



SUNDAY	Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, SAN CRISTOBAL (Chatham) Leon Dormido (CN) or La Galapaguera (CA), SAN CRISTOBAL
MONDAY	Prince Philip's Steps (CA, SN, PR, KY) GENOVESA (Tower) Darwin Bay (CA, SN, PR, KY), GENOVESA
TUESDAY	Las Bachas (CA, SN) or Black Turtle Cove (PR) SANTA CRUZ, Cerro Dragon (CA, SN) SANTA CRUZ
WEDNESDAY	Punta Vicente Roca (PR, SN) or Elizabeth Bay (PR) ISABELA, Urbina Bay, ISABELA (CA, SN) (Albemarle)
THURSDAY	Punta Espinosa (CA, PR, SN), FERNANDINA, Tagus Cove, ISABELA (CA, SN, PR, KY)
FRIDAY	RABIDA Island (CA, SN, PR, KY) (Jervis) Puerto Egas (CA, SN), SANTIAGO or Black Turtle Cove (PR)
SATURDAY	Highlands of SANTA CRUZ (Indefatigable) Charles Darwin Station (CA), Puerto Ayora, SANTA CRUZ
SUNDAY	Interpretation Center (CA), SAN CRISTOBAL

Activities: circumnavigation (CN), shore excursion (CA), snorkel (SN), kayak/SUP (KY), Panga ride (PR)
 This is a sample itinerary, and the order of the visits and activities may vary depending upon the yacht assigned.

Day by day Description of sites visited with activities approved by the Galapagos National Park

SUNDAY

Embark on an unforgettable voyage as you arrive to the enchanting Galapagos Islands in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (SCY) **SAN CRISTOBAL Island**. Our attentive guides eagerly await your arrival to seamlessly escort you to the awaiting expedition yacht. After a brief ride via a private minibus to the dock, transfer to the yacht anchored in a calm bay by Zodiac. Upon boarding, your senses will be delighted with a delectable lunch, setting the tone for the exquisite experiences to come. As you settle into your well-appointed cabin, a warm welcome briefing awaits, ensuring you are acquainted with the yacht's amenities. A brief safety drill follows, ensuring your peace of mind throughout the journey.

Immerse yourself in the luxurious comfort of your surroundings as the yacht gracefully departs from the harbor. As the sun begins to descend, revel in the breathtaking spectacle of **Leon Dormido**, (Spanish for sleeping lion), a majestic remnant of a vertical tuff cone rising 500 feet from the ocean. Erosion has split the rock providing a spectacular backdrop for stunning photographs. Spot blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies and frigatebirds as we circumnavigate and get closer to the rock formation.

An evening of refined elegance awaits as our Captain and crew invite you to a cocktail reception, fostering a sense of camaraderie among fellow adventurers. The guides will brief you on the activities for the following day. The grand finale of the day unfolds with an exquisite multi-course dinner meticulously prepared by our accomplished chefs, ensuring your culinary experience matches the splendor of the surrounding Islands. Welcome to a five-star journey of exploration where every moment is crafted to exceed your expectation.

MONDAY

Gear up for an exhilarating day as we land at **Prince Philip's Steps (4)**, **Genovesa (TOWER) Island**, a hotspot for adrenaline-pumping bird watching. Get ready to capture the action with your camera, as our expert naturalist guides lead you to witness one of the most spectacular sites in the Galapagos for bird watching because of its diversity of species. Witness red-footed boobies nesting in palo santo trees, Nazca boobies nesting near the trail, and storm petrels converging in large numbers in an open lava field. You're your eyes peeled for the elusive short-eared owl – it's a thrilling quest!

Lunch is a sensational affair serve on deck, weather permitting, featuring succulent seafood grilled on the BBQ. Brace yourself for a culinary adventure with a cooking demonstration showcasing the art of crafting Ecuadorian ceviche. After lunch, you'll have the option to explore the cliffs up close via kayak or stand-up paddleboard, or join a deep-water snorkeling excursion from the Zodiac (2). Keep an eye out for the stunning red-billed tropic bird, a hidden gem in the crevices of the rock.

