board the Tribute Yacht. Once onboard, you will settle into your cabin, meet the crew, and enjoy your first lunch as your Galapagos adventure officially begins.

In the afternoon, you will visit Lobos Island, a lively colony of Galapagos sea lions. Here, you can observe these playful animals up close as they rest along the shore or swim in the surrounding waters. The island is also an excellent place to spot blue footed boobies and frigate birds, especially during mating season when their courtship displays add an extra layer of excitement to the experience.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Monday: Santa Fe – Black Turtle Cove (Santa Cruz)



This morning you explore Santa Fe Island, where wildlife encounters begin almost immediately. Sea lions often approach curiously, while Galapagos hawks perch nearby scanning for prey. A walk through the towering cactus forest reveals some of the largest opuntia cacti in the archipelago, offering a fascinating look at the islands' unique evolutionary adaptations. In the calm waters of Barrington Bay, you may also enjoy swimming or snorkeling alongside sea lions, turtles, rays, and colorful fish.

In the afternoon, you will navigate to Black Turtle Cove on Santa Cruz Island. This tranquil mangrove lagoon is explored by dinghy, allowing you to glide quietly through its sheltered waters. The area is rich in marine life, and you may spot white tipped reef sharks, spotted eagle rays, and sea turtles surfacing for air as you drift through this peaceful ecosystem.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Tuesday: Genovesa: Darwin Bay - Prince Philips Steps



Today you visit Genovesa Island, one of the most remote and wildlife rich islands in the Galapagos. At Darwin Bay, you will walk along a scenic coastal trail surrounded by seabirds and marine life. Frigate birds and red footed boobies nest in the mangroves, while sea lions rest along the shoreline. Smaller birds such as finches, warblers, and mockingbirds add to the vibrant atmosphere of this unique ecosystem.

In the afternoon, you will explore Prince Philip Steps, a dramatic site reached by climbing a rocky path up from the shoreline. At the top, a flat plateau reveals one of the largest seabird colonies in the archipelago. Here you may observe Nazca boobies, red footed boobies, and even the elusive short eared owl, making this one of the most rewarding birdwatching experiences in the Galapagos.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Wednesday: Chinese Hat - Rabida Island



Your morning begins at Chinese Hat, a small volcanic islet known for its striking lava formations and emerging plant life. Walking across this young landscape offers insight into how life gradually takes hold in the Galapagos. The surrounding waters are ideal for snorkeling, where you may encounter Galapagos penguins, sea lions, and sea turtles swimming through the clear waters.

In the afternoon, you will land on Rabida Island, famous for its unique red sand beach created by oxidized volcanic material. A short walk leads to a lagoon that often attracts flamingos and other bird species, while the coastline is home to nesting pelicans and a variety of marine life. This is also an excellent location for snorkeling, offering another opportunity to explore the vibrant underwater world of the islands.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 – Thursday: Charles Darwin Center - Santa Cruz airport



On your final day, you will visit the Interpretation Center, where you will gain a deeper understanding of the Galapagos Islands' natural history, conservation efforts, and the legacy of Charles Darwin. The exhibits provide valuable context to the incredible ecosystems and wildlife you have experienced throughout your journey.

After the visit, you will disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight back to mainland Ecuador. As your journey comes to an end, you will leave with unforgettable memories of the islands' unique landscapes, extraordinary wildlife, and once in a lifetime experiences.

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)