

## THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS



**Day 1**  
**Saturday**

**Quito / Galapagos**

**M/V Eclipse** [www.eclipse.com.ec](http://www.eclipse.com.ec)

### **Arrive at Baltra, Galapagos**

The flight from Quito (via Guayaquil) to the Galapagos is approximately 2 ½ hours on a Boeing 727-200. Upon arrival at Baltra travelers pass through a Galapagos National Park inspection point to ensure that no foreign plants or animals are introduced to the islands and to pay the park entrance fee of \$100 (unless prepaid as in your case). Guides will meet you, collect your luggage and escort you on the short bus ride to the harbor. Motorized rafts, called 'Pangas' will transport you to the *M/V Eclipse* and our crew will welcome you onboard. After the ship departs, lunch will be served. Your first island visit will be in the afternoon.

### **Santa Cruz (Indefatigable) Island—Las Bachas Beach**

Las Bachas Beach is located in the north of Santa Cruz. Its soft, white sand is derived from decomposed coral, making it a favorite nesting site for sea turtles. Behind the beach there is a small brackish water lagoon, where it is possible to observe flamingos and other coastal birds, such as black-necked stilts and whimbrels.

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**Day 2**  
**Sunday**

**Galapagos**

### **Santiago (San Salvador, James) Island—James Bay**

Puerto Egas (James Bay) is located on the northwest side of Santiago. The landing is on a black beach with eroded rock formations in the background. The trail crosses the dry interior, where the remains of a salt mining enterprise can still be seen, and then continues along the coast. Tidal pools are home to a variety of invertebrate organisms, including sea urchins, octopus and starfish. The trail leads to the Fur Seals Grottos, one of the only places in the islands where they can be seen. After the walk, you will have time to swim or snorkel off the beach, where you will see sea lions, fish and maybe some turtles and reef sharks.

### **Bartolome (Bartholomew) Island**

Bartolomé is a small island that has two visitor sites. At the first site, you can swim and snorkel around Pinnacle Rock, where penguins are usually seen. Back on board for a quick change of clothes and then it is a short dinghy ride to a dry landing for a climb to the highest point on the island. On the way up, you will encounter different volcanic formations, including spatter and tuff cones, lava flow and lava tubes. From the summit you will have a wonderful view of Sullivan Bay.

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**Day 3**  
**Monday**

**Galapagos**

**Santa Cruz Island (Indefatigable) – Cerro Dragón**

The name Cerro Dragon (Dragon Hill) stems from the fact that it was one of the few sites on Santa Cruz Island where a healthy population of land iguanas were found in 1975. After landing at a pier, a hike takes you to a salt water lagoon behind the beach, frequented by common stilts, pintail ducks and occasionally flamingos. A short walk up the hill leads you to a land iguana nesting site, with breathtaking views of the bay.



**Rábida Island**

Rábida is a small island with red volcanic rocks surrounding a beautiful red sand beach, where there is a colony of sea lions and a pelican nesting site. The trail leads to a salt water lagoon where shore birds can be seen. Rábida is considered to be one of the best snorkeling sites in the Galapagos Islands.

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**Day 4**  
**Tuesday**

**Galapagos**

**Isabela (Albemarle) Island—Tagus Cove**

Tagus Cove was historically used as an anchoring place for pirates, buccaneers and whalers. Here you will see the names of hundreds of ships painted on the high ridges (a practice now forbidden). Depending on the season, you will either go hiking or snorkeling. On the hike, the trail goes through an area of vegetation and the volcanic landscape of Darwin volcano. At the top of the trail, you will enjoy an incredible view of the whole cove and Darwin Lake.

On the panga ride, you will see a large number of blue-footed boobies perched on the ledges of the cliffs, as well as marine iguanas, penguins, brown pelicans, brown noddy terns and swallow-tailed gulls. While exploring the channel between Fernandina and Isabela Islands, we sometimes encounter dolphins and whales.



**Isabela (Albemarle) Island—Elizabeth Bay**

Elizabeth Bay is one of the furthest points of the Galapagos that we will visit on our cruise. A panga ride around two islets called the Marielas offers a wide variety of bird life, such as flightless cormorants, herons, and blue-footed boobies. Then we will enter a sheltered cove – a wonderful mangrove ecosystem that is a refuge for sea turtles and rays.

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**Day 5**

**Galapagos**

**Wednesday**

**Fernandina (Narborough) Island—Punta Espinosa**

Fernandina last erupted in 1995. La Cumbre Volcano dominates the landscape, with lava fields stretching towards the ocean from its base. Punta Espinoza is a narrow piece of land where some of the most unique Galapagos species can be seen, including the flightless cormorant, Galapagos snakes, marine iguanas, penguins and the Galapagos hawk.

**Isabela (Albemarle) Island—Punta Vicente Roca**

Punta Vicente Roca is a wonderful snorkeling site, where you can usually see turtles as well as all kinds of fish. After the snorkeling you will go on a panga ride, which will give you the opportunity to study some of the Galapagos' spectacular geological rock formations. Nazca boobies, pelicans, swallow-tailed gulls, marine iguanas, flightless cormorants and penguins are often seen in the area

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**Day 6**

**Galapagos**

**Thursday**

**Santa Cruz (Indefatigable) Island—Charles Darwin Research Station**

On your visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station you will gain insight into the huge efforts being made by scientists, guides, rangers and park managers to preserve this UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will see the famous Galapagos tortoises that are the islands' namesake. After the visit you will have some free time to explore the town of Puerto Ayora.

