

Galapagos Natural Life

First Class- Yacht Galapagos

BLUE SPIRIT YACHT



Day 1 – Wednesday, Visit Giant Turtoises, Los Gemelos

Morning fly to the Galapagos Islands, these flights will depart from Quito or Guayaquil. As soon as you arrive, you need to register yourself and pay the Galapagos Entrance fee, you just need to follow the lines. Our guides will be waiting to welcome you to our cruise and take care of your luggage. Your buses will transport you to the Itabaca Channel where you will take a ferry to arrive to Santa Cruz Islands and visit Santa Cruz Highlands. This day, the visit to a private ranch is included. On this area of the island, we will have the opportunity to see the well-known giant tortoises on their natural habitat. You will also visit the Tunnels which are giant formations of Lava. This is a great opportunity to learn about the characteristics of the Island. After the visit, you will go to the yacht, where the security briefings and additional details will be provided.

Day 2 – Thursday, Punta Espejo / Punta Mejía

The itinerary includes Marchena, which is an exceptional spot for diving; not too many people visit this island. You could find many endemic species. Some large schools of Galapagos sharks, Hammerhead sharks, rays, fur sea lions, dolphins, sea turtles, Moray and Garden eels, cow-nosed rays and different types of fishes like blue-striped snappers, surgeonfish, scorpion fish, red-lipped batfish. The Island is also famous as it was embroiled in the 'Floreana Mystery'. Here the dead bodies of Rudolf Lorenz one of the Baroness' consorts and the captain of the ship he was on, washed up mysteriously on the shore of the island.

Day 3 - Friday, La Banana, Punta Shark Bay, Islote La Ventana, El Derrumbe

This day we will have one of the most interesting and remote visits, we will be in Wolf and it is considered as a sanctuary for its abundant and diverse marine wildlife. It was named like that, as it was visited by Theodor

Wolf, the German geologist. On this island, frigate birds, booby birds, marine iguanas, a large population of different fishes, sea lions, Hammerheads, Whale and Galapagos sharks, whales, dolphins, seal, rays and swallow-tailed gulls can be seen.

Day 4 - Saturday, Darwin Island

Darwin Island, rich on the variety of its pelagic species in the depths of the Pacific Ocean and one of the smallest islands on the archipelago, is a spectacular area for diving as it is considered as one of the Seven Underwater Wonders of the World. It is located close to Wolf. One of its attractions is the impressive stone arch formation, known as Darwin Arch. This is home to many endemic birds. You could see, sea lions, humpback whales, whale sharks, hammerheads, angelfish, dolphins, tuna, grunts, different fish schools, garden eels, moray eels, manta rays and many more....

Day 5 - Sunday, Punta Shark Bay, El Derrumbe, La Ventana, La Banana

This is the day to be in Wolf again, to observe more marine life, unique and incredible species. Wolf Island is a small tropical ecosystem with one of the most representative coral reefs of the archipelago, it is home of more than 8 species of corals and the greatest diversity of tropical fish. On its steep cliffs, there are the main nesting sites of red-footed boobies, blue footed boobies, Nazca (masked boobies), frigate birds, tropic birds, swallow-tailed gulls, the famous vampire finch which feeds on the blood of other birds and more.

Day 6 - Monday, Cabo Douglas

Our itinerary is prepared according with the time of year of your visit: Jan - May: We dive Marshall Cape, located on the Northeast side of Isabela Island, with its populations of giant mantarays, mobulas, enormous schools of barracudas, Galapagos sharks, sea lions and the, by now, traditional host of Galapagos critters. Cabo Marshall has another important attraction, the flightless cormorants, which can be seen resting on the shores. June - Dec: We dive Douglas Cape in the morning to observe the gracious marine iguanas feeding on algae, underwater. First, you can observe them catching sun to warm them up and later they will go into the sea to feed themselves for around 20 minutes, they return to the shores and warm up again. It will be different to see them laying on the beach, even disgusting while spitting saltwater from their noses, but they look different, even elegant on the water. You can also observe penguins, Galapagos sharks and different schools of fishes. Punta Vicente Roca, at the northwest coast of Isabela Island, where different species can be observed: turtles galore, Peruvian grunts, flat worms, sponges, sea lions, frogfish, octopus, nudibranchs, Galapagos bullhead shark, mola molas (the largest bony fish in the sea), penguins, schools of black striped salemas, sea horses, dolphins, tunas; and nesting on the shores, Nazca and Blue-footed boobies, pelicans and other marine birds, all of them feeding at the same time.

Day 7 - Tuesday, Roca Cousin

We will dive at Cousins Rock, a small islet with platforms full of black coral where it will be possible to see lots of barracudas, sea lions, salema, yellowtail surgeonfish, hammerhead and white tipped reef sharks, manta and eagle rays, lots of nudibranchs and frogfish, sometimes sea horses, small hard corals, red sponges, and sea fans; sea lions are always there. In the afternoon, we visit the iconic Galapagos site of Bartolome, the Pinnacle Rock, where the unique Galapagos Penguins nest. You will climb a 600-m trail to the 114-m summit to appreciate the wonder of the surrounding islands and islets. The Green Sea Turtle, sea

lions, stingrays, White-tipped Sharks, colorful fish schools, Spotted Eagle Rays and Black-tipped Sharks can be seen.

Day 8 - Wednesday, Baltra

It is difficult to leave this natural paradise. After breakfast, transfer to Baltra Airport and assistance to your departure flight. You will be very welcome, the next time, when you will return to the Paradise.