As the day unfolds, make a splash at **Darwin Bay (1)**, a gorgeous coral sand beach. Marvel at the sight of swallow-tailed gulls and lava gulls gathering near the tide pools, where a forest of *Opuntia* cactus and mangroves serve as a backdrop for the Great frigatebirds. Witness the mesmerizing courtship ritual as males inflate a red pouch on their chest to attract a mate. Wind down the afternoon with a leisurely time on the beach or dive into the warm northern waters to swim with playful sea lions. Return to the yacht and head to the sundeck for a touch of upscale indulgence. Enjoy gourmet snacks and savor craft beer from local breweries in the Galapagos. The evening continues with a briefing and a delicious dinner. If the night sky is clear, step out onto the deck to be dazzled by a celestial display of bright stars. Our knowledgeable guides will not only point out constellations but also help you to identify the species of birds soaring alongside the yacht.

TUESDAY

Embark on a refined morning adventure as you set foot on **Las Bachas (1)**, translated to English means "barges" a hidden gem on the northern side of Santa Cruz. Elegant American Flamingos gracefully feed in the interior lagoons, creating a picturesque scene against the backdrop of a pristine and expansive white sandy beach – perfect for a leisurely stroll. Our guides will elevate your experience with insights into

endemic plant species and captivating Galapagos history. Seize the opportunity to snorkel from the beach, accompanied by playful sea lions, before indulging in a delectable lunch on board. Capture the underwater world, immortalizing encounters with colorful tropical fish, sea stars, turtles and perhaps even sharks gliding along the ocean floor. Immerse yourself in an enrichment lecture, informative and entertaining, focusing on the marine currents, weather patterns or the geology of the islands.

In the afternoon, the adventure continues with a visit to **Cerro Dragon (3)** (Dragon Hill). Step ashore to revel in a magnificent panoramic view of the bay and island landscape. Marvel at the sight of flamingos gracing the brackish lagoon, surrounded by *Opuntia* cactus, Palo Santo, and *Muyuyo* trees (*Cordia Lutea*). Hike along a trail where you'll encounter Darwin's Finches, Galapagos flycatchers, yellow warblers, and Audubon shearwaters. Our attentive guides will highlight the presence of stilts, pintail ducks and sandpipers along the path. Keep your eyes peeled for the golden land iguanas, unique to the Galapagos and once a part of the Darwin Station's breeding program. Conclude your walk with a return to the yacht for another night of sophistication and culinary adventure in the Galapagos.

WEDNESDAY

Elevate your morning with another day of adventure as you embark on a thrilling Zodiac ride at **Elizabeth Bay or Punta Vicente Roca (1)**. Glide through the mangroves or explore wave-sculpted caves getting up close to tuff walls adorned with vibrant sally light-foot crabs. Seize the opportunity for an active underwater escapade with a snorkeling excursion (2). Dive into the crystal-clear waters where playful penguins dart and glide showcasing their aquatic prowess or grooming themselves on rock formations. Witness sea turtles gracefully emerging and submerging beneath the surface, creating magical moments. After lunch, head to the shaded sundeck to luxuriate in the scenery as we sail through the enchanting Bolivar Channel. Brace yourself for an active encounter with marine life, as whales breach, bottle-nose dolphins ride the bow wave, and spinner dolphins perform acrobatic jumps in graceful arcs. You may spot a Mola-Mola, a giant sunfish with triangular fins and a stubby tail fin.

In the afternoon, disembark at **Urbina Bay on ISABELA (2)** and witness evidence of dramatic volcanic activity. Explore four miles of exposed coastal seabed, a result of a volcanic eruption in 1954. Marvel at the remnants of coral skeletons standing several feet high. Encounter a diverse array of animal species, including Galapagos land iguanas, marine iguanas, Darwin's finches, brown pelicans, flightless cormorants, and the giant Galapagos tortoise – one of the few places they are seen in the wild!

