

Galapagos Discovered 6 days



Every year the Galapagos Islands tempt throngs of travellers to its shores in search of unique wildlife and other-worldly landscapes. Explore these volcanic islands on board a 6 day cruise, hopping from island to island, discovering what makes it so special.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Quito / Ends in: Quito
- Departs: Mondays - every fortnight
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:4, Lunch: 2, Dinner: 2
- Hotel Rating: 3 star hotel & first class cruise
- Tour Guide: Yes - naturalist guide in the Galapagos

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1: Quito

Monday. Upon arrival at Quito airport you will be met by an English speaking guide and transferred to your hotel in the city. The remains of the day is free for you to explore Quito or simply relax. Overnight - [Quito](#)

Day 2:

Quito - Galapagos. This morning, transfer back to the airport for your flight to San Cristobal Island in the Galapagos, where your guide will be waiting for you. Transfer to the M/C Anahi which will be your home for the next 4 days. Settle into your cabin and enjoy lunch onboard before your tour of the wildlife-rich Galapagos Islands begins.

San Cristobal is one of the easternmost of the Galapagos Islands and the site where Charles Darwin landed in 1835, marking the start of his romance with this fascinating archipelago. Our first port of call here is the San Cristobal Interpretation Centre, which offers intriguing insight into the history of the island and its development over time in regards to its flora and fauna, populace and conservation efforts. Later we will take a walk up the picturesque Tijeretas Hill, boasting spectacular views of the island. Here there will also be the chance to go snorkelling in a nearby inlet, and perhaps you'll even be lucky enough to spot a sight only seen here – of two species of frigate birds nesting in the same colony. Overnight - Galapagos Islands - M/C Anahi

Day 3:

Today we will explore Espanola, one of the oldest islands within the archipelago – dating back some 3.3 million years, and also one of its prettiest. Due to its distance from the other islands, Espanola is home to an incredible number of endemic species including the albatross, a variety of mocking birds, lava lizards and even Darwin's finches.

We will start the morning by exploring Punta Suarez, situated on the western side of the island, where you will hopefully be able to spot some of the island's unique birdlife. Later in the afternoon we will make our way to the northern coast to Gardener Bay, home to an enormous colony of sea lions which can be seen lazing on the beach and rocks during breeding season. Overnight - Galapagos Islands - M/C Anahi



Day 4:

Our next port of call is Floreana. Although one of the smallest islands in the Galapagos, Floreana certainly makes up for what it lacks in size with its fascinating history. Home to one of the first settlements in the archipelago, this small island was once thriving with pirates and whalers. Floreana also boasts unprecedented flora, thanks to its nutrient-rich soil, and stunning beaches.

Here we will enjoy a morning excursion to Punta Cormorant on the northern coast, where we will discover a beautiful lagoon thriving with flamingos and a fine sand beach, which is a nesting area for sea turtles. Later we will cruise out to the Devil's Crown – a collapsed volcanic crown and perhaps one of the best snorkelling sites in the Galapagos Islands, where you can spot submarine life such as sea turtles, Galapagos sharks, moray eels and sea lines. Outside of the crown is a good place to see hammerhead sharks.

This afternoon we will visit historic Post Office Bay, which is where travelling seamen would leave letters in a wooden barrel with the hopes that the next person to come along might be able to take their letter in the right direction. Today, this tradition lives on with the tourists who visit the Galapagos. It's possible to send a letter or postcard from Post Office Bay without stamp, all you have to do in return is pick up a letter that is directed to where you live. Overnight - [Galapagos Islands - M/C Anahi](#)



Day 5:

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Our last stop will be Santa Cruz, the second largest of the islands, located at the centre of the archipelago. We will kick off the morning with a tour of Charles Darwin Station, which takes in the famous tortoise breeding centre. The Galapagos breeding program sees eggs are brought from the Galapagos Islands of Pinzon, Santiago and Santa Cruz to the station where they are incubated artificially; the galapaguitos are born and reared until the age of 5 years, and when they can survive the effects of introduced predators they are returned to their native areas. There is also a breeding program for iguanas.

After this visit, you'll be transferred to the airport on Baltra Island for your flight back to Quito. Upon arrival you'll be met and transferred to your hotel in Quito for your final night at leisure in the capital. Overnight - [Quito](#)



Day 6: Quito

Saturday. Arrangements end after breakfast and hotel check out today.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- The UNESCO listed colonial city of Quito - independently explore the city
- San Cristobal Island - The Interpretation Centre and Tijeretas Hill with its spectacular views
- Espanola Island: Punta Suarez, where the albatross is endemic and Gardner Bay, famous for its sea lion population
- Floreana Island - renowned for its flamingoes
- Snorkelling in the crystal clear waters
- Relaxing onboard the boat, admiring the spectacular views

What's Included

- 2 nights 3 star hotel in Quito, including breakfast. (Option to upgrade to a 4 star hotel upon request)
- 4 day Galapagos Cruise - 3 nights onboard the M/C Anahi catamaran (First Class category) in a twin or double cabin, on the main deck with en suite and A/C. (Option to upgrade to a suite)
- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Quito airport arrival transfer on day 1 with an English speaking guide
- Galapagos flights: Quito to San Cristobal and Baltra to Quito - including airport and port transfers
- Complementary soft drinks onboard (tea, coffee and water) plus welcome and farewell drinks
- The services of 9 crew members and an experienced English speaking Naturalist guide
- Two guided Galapagos excursions a day
- Kayaking and snorkelling at the permitted points (wetsuits can be hired onboard for an additional fee)

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Airport departure transfer on day 6
- Tips for the crew, your guide and drivers.
- Entrance Fees: USD\$110 Galapagos park fee & transit card

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$3,699

Prices are per person based upon two people sharing a twin/double cabin. Upgrades to a suite are subject to availability. If you are a solo traveller, the single supplement applies, giving you the privacy of your own cabin and hotel room. As places are limited on our Galapagos Cruises, please contact us via email or telephone to check availability and to make a reservation. If we do not have availability on the M/S Anahi we can recommend an alternate cruise.

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Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
02 MAR - 07 MAR	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
16 MAR - 21 MAR	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
30 MAR - 04 APR	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
13 APR - 18 APR	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
27 APR - 02 MAY	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
11 MAY - 16 MAY	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
25 MAY - 30 MAY	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
08 JUN - 13 JUN	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
22 JUN - 27 JUN	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059

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06 JUL - 11 JUL	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
20 JUL - 25 JUL	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
03 AUG - 08 AUG	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
17 AUG - 22 AUG	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
31 AUG - 05 SEP	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
14 SEP - 19 SEP	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
28 SEP - 03 OCT	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
12 OCT - 17 OCT	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
26 OCT - 31 OCT	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
09 NOV - 14 NOV	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
23 NOV - 28 NOV	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
07 DEC - 12 DEC	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059
21 DEC - 26 DEC	USD \$3,699	USD \$2,059

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Galapagos Discovered - Suite Upgrade	USD \$139	USD \$99