



Ecuador & Galapagos

Western Galapagos Islands on La Pinta

Quito - Santa Cruz Island - North Seymour Island – Isabela Island - Fernandina Island - Rabida Island - Floreana Island - Puerto Ayora

BEST SEASON

All year round

PRICE

From US \$13,575 pp including local flights

How LONG

10 Days/9 Nights



ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Begin your journey in Quito, South America's oldest capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore its rich culture and history with a private tour of iconic landmarks before flying across the sea to your voyage among the unique Galapagos Islands onboard one of the newest and most luxurious vessels in the archipelago, La Pinta Yacht, committed to carbon-neutral operations since 2017. Land and aquatic activities – from hiking and coastal exploration to kayaking, snorkeling, and even paddleboarding – are complemented by a glass-bottom boat

option for curious guests wishing to remain dry. All are accompanied by expert naturalist guides who will bring the stunning natural world of the Galapagos alive. This itinerary focuses on the archipelago's geological origins and its impact on species evolution, with opportunities to see at least 12 out of the 15 iconic and emblematic species found on the islands including Nazca and Blue-footed boobies, Giant tortoises, Marine iguanas, and many other endemic species such as Galapagos penguins, Galapagos land iguanas, Galapagos Green turtles, the playful Galapagos sea lions among many more. Unwind with an extra night at Finch Bay before departure, reflecting on your journey and soaking in the beauty of the Galapagos. Conclude your trip with a return flight to Quito, departing with cherished memories and a newfound appreciation for the natural wonders of the Galapagos.

Note: Galapagos Itineraries are subject to change due to weather, logistical, Galapagos Park regulations or operational reasons. **100% carbon-neutral experience.**

Quick Summary

B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner OV: Overnight

Day & Location	Transportation, Highlights and Accommodations	Meals
Day 1 - Wednesday Arrival in Quito	Transfer to Hotel OV: Casa Gangotena	
Day 2 - Thursday Quito	Cultural Day in Quito OV: Casa Gangotena	BL
Day 3 - Friday Baltra Island, North Seymour Island	Transfer to airport, flight to Baltra Island (GPS), board La Pinta Yacht OV: La Pinta Yacht	BLD
Day 4 - Saturday Isabela Island - Fernandina Island	Punta Vicente Rock, Espinoza Point OV: La Pinta Yacht	BLD
Day 5 - Sunday Isabela Island	Urbina Bay, Tagus Cove OV: La Pinta Yacht	BLD
Day 6 - Monday Rabida Island	Red Beach, Cerro Dragon OV: La Pinta Yacht	BLD
Day 7 - Tuesday Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island	Charles Darwin Research Station, Santa Cruz Highlands OV: La Pinta Yacht	BLD
Day 8 - Wednesday Floreana Island	Post office Bay and Cormorand Point OV: La Pinta Yacht	BLD
Day 9 - Thursday Puerto Ayora - Balta Island	Baltra Island. La Pinta disembark, transfer to hotel OV: Finch Bay Hotel	B
Day 10 - Friday Puerto Ayora - Baltra - Quito - Departure	Transfer to Baltra Airport (GPS) for a flight back to Quito (included), connect with your international flight	B

ITINERARY DAY BY DAY



Day 1 | Arrival to Quito, Ecuador

Upon your arrival at the Quito International airport, a representative from our organization warmly greets you. We accompany you to your hotel, providing a brief but informative overview of Quito and the country, including valuable insights you need to know. Quito, the capital of Ecuador, nestles on the slopes of the formidable Pichincha volcano within the Guayllabamba river basin. Its Old Town is a major highlight, celebrated as one of the most meticulously

preserved in Latin America and recognized as the inaugural UNESCO World Heritage Site. Immerse yourself in the charm of ancient, colorful streets; explore magnificent historic churches; or indulge in an afternoon of exploration at the lively markets, where you can discover the rich traditions of Ecuadorian Sierra culture. With numerous picturesque public parks and a burgeoning culinary scene, Quito offers all visitors a vibrant and diverse experience. Overnight: Casa Gangotena Boutique Hotel, Luxury room.



