

Itinerary A 7D/6N

WESTERN & CENTRAL ISLANDS



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DAY 1: TUESDAY

Morning – Noon: ARRIVAL – BALTRA ISLAND.

Arrival to Baltra Airport. If you booked your flights with us, your guide will be expecting you at the Airport to take you to Yacht Letty.

Afternoon: RABIDA ISLAND.

Wet landing on a small beautiful black-colored sandy beach; Rabida Island is a small yet striking Island, known for its unique red-colored sand and rocks, which are the result of the high iron content in its raw volcanic material, Rabida is home to several unique species (some endemic to the Galapagos), including Galapagos penguins (seasonal), sea lions, and a variety of bird species such as blue-footed boobies and pelicans, Besides hiking, you may also enjoy snorkeling and kayaking to explore the amazing Marine Life.

In 1954 the entire bay was uplifted 5 meters in one night by tectonic forces and the animals that lived there, such as coral reefs, sea urchins, lobsters, and other invertebrates were killed by the sudden uplift, which was so fast that it even affected animals that could have walked back to the sea. This upwelling was a block 6 kilometers long by 1 kilometer wide so that at the end of the long trail you can see large heads of white and brain coral that before 1954 formed an interesting reef in the waters of the site, Return to the Yacht, Guide's group briefing, Dinner and overnight on board.

Activities: TK / KY / PR / SN

Meals: L – D

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY

Morning: SANTIAGO ISLAND.

After Breakfast, visit the picturesque site of Caleta Bucanero at Santiago Island. Its name is given as the Bay was the first port in the Archipelago where Buccaneers, pirates and whale-boats use to disembark. The bay is also known for its crystal- clear waters and abundant marine life; sea turtles, rays, and colorful tropical fish, After the hike, you may enjoy snorkeling to observe its abundant marine life.

Lunch on board the Yacht.

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Afternoon: SANTIAGO ISLAND.

In the afternoon, visit to Egas Port and Espumilla Beach, considered as popular spots on Santiago Island. First visit Egas Port (wet-landing) which was named after Jorge Egas, a business man who explored the Island in the 1930's and opened the first salt mine at Sugarloaf Volcano; Charles Darwin visited this site in 1835. The first part of the trail is comprised of volcanic ash (a tuff cone) and the other half of the trail is partially uneven terrain, comprised of volcanic basaltic rock that lounges the shoreline. During the hike, you will find various bird species such as lava herons, night herons, pelicans, American oystercatchers, blue-footed boobies, yellow-crowned, finches, willets, yellow warblers. It is common to spot colonies of marine iguanas and sally light-foot crabs on the volcanic rocks. Then, visit to lovely Espumilla Beach with its turquoise waters, home to many bird- species such as Darwin's Finches and Galapagos mockingbirds; you may snorkel and swim on its clear waters to explore Marine wildlife. Return to the Boat for a well-deserved resting time. Briefing by your guide, Dinner and overnight on board.

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Meals: B – L – D



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DAY 3: THURSDAY

Morning: FERNANDINA ISLAND.

After Breakfast, board the Zodiak-panga toward Espinoza Point (dry landing), a beautiful site at Fernandina Island, one of the most pristine Islands in the Archipelago and the World, filled with endemic and diverse Wildlife and breathtaking petrified lava-rocky formations. During the hike and snorkeling time, you will observe the largest marine iguana colony, Galapagos hawks, sea-turtles, white and red mangrove forests and the unique opportunity to spot the endemic Flightless Cormorant, unique specie to the Galapagos. Return to the Yacht for Lunch.

Afternoon: ISABELA ISLAND.

After navigation from Fernandina, arrive west of Isabela Island where Urbina Bay is located, wet landing is required to visit this incredible part of the largest Island in the Archipelago, which shows a large coral reef sticking above sea level and on clear days, you will have breathtaking views of Alcedo Volcano during the hike and with luck, the opportunity to spot a couple of giant Galapagos Tortoise in their natural state along the trail plus yellow-colored land-iguana, Hawks, Flycatchers mocking birds and some different species of Finches. You can snorkel from its beach surrounded by large colonies of marine iguanas, sea-lions, flightless cormorants, sea turtles and more. Return to the Yacht, Evening briefing, dinner and overnight on board.

Activities: TK / PR / SN

Meals: B- L –D



DAY 4: FRIDAY

Morning: ISABELA ISLAND.

After Breakfast, continue your exploration in the western part of Isabela Islands when visiting Elisabeth Bay, comprised by several small islets with shore Mangrove vegetation which houses a great variety of Wildlife: sea-lions, marine iguanas, blue footed boobies, brown pelicans, small penguin colony, white-tipped sharks, eagle-rays and golden-rays can also be spotted, Return to the Yacht for Lunch.

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Afternoon: ISABELA ISLAND

After a short sail from Elizabeth Bay, arrive to Moreno Point and board the zodiac for an amazing ride along the rocky shoreline before you arrive to the dock (dry landing), Begin a fantastic trek across tidal lagoons and mangrove forest housing a large range of untamed wildlife; you may see along the hike on the below clear waters; green turtles, white-tipped sharks, colorful fish, Galapagos flamingos, herons and more.

Return to the Letty; dinner and overnight on board,

Activities: TK/ PR/ SN

Meals: B – L – D



DAY 5: SATURDAY

Morning: ISABELA ISLAND.

Early in the morning, visit to Las Tintoreras, a group of small islets about 900 meters long filled with amazing wildlife like marine iguanas, blue-footed boobies, sea-lions, marine turtles, sharks; sea waters are calm and clear most of the year which guarantees that you will spot many marine species, Afterwards, continue towards Puerto Villamil to take transportation to Volcan Chico (about 860 m,a,s,l,) until you reach the viewpoint from where you will enjoy the most astonishing panoramic views of Volcan Sierra Negra surrounded by lush endemic vegetation and birdlife; a short hike can be done before heading back for Lunch.

Afternoon: ISABELA ISLAND.

After Lunch, We will visit a very special location on the Highlands of Isabela to visit a wonderful Tortoise Farm & Research Center where you will walk around Giant Tortoises in semi-wild state while learning about the efforts of the National Park to protect these fantastic animals.

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DAY 6: SUNDAY

Morning: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND.

After Breakfast and upon arrival to the main populated Island in the Archipelago and to Puerto Ayora, disembark from the Yacht and walk around the Town's main avenue until you reach the World's famous Charles Darwin Research Station where you will interact closely with Galapagos giant Tortoises and learn about their different breeding stages from hatching to full-grown adults (over 100 years old specimens); stroll around Puerto Ayora to buy some nice souvenirs and help the local businesses and economy before Lunch

Activities: TK

Afternoon: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND.

In the afternoon, hike to one of the most beautiful and largest white-sand beach in Galapagos, Tortuga Bay named like that because it is nesting area for back turtles; and excellent spot to enjoy its amazing long beach, swim and even for snorkeling at a nearby cove next to the main beach where swimming is restricted due to the strong currents in the main bay's area, It is accessible by foot on an easy-trail from Puerto Ayora, Return to the Port and board the Letty for farewell dinner and overnight.

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DAY 7: MONDAY

Morning: SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND.

After Breakfast, a final visit to beautiful Lobos Islands near Puerto Baquerizo Moreno in San Cristobal Island; named Lobos due to the incredible number of sea-lions' colonies spread along the beach; enjoy your last visit to the enchanted islands with this playful and curious specie while walking around the beach. Transfer to the boat and to the Airport of San Cristobal for you flight back to Mainland or end at the Main Pier if you plan to remain for a few more days in the Galapagos, End of services,

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Meals: B

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