**Santa Cruz (Indefatigable) Island—Highlands**

From Puerto Ayora you will travel by bus to the lush, green highlands of Santa Cruz, where you will visit a tortoise reserve to search for giant tortoises in their natural surroundings. You will also see the twin craters, a pair of giant sink holes left in the ground, which attract Darwin finches and other land birds.

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**Day 7**

**Galapagos**

**Friday**

**Hood (Española) Island—Gardner Bay**

Gardner Bay offers the chance to enjoy a wonderful white sandy beach. It is home to one of the most important colonies of sea lions, and it is also a nesting site for sea turtles. After the beach time you will have a chance to deep water snorkel from the panga at Turtle Rock.

**Hood (Española) Island—Punta Suarez**

Punta Suarez is one of the most popular and attractive sites in the Galapagos. Due to its isolation from other islands, it has a high proportion of endemic fauna. A few steps inland from the landing site, groups of Española marine iguanas bask in the sun. Further inland, Nazca and blue-footed boobies nest almost on the trail, Galapagos doves peck around unaware of visitors and finches go about their business. The trail continues towards a blowhole, which is a fissure in the lava where water spurts high into the air like a geyser. The cracks in the cliffs are home to swallow-tailed gulls and red-billed tropicbirds. Further up the cliff in an area of low-lying trees you will find waved albatrosses nesting. The 10,000 to 12,000 pairs of albatrosses on Española represent the entire population of this species on the planet. They perform one of the most spectacular courtship rituals of the animal world.

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**Day 8**  
**Saturday**

**Galapagos / Quito**

**Santa Cruz – Black Turtle Cove**

Black Turtle Cove is one of the most beautiful marine sites in Galapagos. It is a complex maze of tranquil salt-water inlets, surrounded by three different species of mangrove. Its waters are a resting site for sea turtles, rays and sharks. This site is only accessible by panga.

You will take your flight back to the mainland in Baltra Island. **B**

**END OF LUXURY ADVENTURES SERVICES BON VOYAGE!**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Suggested Itinerary for previous approval from the Galapagos National Park. Itineraries and programs are subject to change without previous notice due mainly to readjustment of the National Park policies and regulations, weather conditions, seasonal changes or safety reasons.

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**SUGGESTED FLIGHT SCHEDULE IN QUITO/GALAPAGOS:**

	<b>FROM / TO</b>	<b>FLIGHT</b>	<b>Departure/Arrival</b>
Day 1	Quito / Galapagos	AEROGAL 2K-034	09:30 AM – 11:40 AM
Day 8	Galapagos / Quito	AEROGAL 2K-035	12:30 PM – 04:30 PM

FLIGHT SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE

**EXPEDITION PRICE PER PERSON IN USD:**

**US\$ 1.000 OFF ON SELECTED SAILINGS**

M/V ECLIPSE CRUISE, STATEROOM – SHARING DOUBLE ACCOMMODATION	\$ 3,600.00
M/V ECLIPSE CRUISE, SUPERIOR STATEROOM – SHARING DOUBLE ACCOMMODATION	\$ 4,100.00
M/V ECLIPSE CRUISE, DELUXE STATEROOM – SHARING DOUBLE ACCOMMODATION	\$ 4,500.00

**\*2009 PRICES, ALL PRICES INCLUDE TAXES. RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE MAINLY TO READJUSTMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND REGULATIONS.**

**PRICES INCLUDE:**

Galapagos arrangements:

- 7 nights aboard the Eclipse
- All meals while on board
- All soft beverages and juices on board
- 2 glasses of house wine with meals
- Shore excursions with English speaking guide
- Wetsuits and snorkelling gear
- VIP lounge at Baltra airport on outbound flight from Galapagos
- Shared transfers from the airport to the dock in Baltra Island

**PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:**

- Air tickets to Galapagos
  - Round trip Quito/Galapagos US\$ 415.40 per person (subject to change)
  - Round trip Guayaquil/Galapagos US\$ 365.16 per person (subject to change)
- Entrance fee and Migratory Control Card US\$ 110 per person (subject to change)
- Galapagos Government fuel tax US\$ 180 per person (subject to change)
- Premium liquor, beer and cocktails
- Gratuities and personal expenses
- Land arrangements in mainland Ecuador

**Booking and Cancellation policy Luxury Adventures, Galapagos**

(FIT) FOR INDIVIDUAL TRAVELLERS

**FIT Bookings and Payments**

1. **Bookings made 61 days or more prior to departure:**  
A deposit of USD800 per person is required to confirm the booking. The final balance is required 60 days prior to departure. If the payment is not received on time, the space(s) will be automatically released.
2. **Bookings made 60 days or less prior to departure:**  
A full non-refundable payment is required to confirm the booking.

**FIT Cancellation Policies**

1. **Cancellations made 121 days or more before departure:**  
The deposit will be refunded, less a USD 400 service charge per person.
2. **Cancellations made 120 to 61 days prior to departure:**  
All deposits are non-refundable.
3. **Cancellations made 60 days or less prior to departure:**  
Full payment will be applied as the cancellation penalty.

**Form of Payment**

1. **Bank Transfer – Wire Transfer**  
The sender is responsible for all bank transfer charges.
2. **Credit Card Payment – Signature on File**  
Luxury Adventures can only accept Visa and American Express. Copy of credit card holder's passport and copy of credit card, front and back, are required.