

# ECUADOR - GALAPAGOS 5 DAY CRUISE C (2026



#### TRIP CODE

ECGA5IB

## **DEPARTURE**

Selected Wednesdays

#### **DURATION**

5 Days

# LOCATIONS

Ecuador & Galapagos Islands



# INTRODUCTION

Embark on a breath taking 5-day journey through the Galapagos Islands aboard the Galaxy Yacht, exploring the diverse wildlife, volcanic landscapes, and pristine waters of the Northeast Islands. Snorkel with sea lions and sharks, hike alongside blue-footed boobies and frigate birds, and witness the iconic Pinnacle Rock and Kicker Rock. With expert guides and a carefully crafted itinerary, this adventure offers an immersive and unforgettable Galapagos experience.

# **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: Arrive Galapagos Islands

Departure to the Galapagos Islands, arrive at Baltra airport, where a National Park-certified naturalist guide will warmly welcome you to this biodiversity-rich paradise. Your exciting journey in the footsteps of Darwin is about to start! This afternoon, visit to North Seymour Island, a spectacular showcase of the Galapagos Islands' diverse wildlife. This relatively flat island is home to a thriving population of blue-footed boobies and frigate birds. The trail winds its way through a forest of low, bushy vegetation, where you'll have the opportunity to witness the fascinating courtship dance of the blue-footed boobies. The island's coastline also allows one to observe sea lions and marine iguanas basking in the sun. The large frigate bird colonies are a sight, especially when the males inflate their bright red throat pouches to attract mates.





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# DAY 2: Bartolome Island & Sullivan Bay

Bartolome Island is one of the most iconic places in the Galapagos, renowned for its accessible penguin population and the beautiful Pinnacle Rock. The beach near the rock is painted with peach-colored sand, adding to the surreal beauty of the landscape. A hike to the island's summit will offer you panoramic views of lunar-like landscapes dotted with volcanic cones, numerous islands, Sullivan Bay, and, of course, the towering Pinnacle Rock. Walking through Sullivan Bay offers an extraordinary journey into the volcanic origins of the Galapagos Islands. Your hike will take you across a perfectly preserved Pahoehoe lava flow, providing endless opportunities to observe the delicate textures of this rare type of lava. While the landscape may appear barren and lifeless at first, a closer look reveals resilient pioneer plants, scurrying lava lizards, and small birds. Along the shore, penguins, pelicans, and ovstercatchers add a touch of life to the stark environment.



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# DAY 3: Darwin Bay & Genovesa Island

Darwin Bay on Genovesa Island is a birder's dream come true. When you set foot on the beach, you will be amazed by the spectacle of hundreds of boobies, gulls, and frigatebirds soaring above, nesting in the bushes, or roosting on the sandy terrain. This immersive wildlife trail hosts sea lions and marine iguanas by the sea, and inland you'll encounter night herons, lava and swallow-tailed gulls, Darwin finches, Galapagos doves, mockingbirds, and more. Snorkeling Experience: Darwin Bay offers a variety of snorkeling locations, from deep waters along the bay's cliffs to shallow waters near the beach. Regardless of where you choose, a colorful variety of fish awaits your visit, with a high chance of spotting sharks, rays, and sea lions. Located in the southern part of Darwin Bay on Genovesa Island, El Barranco is blessed with cliffs facing the sea made from very fragile, fractured lava. This creates an ideal nesting environment for storm petrels, attracting a significant population of short-eared owls. The trail is dotted with redfooted and Nazca boobies. At the same time, the base of the cliffs provides restful, shaded areas for Galapagos fur seals and numerous seabirds.





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## DAY 4: Kicker Rock & Witch Hill

Kicker Rock is a striking formation made of two vertical rocks rising 500 feet from the ocean. The narrow channel between these impressive cliffs serves as a pathway for marine life, creating a stunning backdrop for snorkeling and diving. This is a prime spot to observe a variety of marine species, including sharks, rays, and tropical fish. Kicker Rock is also a significant area for nesting seabirds like frigatebirds and boobies. This afternoon, visit Witch Hill, an exquisite spot for walking and enjoying the scenery, with its powdery white sand and turquoise waters. The area is home to a large sea lion colony, and the nearby lagoon often hosts several bird species, including pelicans and blue-footed boobies. Beach and Snorkeling Experience: Stroll along the white sands of Witch Hill, enjoy close encounters with sea lions, and explore the vibrant underwater world.



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# DAY 5: San Cristobal Interpretation Centre & Departure

Situated on the outskirts of Puerto Baquerizo, the Interpretation Center serves as a rich repository of the history of human presence in the Galapagos Islands. Its exhibitions chronicle the stories of early Spanish explorers up to the present day, highlighting prominent visitors such as Charles Darwin. The displays at this center illustrate the challenges and perils faced by the first settlers as they endeavored to survive in the rugged Galapagos environment. After the visit of the interpretation centre, transfer to the airport for your flight towards the mainland.



# **INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

Accommodation

Cabin On Board Yacht



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Inclusions	INCLUSIONS  Airport assistance Transfers in the Galapagos Islands Accommodation in cabin, according to your booking All meals while on board Unlimited purified water, coffee and tea Naturalist Bilingual Guide (English-Spanish) All visits, excursions and activities according to the itinerary* Snorkelling gear (mask, tube and fins) Use of kayaks and paddle boards in authorized places Wetsuits Beach towels  EXCLUSIONS International & internal flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Personal expenses Tips and gratuities Beverages other than specified Local taxes Galapagos National Park Entrance fee (USD\$200 per person, subject to change) Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD\$20 per person, subject to change) Any items not mentioned as included
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (Light Adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please <u>contact us</u> for more information.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share.  Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.  All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
Price Dependent upon	Currency fluctuation, seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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# SUSTAINABILITY