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## WESTERN GALAPAGOS WILDLIFE AND VOLCANIC WONDERS - CRUISE B

Experience the wild western Galapagos on this immersive 8-day expedition through one of the most biologically rich and volcanically active regions of the archipelago. Journey across Santa Cruz, Isabela, Fernandina, Santiago and Bartolome, discovering dramatic lava landscapes, mangrove-lined coves, secluded beaches, and extraordinary wildlife habitats. Encounter giant tortoises, marine and land iguanas, Galapagos penguins, flamingos, sea lions, reef sharks, and flightless cormorants in their natural environment. Guided hikes, snorkelling, panga rides, kayaking, and paddle boarding reveal the islands from every angle, while the elegant M/Y Galaxy Stella provides a comfortable base for exploring this remarkable UNESCO World Heritage destination.



### ITINERARY

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY

AM: BALTRA AIRPORT (ARRIVAL)

Welcome to Galapagos! Upon arrival at Baltra Airport, your naturalist guide will greet you and assist with the transfer to Itabaca Channel. This initial journey offers your first connection with the archipelago as you take a short ferry ride to Santa Cruz Island.

PM: HIGHLANDS

Enjoy a scenic journey into the lush highlands of Santa Cruz. Walk through a reserve where you may spot giant

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tortoises--some weighing over 600 pounds--grazing peacefully. Observe endemic birds such as finches and flycatchers. If included in your itinerary, explore a lava tunnel, a fascinating remnant of the volcanic forces that shaped these islands.

### DAY 2 - THURSDAY

#### AM: TINTORERAS

Located close to Puerto Villamil, Tintoreras is a small islet teeming with wildlife. Its shores are filled with sunbathing marine iguanas and resting sea lions. In its shallow channels, rays and sea turtles glide gracefully, while reef sharks, locally known as "Tintoreras" patrol the area. Herons and gulls are frequent visitors, and with some luck, you might spot a Galapagos penguin, as a few individuals inhabit the region. This site offers a perfect glimpse into Isabela's rich natural heritage.

#### PM: ISABELA'S WETLANDS AND INTERPRETATION CENTER

In the afternoon, immerse yourself in Isabela's wetlands, a crucial ecosystem for Galapagos' biodiversity. Walk along trails through mangroves and saline lagoons, where pink flamingos, blue-billed ducks, and other aquatic birds thrive. This natural sanctuary showcases the island's remarkable wildlife. Conclude your day at the Interpretation Center, where you'll gain insight into Galapagos' natural and human history, its conservation challenges, and the ongoing efforts to protect this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### DAY 3 - FRIDAY

#### AM: MORENO POINT

Start your day exploring Moreno Point, a stunning volcanic landscape that appears barren but is brimming with life. Venture inland to discover brackish lagoons, home to flamingos, gallinules, ducks, and herons. Along the rugged coast, spot

Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, marine iguanas, and blue-footed boobies. Sea lions and oystercatchers are also frequent visitors, making this site a remarkable showcase of how life thrives even in Galapagos' harshest environments.

#### PM: MANGLE POINT

Start your day at Mangle Point, an ecological paradise on the untouched Fernandina Island. This site is a biodiversity haven where mangrove forests provide a crucial habitat for many marine species. As your boat glides through crystal-clear waters, observe sea turtles weaving through the mangrove roots and rays resting on the sandy bottom. This location offers a rare opportunity to connect with nature, experiencing firsthand the intricate symbiosis between the mangrove ecosystem and marine life.

### DAY 4 - SATURDAY

#### AM: ESPINOZA POINT

Espinoza Point is a true natural wonder, set at the base of the most active volcano in Galapagos. As you step ashore, you'll be greeted by the largest colony of marine iguanas basking on black volcanic rocks. Sea lions lounge on the beach while their pups explore tide pools. Flightless cormorants patrol the shoreline, and in the mangroves, Galapagos hawks scan for prey. Blessed with cold, plankton-rich waters, this area teems with life--herons, oystercatchers, pelicans, and sea turtles all thrive in this untouched habitat.

#### PM: TAGUS COVE

Tagus Cove is steeped in history, once visited by Charles Darwin during his Galapagos exploration. A scenic trail winds through dry Palo Santo forests, where Darwin's finches and



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mockingbirds can be spotted. At the top, breathtaking views of Lake Darwin and Isabela's towering volcanoes await. A boat tour along the shore provides a chance to observe Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, marine iguanas, and the elusive Galapagos martin, one of the rarest and most endangered birds in the archipelago.

