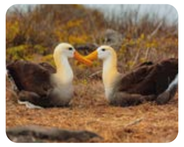
GALAPAGOS BIG 15

WHAT WILDLIFE CAN I DISCOVER IN THE GALAPAGOS?

The **Galapagos Big 15 is our collection** of the archipelago's most iconic species, created with naturalist guides and local experts. We use this guide to help travelers choose the best itineraries and maximize wildlife encounters throughout their expedition.



Galapagos Albatross



Blue-footed Booby



Nazca Booby



Red-footed Booby



Flightless Cormorant



American Flamingo



Frigatebirds: Great and Magnificent



Galapagos Hawk



Land Iguana



Marine Iguana



Santa Fe Iguana



Galapagos Penguin



Galapagos Sea Lion



Galapagos Fur Seal



Galapagos Giant Tortoise

SYMBOLS AND LEGEND

- The Finch Bay Hotel
- Mountains or volcanoes
- 3 % Towns and farms
- Highways
- Airport
- 97 % National Park

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Pinta
Marchena
Genovesa
Darwin Bay
Prince Philip's Steps
Roca Redonda
Equator Line: Latitude 0° 00′ 00″
N
Ecuador
Wolf
Punta Vicente Roca
Darwin
Tagus Cove
Punta Espinoza
La Cumbre
Fernandina
Urbina Bay
Alcedo
Punta Mangle
Punta Moreno
Sierra Negra
Isabela
Cerro Azul
Puerto Villamil
Bucaneer Cove
Puerto Egas
Santiago
Sullivan Bay
Bartolome
Chinese Hat
Rabida
North Seymour
Mosquera
Las Bachas
Baltra
Itabaca Channel
Dragon Hill
Eden Islet
South Plaza
Pinzon
Giant Tortoise Reserve
Los Gemelos
Cerro Mesa
Santa Cruz
Charles Darwin Research Station
El Garrapatero Beach
Puerto Ayora
Finch Bay Hotel
Santa Fe
Punta Pitt
Cerro Brujo
San Cristobal
Puerto B. Moreno
Cerro Colorado Giant Tortoise Reserve
Punta Cormorant / Champion Islet
Post Office Bay/Loberia
Puerto Velasco Ibarra
Floreana
Española
Gardner Bay
Punta Suarez
0
100
200 km

LAND OR CRUISE BASED? THE BEST WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE GALAPAGOS

Visiting a bucket-list destination like the Galapagos can feel overwhelming. With over 70 years of experience in the islands, we help you choose the journey that best fits your travel style.

	Expedition-Hotel Based	Expedition Cruise Based
Access to Galapagos National Park Sites	Visit nearby islands on daily yacht expeditions, exploring up to 2 sites per day.	Explore remote sites and unique wildlife locations, with up to 4 sites per day. (4, 6, 8 or 14 nights itineraries.
Wildlife Encounters	See up to 12 of the Big 15 iconic species in only one week. (80% coverage)	More encounters per day, thanks to our curated itineraries. Spot up to 14 of the Big 15 species in just 6 nights.
Group Size	Even though the National Park restricts to 16 the maximum group size, our average guests per guide is only 10, with no mixed-language groups.	Three or more naturalist guides onboard, maintaining intimate excursion groups (12:1 guest/guide ratio).
Variety of Activities	Add activities like diving, biking, birdwatching, and cultural tours. Perfect for families.	Simultaneous activities in your language, hiking, snorkeling, kayaking, paddleboarding, stargazing, naturalist (3+ Naturalist Guides) and glass-bottom boat excursions for non-snorkelers (available only on 11 out of 69 Galapagos vessels).
Accommodation	Home of the most exclusive suites in the Galapagos, Finch Bay offers refined accommodations designed to immerse guests in the islands' natural beauty.	Thoughtfully designed exterior cabins ranging from 13 to 23 m², featuring large windows that provide natural light and ocean views for a quiet and restful experience.
Safety & Medical	Located in Puerto Ayora with quick access to local medical services.	24/7 Onboard Professional Captain and medical officer available around the clock (available only on 09 out of 69 Galapagos vessels).

