



Futuro  
Valdivia  
Travel

## GALAVEN

**Type:** Motor Yacht  
**Category:** Tourist Superior  
**Capacity:** 20 passengers  
**Crew:** 9 + 2 naturalist guides

**Accommodation:**

**Main Deck:** 4 Double cabins (twin beds) (78ft<sup>2</sup> / 7m<sup>2</sup>) / 3 Double cabins (1 double + 1 bunk beds) (7m<sup>2</sup> / 75ft<sup>2</sup>)

**Upper Deck:** 2 Suites (double bed) (100ft<sup>2</sup> / 9m<sup>2</sup>)

**Sun Deck:** 2 Double cabins (twin beds) (74 ft<sup>2</sup> / 7m<sup>2</sup>)  
All cabins with private bathrooms, hot water and air-conditioning

**Departure days:** **Friday**  
**Length:** 27 m. / 88 ft.  
**Beam:** 7 m. / 22 ft.  
**Speed:** 9 knots



### DETAILED ITINERARY 5 days / 4 nights

#### FRIDAY: Baltra – Santa Cruz (El Chato)

**AM** Flight from Quito / Guayaquil to Baltra. Airport reception and transfer to the boat.

**PM** The first excursion of this cruise takes you to the El Chato reserve in the Santa Cruz highlands. This reserve allows visitors to observe giant tortoises in the wild and it is also a good place to spot short-eared owls, Darwin's finches, yellow warblers, Galapagos rails and paint-billed crakes.

*Accommodation aboard Galaven/ including lunch and dinner*

#### SATURDAY: Santa Cruz (Dragon Hill – Bachas Beach)

**AM** 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.

**PM** Located on the north shore of Santa Cruz, Las Bachas is a swimming beach. 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 off the beach.

*Accommodation aboard Galaven/ including breakfast, lunch and dinner*

### **SUNDAY: Floreana (Post Office Bay – Cormorant Point)**

**AM** Our first excursion on Floreana takes us to Post Office Bay. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century whalers passing through the islands placed a wooden barrel on Floreana Island for use as an unofficial mail box. The tradition continues today as visitors leave addressed postcards in the barrel and sort through left mail to deliver at home.

**PM** Dry landing at Cormorant Point. This site hosts a large flamingo lagoon where other birds such as common stilts, White-cheeked Pintails can also be seen. The beaches on this island are distinct: The "Green Beach" named so due to its green color, which comes from a high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand, and the "Four Sand Beach" composed of white coral.

*Accommodation aboard Galaven/ including breakfast, lunch and dinner*

### **MONDAY: Española (Suarez Point – Gardner Bay)**

**AM** Arrive at Española and dry landing at Suarez Point. This area is great for spotting Blue-footed Boobies, albatrosses and Nazca Boobies. A beautiful site on the ocean front, the large Waved Albatrosses use the cliff as a launching pad. The famous attraction is the magnificent blowhole, spurting water high into the air. This site presents wonderful photograph opportunities.

**PM** Gardner Bay, on the eastern side of Española, is the breeding site of nearly all of the world's 12.000 pairs of Waved Albatrosses. It has an ample white sandy beach with a myriad of sea lions, perfect for relaxing. Its rocky shores make this site a great place for diving and snorkeling.

*Accommodation aboard Galaven/ including breakfast, lunch and dinner*

### **TUESDAY: San Cristobal (Interpretation Center – Airport)**

**AM** The Interpretation Center of San Cristobal was opened in 1998 as a phase of the project "Interpretation and Environment Education Project". Visitors enjoy expositions on natural history, human history, and conservation. The conservation efforts represent the movement to protect the wildlife and natural environment through means of population and tourist control. After the visit transfer to San Cristobal Airport and flight back to the mainland.

*including breakfast*



**DOUBLE CABIN GALAVEN**