After your exploration, return to the yacht for gourmet snacks and an insightful briefing followed by dinner that transcends expectations. Join us on deck for an Espresso Martini crafted from Galapagos grown coffee. Cap off the evening by stepping on deck to witness the ethereal glow of the glow of the Milky Way. As we cross the Equator, an invitation awaits you at the bridge to witness the crossing and capture the iconic 0.0.0 milestone from this exclusive vantage point from the bridge.

THURSDAY

This morning breakfast is served on deck where you can savor Galapagos coffee or indulge in a refreshing Mimosa. Embark on a fun-filled morning, as we unveil another geological wonder at **Punta Espinoza on FERNANDINA Island (4)**, the youngest and most pristine Island in the Galapagos, formed by active volcanoes that stretch along the coast. Immerse yourself in an ecosystem untouched by introduced animals, witnessing sea lion harems lounging on the beach. Resident bull sea lions diligently guard their territory, keeping a watchful eye for sharks that may threaten the colony's pups. Along the rugged shoreline, hundreds of marine iguana, forming the largest colony in Galapagos, bask in the sun and blend into the dark lava rocks. Explore the point to discover the nests of flightless cormorants, now close to shore since losing their ability to fly. Dive into the pristine waters for an invigorating snorkeling excursion, accompanied by the graceful presence of sea turtles.

Return to the yacht for a BBQ lunch served on the shaded sundeck while anchored in a calm bay, offering a prime view for whale watching. Dine on a feast of grilled

seafood and sample beer tasting featuring breweries from the Galapagos. Enrich yourself in a fascinating talk on a topic your guide is passionate about and relevant to the Islands. Delve into the fascinating world of Charles Darwin and his Theory of Evolution, or on the arrival and establishment of species to the Islands.

After lunch, venture ashore at **Tagus Cove (5)** to explore the human history of the Galapagos. This was a favored anchorage for pirates and whalers for centuries. Rocky cliffs covered with graffiti date back to the 1800s. Opt for a faster paced hike to a saltwater lagoon and scenic overview, taking in the ocean, lava fields, and volcanic formations. For a more active experience, paddle through the secluded cove on a kayak or stand up paddleboard, surrounded by abundant wildlife, including Galapagos penguins, boobies, pelicans, and other seabirds.

As we set sail toward the geographic center of the archipelago, relish the moment as we cross the equator for the third and final time. The evening promises excitement, sophistication, and a touch of maritime magic, setting the stage for an unforgettable night in the heart of the Galapagos Islands.

FRIDAY

Embrace an active and exhilarating morning as you disembark on the distinctive red beach of **RABIDA (Jervis) (2)**. This small island holds the esteemed title of the geographic center of the Galapagos boasting the most diverse volcanic rocks in the archipelago. A short trail will lead you to a saltwater lagoon occupied by Greater Flamingos. Along the way, look for marine iguanas, mockingbirds, yellow warblers, and Darwin's finches. Over a dozen species of finches live on the islands and observing them contributed to Charles Darwin's ideas that formed the basis for his theory of evolution. If you choose to snorkel this morning (2), you may see a colony of sea lions or rays. Several species of rays live in Galapagos. Golden rays and spotted eagle rays are the most common.

Guests on the Theory and Evolve indulge in the exploration of **Puerto Egas on SANTIAGO (James Island) (3)**. Stroll along the shoreline, looking for octopus, starfish and other sea life caught in the tide pools. Keep a watchful eye for majestic great blue herons, lava herons, American Oystercatchers, and yellow-crowned night herons. At low tide, witness marine iguanas feeding on exposed green algae. During mating season, the marine iguanas graze on green and red algae giving them a stunning coloration. Conclude the walk at the grottos, deep pools of clear water where fur sea lions, once on the verge of extinction, now thrive. Before returning to the yacht, seize the opportunity to snorkel from the beach (1).