Day 2 | Quito – Full-Day Cultural Tour (Experience Quito like a Local!)

Experience Quito through the eyes of its locals with our Live Quito Like a Local tour. This full-day adventure in the UNESCO World Heritage city will immerse you in its rich culture and history. Begin your exploration from the Panecillo, a hill offering panoramic views of Quito, crowned by the iconic aluminum statue of the Virgin of

Quito. Delve into the past as you discover the site of a former Sun Temple and enjoy breathtaking 360-degree city vistas. Next, journey through the historic San Roque neighborhood, where you'll witness the vibrant daily life of locals. Explore bustling markets, visit a traditional healer, and meander through cobblestone streets lined with artisanal shops. Step into Independence Square, the heart of Quito, where history and folklore intertwine. Marvel at architectural wonders such as the Presidential Palace, Archbishop's Palace, Cathedral of Quito, and Municipal Palace. Enter the ornate La Compañía Church, adorned in gold leaf, and uncover the secrets of the San Francisco Church and Monastery. Continue your cultural odyssey with a visit to Casa del Alabado Museum, showcasing a fascinating collection of archaeological artifacts dating back to 4,000 B.C. Wander along La Ronda Street, known for its bohemian charm and artisanal stores. Indulge your senses with a chocolate tasting at Chez Tiff, followed by a sumptuous lunch at Casa Gangotena, where you'll savor fine Ecuadorian cuisine. Join us for a day filled with unforgettable experiences, as you truly Live Quito Like a Local. Overnight at Casa Gangotena Boutique Hotel. Luxury room.



Day 3 | Galapagos Islands - Yacht La Pinta, North Seymour Island

This adventure begins with our morning flight to Baltra Island and an immediate transfer to the nearby dock to board Yacht La Pinta. Upon boarding, we receive an introductory briefing, followed by an emergency boat drill. Afterward, we are assigned to our cabins and invited to lunch. In the afternoon, we disembark to enjoy a walk along the coast and inner area of this beautiful and relatively flat North Seymour Island. Throughout the excursion, we can observe numerous bird colonies, as well as sea lions, and one of the largest non-endemic populations of land iguanas, relocated here from Baltra Island almost 100 years ago. Today, these iguanas share the island with the Galapagos' largest colony of magnificent frigatebirds. Later, we will return onboard for an evening briefing, a welcome cocktail, and dinner. Overnight at Yacht La Pinta.



Day 4 | Yacht La Pinta, Isabela Island, Fernandina Island

Vincent Roca Point features a location without a place to disembark, therefore, our expedition takes place in pangas. The naturalist guides explain the majestic geological formation of this area, formed by pyroclastic flows and volcanic stones. At this location are colonies of Galapagos fur seals, numerous nests of Nazca boobies, gulps of flightless cormorants, and plenty of Galapagos penguins, sea turtles, and marine iguanas to keep your eyes busy. Depending on the weather conditions, you can snorkel around the cliffs accompanied by sea turtles. In the afternoon, we visit the youngest and most pristine island of the archipelago: Fernandina Island. This island is considered one of the most important destinations to visit in Galapagos, both by locals and foreigners. You discover an incredible contrast between the desert terrain and the abundant flora. Some of the most interesting aspects you observe include hawks, penguins, sea lions, marine iguanas, cormorants, and incredible views of the volcanic landscapes including the unique lava cactus, which grows on lava rock and survives on very little water. Overnight at Yacht La Pinta.



