

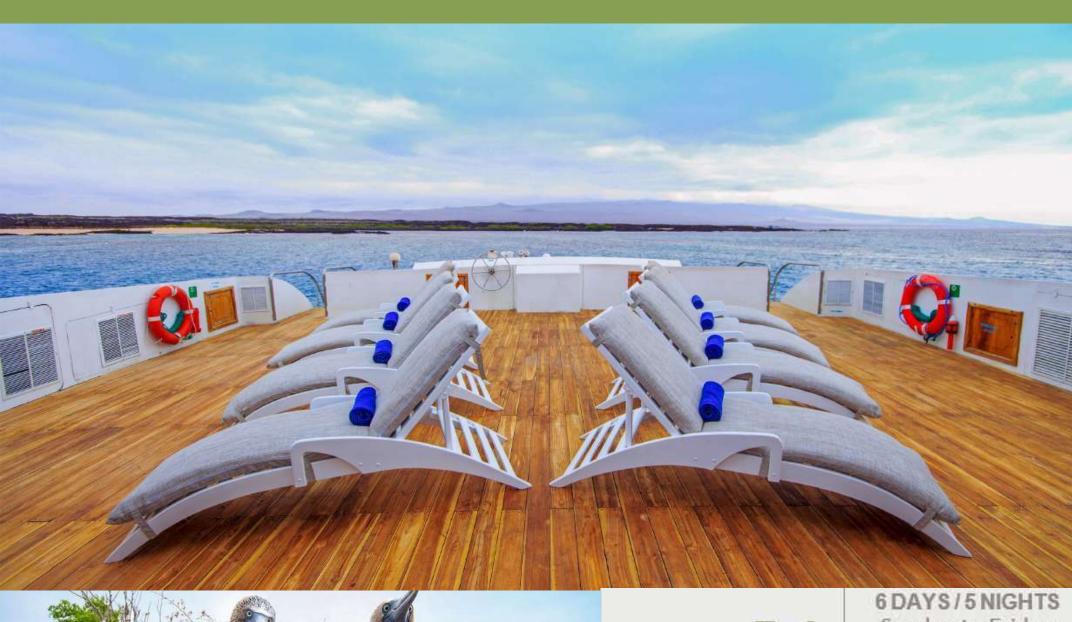
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# 6-day tour | Galapagos Cruise June 8-13, 2025



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Sunday to Friday



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

SAN CRISTOB

**ESPAÑOLA** 





## **Overview of Activities**

## 6 DAYS – 5 NIGHTS (The Galapagos Islands

DAY	ACTIVITY	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS
1	Arrival in Quito	Quito	-/-/-
2	Flight to Galapagos Cruise - Arrival in Baltra Airport (AM) PM - Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz)	Galápagos Island	B/L/D
3	AM – AM- Prince Philip's Steps (Genovesa) PM - Darwin Bay (Genovesa)	Galápagos Island	B/L/D
4	AM- Bartholomew PM- Sullivan Bay (Santiago)	Galápagos Island	B/L/D
5	AM- Twin Craters and El Chato Reserve (Santa Cruz) Departure Galapagos Islands - Flight to Quito	Galápagos Island	B/L/D
6	Departure from Quito	Quito	В/-/-

B = Breakfast, BL = Box Lunch, L = Lunch, D = Dinner







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Welcome to Ecuador, 'The Middle of the World'

#### DAY 1 - JUNE 08TH

When you arrive in Quito, you will have a shuttle from Quito airport to your hotel, where you can rest and be ready for the upcoming adventure on the majestic cruise to the Galapagos Islands.



#### DAY 2 - JUNE 09TH

#### AM- Arrival at Baltra airport

The driver guide will pick you up at the hotel through the airport which will help you in each process before taking the plane to Galapagos Island. Upon arrival at Baltra airport, you will pass through an airport inspection point to ensure that no foreign plants or animals are introduced to the islands, as well as to pay the park entrance fee of \$100 (unless it has been prepaid). A guide will meet you, help you collect your luggage, and escort you on a short bus ride to the harbor.

