

SOUTH AMERICA - GALAPAGOS 8 DAY CRUISE B | NATURAL PARADISE



INTRODUCTION

Embark on an 8-day cruise through the stunning Galapagos Islands, exploring Santa Cruz, Isabela, Fernandina, Chinese Hat, Mosquera, Floreana, Espanola, and San Cristobal. Experience diverse landscapes, from lava fields to coral beaches, and encounter incredible wildlife, including sea lions, flamingos, and the waved albatross. Highlights include snorkelling at Vicente Roca Point, home to seahorses and marine turtles.

Sail aboard **Natural Paradise**, a modern, luxury catamaran designed for small-group experiences. With spacious cabins, sundecks, and expert guides, it offers comfort and adventure. A [4-day cruise option](#) is also available.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: North Seymour

Morning flight from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra, Galapagos Islands. You will arrive at Baltra Island in the morning. After passing through immigration and baggage claim, you will be met by a Natural Paradise staff member and transferred to the yacht. You will be shown to your cabin where you will have some time to settle in before lunch and a welcome briefing. In North Seymour you may see Galapagos sea lions, blue-footed boobies, and magnificent frigate birds which are abundant on this island. North Seymour was formed by a series of submarine lava flows containing layers of sediment that were uplifted by tectonic activity. The island is characterized by its arid vegetation zone.

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The morning visit is to Vicente Roca Point. Comprised of two separate coves, this site is a large bay with spectacular sea life. Keep an eye out for seahorses, sea turtles, and the strange yet fascinating Mola mola (or sun fish). In the afternoon, crossing the Bolivar Channel that divides Isabela and Fernandina Islands, you will land at Espinosa Point, and after walking past a colony of marine iguanas and a group of sea lions, you will reach the island's highlight: the flightless cormorant nesting site. This area also provides a great opportunity to see the Galapagos hawk.



In the morning, you will visit Urbina Bay which is located at the base of Alcedo Volcano on the west coast between Tagus Cove and Elizabeth Bay. This area experienced a major uplift in 1954 causing the land to rise over 16 feet. The coast expanded half a mile out leaving marine life stranded on the new shore. This area is also a great place for snorkeling. In the afternoon you will visit Moreno Point located southwest of Elizabeth Bay. Here a dry landing onto what was once owing lava is possible. The lava has left craters in its wake which formed cristal tide pools. By looking into the pools, you can peer into another world as the marine life drifts by your window. In the brackish pools of this area, you may see pink flamingos, white-cheeked pintails, and common gallinules. If you look carefully into the pools, you may see white-tip reef sharks and some sea turtles.



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In the morning, you will visit the famous Post Office Bay. You will land on a beach and head to a spot where 18th century whalers placed a wooden barrel used as an unofficial mail box. The custom continues to this day with Galapagos visitors. So, don't forget your postcards, and don't be surprised if the post card arrives to its destination before you even get home! Cormorant Point hosts a large flamingo lagoon where other birds such as common stilts and whitecheeked pintails can also be seen. The beaches on this island are distinct: The Green Beach is named so due to its green color, which comes from a high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand, and the Four Sand Beach is composed of white coral. Afterwards, you will visit Champion Islet, named after the whaler Andrew Champion, which is a small island located just offshore Floreana Island in the southern part of the Archipelago, considered as one of the most beautiful places on Galapagos for all snorkeling and diving fans and an excellent opportunity for dolphin watching.



In the morning, you will visit Suarez Point. On the trail you will have the chance to spot blue-footed boobies, albatrosses, and Nazca boobies. This island is the breeding site of nearly all of the world's 12,000 pairs of waved albatrosses. You will also visit a beautiful site on the ocean front where there is a cliff that the large albatrosses use as a launching pad! You will have the chance to see the famous blowhole that spurts sea water into the air. The landscape is great for photography. The afternoon excursion takes you to the spectacular Gardner Bay. After landing, you can walk across a lovely white-sand beach amongst a busy sea lion colony or dive into the water to swim with sea lion pups. You may also see curious mockingbirds on the beach.



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In the morning you will take an excursion to Lobos Island which means "Sea Lion Island." This appropriately named island is ripe with noisy, playful, jolly sea lions who will welcome you to their home with open, well, fins. This island also offers great snorkeling opportunities as well as the chance to see blue-footed and Nazca boobies. After this final visit, you will be transferred to the San Cristobal airport in time for your flight back to the mainland.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin On Board Ship

INCLUSIONS

All meals and excursions
Transfers in the islands
Bilingual National Park Guide
Use of underwater camera
2 free hotel nights (Quito or Guayaquil) for 8-day cruises*
2 free transfers for Galapagos flights and airport
assistance for 8-day cruises*
***Applies when purchasing roundtrip Galapagos
airfare from operator. Not combinable.**

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

- Airfare to/from Galapagos
- Alcoholic drinks
- Galapagos National Park fee (USD\$200 per person, subject to change)
- Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD\$20 per person, subject to change)
- Travel/medical insurance
- Gratuities
- Personal Expenses

Difficulty Rating

2 (Light Adventure)

Single Surcharge

A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

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SUSTAINABILITY