Day 5 | Yacht La Pinta, Urbina Bay at Isabela Island

After breakfast, we disembark at Urbina Bay on the western side of Isabela Island. This destination is the result of a tectonic uplift of oceanic relief, which is why we can see many corals and shells around the colorful land iguanas. Occasionally, if we are lucky, we may spot giant tortoises. As we navigate through the Bolívar channel, there is a high probability that we will observe different types of whales. To the northeast of Isabela Island lies the isolated Tagus Cove, an anchorage that for centuries served as a stopover for pirates and whalers. Currently, Tagus

Cove is one of the most recommended destinations in Galapagos. After disembarking, we set off on an uphill hike that takes us to the rim of Darwin

Crater, which consists mostly of saltwater. Afterward, we can choose whether we want to go snorkeling or kayaking along the stunning coastline. Overnight at Yacht La Pinta.



Day 6 | Yacht La Pinta, Rabida Island

This morning, we disembark on the red sand beach of Rábida Island, red is due to the iron-rich volcanic material rusting over time. Large colonies of sea lions and pups can be found nesting along the beach and the surroundings are sprinkled with huge Opuntia cacti, Palo Santo trees, and scrubby bushes. A short walk along the coast allows us to observe marine iguanas,

Mockingbirds, Maria canaries, and some species of Darwin's finches. This is also a wonderful place to snorkel off the beach! Those who do not wish to do this activity can explore the underwater environment in the glass-bottom boat of Yacht La Pinta. The north coast of Santa Cruz is home to the fascinating landscapes of Cerro Dragon. The walk in this destination casually surrounds a brackish lagoon, a place occasionally frequented by birds of this environment. Further on the island, we can get a beautiful view of the bay and other islands to the west of the archipelago. We might also be lucky enough to find land iguanas here, too! Overnight at Yacht La Pinta.



Day 7 | Yacht La Pinta, Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island

In the morning, we head to the Charles Darwin Research Station and the giant tortoise pens within an impressive giant prickly-pear cactus forest. These are the Galapagos' headquarters of scientific investigation and conservation, and the National Park administration. After lunch, we head up to the highlands of Santa Cruz

Island by vehicle. This is a great place to look for the emblematic Darwin's Finches and the endemic Scalesia trees. The highlands are also great for exploring the exuberant vegetation where giant tortoises roam in the wild. This will surely be one of the most remembered visits of the whole voyage. Santa Cruz Highlands is one of the best places in the archipelago to see giant tortoises in their natural habitat. The tortoises are easy to spot, lumbering around, munching on grass and leaves, and wallowing in small pools. There are several lava tunnels to explore in the reserve, too. Overnight at Yacht La Pinta.



Day 8 | Yacht La Pinta, Floreana Island

After breakfast, we disembark at Post Office Bay (Floreana Island) to visit the historic Post Barrel, which has served as a post office in the archipelago for more than two centuries. Enjoy a panga ride through the maze of canals on the north coast of Floreana Island. Incredible views of La Lobería and the Baroness viewpoint will also be within our reach! This destination

also has an excellent beach for kayaking and swimming. After disembarking at Cormorant Point, we can enjoy snorkeling activities or a ride in the glass-bottom boat of Yacht La Pinta along the coast of a dormant volcano better known as “Islote Champion”. Later, we can visit Punta Cormorant, which has a beach of olivine crystals and a brackish lagoon where species of birds, such as American flamingos, can be observed. A short walk to the other end of the island will reward us with a beautiful white sand beach, sometimes serving as a nesting destination for turtles. Cormorant Point on the archipelago’s southern Floreana Island features a golden-greenish beach rich in olivine. It’s a collection of volcanic crystals originating in the Earth’s mantle and composed of aluminum, silica, magnesium, iron, and eroded tuff remains, all of which are responsible for the sand’s unique color. Overnight at Yacht La Pinta.



Day 9 | Finch Bay Galapagos Hotel, Puerto Ayora

As our journey on La Pinta ends, we arrive at Baltra Island, the airport island. After bidding farewell to your fellow travelers and new friends from the yacht, a transfer will take you to Finch Bay Hotel in Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island, where you have the time to soak in the beauty of the Galapagos Islands and enjoy the amenities offered at Finch Bay Hotel. Overnight: Finch

Bay Galapagos Hotel.



Day 10 | Departure from Galapagos, connect with Intl flight back home

Our representative will meet you at the hotel lobby for a transfer to the Baltra Airport and a flight back to Quito where you connect with your flight back home.