FINCH BAY GALAPAGOS HOTEL

La Pinta YACHT GALAPAGOS

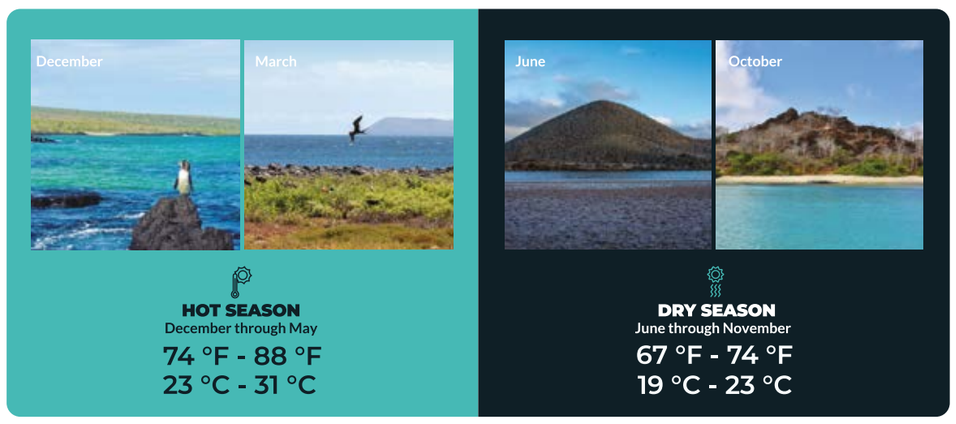
YACHT ISABELA II GALAPAGOS-ECUADOR

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Find your perfect Galapagos adventure.

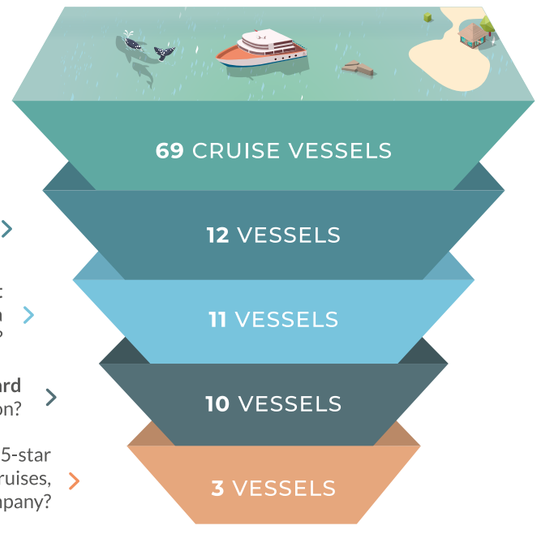
WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO GO AND HOW LONG SHOULD I STAY?

- Because the Galapagos archipelago is in the equator, **it's a year-round destination.**
- **Plan to spend at least 4 nights in the Galapagos** to fully enjoy the archipelago's wonders. Keep in mind that both the first and last days are partially spent in transit—flights from mainland Ecuador take about 2 to 2.5 hours each way, plus time for airport transfers, check-in, and park procedures.

Moreover, cruises start at 4 nights—the essential minimum to explore multiple islands, connect with nature, and enjoy a variety of activities without feeling rushed.



IF I GO ON A CRUISE, WHICH ONE SHOULD I CHOOSE?



Total # of vessels operating in the Galapagos

How many are overseen 24/7 by an **Officer on Watch**, and captained by a licensed career mariner, not just a coastal skipper?

How many sail with an **Expedition Leader + 3 or more Naturalist Guides**, in your language, with multiple activities that include a **Glass-Bottom Boat** for non-snorkelers?

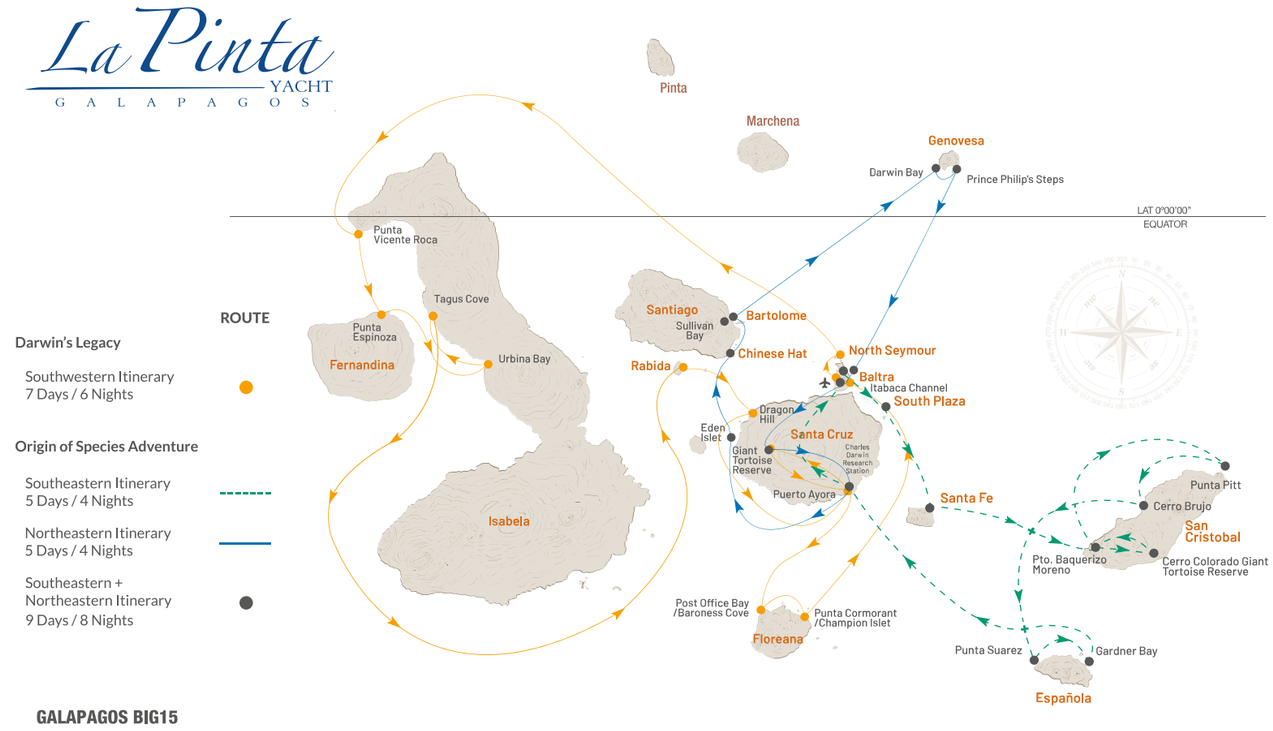
How many vessels feature a dedicated **Medical Officer Onboard 24/7** for complete medical peace of mind in each expedition?

