

Galapagos Natural Life

First Class - Yachts Galapagos

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ITINERARY DAY BY DAY

Itinerary 'A' 6 days / 5 Nights

DAY 1 – TUESDAY

Arrival at San Cristobal & Colorado Hill

After the arriving obligations, you will be brought from the harbour of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno to the yacht.

In the afternoon, the journey starts with the visit of San Cristobal. You will see the El Junco Lagoon, one of the sweet water lagoons in the archipelago. Furthermore you are offered the possibility to see Galapagos giant tortoises at the breeding center on Colorado Hill. Also, there is an interpretive botanical trail and an interesting visitors center. Beside explanations about the giant tortoises you have the opportunity to see some fascinating flora and fauna on the trail, such as yellow warblers, large-billed flycatchers and the Chatham mockingbird.

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY

Suarez Point & Gardner Bay (Española)

In the morning the tour goes to Suarez Point, where the ocean created a spectacular blowhole. Take your time to enjoy this natural play and breathe in the meter high water sprays. Hopefully you are able to see the huge waved albatross, which is the only tropic albatross and a critically endangered species, that only breeds in Española.

During the afternoon you will be taken to Gardner bay, a striking white beach with a Galapagos sea lion colony. Probably one can see some females suckling their pups or even some bachelors conquering parts of the 1300m / 4250 ft long beach.

DAY 3- THURSDAY

Devil's Crown & Cormorant Point and Post Office Bay & Baroness Lookout (Floreana)

At day 3 the tour leads probably to one of the highlights during the cruise. Devil's Crown is one of the most famous snorkeling sites of Galapagos. An unique and breathtaking underwater scape with thousands of different and colorful animals is waiting for you. By the time you reach Cormorant Point prospect for the American Flamingos and Bahama Ducks. Further, you have the opportunity to take a step on a beach with green sand where a small colony of sea lions will be waiting for you.

In the afternoon the tour leads us to the Post Office Bay where you can post your postcards in the peculiar traditional barrel on this historic site. Later the day when the cruise enters the Baroness Lookout you might be able to have a glance on Galapagos penguin. This is the only spot on the south-eastern routes where some penguins reside. For the evening you are offered to take a dreamaway rest at the miniature basaltic cone with an striking panorama of turquoise and ocean blue waters, red mangroves and basaltic rocks.

DAY 4- FRIDAY

Barrington Bay (Santa Fe) & South Plaza

Beside many unique animals you will see the bizarre giant opuntia cactus forests at Barrington Bay. Moreover you are offered the possibility to snorkel in the paradisiacal bay, where maybe a whitetip reef shark is to find or a Galapagos sea lion is willing to play with you.

South Plaza has two faces, which provide it with complete different ecological niches and corresponding wildlife. At the upper rim of this seismic uplifted formation you will learn its windy, wild face, where dazzling cliffs cut off abruptly the gentle slope. About 20 m / 75 ft downwards powerful waves splash against the foot of these massive walls, impressively droning. Sun basking *marine iguanas* have escaped the cool shadows of the wall proof to be talented rock climbers equipped with strong claws.

DAY 5- SATURDAY

North Seymour & Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz)

North Seymour is one of the best sites to observe a wide range of bird life. Not only the great frigatebird can be seen, but also the blue-footed boobies showing their courtships rituals. Moreover you can spot lots of other seabirds, such as *brown pelicans*, *red-billed tropicbirds*, endemic *swallow-tailed gulls* and seasonally even *Nazca boobies*.

During the afternoon the cruise leads you to two different places. First the blending white Bachas Beach which is full of natural life, and afterwards the symmetrical tuff cone-islet of Daphne Major.

DAY 6- SUNDAY

Mosquera & Transfer to Baltra Airport

Mosquera stands out by one of the largest concentrations of *Galapagos sea lions* in the entire archipelago. It's also one of the few spots inside the National Park where you can stroll around freely, without being restricted to a trail. During a beach walk you can also expect shorebirds and waders, such as groups of sanderlings that steadily have to interrupt their foraging efforts and run to escape each next breaker. Or, with some luck you can approach a *yellow-crowned night heron* keeping an eye on one of the tidal pools, or you even might catch the view of a strayed *red-footed booby*!

Assisted by the guide and some crew-members the inflatable dinghy will bring you and your luggage to Baltra, where we take the airport shuttle. Your guide will accompany you to the check-in counters in the departure hall.

Rate includes:

- All meals (breakfast - lunch - dinner) water with meals.
- Accommodation in double cabins.
- Transfers from the airport to the yacht and vice versa in Galapagos.
- Excursions in the islands with English Speaking Naturalist Guide.
- **Air ticket.**

Rate does not include:

- Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee: USD 100.00 per person.
- Migratory Control Card: USD 20.00 per person.
- Ecogal Tax: USD 10.00 per person.
- Soft drinks and alcoholics beverages.
- Snorkelling equipment for rent on board.
- Tips.

Note:

- Rates per person in U.S. Dollars.
- Single occupancy supplement 80% or 100%.
- The route of the ship and the itinerary are subject to change and can vary depending on the regulations and policies of the Galapagos National Park, weather, seasonal changes, safety, etc.

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