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Pricing

2025	Per person sharing double occupancy
Price based on 2 people sharing double occupancy	\$13,575

10% discount for Children 6 to 11 applies, except for Peak Season Dec 19 to Jan 02

During Peak Season Dec 19 – Jan 02:

- There will be a surcharge of \$219 per adult and \$133 per Child.
- No discounts apply.
- Twin/Double Cabins for single use have a surcharge of 100%.
- Children’s policy does not apply during peak season

This is a preliminary costing; hotels may vary according to availability at the time of booking.

Please be aware that surcharges might be applicable during certain holidays

La Pinta Yatch departs every Friday.

Included

- All land transportation by land, boat, and local flights
- All accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Airport assistance to take the Galapagos.
- Park entrance fee and transit control card
- Flight tickets Quito – Galapagos
- La Pinta Yacht – 7 days/6 nights itinerary
- Fuel surcharge
- Semi-private transfer to the Finch Bay Hotel
- Semi-private transfer to Baltra Airport
- Flight tickets Galapagos – Quito
- Permanent assistance during the trip
- Green Planet Expeditions travel consultation and pre-departure services

On La Pinta Yacht:

- Accommodations
- All meals
- Island sightseeing, naturalist guides, and lecture services in English/Spanish only
- Snorkeling gear
- Internet
- Luggage handling, medical care on board (but not the cost of medication), taxes and transfers in the Islands.

Not included

- International flights
- Meals or any other item not described in the itinerary
- Drinks, additional alcoholic beverages, and meals other than those listed above
- Early check-in, late check-out, services, and non-mentioned meals in the itinerary

- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Gratuities: Details will be provided in our pre-departure material for your convenience.
- Mandatory Travel Insurance: To ensure a smooth travel experience, all participants are required to have a comprehensive travel insurance policy. This policy should include trip cancellation, medical services, and coverage for active adventures or evacuations. “Cancel For Any Reason” (CFAR) coverage is highly recommended to protect your investment in case of unforeseen circumstances.
- Any other items not mentioned above.

2025 Departures	
Start	End
29/01/2025	07/02/2025
26/02/2025	07/03/2025
23/04/2025	02/05/2025
21/05/2025	30/05/2025
18/06/2025	27/06/2025
16/07/2025	25/07/2025
13/08/2025	22/08/2025
27/08/2025	05/09/2025
24/09/2025	04/10/2025
08/10/2025	17/10/2025
05/11/2025	14/11/2025
19/11/2025	28/11/2025
03/12/2025	12/12/2025
17/12/2025	26/12/2025

ACCOMMODATIONS



Casa Gangotena, Quito

Situated in the heart of Quito’s Old Town, the beautifully and eclectically appointed mansion sings with the history of the city, while following the strictest safety protocols for both staff and guests. Whether it be the rooms, suites, terrace or gardens, or Casa Gangotena’s restaurant, every space is designed for guests to unwind, discover and dream. The rooms boast plush carpets, towering window frames, flowing curtains and Art Deco furniture such as desks, armoires, tables and armchairs.

The hotel has created their very own signature cuisine: cocina mestiza, a tribute to Ecuadorian traditional food with a contemporary twist. At Casa Gangotena, guests feel fascinating with Ecuador's culture through their exclusive, free evening activities with the staff, both in the hotel and out in the neighborhood, which seek to enrich your experience of this World Heritage Site city. Finally, you can be sure your stay has a positive impact since the property has been carbon neutral since 2017.



La Pinta

Yacht La Pinta offers a completely safe travel experience in the Enchanted Isles. Each cabin provides not only ample space and comfort but a spectacular view of the Galapagos Islands' unique landscapes. The ship's modern feel extends to its hot tub, cardio gym, and sundeck. Land and aquatic activities – from hiking and coastal exploration to kayaking, snorkeling, and even paddleboarding – are complemented by a glass-bottom boat option for curious guests wishing to remain dry. All are accompanied by expert naturalist

guides who will bring the stunning natural world of the Galapagos alive. A splendid dining experience featuring delicious, healthy, and top-quality food along with tasty bar options makes the experience all the more enjoyable, whether traveling with friends, family, or by yourself. The vessel's 24 cabins are divided into two categories, with four pairs of inter-connecting cabins for groups.