How many unite **all these safety & activity standards**, hold a 5-star TripAdvisor rating, were voted the World's #1 Expedition Cruises, and are operated by the pioneering local company?

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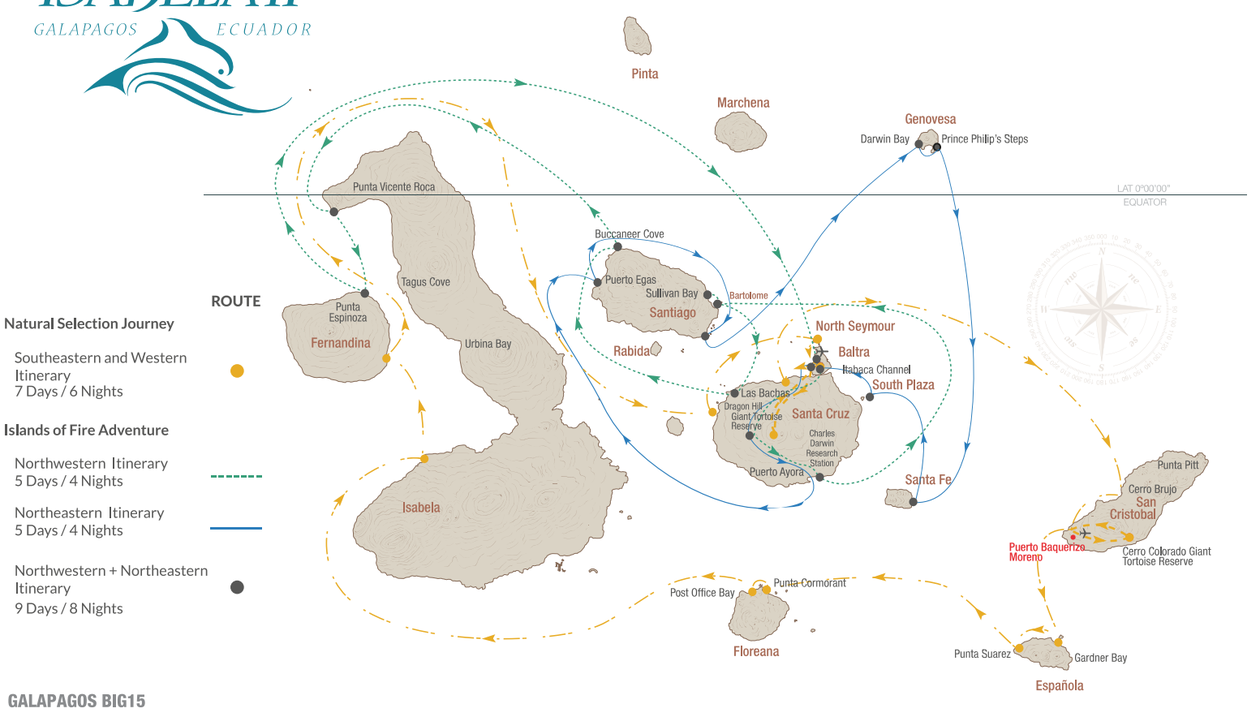








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GALAPAGOS ISLANDS TRAVEL MAP