### DAY 5 - SUNDAY

#### AM: BUCCANEER COVE

Known as a hideout for pirates and buccaneers in the 17th and 18th centuries, Buccaneer Cove is a site steeped in history and natural beauty. Here, sailors hid their treasures and gathered fresh water and tortoises for long voyages. Today, this stunning landscape of cliffs and rock formations is home to diverse wildlife. While there is no trail, a dinghy ride allows you to explore the cove, admire its dramatic scenery, and observe seabirds and other species that inhabit this legendary Galapagos site.

#### PM: EGAS PORT

Puerto Egas is a fascinating destination where history and wildlife intertwine. While there is no actual port, remnants of 1960s colonization attempts still stand. The coastal trail is teeming with marine iguanas basking in the sun and sea lions resting on the rocks. Herons, oystercatchers, and shorebirds complete this thriving ecosystem. Towards the end of the trail, the grottos are home to a small colony of the elusive Galapagos fur seal. Additionally, land iguanas were reintroduced to the island in 2019 after over a century of absence.

### DAY 6 - MONDAY

#### AM: BARTOLOME

Bartolome is one of the most iconic islands in Galapagos,

renowned for its dramatic volcanic landscape and the famous Pinnacle Rock. Nestled beside a peach-colored sand beach, this island is one of the few places where you can spot penguins without traveling to remote Isabela and Fernandina. The hike to the summit offers breathtaking views of a lunar-like terrain dotted with volcanic cones, with stunning panoramas of Sullivan Bay and Pinnacle Rock. From the top, the vast beauty of the archipelago unfolds before you, creating a truly unforgettable experience.

#### PM: SULLIVAN BAY

Walking through Sullivan Bay is a fascinating journey into the volcanic origins of the Galapagos Islands. The trail crosses a vast Pahoehoe lava flow, showcasing unique textures that reveal the story of past eruptions. While the terrain may seem desolate at first, a closer look unveils pioneer plants, scurrying lava lizards, and small birds adapted to this extreme environment. Along the shore, the stark landscape is brightened by the presence of penguins, pelicans, and oystercatchers, adding a vibrant contrast to the stunning volcanic scenery.

### DAY 7 - TUESDAY

#### AM: CHINESE HAT

Named for its distinctive cone shape, Chinese Hat is a small islet separated from Santiago by a narrow channel, forming one of Galapagos' most picturesque bays. Its turquoise waters, coral-sand beaches, and volcanic rocks create a stunning landscape. A coastal trail leads you through a sea lion colony, while on the lava rocks, you may spot penguins resting. This site perfectly blends breathtaking scenery with Galapagos' remarkable wildlife, making for an unforgettable experience.



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PM: DRAGON HILL

Located on Santa Cruz's northern coast, Dragon Hill is the only place on the island where land iguanas roam freely. Once near extinction in the 70s and 80s, their population has successfully rebounded. As you explore this unique ecosystem, you'll also spot a saltwater lagoon where flamingos, ducks, and shorebirds often gather.

DAY 8 - WEDNESDAY

AM: BLACK TURTLE COVE

Set off on a dinghy tour through Black Turtle Cove, a shallow-water haven surrounded by lush mangroves. This sanctuary is home to sea turtles, reef sharks, and various species of rays. It also serves as a crucial breeding ground for turtles and sharks. Watch herons, boobies, and pelicans hunt among schools of anchovies. Though there's no landing, the incredible wildlife seen from the boat offers an up-close and unforgettable experience.

PM: BALTRA AIRPORT (RETURN)

Your Galapagos adventure comes to an end. Today, you will be transferred to Baltra Airport, where your National Park naturalist guide will assist you with final details before your flight back to mainland Ecuador. As you bid farewell to this paradise, take with you the unforgettable memories of one of the world's most extraordinary destinations.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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## YOUR SHIP: GALAXY STELLA

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Galaxy Stella</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Yacht</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	

Galaxy Stella is an intimate yacht designed for small-group exploration in the Galapagos, offering a refined and immersive cruising experience for just 12 guests. With six cabins, seven crew members, a bilingual guide, and Starlink Wi-Fi, the vessel combines personalised service with modern convenience. Designed to foster a close connection with the surrounding environment, Galaxy Stella invites guests to experience the islands through peaceful navigation, panoramic ocean views, and a relaxed onboard atmosphere where the rhythm of the sea is always present. Onboard spaces include an elegant interior lounge with large windows, exterior lounge areas, dining room, bar, and solarium, all thoughtfully arranged for comfort and socialising. Guests can enjoy internationally inspired cuisine with local Galapagos influences, prepared to high standards and tailored to guest preferences. Daily activities such as snorkelling, kayaking, paddleboarding, hiking, and panga rides allow for active exploration of the islands, making Galaxy Stella an ideal blend of comfort, discovery, and small-ship exclusivity.

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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Cabin



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