Finch Hotel, Puerto Ayora

Finch Bay Hotel is a Galapagos carbon-neutral, eco-resort situated on a secluded beach. The hotel offers various amenities, including an on-site swimming pool, air conditioning, and a restaurant serving a diverse menu of local and international cuisine. Guests can enjoy easy access to the beach, where they can relax, swim, and observe the local wildlife. Additionally, the hotel provides private tours and excursions to explore the unique ecosystems of the Galapagos Islands

Booking your Green Planet Expedition

How to reserve a trip

To secure your spot on a trip, you can conveniently book online using our [Reserve a Trip form](#) or by calling **1-800-430-9498**. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of the reservation form and the initial 50% trip deposit.

Please note that we are unable to hold space until the deposit is received. If the requested space is unavailable, we will promptly provide alternative options for your consideration (if an upgrade is necessary, higher rates may apply).

Pre departure service

Upon receipt of your deposit and completed reservation form, we will email you a comprehensive Predeparture Dossier. This contains important information to help you prepare including immunizations, visas, trip insurance, packing checklist, reading list, maps, cross-cultural information, optional trip extensions, and more. You will receive a final trip email including Final Reminders and local contact information in your destination 2-3 weeks before departure.

Terms and Conditions

Green Planet Expeditions has arranged your trip utilizing the travel services of local in-country ground operators who are independent contractors. These local outfitters, lodges, hotels, and other suppliers of your travel services will make every effort to conduct this trip as described in the itinerary; however, it is possible that due to transportation schedule changes, weather, delays, and unforeseeable acts of God, humans or nature, this itinerary may vary from what is described. Participants must assume all risks whether identified in advance or unforeseen. All optional activities are at your own risk. Extra costs due to unexpected changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control are not included.

Caring for our planet is integral to our ethos. In alignment with our commitment to sustainability, a carbon emissions mitigation fee is incorporated into all our trips. This fee contributes to environmental initiatives that offset the carbon footprint associated with our journeys, ensuring a positive impact on the destinations we explore. Your safety and peace of mind during the journey is our top priorities. **The purchase of traveler's insurance is mandatory for all participants, and it must cover trip delays, trip cancellations, baggage, accident, or sickness. In some specific cases like Antarctica, it must cover evacuation.**

All information and services provided are subject to our [Terms and Conditions](#).

At Green Planet Expeditions, we craft strategically curated journeys that immerse travelers in the finest of nature, culture, and local traditions, always seeking out opportunities for exceptional dining experiences. Our expertise lies in tailor-made trips to destinations where we maintain close relationships with local partners, ensuring flawless execution with the assistance of passionate guides deeply connected to their heritage and committed to its preservation. We believe that tourism, when harnessed thoughtfully, becomes a powerful catalyst for conservation and community upliftment in the destinations we visit.

As with any good recipe, our trips are infused with the following flavors:

- Positive impact on the areas you choose to visit, directly or indirectly.
- Amazing private local guides.
- Lovely small boutique hotels according to your budget.
- Good food, no matter how remote the destination is, we strive to offer good cuisine.
- Our trips frequently include surprises, which often turn out to be the highlight of the journey.
- When open to it, visits to less-known destinations, reserved for the daring few, and engages in intimate and meaningful encounters with locals—a cherished treasure highly valued by discerning travelers, as we have discovered through our years of experience in the industry.

Still haven't found what you're looking for?

We offer a wide range of amazing trips that may not all be listed on our website. Plus, we can custom-build pretty much whatever your heart desires, so let us know what we can do for you. If you have any questions about our expedition cruises, private trips, or just want to talk travel,

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