Lunch is a gourmet affair served on deck, weather permitting, featuring meats grilled on the BBQ. Indulge in an Ecuadorian culinary demonstration. Post-lunch, relax on deck and soak in the dramatic landscape as the yacht sails, with dolphins often making an appearance. Guests aboard the Origin embark on an exclusive Zodiac excursion at **Caleta Tortuga Negra (Black Turtle Cove)-1** navigating through serene coves and inlets surrounded by mangroves. Witness pairs of mating sea turtles (from September to February), white-tipped reef sharks and golden cow-nosed rays.

Return to your yacht for gourmet snacks, an Ecuadorian cocktail, and the evening briefing. Prepare for a whimsical evening with a visit from King Neptune himself! Our crew transforms into pirates for an engaging maritime ritual, offering optional guest participation for a memorable night suitable for guests of all ages. Embrace the spirit of adventure and indulge in the unique charm of the Galapagos Islands.

SATURDAY

You'll awaken in the vibrant harbor of Academy Bay – the social hub of the Galapagos with a population of 24,000 residents. This morning, we'll disembark at Puerto Ayora, **SANTA CRUZ (2)** Island, and board a private bus for a scenic excursion to the **highlands of Santa Cruz** traversing diverse vegetation zones with lush greenery at higher elevations. The morning unfolds with an extraordinary visit to **Rancho Primicias** or **El Chato**, privately-owned ranches where majestic tortoises roam freely in their pristine natural habitat. These gentle giants, that grow to exceed 500 pounds, offer an awe-inspiring spectacle. The estate unveils enchanting lava tunnels to explore, providing a truly immersive experience. You will have the opportunity to join the "Green Team" and participate in a reforestation project by planting a tree courtesy

of Ecoventura. Embrace the opportunity to leave a positive legacy for generations to come and discover the vital role native plants provide in nurturing Galapagos ecosystems. Our next destination is **Los Gemelos** (the twins), a pair of massive volcanic craters that stand as a testament to the island's geological grandeur. You have the option to remain in town to sample local cuisine in Puerto Ayora at lunch time on your own account. Ask your guides for their recommendations. Otherwise, return to the yacht for a delicious buffet style lunch onboard.

This afternoon, we'll visit the breeding center at **Centro de Crianza Fausto Llerena (2)** followed by the **Charles Darwin Research Station** Exhibition Hall – a unique opportunity to witness ongoing conservation efforts. The wooden walkway is adorned with informative exhibits, showcasing hatchlings and miniature tortoises destined for repatriation by the National Park upon reaching maturity. We pay homage to Lonesome George, the last surviving tortoise from Pinta Island, and a worldwide icon. His extinction emphasizes the crucial need to preserve and protect endangered wildlife. You will encounter several species of tortoises that will be repatriated once they reach maturity. A saddleback tortoise whose species was once reduced to a mere 14 individuals, played a crucial role in its recovery. After being transported from the San Diego Zoo, "Super Diego" fathered hundreds of descendants before returning to Espanola Island, embodying a hopeful narrative in wildlife conservation. Take a leisurely stroll through the seaside village and stop in at the boutiques selling local art, jewelry, and souvenirs as you make your way to the pier.

Back on board, there is a farewell gathering with the Captain and crew, with a moment for reflection and gratitude. The evening crescendos with a captivating presentation, a nostalgic journey through the highlights of the week enveloped in absolute paradise. Finally, a grand multi-course dinner unfolds, a culinary masterpiece showcasing the finest ingredients and artful presentation.

SUNDAY

This morning you'll disembark from the yacht after breakfast. As a perfect way to summarize the trip, you'll visit the **Interpretation Center on San Cristobal (1)** to discover the human history of the Galapagos Islands. There is a paved trail where you can enjoy a brief walk before returning to the seaside village. Guests on the Evolve visit **Isla Lobos (1)** for a Zodiac tour to view wildlife near the shoreline.

Ecoventura provides guests with a comfortable venue to relax with refreshments. Think of this as our private VIP Lounge before you are transferred to the airport. It's a quick flight back to the mainland, and you'll be bringing lifelong memories with you.

