

Galapagos Natural Life

Tourist Superior Class - Galapagos Yachts

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ITINERARY DAY BY DAY

Itinerary A 8 days / 7 nights

DAY 1 - SUNDAY

Arrival at Baltra Airport & Bachas Beach, Santa Cruz Island

After the arriving obligations, your guide will take you to the Yacht.

For the afternoon, you are taken to Bachas Beach at Santa Cruz. A blinding white beach full of life is waiting for you. Beware of Galapagos sea lions, marine iguanas or maybe a shark fin. Furthermore lots of birds like shore birds or bahama ducks as well as some salte lightfoot crabs can be seen.

DAY 2 - MONDAY

Darwin Bay, Genovesa Island & El Barranco, Genovesa Island

Darwin Bay is the favourite place for birdwatchers: red footed-boobies, masked boobies, wandering tattlers, lava gulls, whimbrels yellow-crowned, black-crowned, lava herons, yellow whimbrels or sharp-beaked finches, Galapagos Doves and Swallow-Tailed Gulls.

El Barranco is located at the southern part of Darwin Bay and it is also known as Prince Philip's Steps. Passengers will climb to a plateau that is part of the stretch of land that surrounds Darwin Bay on its eastern side. There is a big population of Masked boobies and Red-Footed boobies in the trees; Storm petrels and Short-eared Owls have found the ideal place for nesting in the lava flows.

DAY 3 - TUESDAY

Bartolome Island & The Sullivan Bay, Santiago Island

Bartolome Island is situated across Sullivan Bay. It has an altitude of 114 meters, from where we can observe one of the most beautiful sceneries of the Galapagos Islands. Moreover it has two breathtaking beaches where marine turtles exist as well as a very small colony of Galapagos penguins.

The Santiago Island is one of the largest islands of the archipelago and furthermore volcanically active. Young flowers and cones can be seen along the south, west and east coasts.

DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY

Sierra Negra Volcano, Westlands and Tortoise breeding center, Isabela Island

Isabela Island is the largest and one of the youngest islands in the Galapagos archipelago. You land in Puerto Villamil, which has the third largest population in Galapagos with approximately 3000 hab. You head up to the highlands from Puerto Villamil to Sierra Negra slope, and later you will do some hiking until you arrive to the Sierra Negra volcano rim.

This afternoon the wetlands close to Puerto Villamil village will be visited. There are a few lagoons, swamps and mangroves, primarily known for their migrant bird populations. One of the most attractive species to be seen is the flamingo.

You will also visit the Arnaldo Tupiza breeding center, where giant tortoises are reared in captivity on Isabela, to better protect the main sub specie of this island.

DAY 5 - THURSDAY

Elizabeth Bay & Tagus Cove, Isabela Island

This is a marine visitor site, the excursion is carried out in a zodiac and there is no landing point. Your ride starts with a visit to the Marielas islets where there is the largest penguin colony in the Galapagos Islands. The excursion continues into the cove that is surrounded by red mangroves where you can admire their red roots and green leaves. It is here that you are able to observe sea turtles, flightless cormorants, spotted eagle rays, golden rays, brown pelicans and sea lions.

From the landing dock of Tagus Cove it is about a 30 minute walk along the trail up to the top of the cliff from where you can view Darwin Lake, an uplifted ultra saline lake saltier than the sea. You can also see several volcanoes from this location.

DAY 6 - FRIDAY

Urbina Bay, Isabela Island & Punta Espinoza, Fernandina Island

Urbina Bay is close to the base of the Alcedo Volcano. The coastline has undergone a major uplift, which caused the shore to expand three quarters of a mile out. Here you will be able to find corals, shells, and many other calcareous organisms exposed above water. Urbina Bay is home to large and colorful land iguanas and giant tortoises of the Alcedo Volcano population.

Punta Espinoza, located at the northeastern tip of the island is a site where some of the unique species of Galapagos can be seen. Marine iguanas conglomerate in larger groups than in any other island. Among the unique species found here, there is the Flightless Cormorant.

DAY 7 - SATURDAY

Espumilla Beach, Santiago Island & Rabida

The main attractions of Espumilla Beach are the Palo Santo forest and the marvelous marine iguanas. The beautiful brown colored sandy beach is an important site for nesting marine turtles. The snorkeling is great and you may see moray eels, sharks and octopi.

Rábida Island is unique because of the red color of the rocks and sand. The volcanic material in this island is very porous and external factors as rain, salt water and sea breeze have acted as an oxidizing agent.

A short walk along a trail lead us to a coastal lagoon behind the beach, which permits the observation of land birds, such as finches, doves, yellow warblers and mocking birds. At the lagoon there is a colony of flamingos. The beach is often full with sea lions, and there are good snorkeling opportunities.

DAY 8 - SUNDAY

Daphne Major & Transfer to Baltra Airport

Daphne Major is a volcanic island just north of Santa Cruz Island and just west of Baltra Island. It consists of a tuff crater rising 120 m above the sea. We are not allowed onto the island. Daphne offers a big variety of other birds including Galápagos Martins, Blue-footed Booby, Nazca Booby, Short-eared Owls, Red-billed Tropicbirds and Magnificent Frigate birds.

Transfer to Baltra airport for your flight back to Guayaquil or Quito.

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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