

CRUISE OVERVIEW

Experience the Galápagos aboard the elegant M/Y Beluga A 6-day small-ship expedition designed for intimate exploration. This journey has been designed and crafted by Sierra Tours in collaboration with selected expedition partners in the Galápagos. Experience the Galápagos Islands aboard the M/Y Beluga, a carefully selected small-ship offering an intimate and comfortable way to explore this extraordinary destination. Built to international Smart Voyager and SOLAS safety standards, the vessel ensures a secure and well-managed expedition experience. With a maximum of just 16 guests, the M/Y Beluga provides a warm and personal atmosphere with 8 double cabins, each featuring a private bathroom. Personalized service and the presence of a bilingual naturalist guide ensure a meaningful and well-guided journey throughout the voyage. This 6-day itinerary includes carefully selected National Park-approved sites, offering a rich introduction to the Galápagos Islands. For those wishing to extend their experience, the itinerary can be combined into a longer 15-day expedition. Full board accommodation, guided excursions, snorkeling activities, wetsuits, and all necessary equipment are included, ensuring a seamless and well-supported journey.

Onboard Experience This itinerary from Sierra Tours is designed for travelers who want to experience the highlights of the Galápagos Islands in a short time, while staying aboard a comfortable yacht without the need to change accommodation. It is ideal for couples, families, and first-time visitors looking for an intimate and well-organized way to explore the islands. Guests enjoy guided daily excursions by land and sea directly from the yacht, offering seamless access to the archipelago's most iconic sites. Life onboard the M/Y Beluga is relaxed and comfortable, with social areas designed for rest and connection between excursions.

Overall Sailing Pattern The voyage follows a carefully planned circular route through the central and western Galápagos Islands, combining wildlife encounters, volcanic landscapes, and marine environments. Baltra → Santa Cruz → Bartolomé → Santiago → Isabela → North Seymour → Baltra

Highlights Close encounters with iconic Galápagos wildlife
Dramatic volcanic landscapes across multiple islands
Guided snorkeling experiences in crystal-clear waters
Daily excursions led by certified naturalist guides
Intimate small-ship experience with only 16 guests onboard

ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival in the Galápagos and first encounter with giant tortoises in the lush Santa Cruz Highlands.

Upon arrival at Baltra Airport, guests are welcomed by the crew and transferred to the M/Y Beluga. After boarding and a safety briefing, the journey begins with a visit to the Santa Cruz Highlands. This unique ecosystem offers the first opportunity to observe giant tortoises roaming freely in their natural habitat, surrounded by lush vegetation and volcanic formations.

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Lunch

Dinner

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Baltra Airport arrival and transfer
- ✓ Boarding the M/Y Beluga
- ✓ Santa Cruz Highlands visit
- ✓ Giant tortoise encounter

DAY 2

Iconic volcanic landscapes and world-class snorkeling at Bartolomé Island.

Sail under full wind power toward Bartolomé Island, one of the most photographed locations in the Galápagos. Guests hike to a panoramic viewpoint overlooking Pinnacle Rock and explore dramatic volcanic scenery. The day continues with snorkeling in clear waters where sea lions, tropical fish, and Galápagos penguins can often be seen.

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Sailing experience under wind power
- ✓ Pinnacle Rock viewpoint hike
- ✓ Snorkeling with marine wildlife
- ✓ Volcanic landscape exploration

DAY 3

Black volcanic beaches, marine iguanas, and rich coastal wildlife.

Explore the dramatic coastline of Santiago Island, where black lava beaches meet vibrant marine ecosystems. Walk along tidal pools and observe marine iguanas, sea lions, and a variety of seabirds. Optional snorkeling and kayaking allow for deeper exploration of the coastal waters.

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Egas Port coastal walk
- ✓ James Bay volcanic beaches
- ✓ Marine iguanas and sea lions
- ✓ Optional snorkeling and kayaking

DAY 4

Remote volcanic landscapes and rich marine life at Tagus Cove.

Sail across open waters toward Isabela Island, often accompanied by dolphins and seabirds. Visit Tagus Cove, a historic anchorage surrounded by volcanic cliffs. Hike to viewpoints overlooking Darwin Lake and explore one of the richest marine environments in the archipelago through snorkeling.

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Open sea navigation
- ✓ Tagus Cove exploration
- ✓ Dolphin and whale sightings
- ✓ Darwin Lake viewpoint

DAY 5

Frigatebird colonies and blue-footed booby nesting grounds.

North Seymour offers one of the most active wildlife experiences in the Galápagos. Walk among large colonies of frigatebirds, blue-footed boobies, and sea lions. Witness courtship displays and nesting behavior in a dry forest ecosystem shaped by the elements.

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Frigatebird display behavior
- ✓ Sea lion encounters
- ✓ Blue-footed booby colonies
- ✓ Dry forest ecosystem walk

DAY 6

Final encounter with volcanic landscapes before departure from the islands.

Disembark for a final visit to the Santa Cruz Highlands, including the famous Los Gemelos twin craters. After the excursion, guests are transferred to Baltra Airport for departure, concluding an unforgettable Galápagos sailing experience aboard the M/Y Beluga.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Los Gemelos twin craters
- ✓ Transfer to Baltra Airport
- ✓ Final highlands exploration
- ✓ End of expedition

CRUISE PACKAGE INFORMATION

✓ WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Accommodation onboard (6 nights)
- ✓ All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks)
- ✓ Daily guided excursions to National Park-approved sites
- ✓ Bilingual certified naturalist guide
- ✓ Airport assistance (arrival & departure)
- ✓ Transfers between airport and vessel
- ✓ Use of snorkeling gear (mask, fins, snorkel)
- ✓ Wetsuit during water activities
- ✓ All planned activities while onboard
- ✓ Zodiac (panga) boat transfers for landings
- ✓ Small group experience (max 18 passengers)

✗ WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ International flights to/from Galápagos
- ✗ Galápagos National Park entrance fee
- ✗ INGALA transit card
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages & soft drinks (unless specified)
- ✗ Personal travel insurance (mandatory recommended)
- ✗ Tips for crew and guide
- ✗ Personal expenses (laundry, souvenirs, etc.)
- ✗ Optional activities not listed in itinerary
- ✗ Wi-Fi (if available onboard, usually limited and paid)

TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

- Lightweight breathable clothing (shorts, T-shirts, light shirts)
- Swimwear (2 sets recommended)
- Reef-safe sunscreen (very important in Galápagos)
- Hat or cap + sunglasses with UV protection
- Comfortable walking/hiking shoes + sandals
- Waterproof bag or dry sack for electronics
- Light windbreaker or jacket (cool evenings on deck)