Ecoventura reserves the right at its sole option and discretion and that of the Captain of the vessel without liability for damages or refund of any kind to deviate from the vessel's advertised or regularly scheduled itinerary. Itineraries are subject to change at any time for any reason including mechanical failure and without prior notice. Ecoventura will not be held responsible for any refunds whatsoever for changes to the printed or scheduled itinerary.

Difficulty level of Guided shore excursions:

- 1-Easy walk on even terrain or beach
- 2-Moderate walk on a trail with mostly firm terrain
- 3-Rocky trail with moderate landing and climbing
- 4-Difficult steep rocky trail or climbing up natural stairs
- 5-Long rocky challenging trail with loose or slippery rocks

Difficulty level of snorkeling excursions:

- 1-Enter water from the beach in shallow water where you can touch the bottom
- 2-Enter water from Zodiac in deeper water, possible current, requires experience.

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7 day/ 6 night cruise (Sunday to Saturday)

Passengers can disembark on Saturday in Baltra for a shorter, 6 night cruise.

Itinerary B – Western/ Northern Route

SUNDAY TO FRIDAY

Same as on 7 night itinerary

SATURDAY

An early morning visit to the Charles Darwin Station is possible if your flight departs at 1130AM or later, followed by a private transfer to Baltra airport

For guests who disembark on Saturday and require a private transfer to the airport with a guide, there is an additional charge of \$50 per person or \$200 maximum. The return flight from Baltra will incur an airport surcharge of \$30 and is subject to availability.

For guests who disembark on Saturday and remain in Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz, you may disembark after breakfast or after lunch. Ecoventura can provide transportation to the main dock by Zodiac at no additional charge. You will need to arrange for a transfer to your hotel through the hotel or take a local taxi.



Two week itinerary back-to-back (B2B)

Book two consecutive weeks B2B for a comprehensive two-week cruise itinerary. As an added perk, laundry service is included (standard limitations apply).

Guests on itinerary A+B (14 nights) will not have to repeat any visitor sites. An alternative excursion is provided during the second week on the days we are in port. Our naturalist guides can help you choose the most suitable option based on your preferences once on board.

These visits to the growers of local products have a positive impact on the local economy. You will gain insight into the Galapagos culture and how the community lives through their work as part of our commitment to social responsibility.

THURSDAY IN SANTA CRUZ:

Cerro Mesa (2) and Santa Cruz Brewery (1)

Cerro Mesa is an ecological reserve suited for adventurous guests who enjoy hiking and birdwatching. From the top of the hill, you will have a spectacular view of the entire Island of Santa Cruz. There is a pit crater, one of the largest on the Island, and trails for exploring the flora and fauna by bicycle or on horseback.

In the afternoon, visit the first microbrewery in Santa Cruz and discover the art of crafting artisanal beers on the island. Immerse yourself in the fascinating beer-making process, from the ingredients and raw materials to the grinding, in an immersive experience. Sample their seasonal brew from Pale Ale, Red IPA, Belgian to Porter made with Galapagos coffee.

Trapiche (1) and Islander Coffee (1)

Community-based rural tourism and an agritourism experience that is suitable for all guests. At Trapiche (sugar cane mill), you will learn how sugarcane liquor or "agardiente" is made. There is also a demonstration on how chocolate is collected and processed. At Islander Coffee, you can sample locally grown coffee from the highlands. They produce coffee at Hacienda Ochoa, located at the highest point of the island. After the coffee tasting, you can visit the plantation.

SUNDAY IN SAN CRISTOBAL:

Finca La Voluntad de Dios & Puerto Chino (2)

Combine both Agrotourism and a beach favored by locals. Take a refreshing dip at the fabulous Puerto Chino beach. Soak in the stunning scenery and tranquility of a white sand beach washed by turquoise waters, complete with island wildlife. Delve into the island's rural life with a visit to a local farm "La Voluntad de Dios", an impressive plantation that cultivates pineapple, papaya, coffee, passion fruit and more. Savor the delicious flavors of freshly picked fruit from the farm.