



## GALAPAGOS ANGEL 5-DAY CRUISE C

This Galapagos itinerary offers an immersive five-day exploration of the diverse and stunning ecosystems of Santa Cruz, Española, Santa Fe, and South Plaza Islands. The adventure begins with a visit to the lush highlands and lava tunnels of Santa Cruz Island. Highlights include encounters with sea lions, blue-footed boobies, and waved albatrosses on Española Island, hiking through cactus forests and observing land iguanas on Santa Fe Island, and exploring the marine life-rich waters of Black Turtle Cove. The journey culminates with a visit to Dragon Hill, home to flamingos and land iguanas, before returning to the mainland.



### ITINERARY

Day 1: Santa Cruz Island

Morning flight from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra, Galapagos Islands. After passing through immigration and baggage claim, you will be met by a Galapagos Angel staff member and brought into a private bus to start your adventure in Galapagos. Please note: Your first excursion in the Galapagos will be after being picked up at the airport upon arrival to the islands, before boarding the cruise. It is essential for you to arrive in the Galapagos wearing comfortable clothes, good closed-toe shoes suitable for an excursion, a long-brimmed hat, sun lotion,



sunglasses, and to ensure you have your camera handy. Accessible by bus from Puerto Ayora, the highlands of Santa Cruz are a deep green which contrast beautifully with the dry, lower part of the islands. The predominant vegetation in the highlands are Scalesia trees which create a lush green forest. The lava tunnels, over half a mile long, are underground and walking through them is a unique, surreal experience. At this place you'll have lunch.

#### Day 2: Española Island

This 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. On the trail to Suarez Point 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.

#### Day 3: Santa Fe and South Plaza Islands

Santa Fe Island (Barrington) is home to the small picturesque

bay and anchorage on the island's northeast coast. The bay has two visitor trails: one leading to a scenic viewpoint atop a cliff, and the other spanning from a small beach to a tall prickly pear cactus forest. This small island with steep cliffs was formed by rising lava and is now covered by Opuntia cacti. It is also home to one of the largest sea lion colonies as well as colorful yellow and red land iguanas. The most characteristic plant is the Sesuvium. During the rainy season its color is a greenish to yellowish tone and in the dry season (end of June through January) a bright red.

#### Day 4: Santa Cruz Island

Visit Black Turtle Cove in the northern part of Santa Cruz. This inlet is surrounded by mangroves and is only accessible by dinghy. The shallow cove is a haven for young marine life. Black-tip and white-tip reef sharks, sea turtles, and a variety of rays are often spotted here. Bachas Beach is located on the north shore of Santa Cruz and is a beach for swimming. One of the few remnants of the U.S. World War II presence in the Galapagos, a floating pier, can be seen here. You may see flamingos, Sally Lightfoot crabs, hermit crabs, black-necked stilts, and whimbrels. Sea turtles also nest on the beach.

#### Day 5: Santa Cruz Island

Situated on Santa Cruz Island, Dragon Hill is one of the newest



visitor sites accessible to tourists in the Galapagos Islands. One of the lengthier Galapagos walking trails will lead visitors along a beach and up a trail to the lagoon lookout where bright flamingos, pintail ducks, and land iguanas can be spotted. After this final visit, you will be transferred to the Baltra airport in time for your flight back to the mainland.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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## YOUR SHIP: GALAPAGOS ANGEL

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| <b>YOUR SHIP:</b>          | <b>Galapagos Angel</b> |
| <b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>        | <b>Motor Yacht</b>     |
| <b>LENGTH:</b>             | <b>115 ft (35m)</b>    |
| <b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b> | <b>16</b>              |
| <b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>  | <b>2023</b>            |

The Galapagos Angel is our newest first-class private yacht with the highest navigation standards for the best sailing experience on the sea. The addition of this new first class motor yacht to the Galapagos' largest and most prestigious fleet will include adventure, comfort, and exclusivity. Designed and built in the Netherlands, the Galapagos Angel is almost ready to explore the Enchanted Islands with outstanding itineraries and top-notch service. With two large suites and six convertible cabins, the yacht accommodations are comfortably designed for 16 passengers, who can enjoy breathtaking views through the panoramic windows and of sharing their day-to-day experiences with their loved ones by using our onboard WiFi service. Leave your trip in the hands of the crew members and our certified bilingual naturalist guides, who will show you the most outstanding places in the islands and make you live an unforgettable experience.

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