#### PM – Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz)

Around noon you will embark from Baltra airport on the cruise. Your cabins will be assigned, and lunch will be promptly served. Your first excursion will occur this afternoon after 14:00, at Bachas beach. This is a lovely bay with soft, white coral sand that is frequently visited by sea turtles to lay their eggs, so please, watch your step! After enjoying some leisure time at the beach, you could explore a small lagoon hidden behind some bushes, where occasionally it is possible to observe flamingos, black-necked stilts, and whimbrels. You might also observe some rusty barges, which were abandoned here after WWII when the USA rented this island as a strategic point to protect the Panama Channel from Japan. After two hours on this visit, you will return onboard.



Meals: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner Accommodation: Galapagos Cruise

#### Baltra Airport (Santa Cruz Island)



Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz Island)

#### Prince Philip's Steps (Genovesa)



Darwin Bay (Genovesa)

#### DAY 3 - JUNE 10TH

#### AM- Prince Philip's Steps (Genovesa)

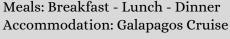
Before landing, you will take a dinghy ride along the eastern arm of the caldera. As you approach, the soaring 25 m/80 ft high walls become overwhelming. Sometimes, a Galapagos fur seal is resting oar seabird is nesting on one of the ledges at the base. You will then have to hike and overcome the steep stairs from the landing dock to a bush of palo santo shrubs on top. Red-footed boobies gratefully use these scarce nesting places; so that they don't have to nest on the rocky ground.

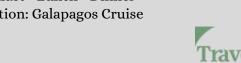
Upon arriving at the edge of the rim, the bushes open up and you can enjoy panoramic views, a strong sea breeze and the amazing flying skills of countless seabirds. Following the exposed rim, you will first pass the Nazca boobies and finally reach the extensive storm petrel nesting places, where, if you're lucky, you can spot the well-camouflaged short-eared owl hunting for food!

#### PM - Darwin Bay (Genovesa)

Inside the submerged caldera of Genovesa lies Darwin Bay, with a diameter of more than 1.5 km/1 mi and it is almost 200 m/650 ft deep. The small area will surprise you repeatedly, walking along a coral sand beach, crossing barren lava formations and creeks, passing tidal pools, shrubs and further ahead following the top of some cliffs. With these peaceful surroundings, every single species has occupied its own ecological niche (or habitat) without disturbing others.









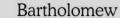
#### DAY 4 - JUNE 11TH

#### AM-Bartholomew

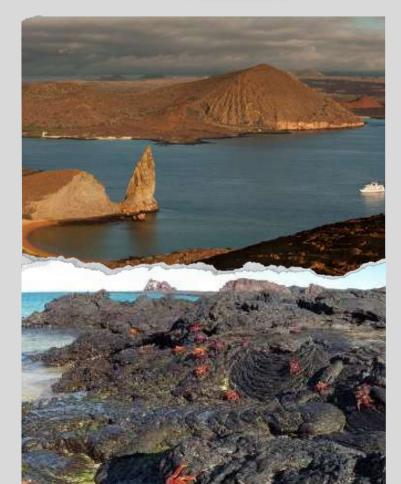
The beautiful volcanic islet of Bartholomew is among the youngest of the islands and, on a geological scale, was just recently born out of the fire. Although it looks lifeless at first sight, Bartholomew offers some of the wildest landscapes and best panoramas of the entire archipelago. To enjoy the postcard view of the idyllic "Pinnacle Bay" you will have to climb the stairs to the viewpoint on top of the island (114 m/375 ft). Enter a dramatic world of threatening (though extinguished) nearby spatter cones, craters, and lightweight lava droplets that have been spewed out by fiery fountains. The summit trail is also ideal for witnessing how scanty pioneer vegetation, such as lava cactus, struggles to take root in the bare virgin lava fields.

#### PM- Sullivan Bay (Santiago)

The arrival in Sullivan Bay is like a moon landing. The desolate, sprawling fields seem to be mostly lifeless, but this island, which is particularly popular among photographers, still offers a lot to see. There is even some life!Green sea turtlesburrow in the small white sand beach, where you can also find crabs, blue herons and oystercatchers.



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Sullivan Bay (Santiago)



Meals: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner Accommodation: Galapagos Cruise

#### **Twin Craters**

El Chato Reserve

#### DAY 5 - JUNE 12 TH

#### AM- Twin Craters and El Chato Reserve (Santa Cruz)

The native scalesia forest of El Chato Tortoise Reserve is the best place to search for Galapagosgiant tortoises in their most authentic setting! Despite the interesting breeding centers - where you are guaranteedto find tortoises in their corrals- there is nothingbetter than to observe them in their wild environment. Though it can be quite moist and muddy, your visit may turn into an adventurous quest when they have left their favoritepond silently.

The Twin Craters are found on either side of the road leading to Puerto Ayora. These impressive formations are not really volcanic craters and were formed by magma domes, which hardened on the outside while the lava continued flowing inside, leaving huge and empty magma chambers that eventually collapsed, leaving two large holes. The craters lie within a lush scalesia cloud forest, a high-altitude plant species that is endemic to the Galapagos. This area is also home to the carpenter finch, which uses tools to search for food. There may also be opportunities to see the vermillion flycatcher, a small red-breasted bird.

After this, assisted by the naturalist guideand some crew members, you will be taken to Baltra Airport, when you arrive in Quito the shuttle will be waiting for you, where you have the choice to stay in your hotel or have a free day to visit the wonderful Quito city.



Meals: Breakfast Accommodation: Quito

#### DAY 1 - JUNE 08TH

Hope to enjoy your trip and see you soon. Accompanied by the hotel staff, you will be transferred today to the airport to take your international flight. Farewell Ecuador, with everlasting memories!



Meals: Breakfast Accommodation: Quito











#### End of our services.

Please read all routes as a guide only. All routes and programs are subject to change without notice due to national park regulations, weather conditions, natural events, seasonal changes, or safety reasons. Flexibility is the key to the success of every tour. The safety of our passengers is our top priority.

### **Price Per Person**

#### \$ 3,500 USD



#### General Cruise Inclusions (Naturalist Cruises)

- Lodging on board in a cabin with private facilities.
- Three meals per full day; unlimited water, coffee, and tea.
- All excursions as mentioned in the itinerary with one English-speaking naturalist guide.
- Use of kayaks (if applicable).
- Snorkeling gear (masks, flippers and snorkel).
- Airport-yacht-airport transfers.
- Accommodations and Shuttle IN/OUT in Quito for the previous night of the cruise and at the end.
- Assistance for buying a TCT-Card at the airport.
- Rountrip Galápagos Flights Quito Baltra Quito

#### (X) General CruiseExclusions (NaturalistCruises)

- Galapagos National Park entrance fee (USD 200 pp, subject to change).
- Transit Control Card (USD 20 pp, subject to change).
- Soft and alcoholic drinks.
- Wetsuit or other rental equipment.
- Gratuities.
- Travel insurance (mandatory) and other items of personal nature.

#### **General Exclusions:**

- Obtaining and updating passports, travel insurance, and excess baggage fees.
- Additional beverages
- Laundry service
- Communication (calls, faxes, e-mails, etc.)
- Domestic and international airport departure taxes
- Gratuities or other non-taxes
- Tips or other services
- Fees not specified in the itinerary

#### **ACCOMMODATION:**

• Double Cabins (1 or 2 Beds with Private Bathroom and amenities)

#### PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

https://support-en.travellocal.com/category/26-alteration-and-cancellation

#### T&C TRAVEL LOCAL:

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#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

All itineraries and programs are subject to change without notice on short notice due to changes in national park regulations, weather conditions, seasonal changes, and wildlife encounters during the trip. The ability to adapt to any changes is key to any wildlife expedition. Nevertheless, the safety and interest of our passengers are our highest priority at all times.

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

For this trip good physical condition and healthy fitness is necessary to enjoy hikes and excursions. In general, the trip is not suitable for people with reduced mobility.

# Technical speccifications

Length overall:

Beam (width):

Draft:

Speed:

Type of vessel:

GRT(weight):

91 ft / 28 mts

22 ft / 7 mts

1.5 meters

12 knots

Motor yacht

N/A

# Deck plan

